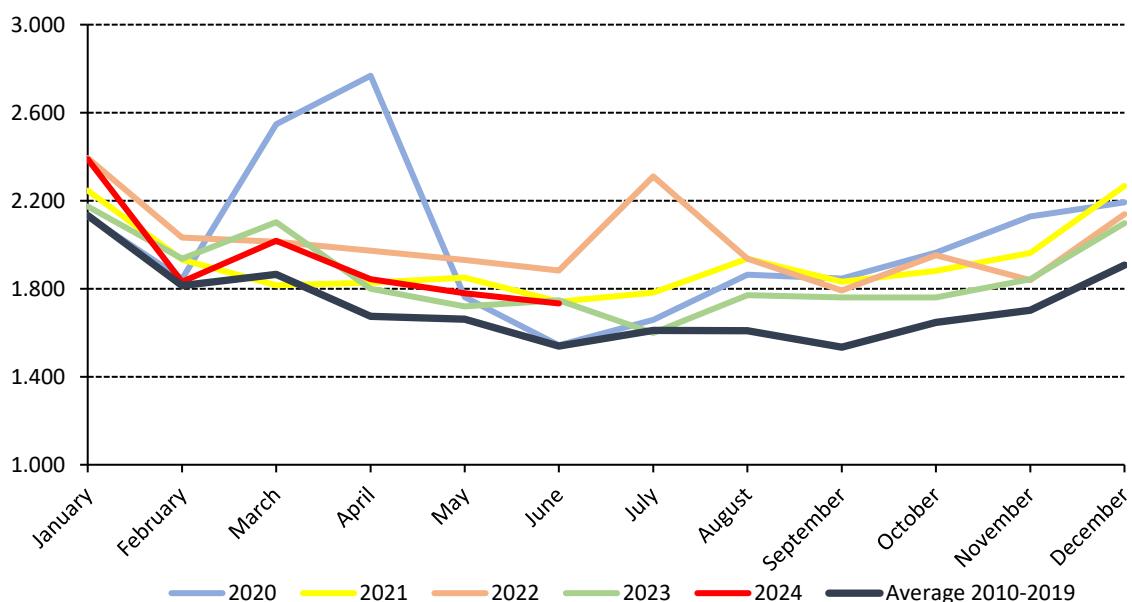


Deaths increased by 1.7% in the second quarter of 2024 in the Basque Country

COVID-19 caused 64 deaths, 26.4% less than a year ago

In the second quarter of 2024 the number of deaths in the Basque Country was 5,357, 91 deaths more than the same period of the previous year (+1.7%), according to Eustat data. In comparison with previous years, the number of deaths in this second quarter of 2024 was lower than in 2022 (5,787 deaths, -7.4%) 2021 (5,418, -1.1%), and 2020 (6,073, -11.8%); but higher than in 2019 (5,067, +5.7%) and the average for 2010-2019 (4,876, +9.9%).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths increased in Álava and Bizkaia: in Álava there were 11.8% more deaths, 770 people, and in Bizkaia there was a 3.4% increase, with 2,861 deaths. In Gipuzkoa they were down 4.6%, 1,726 deaths. By sex, 2,727 women and 2,630 men died, which was an increase of 2.7% for women and 0.7% for men.

Of the deaths that occurred in this second quarter, 8 corresponded to children under 1 year of age and 101 to centenarians (0.1% and 1.9% of the total, respectively).

Deaths by territory of residence, age, sex and month of death (1). 2024/II

	II/2024		I/2024		II/2023			
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
DEATHS	5.357	100,0	6.238	100,0	-14,1	5.266	100,0	1,7
Territory of residence								
Araba / Álava	770	14,4	804	12,9	-4,2	689	13,1	11,8
Bizkaia	2.861	53,4	3.402	54,5	-15,9	2.768	52,6	3,4
Gipuzkoa	1.726	32,2	2.032	32,6	-15,1	1.809	34,4	-4,6
Age								
Under 1 years	8	0,1	8	0,1	0,0	7	0,1	14,3
1-19 years	6	0,1	12	0,2	-50,0	8	0,2	-25,0
20-39 years	31	0,6	28	0,4	10,7	35	0,7	-11,4
40-59 years	300	5,6	347	5,6	-13,5	322	6,1	-6,8
60-79 years	1.506	28,1	1.666	26,7	-9,6	1.526	29,0	-1,3
80-99 years	3.405	63,6	4.049	64,9	-15,9	3.270	62,1	4,1
100 or more years	101	1,9	128	2,1	-21,1	98	1,9	3,1
Men	2.630	100,0	3.005	100,0	-12,5	2.611	100,0	0,7
Under 1 years	6	0,2	5	0,2	20,0	5	0,2	20,0
1-19 years	4	0,2	6	0,2	-33,3	7	0,3	-42,9
20-39 years	23	0,9	17	0,6	35,3	28	1,1	-17,9
40-59 years	188	7,1	259	8,6	-27,4	197	7,5	-4,6
60-79 years	961	36,5	1.058	35,2	-9,2	966	37,0	-0,5
80-99 years	1.431	54,4	1.642	54,6	-12,9	1.390	53,2	2,9
100 or more years	17	0,6	18	0,6	-5,6	18	0,7	-5,6
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40-59 years	112	4,1	88	2,7	27,3	125	4,7	-10,4
60-79 years	545	20,0	608	18,8	-10,4	560	21,1	-2,7
80-99 years	1.974	72,4	2.407	74,5	-18,0	1.880	70,8	5,0
100 or more years	84	3,1	110	3,4	-23,6	80	3,0	5,0
MONTH OF DEATH								
April	1.844	34,4				1.799	34,2	2,5
May	1.780	33,2				1.720	32,7	3,5
June	1.733	32,4				1.747	33,2	-0,8
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Date November 19, 2024

