

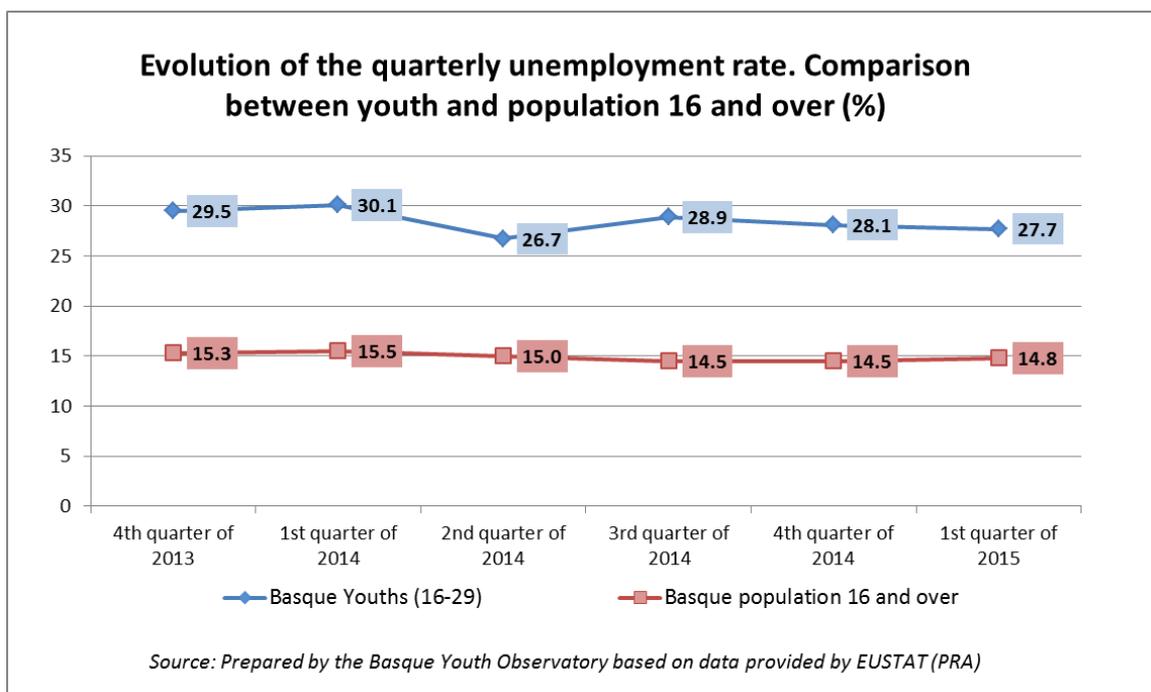
## The unemployment rate of young people aged 16 to 29 decreases again in the first quarter of 2015

### ***Unemployment rate decreases four tenth for young people and increases slightly for the general population***

On occasion of the recent publication of economically-active population data (PRA - Survey of Population in Relation to Activity) for the first quarter of 2015, the [Basque Youth Observatory](#) has analyzed 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.

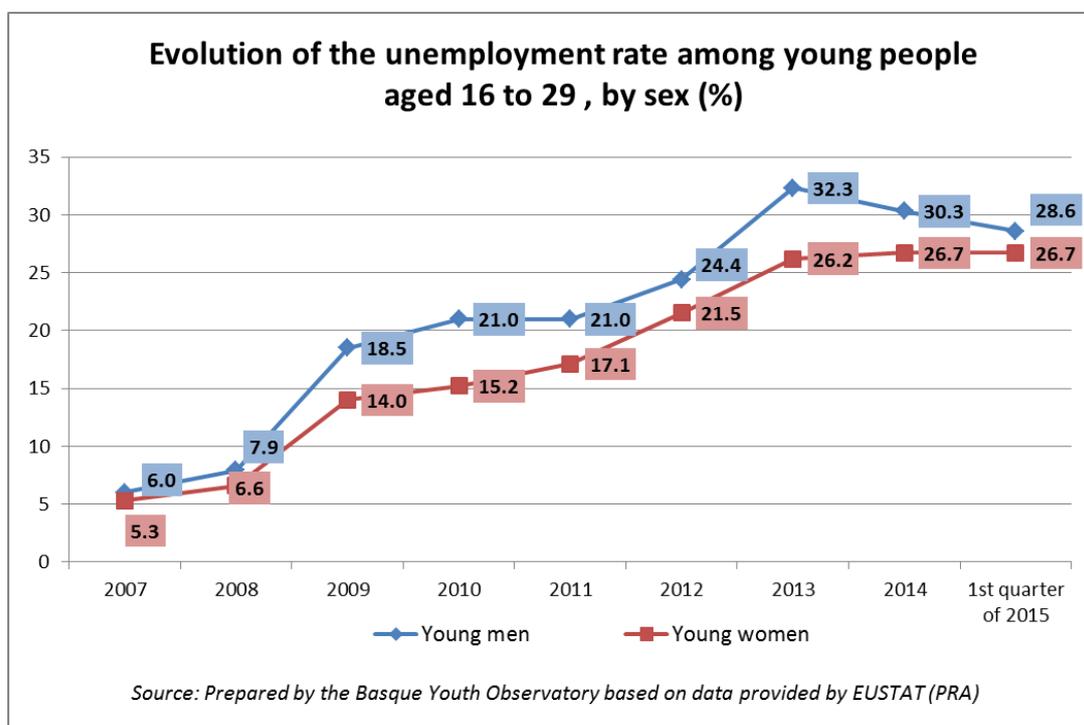
The unemployment rate indicates the percentage of economically-active population who are unemployed but who are available for work and actively seeking employment (they have tried to find a job in the last four weeks); it does not include students who are not seeking employment or disabled people who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

