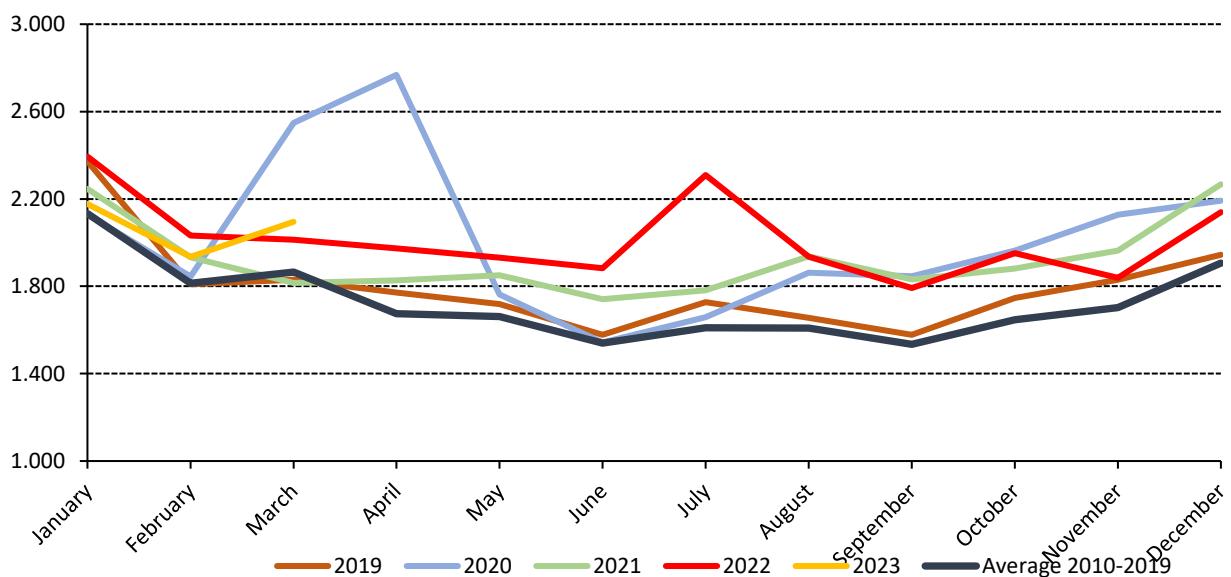


Deaths fell by 3.6% in the first quarter of 2023 in the Basque Country

Deaths due to COVID-19 were down 90.5% and the lowest value was obtained in the first quarter, with 74 deaths.

In the first quarter of 2023 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 6,207, 3.6% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. If we compare this data with previous years, we see that in the first quarter of 2023, the number of deaths was lower than in 2022 (6,439) and 2020 (6,522), but higher than in 2021 (5,994), 2019 (6,011) and the average for the 2010-2019 period (5,813).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths fell in all three provinces, Bizkaia standing out with 3,281, a decrease of 4.8%. There were 800 deaths in Álava, down 3.8%, and 2,126 in Gipuzkoa, a fall of 1.6%. By sex, 3,170 women and 3,037 men died, which was a decrease of 3.4% for women and 3.9% for men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 8 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.1%) and 113 to centenarians (1.8%). Additionally, 64.9% of those who died were aged between 80 and 99 years old.

