

### Only 37.6% of young people under the age of 30 are currently employed in 2015

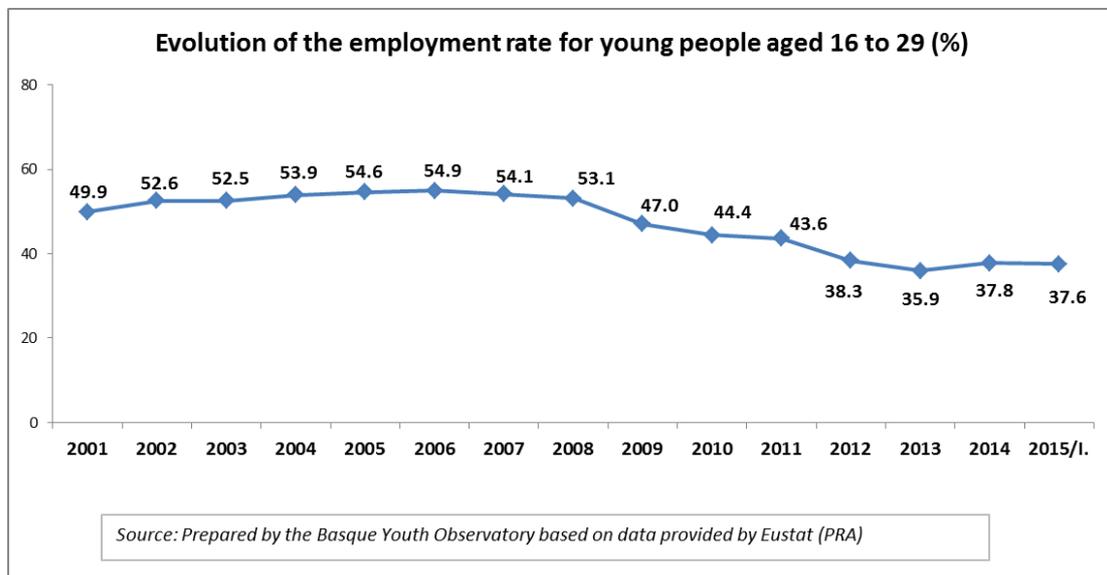
**The employment rate has recovered nearly two points with respect to 2013, when it was at its lowest**

On occasion of May 1, **International Labour Day**, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) is providing data on the employment rate of young people aged 16 to 29 in the Basque Country. This information has been obtained from data provided by the Basque Statistics Institute, [Eustat](#), taken from its Population with Relation to Activity Survey (PRA).

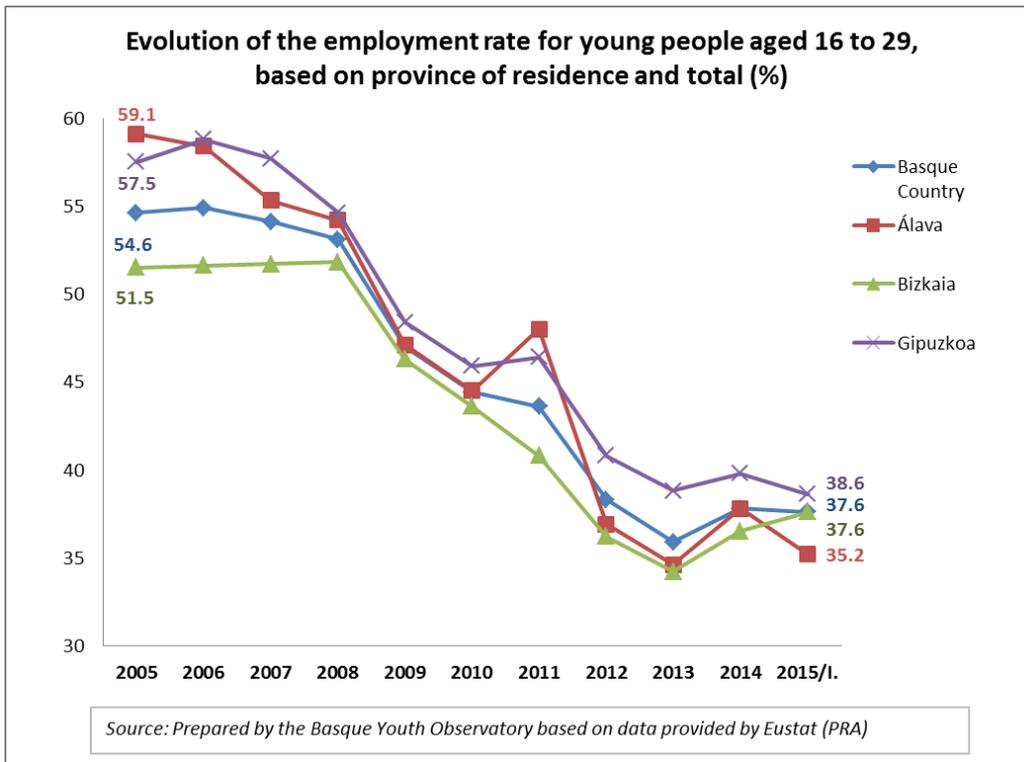
During the first quarter of 2015, the employment rate for young people aged 16 to 29 in the Basque Country was 37.6%, i.e. just over one third of young people in the said age range were in gainful employment.

The employment rate is slightly higher in Gipuzkoa (38.6%) and lower in Álava (35.2%), while young people in Bizkaia match the Basque average (37.6%).

