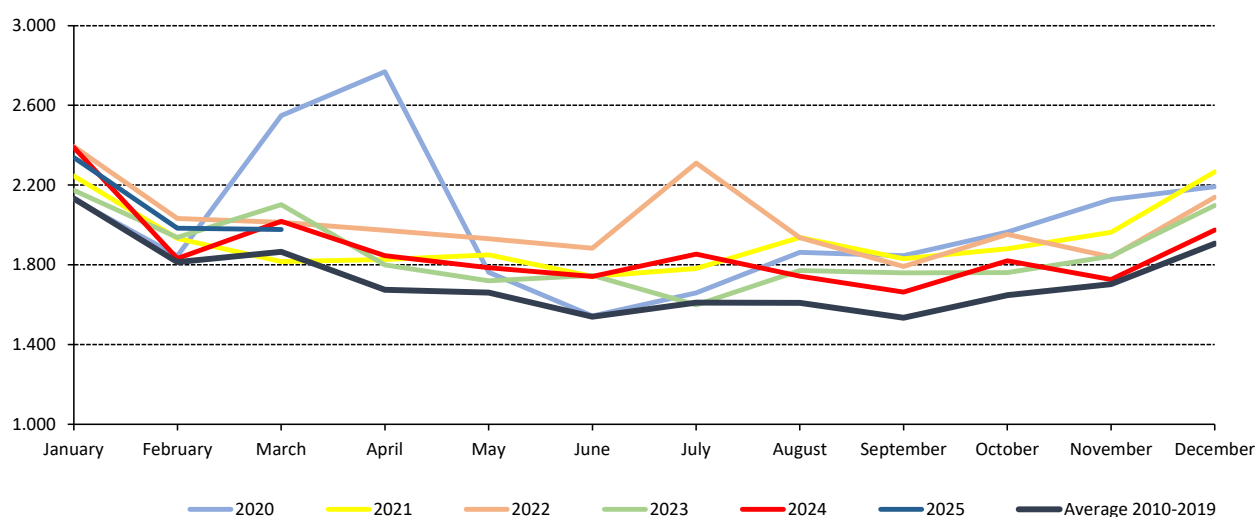


Deaths in the Basque Country rose by 1% in the first quarter of 2025

The biggest increase was in February, with a 8.3% rise

In the first quarter of 2025 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 6,300, up 1% on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By month, deaths fell in January and March, by 2.1% and 2%, and rose by 8.3% in February compared to 2024.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

By province, in Álava, with a total of 854 deaths, there was the most significant comparative increase, of 6.1%. In Bizkaia, with 3,454 deaths, they rose by 1.5%. However, in Gipuzkoa, with 1,992 deaths, there was a fall of 2%. By sex, 3,305 women and 2,995 men died, which was an increase of 2.3% for women and a decrease of 0.4% for men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 5 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.1%) and 128 to centenarians (2%).

Deaths by territory of residence, age, sex and month of death (1). 2025/I

	I/2025		IV/2024			I/2024		
	NQ.	%	NQ.	%	Increase %	NQ.	%	Increase %
DEATHS	6,300	100.0	5,520	100.0	14.1	6,239	100.0	1.0
Territory of residence								
Araba / Álava	854	13.6	735	13.3	16.2	805	12.9	6.1
Bizkaia	3,454	54.8	2,931	53.1	17.8	3,402	54.5	1.5
Gipuzkoa	1,992	31.6	1,854	33.6	7.4	2,032	32.6	-2.0
Age								
Under 1 years	5	0.1	4	0.1	25.0	8	0.1	-37.5
1-19 years	10	0.2	12	0.2	-16.7	12	0.2	-16.7
20-39 years	35	0.6	34	0.6	2.9	28	0.4	25.0
40-59 years	338	5.4	332	6.0	1.8	348	5.6	-2.9
60-79 years	1,664	26.4	1,553	28.1	7.1	1,667	26.7	-0.2
80-99 years	4,120	65.4	3,477	63.0	18.5	4,048	64.9	1.8
100 or more years	128	2.0	108	2.0	18.5	128	2.1	0.0
Men	2,995	100.0	2,715	100.0	10.3	3,008	100.0	-0.4
Under 1 years	4	0.1	2	0.1	100.0	5	0.2	-20.0
1-19 years	6	0.2	5	0.2	20.0	6	0.2	0.0
20-39 years	25	0.8	24	0.9	4.2	17	0.6	47.1
40-59 years	225	7.5	214	7.9	5.1	260	8.6	-13.5
60-79 years	1,007	33.6	991	36.5	1.6	1,059	35.2	-4.9
80-99 years	1,710	57.1	1,466	54.0	16.6	1,643	54.6	4.1
100 or more years	18	0.6	13	0.5	38.5	18	0.6	0.0
Women	3,305	100.0	2,805	100.0	17.8	3,231	100.0	2.3
Under 1 years	1	0.0	2	0.1	-50.0	3	0.1	-66.7
1-19 years	4	0.1	7	0.2	-42.9	6	0.2	-33.3
20-39 years	10	0.3	10	0.4	0.0	11	0.3	-9.1
40-59 years	113	3.4	118	4.2	-4.2	88	2.7	28.4
60-79 years	657	19.9	562	20.0	16.9	608	18.8	8.1
80-99 years	2,410	72.9	2,011	71.7	19.8	2,405	74.4	0.2
100 or more years	110	3.3	95	3.4	15.8	110	3.4	0.0
MONTH OF DEATH								
January	2,339	37.1				2,389	38.3	-2.1
February	1,984	31.5				1,832	29.4	8.3
March	1,977	31.4				2,018	32.3	-2.0

(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 circulatory system diseases and tumours, which caused the deaths of 1,560 and 1,529 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they accounted for 49.1% of deaths. Diseases of the respiratory system were the third cause of death resulting in 847 deaths (13.4%). Diseases of the nervous system were the fourth cause of death with 374 deaths (5.9%). Diseases of the digestive system caused 301 deaths (4.8%).