Deaths by territory of residence, age, sex and month of death (1). 2023/I

	I/2023		IV/2022		I/2022			
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
DEATHS	6.207	100,0	5.930	100,0		4.7	6.439	100,0
Territory of residence								
Araba / Álava	800	12,9	786	13,3		1,8	832	12,9
Bizkaia	3.281	52,9	3.211	54,1		2,2	3.447	53,5
Gipuzkoa	2.126	34,3	1.933	32,6		10,0	2.160	33,5
Age								
Under 1 years	8	0,1	11	0,2	-27,3	11	0,2	-27,3
1-19 years	9	0,1	8	0,1	12,5	8	0,1	12,5
20-39 years	35	0,6	38	0,6	-7,9	53	0,8	-34,0
40-59 years	333	5,4	389	6,6	-14,4	399	6,2	-16,5
60-79 years	1.683	27,1	1.618	27,3	4,0	1.828	28,4	-7,9
80-99 years	4.026	64,9	3.772	63,6	6,7	4.028	62,6	0,0
100 or more years	113	1,8	94	1,6	20,2	112	1,7	0,9
Men	3.037	100,0	2.923	100,0		3,9	3.159	100,0
Under 1 years	5	0,2	8	0,3	-37,5	7	0,2	-28,6
1-19 years	4	0,1	6	0,2	-33,3	4	0,1	0,0
20-39 years	22	0,7	23	0,8	-4,3	24	0,8	-8,3
40-59 years	221	7,3	255	8,7	-13,3	246	7,8	-10,2
60-79 years	1.067	35,1	1.044	35,7	2,2	1.154	36,5	-7,5
80-99 years	1.703	56,1	1.582	54,1	7,6	1.711	54,2	-0,5
100 or more years	15	0,5	5	0,2	200,0	13	0,4	15,4
Women	3.170	100,0	3.007	100,0		5,4	3.280	100,0
Under 1 years	3	0,1	3	0,1	0,0	4	0,1	-25,0
1-19 years	5	0,2	2	0,1	150,0	4	0,1	25,0
20-39 years	13	0,4	15	0,5	-13,3	29	0,9	-55,2
40-59 years	112	3,5	134	4,5	-16,4	153	4,7	-26,8
60-79 years	616	19,4	574	19,1	7,3	674	20,5	-8,6
80-99 years	2.323	73,3	2.190	72,8	6,1	2.317	70,6	0,3
100 or more years	98	3,1	89	3,0	10,1	99	3,0	-1,0
MONTH OF DEATH								
January	2.177	35,1				2.394	37,2	-9,1
February	1.935	31,2				2.032	31,6	-4,8
March	2.095	33,8				2.013	31,3	4,1

(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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Source: Eustat. Death statistics

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,621 and 1,594 individuals respectively, which means that together they accounted for 51.8% of deaths. Diseases of the respiratory system were the third cause of death resulting in 543 deaths (8.7%). Diseases of the nervous system were the fourth cause of death with 404 deaths (6.5%). Diseases of the digestive system caused 303 deaths (4.9%).

The cause of death continued to vary according to sex. Among men, tumours caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system, whilst among women the main cause of death was diseases of the circulatory system, followed by tumours in second place.

Deaths by cause of death and sex (1). 2023/I

		I/2023		IV/2022		I/2022		
		NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%
DEATHS		6.207	100,0	5.930	100,0	4,7	6.439	100,0
Cause of death								
Total								
Tumors		1.621	26	1.634	28	-1	1.572	24
Circulatory system		1.594	25,7	1.433	24,2	11,2	1.515	23,5
Respiratory system		543	8,7	463	7,8	17,3	376	5,8
Nervous system		404	6,5	401	6,8	0,7	416	6,5
Digestive system		303	4,9	285	4,8	6,3	272	4,2
Other causes		1.742	28,1	1.714	28,9	1,6	2.288	35,5
	COVID-19 confirmed	74	1,2	200	3,4	-63,0	778	12,1
	COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	1	0,0	-100,0	6	0,1
	Other causes	1.668	26,9	1.513	25,5	10,2	1.504	23,4
								10,9
Men								
Tumors		983	32	973	33	1	884	28
Circulatory system		728	24,0	668	22,9	9,0	710	22,5
Respiratory system		279	9,2	242	8,3	15,3	210	6,6
Nervous system		158	5,2	172	5,9	-8,1	151	4,8
Digestive system		159	5,2	155	5,3	2,6	137	4,3
Other causes		730	24,0	713	24,4	2,4	1.067	33,8
	COVID-19 confirmed	36	1,2	99	3,4	-63,6	437	13,8
	COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	1	0,0	-100,0	3	0,1
	Other causes	694	22,9	613	21,0	13,2	627	19,8
								10,7
Women								
Tumors		638	20	661	22	-3	688	21
Circulatory system		866	27,3	765	25,4	13,2	805	24,5
Respiratory system		264	8,3	221	7,3	19,5	166	5,1
Nervous system		246	7,8	229	7,6	7,4	265	8,1
Digestive system		144	4,5	130	4,3	10,8	135	4,1
Other causes		1.012	31,9	1.001	33,3	1,1	1.221	37,2
	COVID-19 confirmed	38	1,2	101	3,4	-62,4	341	10,4
	COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	3	0,1
	Other causes	974	30,7	900	29,9	8,2	877	26,7
								11,1

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Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Population growth in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2023 was negative, with a population decrease of 3,094. The population fell in all three provinces: by 1,701 people in Bizkaia, 1,084 in Gipuzkoa and 309 in Álava.

