

Use of Basque. Basque Country

Definition

A typology of the use of Basque has been created based on three main fields of use. The data contributed by this indicator is based on this typology.

The following fields of use have been taken into account when creating the typology:

- **Home** (spoken use with partner, children, parents and siblings)
- **Friendship group** (spoken use with friends)
- **Formal setting** (spoken use with workers from local shops, banks, health services and municipal services)

Scope

Basque Country

Variables and categories

- **Geographical zone:** Basque Country, BAC, Navarre, Araba/Álava, Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa, Lapurdi and Lower Navarre/Zuberoa
- **Typology of the use of Basque:**
 - **More Basque than Spanish or French:** also included in this category are those that always speak in Basque.
 - **As much Basque as Spanish or French**
 - **Less Basque than Spanish or French**
 - **Very little Basque:** Basque is only used in a single environment, and less than in Spanish or French.
 - **Always in Spanish or French**

Sub-indicators (crosses)

Use of Basque by age

Use of Basque by 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

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| | Country. |
| First data and frequency | <p>First data: the first Sociolinguistic Survey was performed in 1991.</p> <p>Frequency: 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> |