The order of importance of the causes of death varied 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). 2025/I

	I/2025		IV/2024			I/2024		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
DEATHS	6,300	100.0	5,520	100.0	14.1	6,239	100.0	1.0
Cause of death								
Total								
Tumors	1,529	24.3	1,514	27.4	1.0	1,572	25.2	-2.7
Circulatory system	1,560	24.8	1,471	26.6	6.1	1,618	25.9	-3.6
Respiratory system	847	13.4	399	7.2	112.3	688	11.0	23.1
Nervous system	374	5.9	332	6.0	12.7	420	6.7	-11.0
Digestive system	301	4.8	286	5.2	5.2	265	4.2	13.6
Other causes	1,689	26.8	1,518	27.5	11.3	1,676	26.9	0.8
COVID-19 confirmed	18	0.3	17	0.3	5.9	88	1.4	-79.5
COVID-19 probable	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Other causes	1,671	26.5	1,501	27.2	11.3	1,588	25.5	5.2
Men								
Tumors	868	29.0	895	33.0	-3.0	938	31.2	-7.5
Circulatory system	717	23.9	714	26.3	0.4	778	25.9	-7.8
Respiratory system	388	13.0	197	7.3	97.0	320	10.6	21.3
Nervous system	151	5.0	159	5.9	-5.0	166	5.5	-9.0
Digestive system	156	5.2	137	5.0	13.9	119	4.0	31.1
Other causes	715	23.9	613	22.6	16.6	687	22.8	4.1
COVID-19 confirmed	6	0.2	7	0.3	-14.3	38	1.3	-84.2
COVID-19 probable	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Other causes	709	23.7	606	22.3	17.0	649	21.6	9.2
Women								
Tumors	661	20.0	619	22.1	6.8	634	19.6	4.3
Circulatory system	843	25.5	757	27.0	11.4	840	26.0	0.4
Respiratory system	459	13.9	202	7.2	127.2	368	11.4	24.7
Nervous system	223	6.7	173	6.2	28.9	254	7.9	-12.2
Digestive system	145	4.4	149	5.3	-2.7	146	4.5	-0.7
Other causes	974	29.5	905	32.3	7.6	989	30.6	-1.5
COVID-19 confirmed	12	0.4	10	0.4	20.0	50	1.5	-76.0
COVID-19 probable	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Other causes	962	29.1	895	31.9	7.5	939	29.1	2.4

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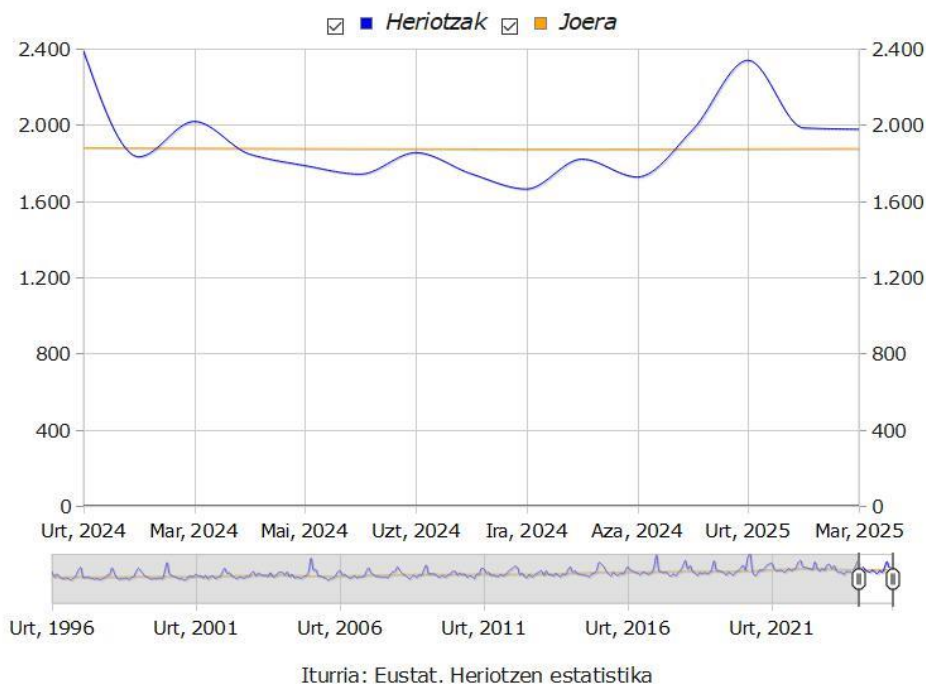
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Population growth was negative in all three provinces

Population growth in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2025 was negative, with a population decrease of 3,039. The population fell in all three provinces: by 1,828 people in Bizkaia, 891 in Gipuzkoa and 320 in Álava.

In 2024 there were 171 deaths due to suicide or self-inflicted injuries in the Basque Country, that is 21.3% than in 2023 (definitive data).

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