

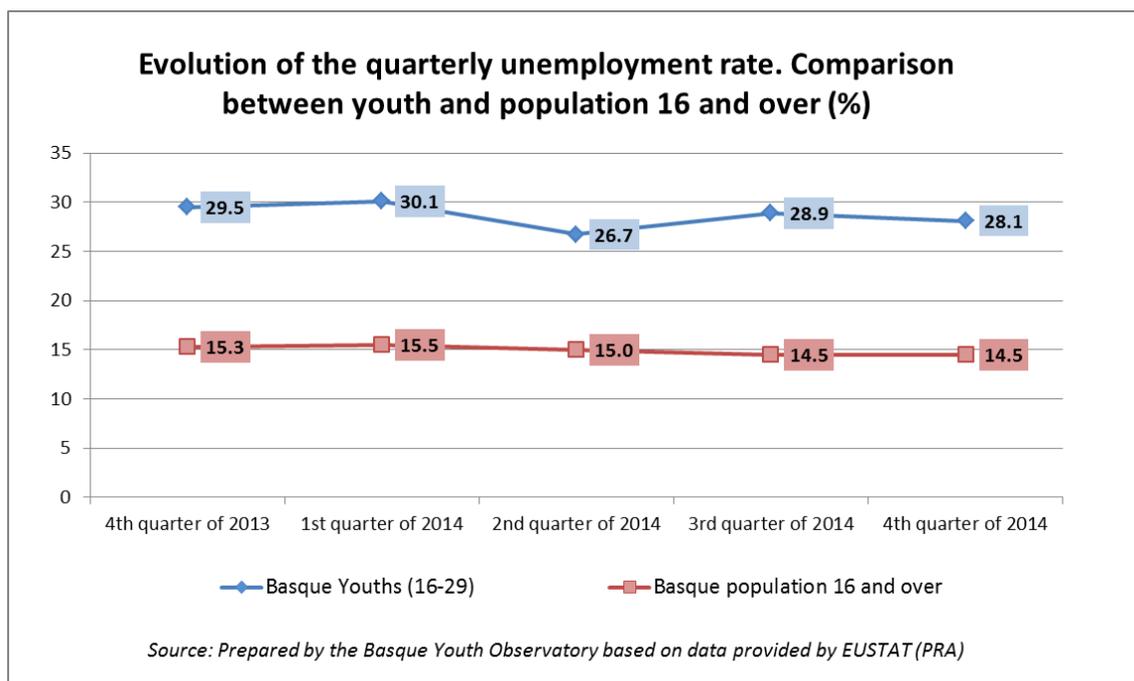
The youth unemployment rate decreases slightly in the last quarter of 2014

Unemployment figures for people aged 16 to 29 (28.1 %) are still twice as high as those for the general population (14.5 %)

On occasion of the recent publication of economically-active population data (PRA - Survey of Population in Relation to Activity) for the fourth quarter of 2014, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) has analysed the situation of youth unemployment in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country. The PRA is prepared on a quarterly basis by the Basque Statistics Institute (EUSTAT) and provides the Basque Youth Observatory with data relating to the population aged 16 to 29.

