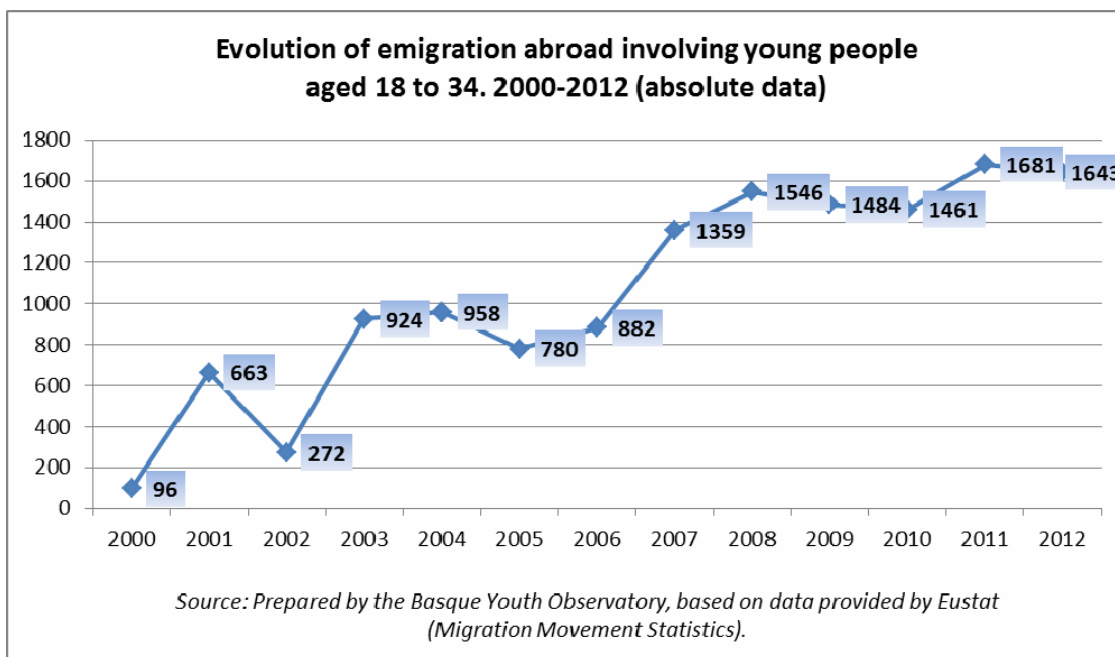


## Analysis of migration among Basque youths

*The rate of return from abroad among young people born in the Basque Country was 38% in 2012*

The [Basque Youth Observatory](#) has analysed data from the [Migration Movement Statistics of the Basque Statistics Institute](#) (Eustat) in order to quantify migration figures for young people from the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country. For this analysis, a young person is considered to be between 18 and 34 and the study period includes the period from the year 2000 to 2012.

Youth emigration affecting the 18 to 34 age group has increased gradually but constantly over the past twelve years, from 96 young people in 2000 to 1643 in 2012. However, it should be noted that the number of young people leaving the Basque Country in 2012 fell by 2% when compared to 2011.



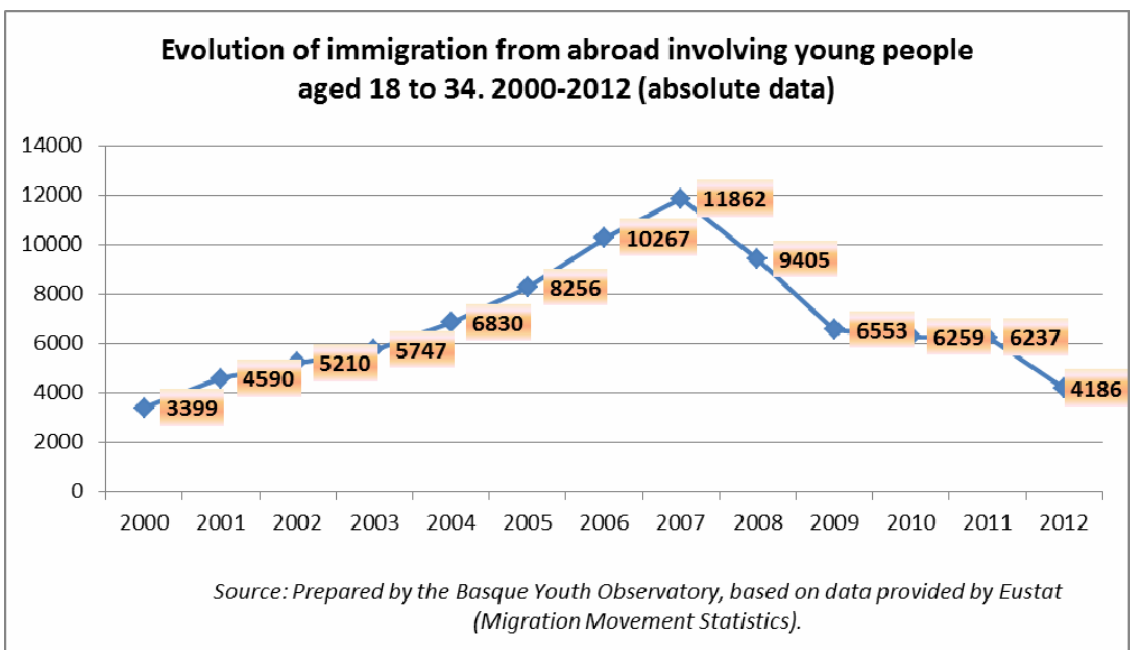
If we consider the place of birth of the young people who emigrated in 2012, we find that most of them (67%) were born abroad, compared with 30% who were born in the Basque Country (493 young people, more specifically). The remaining 3% were born in other parts of the Spanish state.

