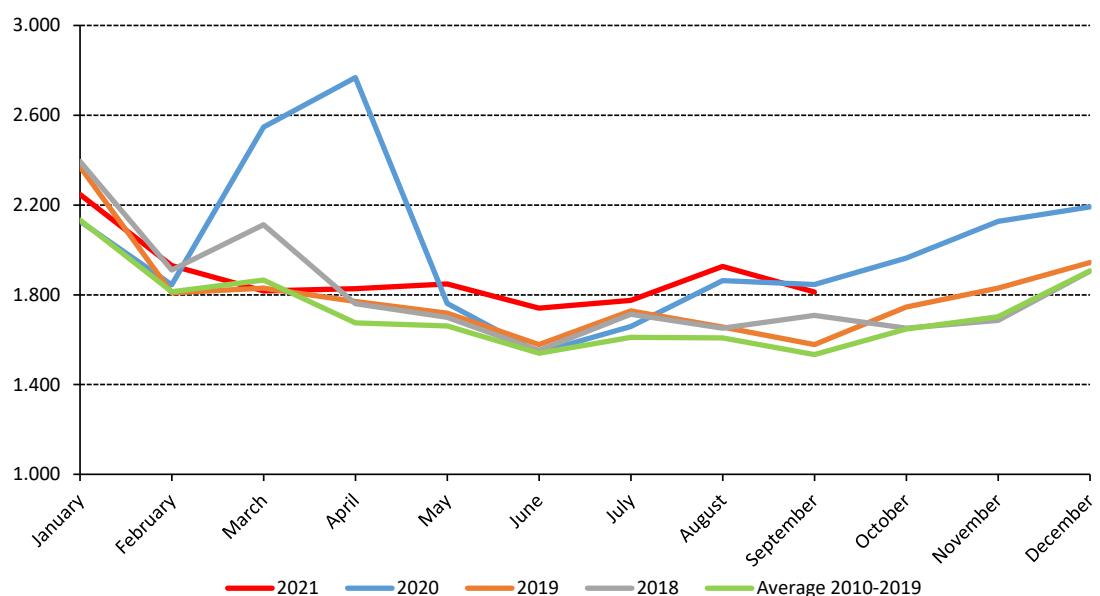


There was a 2.7% rise in deaths in the Basque Country in the third quarter of 2021

Deaths due to COVID-19 were down by 22.7%

In the third quarter of 2021 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,515, 2.7% more than the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. In the first quarter there were 147 more deaths compared to the same quarter of the previous year and 762 more than the average for the previous 10 years.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

In Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa there were rises in deaths of 4.3% and 2.7%, respectively; in contrast, in Álava they decreased by 3.6%. By sex, 2,791 men and 2,724 women died, which was an increase of 3.5% for men and 2% for women.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this quarter, 11 corresponded to children under 1 year of age and 73 to centenarians.

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,601 and 1,349 individuals, respectively, which means that together they accounted for 53.5% of deaths. As a third cause of death were diseases of the nervous system, accounting for 351 deaths (6.4%), with diseases affecting the respiratory system as the fourth cause, with 335 cases (6.1%).

The causes of the deaths still varied according to gender: among men, tumours were the leading cause of death (34%) and diseases of the circulatory system were the second (23.3%); among women, the opposite occurred: diseases of the circulatory system (25.6%) were the main cause of death, whereas tumours (23.9%) were the second.

Population growth in the Basque Country in the third quarter of 2021 was negative, with a population decrease of 1,732. The population decreased in the three provinces: by 1,173 people in Bizkaia, 494 in Gipuzkoa and 65 in Álava.

There were 276 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the third quarter of 2021

In the third quarter, 276 deaths were caused by COVID-19, equal to 5% of the total, and 81 fewer than the same quarter of the previous year. They are classified into 2 groups: 272 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and 4 probable COVID-19 deaths; there were a further 35 deaths in which COVID-19 was among the certified causes of death, but without being the main cause.

**Deaths of the Basque Country by provinces,
municipality (>40,000 hab.) of residence, sex and age
according to causes of death related to COVID-19.
2021/III**

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	5.515	276	272	4
Historic Territories of Residence				
Araba/Álava	671	26	26	0
Bizkaia	3.031	176	173	3
Gipuzkoa	1.813	74	73	1
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	284	8	8	0
Basauri	116	6	6	0
Bilbao	944	62	60	2
Donostia / San Sebastian	534	15	15	0
Geho	188	15	15	0
Irun	141	15	15	0
Portugalete	159	4	4	0
Santurtzi	119	4	4	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	482	19	19	0
Sex				
Man	2.791	137	136	1
Woman	2.724	139	136	3
Age				
Aged under 40	50	1	1	0
From 40 to 59 years	368	16	16	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.564	74	73	1
80 or older	3.533	185	182	3

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 176, followed by Gipuzkoa with 74 and Álava with 26. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 62 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 19 and San Sebastián with 15. Irun and Getxo also stood out, with 15 deaths each.

The number of deaths of women (139) exceeded that of men (137), while in terms of age, it is worth noting that 67% of the deaths caused by COVID-19 occurred among those over 80 and 17.4% among people aged between 70 and 79.

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (86.2%), followed by residential care homes (9.1%) and at home (4%).

In the first nine months of 2021 overall, there were a total of 1,405 deaths due to COVID-19, 708 fewer deaths than the same period of the previous year. Amongst these, 1,374 were confirmed by a specific analysis, while 31 were diagnosed as likely cases of COVID-19. The majority of these deaths occurred in the months of January (358) and February (325), with June and July the periods in which there were the fewest deaths for this reason, 44 and 42, respectively.

It should be pointed out that COVID-19 was present in a further 128 individuals who died in these same months, but it was not the main cause of death according to the death certificates and applying the World Health Organisation criteria for coding causes of death.

