

## Deaths fell by 6.7% in the first quarter of 2019

***There was a sharper drop for women, 7.9%, compared to 5.5% for men***

In the first quarter of 2019 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,984, 6.7% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

By province, the decrease was 9.7% in Gipuzkoa, where 1,916 people died; 9% in Álava, with 719 deaths; and 4.5% in Bizkaia, with 3,349. By sex, 2,983 men and 3,001 women died, which was an decrease of 5.5% for men and a drop of 7.9% for women.

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,611 and 1,545 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they accounted for 52.7% of deaths. As a third cause of death were respiratory diseases, which resulted in 834 deaths (13.9%).

***Deaths as a result of diseases of the digestive and circulatory systems fell by 21.6% and 19.3%***

The winter months are traditionally characterised for being those that account for the greatest number of deaths, with respiratory diseases normally registering the greatest increases compared to the other quarters. During the first quarter of 2019 834 individuals died from these illnesses, 9.5% down on the same quarter of the previous year (922 deaths) but 62.3% up on the fourth quarter of 2018 (514 deaths).

There were 228 deaths as a result of digestive diseases, 21.6% down on the same period of the previous year. Diseases affecting the nervous system, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, caused 355 deaths in the months of January, February and March, 19.3% less than in the same quarter of the previous year.

The cause of death continued to vary according to sex. Amongst men, tumours caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system, whilst amongst women the order was inversed: the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease, followed by tumours in second place. Diseases of the respiratory system remained the third cause of death for both sexes.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 17 corresponded to children under 1 year of age, 13 boys and 4 girls.

Population growth in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2019 was negative, with a population decrease of 2,274. The population decreased in the three territories: by 1,534 people in Bizkaia, 656 in Gipuzkoa and 84 in Álava.

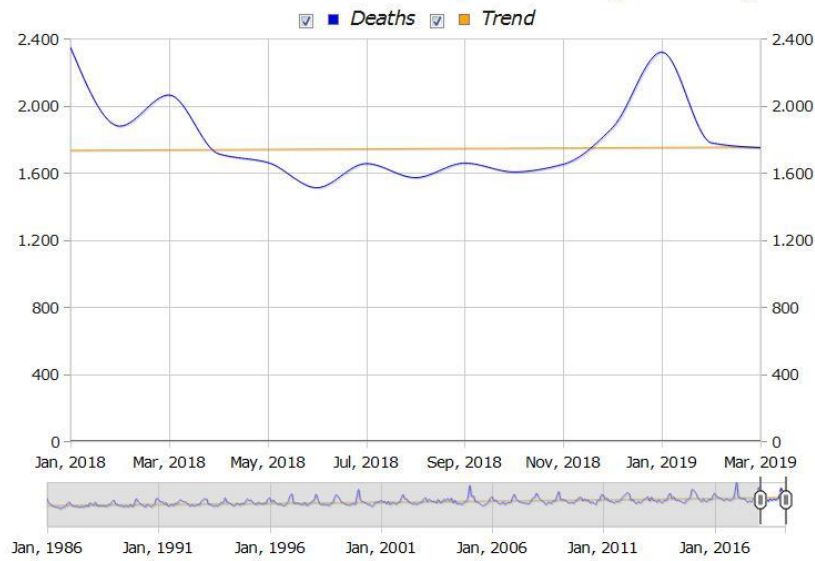
**Deaths by sex and cause of death (1)**

	Trimestre actual		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
	I/2019		(IV/2018)		(I/2018)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>5.984</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>5.242</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>6.417</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Araba / Álava	719	12,0	710	13,5	790	12,3
Bizkaia	3.349	56,0	2.850	54,4	3.506	54,6
Gipuzkoa	1.916	32,0	1.682	32,1	2.121	33,1
Males	2.983	49,8	2.651	50,6	3.157	49,2
<1 year	13	0,2	7	0,1	6	0,1
1-19 year	9	0,2	3	0,1	8	0,1
20-39 year	22	0,4	18	0,3	25	0,4
40-59 year	250	4,2	271	5,2	255	4,0
60-79 year	1.042	17,4	942	18,0	1.067	16,6
80-99 year	1.627	27,2	1.401	26,7	1.786	27,8
≥ 100 year	20	0,3	9	0,2	10	0,2
Females	3.001	50,2	2.591	49,4	3.260	50,8
<1 year	4	0,1	12	0,2	6	0,1
1-19 year	4	0,1	6	0,1	3	0,0
20-39 year	14	0,2	9	0,2	13	0,2
40-59 year	131	2,2	146	2,8	154	2,4
60-79 year	488	8,2	504	9,6	532	8,3
80-99 year	2.282	38,1	1.841	35,1	2.470	38,5
≥ 100 year	78	1,3	73	1,4	82	1,3
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.984</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.242</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6.417</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	1.611	26,9	1.604	30,6	1.617	25,2
Circulatory system	1.545	25,8	1.400	26,7	1.761	27,4
Respiratory system	834	13,9	514	9,8	922	14,4
Nervous system	355	5,9	329	6,3	440	6,9
Digestive system	228	3,8	244	4,7	291	4,5
Other causes	1.411	23,6	1.151	22,0	1.386	21,6
<b>MALES</b>	<b>2.983</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.651</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.157</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	964	32,3	942	35,5	1.002	31,7
Circulatory system	743	24,9	687	25,9	844	26,7
Respiratory system	427	14,3	277	10,4	449	14,2
Nervous system	130	4,4	137	5,2	169	5,4
Digestive system	117	3,9	123	4,6	134	4,2
Other causes	602	20,2	485	18,3	559	17,7
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>3.001</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.591</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.260</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	647	21,6	662	25,5	615	18,9
Circulatory system	802	26,7	713	27,5	917	28,1
Respiratory system	407	13,6	237	9,1	473	14,5
Nervous system	225	7,5	192	7,4	271	8,3
Digestive system	111	3,7	121	4,7	157	4,8
Other causes	809	27,0	666	25,7	827	25,4

(1) For the current quarter and the previous data are provisional

Source: Eustat. Marriage statistics

### Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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