The youth unemployment rate for people aged 16 to 29 in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2015 is 27.7 %, i.e. four tenth less than in the last quarter of 2014 (28.1 %) and 2.4 point lower than the average of the past year.

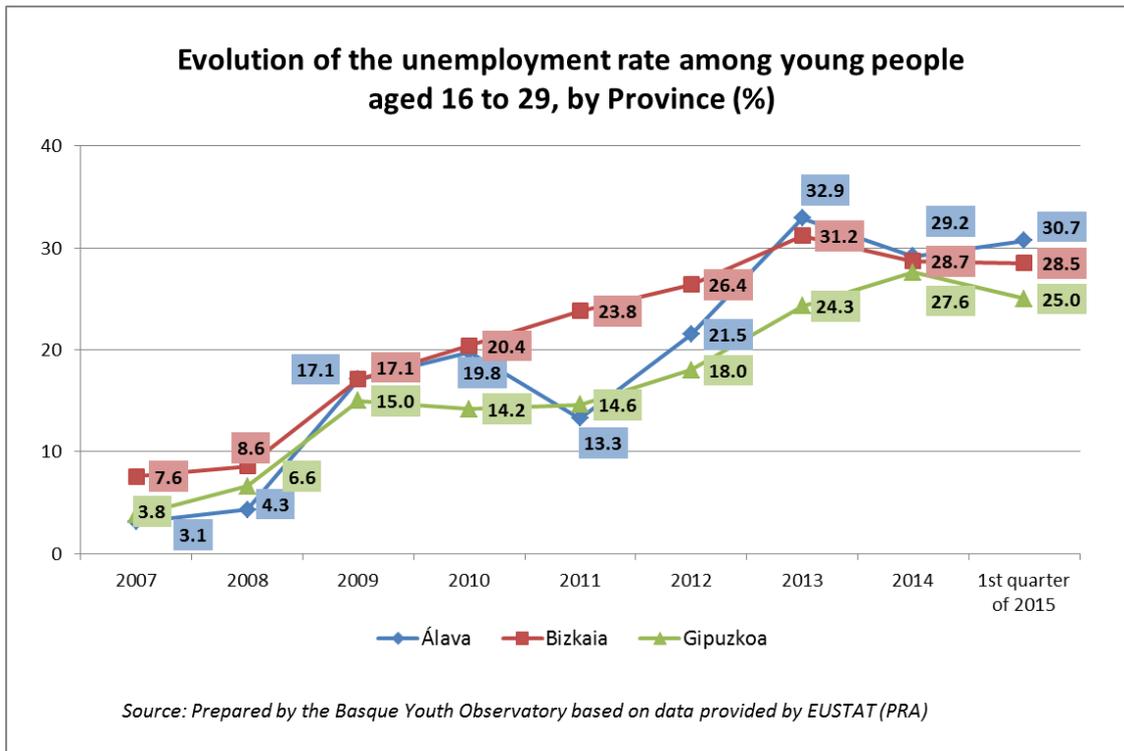


The unemployment rate for the general population in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country has increased three tenths; the unemployment rate for youths aged 16 to 29 has decreased for second quarter in a row. However, youth unemployment rate is 13 point higher than that of the general population.

The unemployment rate is higher among young males than in young females group in the first quarter of 2015. The unemployment rate among young males aged 16 to 29 has increased one point in the last quarter but has decreased 1.7 point if we compare it with the average of 2014. The unemployment rate among young females has decreased almost two points since the fourth quarter of 2014 and repeats the value of the average of 2014.



Finally, we must note that in the first quarter of 2015 the young unemployment rate has decreased in Gipuzkoa but it has increased in Álava; in Bizkaia it has not changed. Gipuzkoa tends to be the province with the lowest youth unemployment rate and Álava is in the lead since 2013.



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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