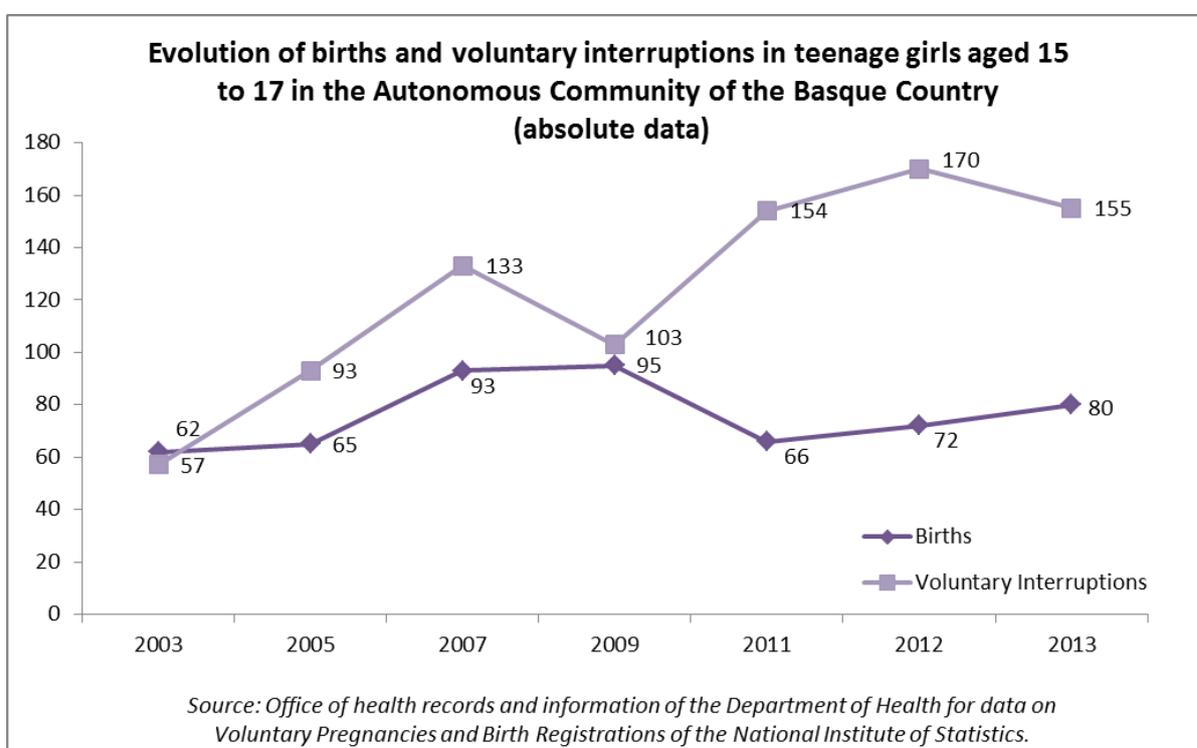


9.3 out of every 1000 Basque teenage girls became pregnant in 2013

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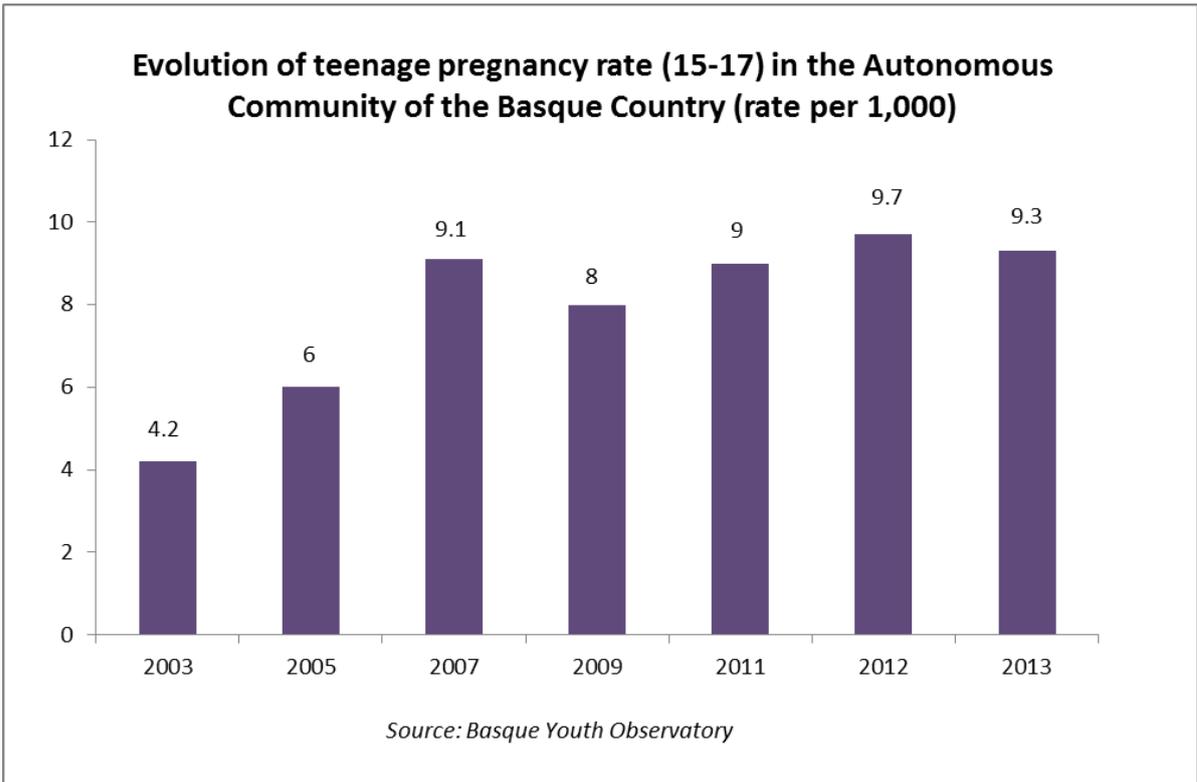
According to data from the Office of health records and information of the Department of Health of the Basque Government, 155 teenagers age 15 to 17 voluntarily interrupted their pregnancies in 2013. On the other hand, according to data from Statistics of the National Institute of Statistics, 80 others gave birth in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country.

The trend indicates a decrease in voluntary pregnancy terminations from 2012 to 2013. Meanwhile, the number of births has remained similar.



Combining these data, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) has drawn up the teenage pregnancy rate, which provides brief but very useful information for tracking the impact of sexual health related actions aimed at young people that have been developed by various institutions.

The teenage pregnancy rate is calculated by adding up the number of voluntary pregnancy interruptions and the number of births among women aged 15 to 17 in a given year and comparing that figure with the number of young people in that age group. This rate is 9.3 per 1000 young women aged 15 to 17 in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in 2013; it increased between 2002 and 2007 and has displayed a trend to stabilize since that year at about 9 pregnancies per 1000 girl in the mentioned age group.



The data provided in this paper are available at the [statistics of the Basque Youth Observatory](#), in the section of indicators dedicated to **Health** issues.

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