<b>Emigration of young people aged 18 to 34, based on place of birth.</b>													
<b>Evolution 2000-2012 (absolute data)</b>													
<i>Place of birth</i>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Born in the Basque Country	36	520	90	593	587	396	431	596	508	493	456	593	493
Born in the rest of Spain	6	36	34	112	118	36	28	61	51	53	55	62	42
Born abroad	54	107	148	231	253	348	423	702	987	938	950	1026	1108
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>1546</b>	<b>1484</b>	<b>1461</b>	<b>1681</b>	<b>1643</b>

*Source: Prepared by the Basque Youth Observatory, based on data provided by Eustat (Migration Movement Statistics)*

In addition to the number of young people leaving the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, the migration movement statistics tells us the number of young people (aged 18 to 34) who have arrived in the Basque Country from abroad.

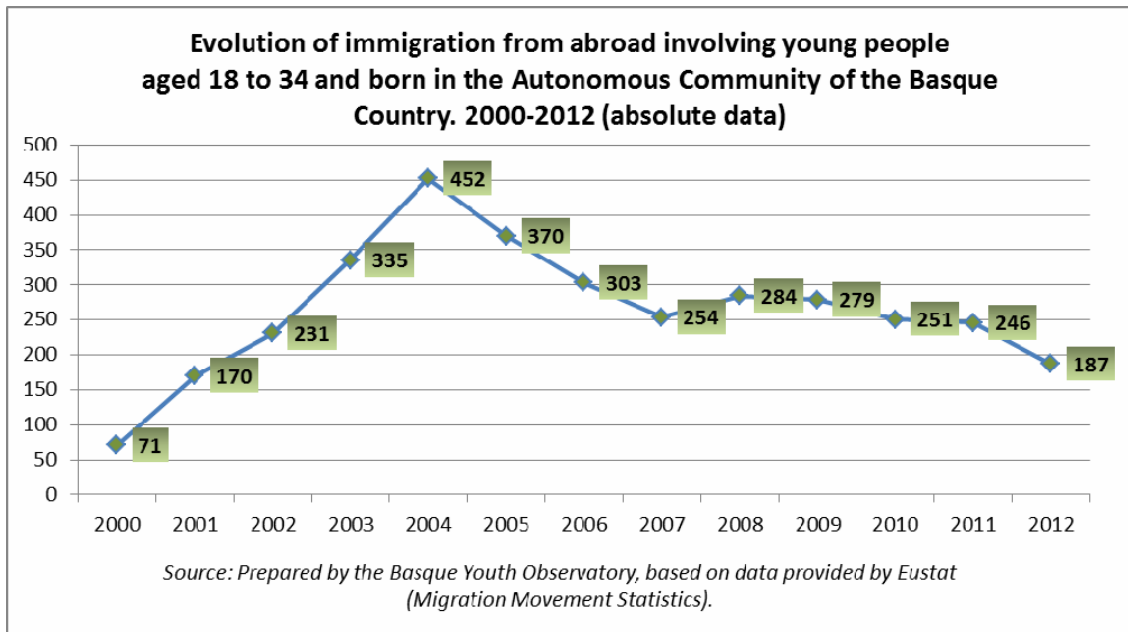
As can be seen in the following chart, the highest peak regarding the arrival of young people to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country took place in 2007. From that moment on, the immigration of young people from abroad dropped and, for 2012, was estimated at 4186 young people.



According to these data, more young people have moved to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country from abroad (4186) than those who are leaving (1643).

Once again, considering the origin of young immigrants, we can know how many young people born in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country have returned from abroad. In 2012, the figure was 187.

The evolution of the number of young people born in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country that have returned to the Basque Country from abroad has shown a gradual decline in recent years.



Despite the fact that this analysis only considers young people aged 18 to 34 and that many people who emigrate in that period of their lives may return to the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country when they are over 34, the calculation of the rate of return of young people who have emigrated may be useful to monitor this phenomenon.

This rate is obtained by calculating the percentage of young people born in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country who return to the Basque Country from abroad compared with the total number of young people born in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country who emigrate in the period considered.

It is worth mentioning at this point that migration statistics, from which the data used originate, do not analyse the personal lives of individuals and, therefore, do not record whether one individual emigrates and subsequently returns. It only offers the number of new entries and cancellations on the register of inhabitants in a given year. However, the rate of return can be used as an indicator to determine the extent to which young people who have emigrated return to the Basque Country.

The rate of return of young people who were born in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country was 38% in 2012. This rate has no linear trend and changes significantly from one year to another, but a declining rate since 2008 may indicate that the current crisis situation does not encourage young people to return.

<b>Rate of return of young people aged 18 to 34 and born in the Basque Country.</b>													
<b>Evolution 2000-2012 (%)</b>													
<b>%</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Rate of return from abroad	197	33	257	56	77	93	70	43	56	57	55	41	38
<i>Source: Prepared by the Basque Youth Observatory, based on data provided by Eustat (Migration Movement Statistics)</i>													

The purpose of Eustat's Migration Movement Statistics is to assess changes in residence that have occurred within the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country on a yearly basis (those from or to foreign countries or to and from other autonomous communities of Spain) and it uses the Register of Inhabitants as the source of data. The Register of Inhabitants is an administrative record and may lead to a certain level of bias in the information provided as underreporting is a known factor involving people who move abroad.

In spite of this, Eustat's Migration Movement Statistics provide a series of data over time and uses a stable methodology, which makes it useful as a source of information to monitor this phenomenon.

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