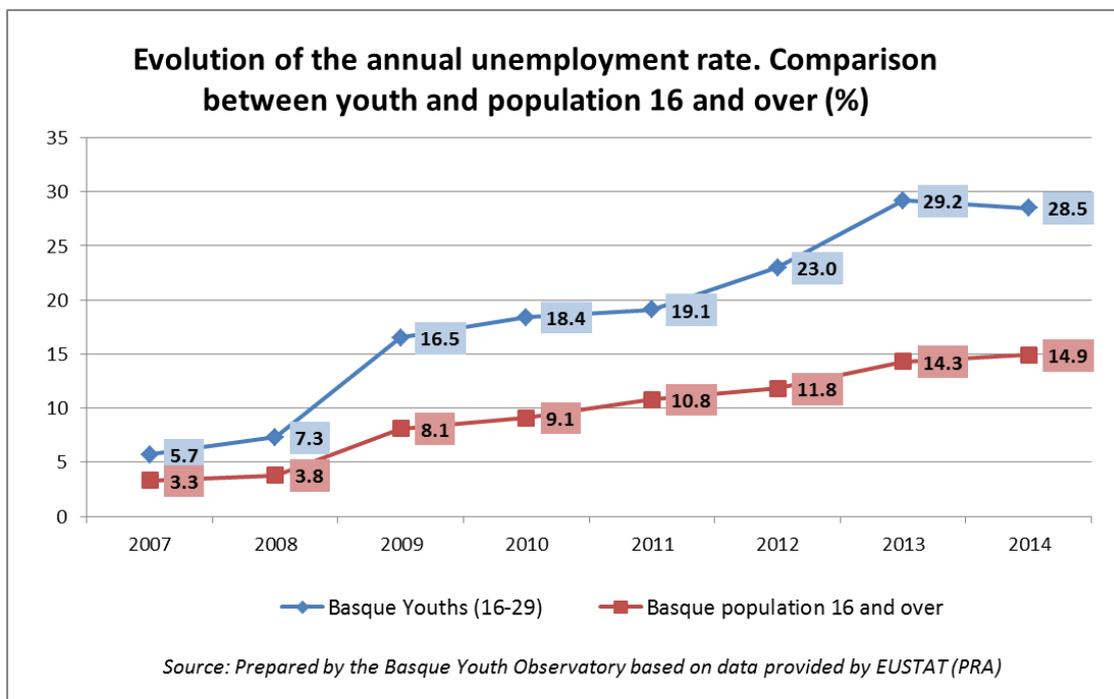
The unemployment rate indicates the percentage of economically-active population who are unemployed but who are available for work and actively seeking employment (they have tried to find a job in the last four weeks); it does not include students who are not seeking employment or disabled people who are unable to work.

The youth unemployment rate for people aged 16 to 29 in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in the fourth quarter of 2014 was 28.1 %, i.e. eight tenth less than in the third quarter of the same year (28.9 %) and 1.4 point lower than in the fourth quarter of 2013.