**Deaths of the Basque Country by province of residence, sex, age reached and cause of death(1).
2021/III**

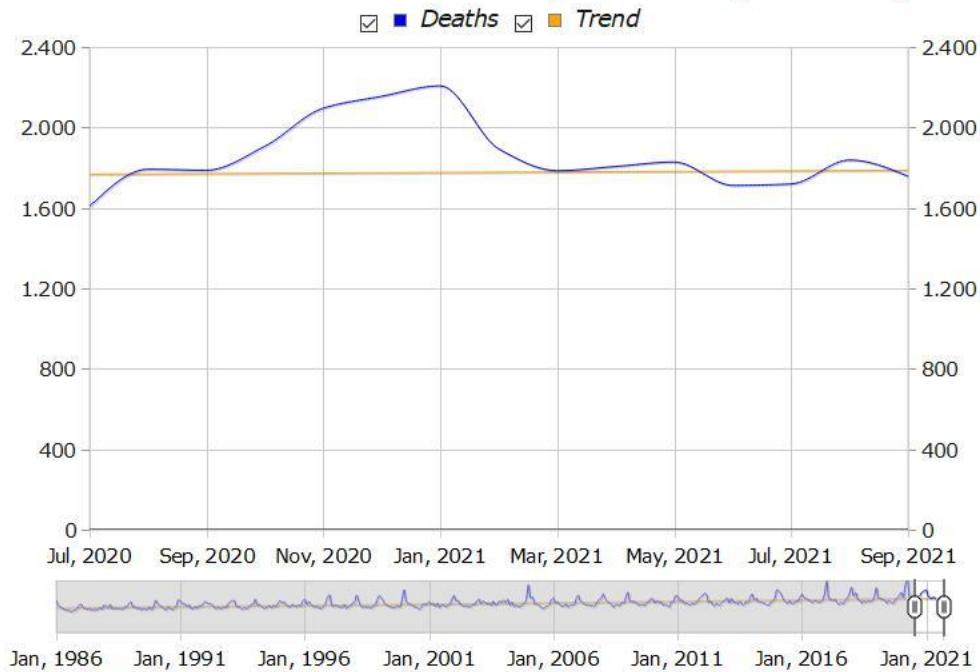
	Current quarter III/2021		Previous quarter III/2021		Same quarter of the previous year	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
DEATHS	5.515	100,0	5.416	100,0	5.368	100,0
Araba / Álava	671	12,2	722	13,3	696	13,0
Bizkaia	3.031	55,0	2.883	53,2	2.906	54,1
Gipuzkoa	1.813	32,9	1.811	33,4	1.766	32,9
Men	2.791	50,6	2.734	50,5	2.697	50,2
Under 1 years	6	0,1	5	0,1	4	0,1
1 - 19 years	3	0,1	8	0,1	6	0,1
20 - 39 years	23	0,4	30	0,6	36	0,7
40 - 59 years	228	4,1	248	4,6	242	4,5
60 - 79 years	1.006	18,2	1.000	18,5	1.016	18,9
80 - 99 years	1.514	27,5	1.436	26,5	1.375	25,6
100 years and over	11	0,2	7	0,1	18	0,3
Women	2.724	49,4	2.682	49,5	2.671	49,8
Under 1 years	5	0,1	2	0,0	4	0,1
1 - 19 years	3	0,1	3	0,1	3	0,1
20 - 39 years	10	0,2	17	0,3	9	0,2
40 - 59 years	140	2,5	122	2,3	139	2,6
60 - 79 years	558	10,1	543	10,0	521	9,7
80 - 99 years	1.944	35,2	1.939	35,8	1.932	36,0
100 years and over	64	1,2	56	1,0	63	1,2
CAUSE OF DEATH						
Total	5.515	100,0	5.416	100,0	5.368	100,0
Tumors	1.601	29,0	1.570	29,0	1.519	28,3
Circulatory system	1.349	24,5	1.357	25,1	1.309	24,4
Respiratory system	335	6,1	279	5,2	293	5,5
Nervous system	355	6,4	321	5,9	368	6,9
Digestive system	248	4,5	270	5,0	236	4,4
Other causes	1.627	29,5	1.619	29,9	1.643	30,7
COVID-19 confirmed	272	4,9	317	5,9	331	6,2
COVID-19 probable	4	0,1	1	0,0	26	0,5
Other causes	1.351	24,5	1.301	24,0	1.286	24,0
Men	2.791	100,0	2.734	100,0	2.697	100,0
Tumors	949	34,0	927	33,9	907	33,6
Circulatory system	651	23,3	646	23,6	644	23,9
Respiratory system	191	6,8	165	6,0	175	6,5
Nervous system	154	5,5	135	4,9	163	6,0
Digestive system	127	4,6	136	5,0	121	4,5
Other causes	719	25,8	725	26,5	687	25,5
COVID-19 confirmed	136	4,9	180	6,6	168	6,2
COVID-19 probable	1	0,0	0	0,0	15	0,6
Other causes	582	20,9	545	19,9	504	18,7
Women	2.724	100,0	2.682	100,0	2.671	100,0
Tumors	652	23,9	643	24,0	612	22,9
Circulatory system	698	25,6	711	26,5	665	24,9
Respiratory system	144	5,3	114	4,3	118	4,4
Nervous system	201	7,4	186	6,9	205	7,7
Digestive system	121	4,4	134	5,0	115	4,3
Other causes	908	33,3	894	33,3	956	35,8
COVID-19 confirmed	136	5,0	137	5,1	163	6,1
COVID-19 probable	3	0,1	1	0,0	11	0,4
Other causes	769	28,2	756	28,2	782	29,3

(1)The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional

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