There were 74 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the first quarter of 2023

COVID-19 caused a total of 74 deaths, all of which were from confirmed COVID-19, which was a 90.5% decrease. There were a further 24 deaths where 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. 2023/I

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	6.207	74	74	0
Historic Territories of Residence				
Araba/Álava	800	4	4	0
Bizkaia	3.281	47	47	0
Gipuzkoa	2.126	23	23	0
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	259	6	6	0
Basauri	147	0	0	0
Bilbao	1.062	15	15	0
Donostia / San Sebastián	576	3	3	0
Getxo	180	2	2	0
Irun	160	2	2	0
Portugalete	153	2	2	0
Santurtzi	153	0	0	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	587	2	2	0
Sex				
Man	3.037	36	36	0
Woman	3.170	38	38	0
Age				
Aged under 40	52	0	0	0
From 40 to 59 years	333	1	1	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.683	16	16	0
80 or older	4.139	57	57	0

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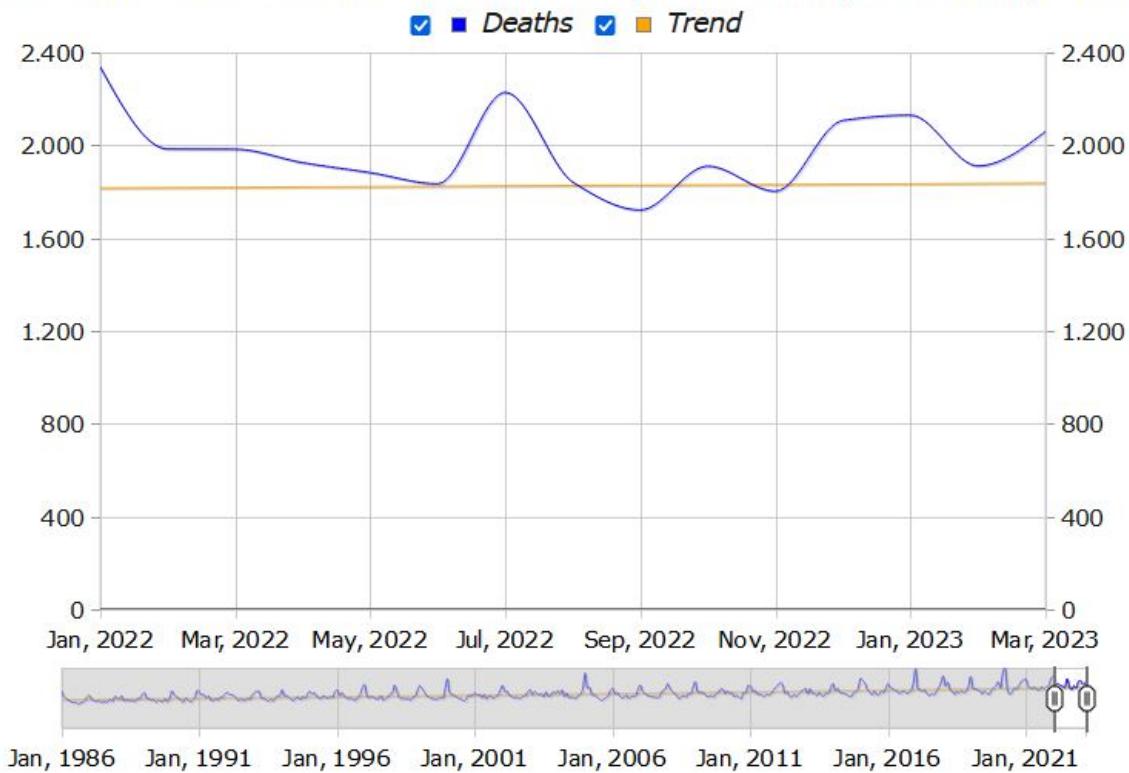
Source: Eustat. Death statistics

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 47, followed by Gipuzkoa with 23 and Álava with 4. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 15 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by San Sebastián with 3 and Vitoria-Gasteiz with 2. The municipality of Barakaldo had 6 deaths resulting from this cause.

The number of deaths of women (38) exceeded those of men (36), while, by age, the most affected groups were those aged over 80 (57), followed by those aged 60-79 (16).

The majority of these deaths due to COVID-19 occurred in Basque hospitals (82.4%), followed by at home (9.5%) and residential care homes (8.1%).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



Source: Eustat. Death statistics

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