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Tumours and circulatory diseases caused 54.2% of deaths

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,607 and 1,295 individuals respectively, which means that together they accounted for 54.2% of deaths. Diseases of the respiratory system were the third cause of death, resulting in 392 deaths. COVID-19 caused 64 deaths (1.2% of the total).

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.

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Population growth in the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2024 was negative, with a population decrease of 2,160. The population fell in all three provinces: by 1,331 people in Bizkaia, 579 in Gipuzkoa and 250 in Álava.

There were 64 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the second quarter of 2024

COVID-19 caused 64 deaths, i.e. 1.2% of all deaths. This number is 23 fewer deaths than the same quarter of 2023 (-26.4%). All these deaths were confirmed as being due to COVID-19. There were a further 7 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.
2024/II**

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	5.357	64	64	0
Historic Territories of Residence				
Araba/Álava	770	8	8	0
Bizkaia	2.861	42	42	0
Gipuzkoa	1.726	14	14	0
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	279	6	6	0
Basauri	135	2	2	0
Bilbao	954	14	14	0
Donostia / San Sebastian	481	6	6	0
Getxo	173	4	4	0
Irun	142	1	1	0
Portugalete	127	0	0	0
Santurtzi	107	3	3	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	568	7	7	0
Sex				
Man	2.630	31	31	0
Woman	2.727	33	33	0
Age				
Aged under 40	45	0	0	0
From 40 to 59 years	300	0	0	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.506	17	17	0
80 or older	3.506	47	47	0

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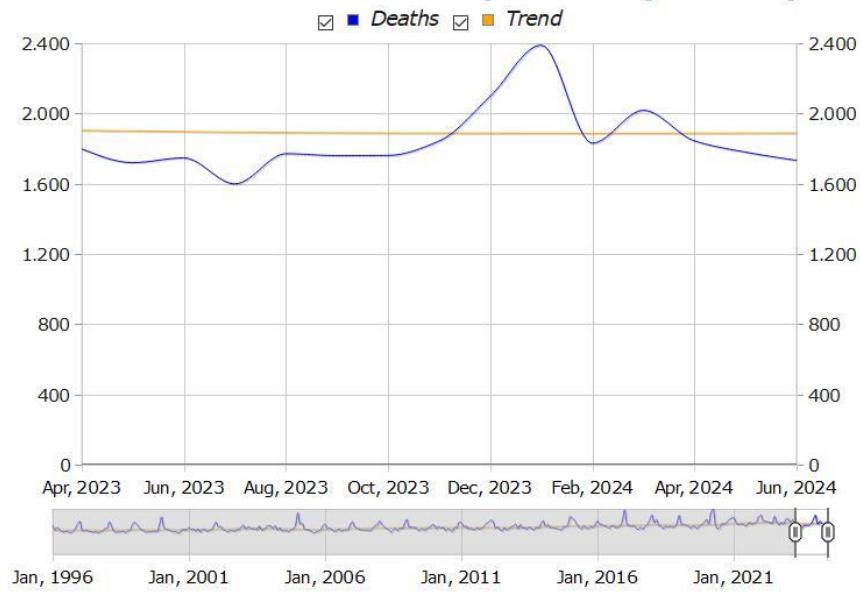
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By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 42, followed by Gipuzkoa with 14 and Álava with 8. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 14 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 7 and San Sebastián with 6. Barakaldo also recorded 6 deaths due to COVID-19.

The number of deaths of women (33) resulting from this cause exceeded those of men (31), while, by age, the most affected group was those aged over 80 years old, accounting for 73.4% of deaths due to COVID-19 (47 deaths).

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (89.1%, 85.1% in the second quarter of 2023), followed by at home (9.4%, 3.4% in the second quarter of 2023) and residential care homes (1.6%, 11.5% in the second quarter of 2023).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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