

Linguistic competence in Basque (>=16 years old). Basque Country

Definition

This indicator displays the level of competence in understanding and speaking Basque, of the population of the Basque Country aged 16 or over.

Territory

Basque Country

Variables and categories

- **Geographical zone:** Basque Country, Basque Autonomous Community (BAC), Navarre, Araba/Álava, Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa, Lapurdi and Lower Navarre/Zuberoa
 - **Basque speaker:** Understands and speaks Basque well or quite well.
 - **Passive Basque speaker:** Does not speak Basque well, but has a degree of knowledge of the language. Belongs to this group of people that meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Understands and speaks Basque with difficulty
 - Understands Basque well
 - **Non Basque speaker:** Does not speak or understand Basque

Sub-indicators (crosses)

Linguistic competence in Basque by age

Linguistic competence in Basque by sex

Linguistic competence in Basque by first language

Linguistic competence in Basque by first language and age

Linguistic competence in Basque by first language and sex

Source

Sociolinguistic Survey

Characteristics of the source

The demographic of the Sociolinguistic Survey is the population aged 16 or over in the Basque Country.

It collects data from the following fields: linguistic competency in Basque, transmission of Basque, use of Basque and attitude regarding the promotion of Basque.

The Sociolinguistic Survey is an official statistic, and is included in the Basque Plan of Statistics of the BAC under the code 020703.

The first Sociolinguistic Survey was performed in 1991. The first three editions were carried out via face-to-face interviews and from 2006 onwards using telephone interviews.

Administrators of the source	The following create and are responsible for the Sociolinguistic Survey: the Vice-Chair for the Linguistic Policy of the Basque Government, Navarran Institute of Basque of the Navarran Government (Euskarabidea), and Euskararen Erakunde Publikoa (EEP) of the Northern Basque Country.
First data and frequency	<p>First data: The first Sociolinguistic Survey was performed in 1991.</p> <p>Frequency: It is carried out every five years.</p>
Sample and margin of error	<p>The latest data extraction was performed in 2016 via telephone using a structured and closed survey.</p> <p>The sampling was multi-staged and in the case of surveys, homes were chosen using a stratified selection of sociolinguistic areas and by municipals.</p> <p>The results were deliberated in each territory regarding inhabitants of aged 16 and over, taking into account sex, age and distribution of Basque speakers and non-Basque speakers.</p> <p>A total of 8,200 surveys were carried out: 4,200 in the ACBC, 2,000 in Navarre and 2,000 in the Northern Basque Country.</p> <p>The total margin of error for the Basque Country sample is + 1.4% for a confidence level of 95.5%, with p=q=50 %. For the same confidence level, the sample error by territory is as follows: + 1.9 % in the ACBC, + 2.9 % in Navarre and + 2.3 % in the Northern Basque Country.</p> <p>The margin of error for the total sample of the Basque Autonomous Community is $\pm 1.9\%$ for a confidence level of 95.5%, with p=q=50%. For the same confidence level, the sample error is as follows for each territory: in Araba $\pm 4\%$, in Bizkaia $\pm 2.8\%$ and $\pm 3\%$ in Gipuzkoa.</p> <p>The margin of error for the total sample of Navarre is $\pm 2.9\%$ for a confidence level of 95.5%, with p=q=50%. For the same confidence level, the sample error is as follows for each territory: in the Basque speaking Zone $\pm 4.3\%$, in the Mixed Zone $\pm 3.9\%$ and in the Non-Basque speaking Zone $\pm 5.5\%$.</p> <p>The margin of error for the total sample of the Northern Basque Country sample is $\pm 2.3\%$ for a confidence level of 95.5%, with p=q=50%. For the same confidence level, the sample error is the following in each zone: In Bayonne-Anglet-Biarritz (BAB) $\pm 3.7\%$, in Lapurdi (excluding BAB) $\pm 3.7\%$ and in Lower Navarre-Zuberoa $\pm 4.5\%$.</p>
Complementary information	
Publications and reports	<p>http://www.euskadi.eus/informacion/estudios-sociolinguisticos/web01-a2lingu/es/</p> <p>http://www.euskarabidea.es/castellano/el-euskera-en-navarra</p>
Questionnaire(s)	<p>http://es.eustat.eus/estadisticas/tema_291/opt_1/tipo_8/temas.html</p>