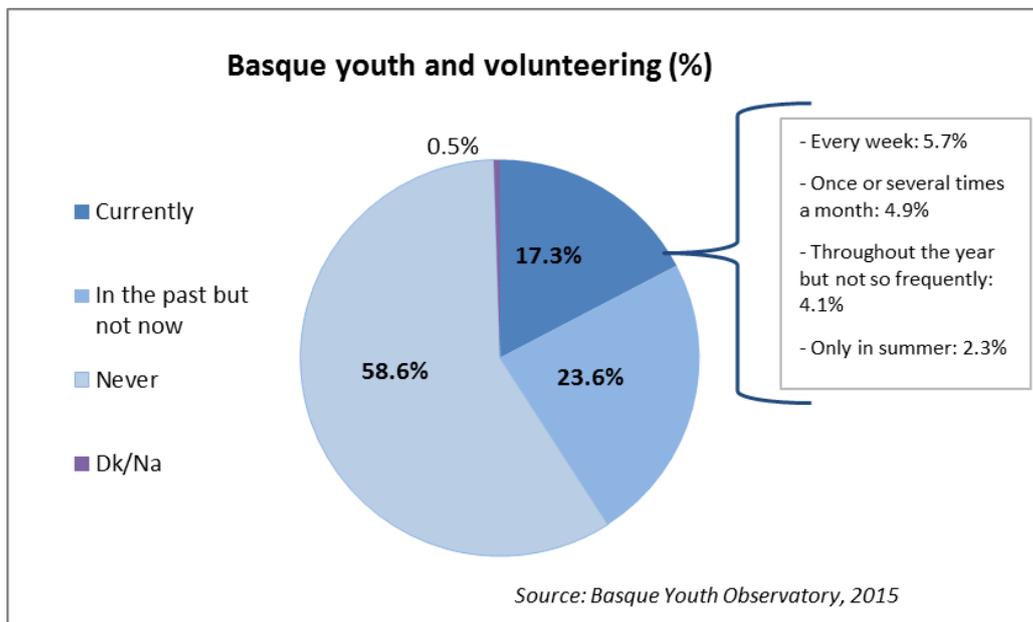


17.3% of Basque youths are currently involved in volunteer work

On occasion of the International Volunteer Day, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) is publishing some data on the participation of Basque youth in volunteer work.



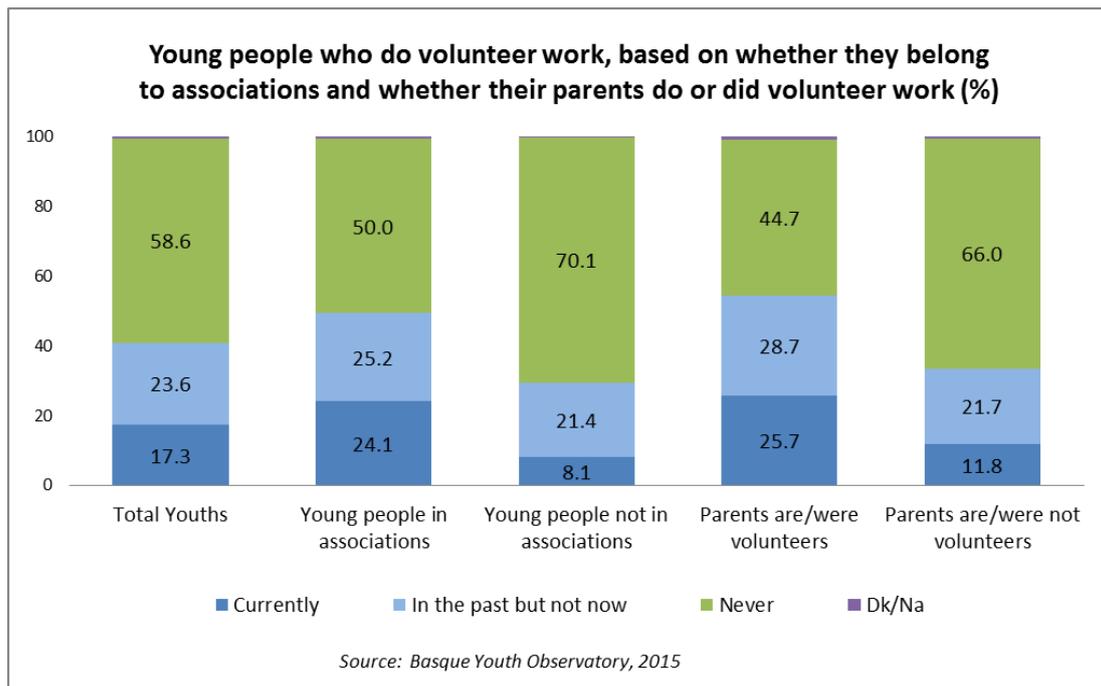
17.3% of Basque Country youths aged 15 to 29 say they are currently performing volunteer work, although with varying degrees of intensity: 5.7% say they perform volunteer activities every week, 4.9% one or several times a month, another 4.1% say they do volunteer work throughout the year but not necessarily on a monthly basis and 2.3% say they volunteer during the summer.



Among girls, regardless of the frequency, volunteer work is more prevalent than among boys (20.1% and 14.5%, respectively). The intermediate age group (20-24) presents the highest number of young people who currently do volunteer work (20.0%). Volunteering percentages in Álava and Gipuzkoa (20.5% and 19.1% respectively) are slightly higher than in Bizkaia (15.2%). There is also a greater number

of volunteers among people studying or who have finished their higher studies (19.3%) compared with people who have secondary studies at most (12.7%).

However, the variables that have a higher bearing on people being involved in volunteer work or not are the experiences of their parents and belonging to associations. Among young people whose parents do or did volunteer work, the percentage of those who carry out this type of activity currently stands at 25.7%, compared to 11.8% among people whose parents never did any volunteer work. Similarly, among young people who belong to associations the percentage of those who do volunteer work is 24.1% compared to 8.1% among those who do not belong to associations.



These data come from a study on social participation conducted by the Basque Youth Observatory in 2015. The study analyses the answers given by more than 1500 Basque Country youths aged 15 to 29 to a survey designed by the Basque Youth Observatory in collaboration with the Basque Country Youth Council. The [preview](#) of the results of this study can be found in the [research and publications](#) section of the Observatory's website. The complete study will be made available before the end of the year.

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