

Deaths increased by 5% in the fourth quarter of 2019 in the Basque Country

In 2019 as a whole, the number of deaths was down 0.9% compared to 2018

In the fourth quarter of 2019 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,504, 5% up on the same period of 2018, according to Eustat data. By province, in Álava there were 713 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 3,028 and in Gipuzkoa 1,763 people died.

7 children under one year of age, 4 girls and 3 boys, died in this quarter. The number of deaths amongst centenarians in the fourth quarter of 2019 rose to 82, 16 men and 66 women.

Tumours were the main cause of death

28.7% of the deaths that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2019, or 1,578 cases, were due to tumours. Following these were deaths caused by diseases of the circulatory system, 26.2% (1,440 deaths) and, in third place, some way behind, were deaths caused by diseases of the respiratory system, which accounted for 8.4% (462).

The cause of death varied according to sex: amongst men, tumours caused 9.6 percentage points more deaths than those deriving from diseases of the circulatory system in the fourth quarter of 2019. The main cause of death amongst women was cardiovascular disease, followed in second place by tumours, although in this case the difference between them was just 4.6 percentage points.

BALANCE FOR 2019

The provisional data totals for 2019 recorded 21,542 deaths, of which 10,794 were women and 10,748 were men. The number of deaths decreased 0.9% compared to 2018.

Amongst the deaths that occurred last year, 43 corresponded to children under one year of age, 19 girls and 24 boys. This was lower than in 2018, when 52 children under one year of age died. On the other hand, 306 people died at the age of 100 or more, 248 women and 58 men; 14 more men and 3 fewer women than in 2018.

Population growth was negative in the three provinces

With provisional data from 2019, population growth in the Basque Country was negative with deaths exceeding births by 6,142 individuals. By province, for this reason the population decreased by 4,251 inhabitants in Bizkaia, 1,721 in Gipuzkoa and 170 in Álava.

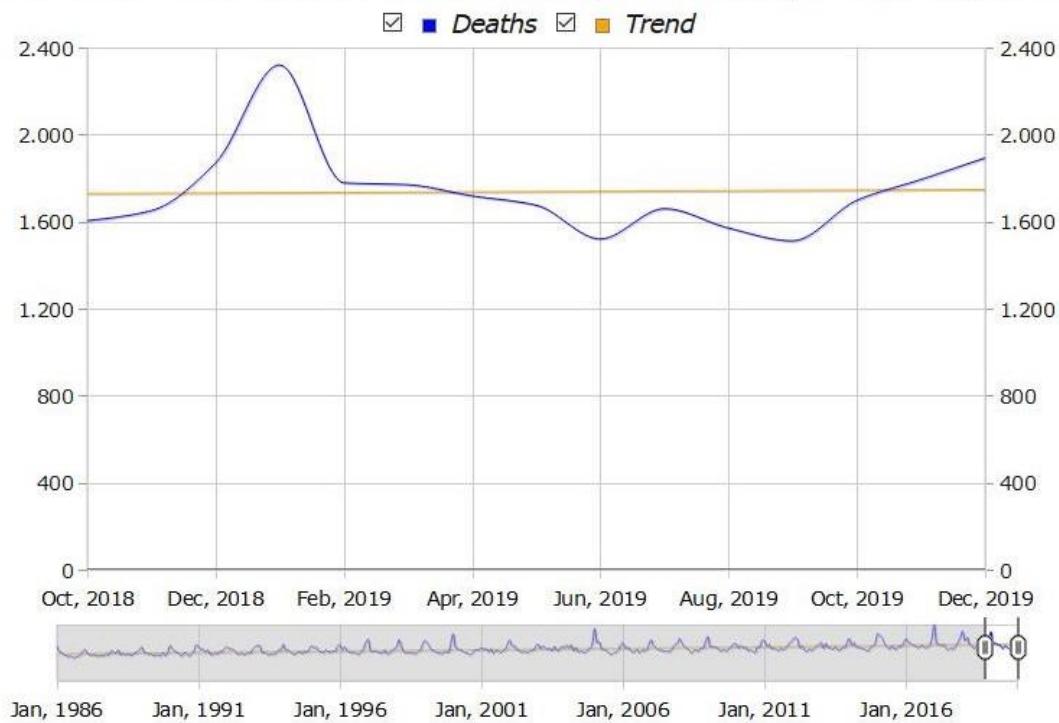
Deaths by sex and cause of death (1)

	Trimestre actual		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
			(IV/2019)		(III/2019)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	5.504	100,0	4.961	100,0	5.242	100,0
Araba / Álava	713	13,0	628	12,7	710	13,5
Bizkaia	3.028	55,0	2.713	54,7	2.850	54,4
Gipuzkoa	1.763	32,0	1.620	32,7	1.682	32,1
Males	2.748	49,9	2.425	48,9	2.651	50,6
<1 year	3	0,1	2	0,0	7	0,1
1-19 year	1	0,0	7	0,1	3	0,1
20-39 year	27	0,5	28	0,6	18	0,3
40-59 year	251	4,6	234	4,7	271	5,2
60-79 year	1.015	18,4	895	18,0	942	18,0
80-99 year	1.435	26,1	1.247	25,1	1.401	26,7
≥ 100 year	16	0,3	12	0,2	9	0,2
Females	2.756	50,1	2.536	51,1	2.591	49,4
<1 year	4	0,1	5	0,1	12	0,2
1-19 year	5	0,1	1	0,0	6	0,1
20-39 year	7	0,1	20	0,4	9	0,2
40-59 year	119	2,2	130	2,6	146	2,8
60-79 year	526	9,6	490	9,9	504	9,6
80-99 year	2.029	36,9	1.830	36,9	1.841	35,1
≥ 100 year	66	1,2	60	1,2	73	1,4
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	5.504	100	4.961	100	5.242	100
Tumours	1.578	28,7	1.530	30,8	1.604	30,6
Circulatory system	1.440	26,2	1.240	25,0	1.402	26,7
Respiratory system	462	8,4	414	8,3	514	9,8
Nervous system	328	6,0	353	7,1	329	6,3
Digestive system	244	4,4	231	4,7	244	4,7
Other causes	1.452	26,4	1.193	24,0	1.149	21,9
MALES	2.748	100	2.425	100	2.651	100
Tumours	930	33,8	915	37,7	942	35,5
Circulatory system	666	24,2	578	23,8	687	25,9
Respiratory system	266	9,7	227	9,4	277	10,4
Nervous system	149	5,4	133	5,5	137	5,2
Digestive system	122	4,4	98	4,0	123	4,6
Other causes	615	22,4	474	19,5	485	18,3
FEMALES	2.756	100	2.536	100	2.591	100
Tumours	648	23,5	615	24,3	662	25,5
Circulatory system	774	28,1	662	26,1	715	27,6
Respiratory system	196	7,1	187	7,4	237	9,1
Nervous system	179	6,5	220	8,7	192	7,4
Digestive system	122	4,4	133	5,2	121	4,7
Other causes	837	30,4	719	28,4	664	25,6

(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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