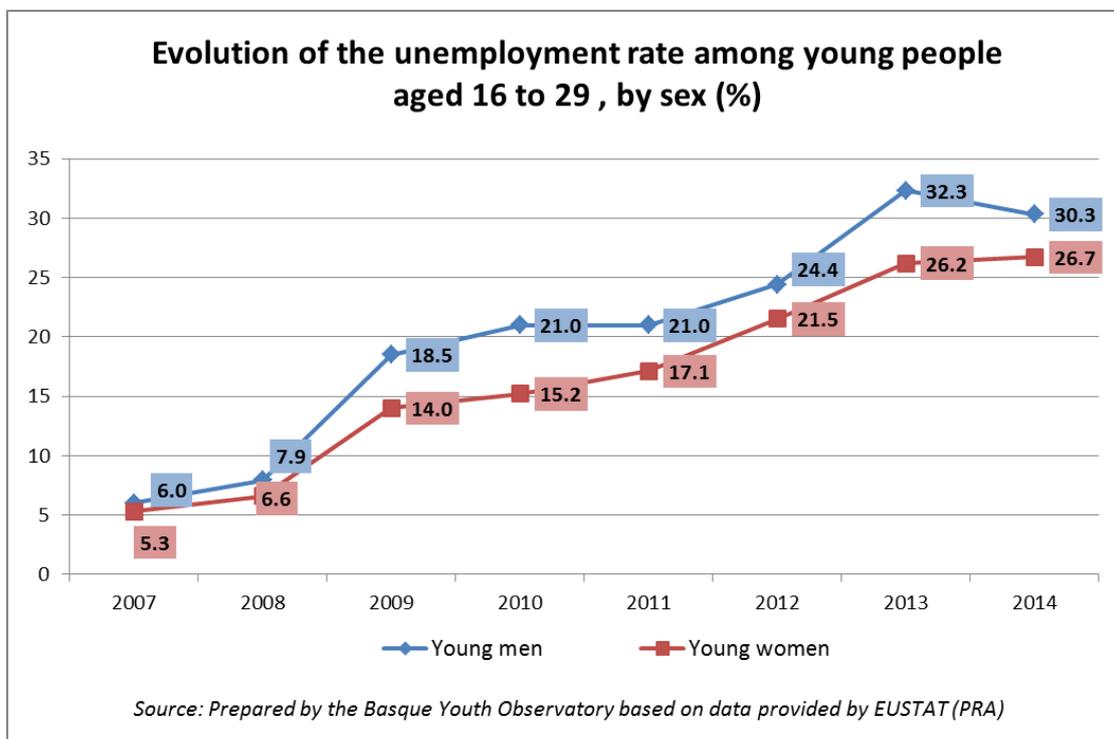


The annual unemployment rate is calculated by obtaining the average of the values recorded in the four quarters of the year. According to this calculation, the unemployment rate for people aged 16 to 29 in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in 2014 was 28.5 % compared to 29.2 % in 2013. Since 2007, when the youth unemployment rate was 5.7 %, this figure has increased fivefold.

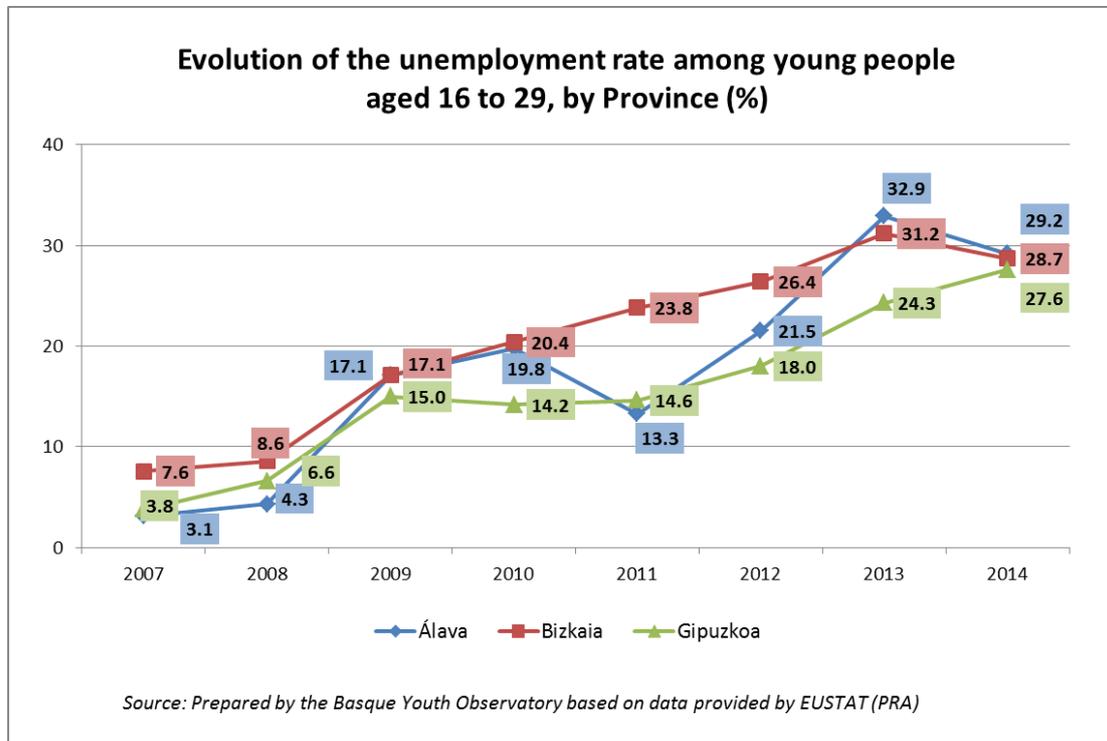
In addition, comparing youth unemployment rates with the unemployment figures for the general population of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country; we can see that youth unemployment rate almost doubles that of the general population, a constant feature since 2007.



If we look at the unemployment rate based on sex, we can see that it has decreased two points among young men, but it is still higher among young males than in young females group.



Finally, we must note that the young unemployment rate has decreased in Álava and in Bizkaia. In Gipuzkoa we notice an increase of 3.3 points since 2013 to 2014; however, Gipuzkoa is the province with the lowest youth unemployment rate.



These data can also be viewed in the [statistics of the Basque Youth Observatory](#), in the indicator section under Work, more specifically in the sub-section titled Activity, Employment and Unemployment.

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