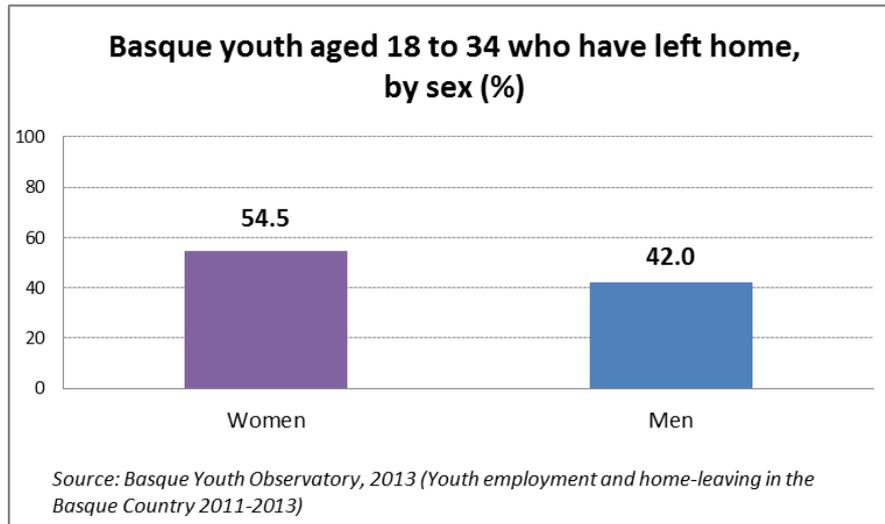


Basque women leave home before men but face more difficulties

In the Basque Country, the percentage of women aged 18 to 34 who have left the parental home to set up their own household amounts to 54.5 %. In the case of men the same age, the percentage of those who have left home is 42 %, that is, more than half of men leave the family home after the age of 35.



And once they have left home, how do women from 18 to 34 years old live?

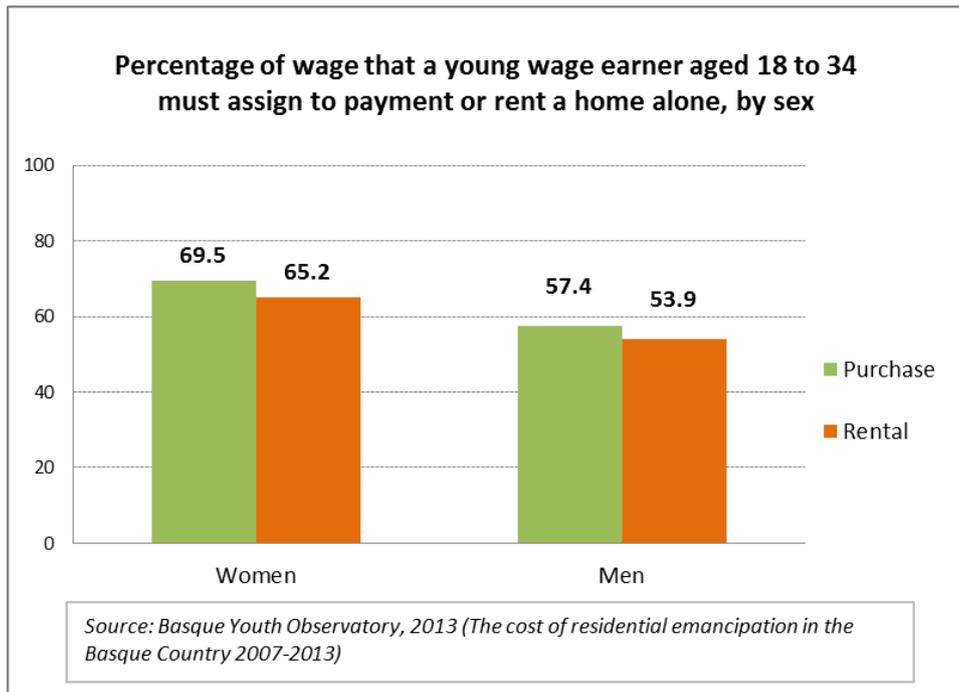
Three out of four women who have established their own household (76.1 %) live with their partner (with or without children). Among women, it is less usual to live alone or with friends than among men.

49 % of women who have left the parental home are renting and 44.9 % own their home (with a mortgage in most cases). The rest live in a home granted by their relatives, etc.

There are no notable differences between the sexes with regard to home owning regime, but there are in relation to the financial effort women or men have to make to acquire a home.

If a woman with a salary, aged 18 to 34, wants to buy a standard home alone in the Basque Country, she must assign an average of 69.5 % of her net salary to mortgage payments, compared with 57.4 % of the salary that a man of the same age must set aside to pay the mortgage on a home under the same conditions of interest, repayment term, etc.

In the case of opting for lease alone, a woman must spend 65.2 % of her wage on paying the rent, compared with 53.9 % that a man must assign to pay the rent of the same home.



The explanation for this is that women have lower salaries than men (nearly 200 euros difference between men and women on average).

This data is for the year 2013 and obtained from two studies conducted by the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) and accessible on its web page: [Youth employment and home-leaving in the Basque Country 2011-2013](#) and [The cost of residential emancipation in the Basque Country 2007-2013](#).



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