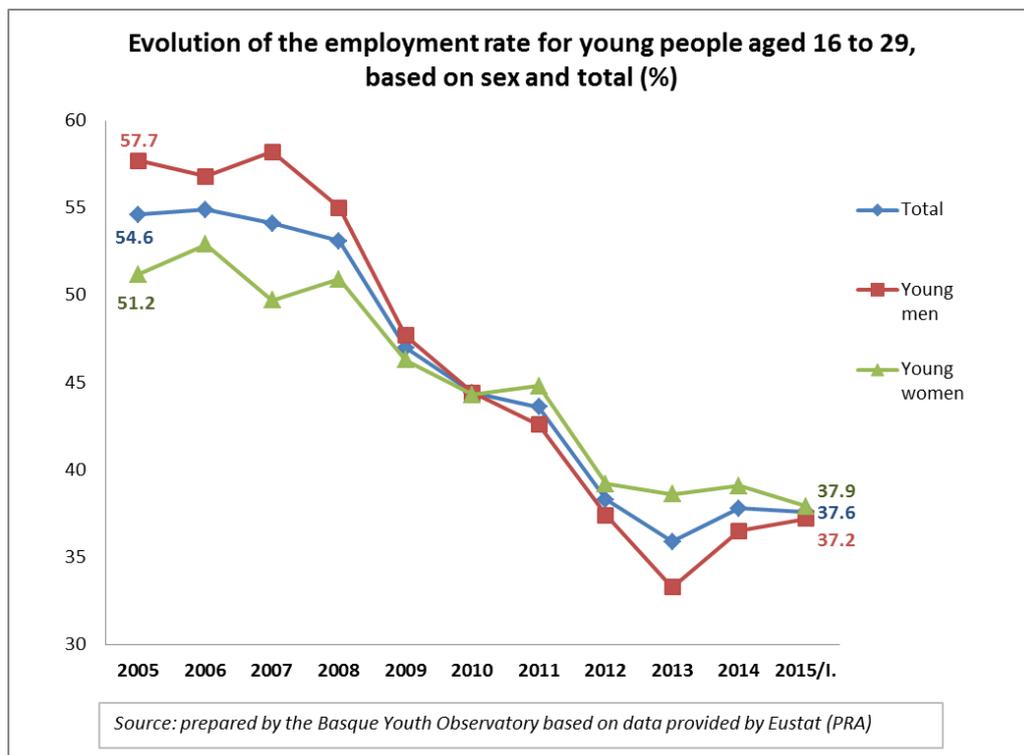
If we study the development of Basque employment rates, we can detect a fall in employment between 2009 and 2013, as well as a slight increase in employed youths in 2014.



The evolution of the employment rate in the various provinces over the last ten years shows that the greatest loss of employment has affected Álava, which has gone from being the province with the highest percentage of employed youths in 2005 (59.1%) to having the lowest employment rate in the first quarter of 2015 (35.2%).

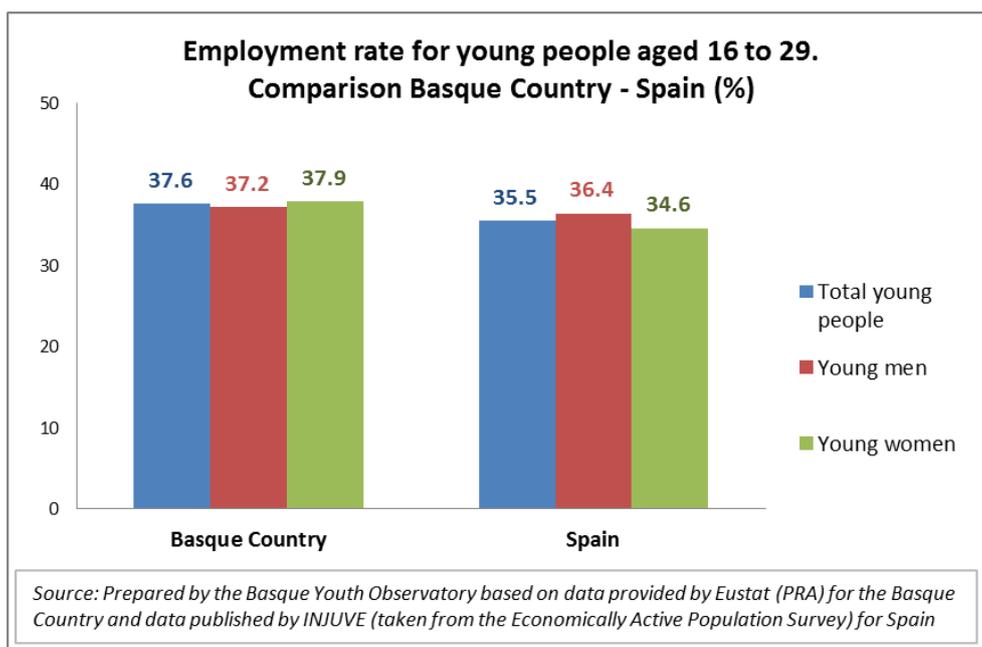


On the other hand, the evolution of the rate based on gender displays that, until 2009, young men had a higher employment rate than young women, but they have also been more severely affected by job losses as a result of the crisis and now present lower employment rates than women. We must note, however, that, since 2014, the percentage of young men in work has recovered slightly and, for the first quarter of 2015, the figures for young men and women are almost the same.



Finally, if we compare the employment rate of Basque youths with that of Spanish youths, we can see that the percentage of young people under the age of 30 in employment is slightly higher in the Basque Country (37.6%) than in the whole of Spain (35.5% in the fourth quarter of 2014, latest data available).

Unlike the Basque Country, Spain displays a higher percentage of young men in employment (36.4%) than young employed women (34.6%).



The data regarding Basque youths can also be viewed in the [statistics section 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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