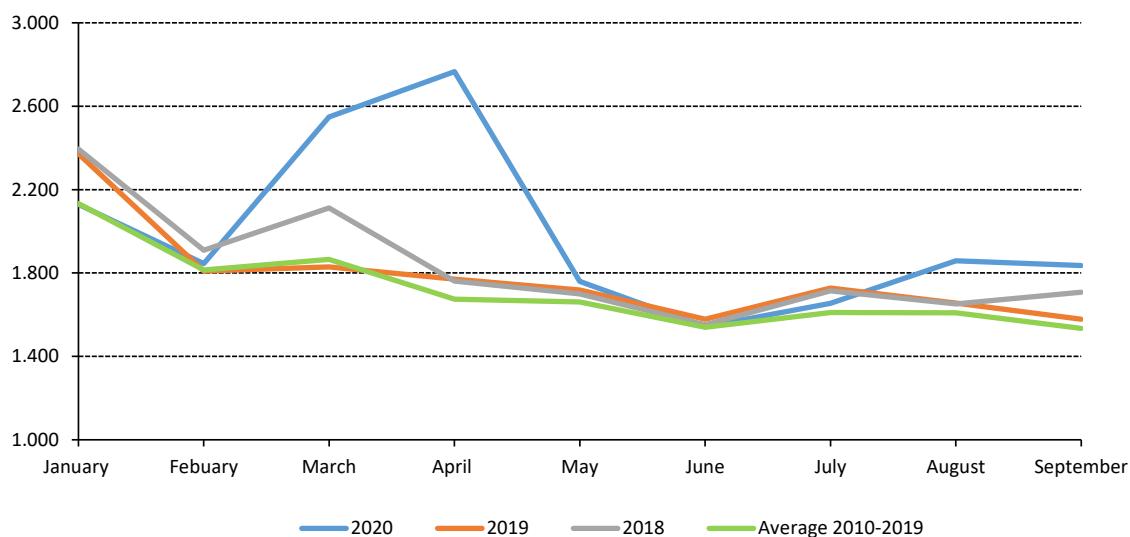


## Deaths in the Basque Country rose by 7.8% in the third quarter of 2020 due to the pandemic

***In respect of the average for the last 10 years they increased by 12.5%***

In the third quarter of 2020 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,349, 7.8% more than the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. In the first quarter there were 387 more deaths compared to the same quarter of the previous year and 596 more than the average for the previous 10 years.

**Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month**



Source: Eustat. Death statistics

In Álava, the increase in deaths this quarter reached 10.5%, while it was 8.8% in Gipuzkoa and 6.6% in Bizkaia. By sex, 2,684 men and 2,665 women died, which was an increase of 10.6% for men and 5.1% for women.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 8 corresponded to children under 1 year of age and 82 to centenarians.

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,513 and 1,295 individuals, respectively, which means that together they accounted for 52.5% of deaths. As a third cause of death were diseases of the nervous system, accounting for 361 deaths (6.7%), and as a fourth cause was COVID-19, with 356 cases (6.6%).

Deaths caused by respiratory diseases fell by 30.8% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. There were 239 deaths as a result of digestive diseases, 2.6% up on the same period of the previous year.

The causes of the deaths still varied according to gender: among men, tumours were the leading cause of death (33.6%) and diseases of the circulatory system were the second (23.7%); among women, the opposite occurred: diseases of the circulatory system (24.7%) were the main cause of death, whereas tumours (22.9%) were the second.

Population growth in the Basque Country in the third quarter of 2020 was negative, with a population decrease of 1,475. The population decreased in the three provinces: by 1,001 people in Bizkaia, 417 in Gipuzkoa and 57 in Álava.

***There were 356 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the third quarter of 2020***

In the third quarter of 2020, 356 deaths were caused by COVID-19, equal to 6.6% of the total. They fall into 2 groups: 329 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and 27 probable COVID-19 deaths; there were a further 52 deaths in which COVID-19 was among the certified causes of death, but without being the main cause.

**Deaths by COVID-19 according to province and municipality (>40,000 inhabitants) of residence. III/2020**

	Total	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 likely
<b>Basque country</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Provinces of residence</b>			
Araba/Álava	62	57	5
Bizkaia	204	193	11
Gipuzkoa	90	79	11
<b>Municipality of residence (&gt;40,000 inhabitants)</b>			
Barakaldo	17	15	2
Basauri	3	3	0
Bilbao	89	87	2
Donostia / San Sebastián	32	31	1
Errenteria	6	5	1
Getxo	17	16	1
Irún	3	2	1
Portugalete	9	8	1
Santurtzi	6	4	2
Vitoria-Gasteiz	54	51	3

Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 204, followed by Gipuzkoa with 90 and Álava with 62. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 89 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 54 and Donostia/San Sebastián with 32. Barakaldo and Getxo also stood out, with 17 deaths each.

The number deaths of men (183) exceeded that of women (173), while in terms of age, it is worth noting that 96.3% of the deaths caused by COVID-19 occurred among those over 60 years of age and 77.5% among people aged over 80.

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (76.1%), followed by residential care homes (17.7%) and at home (0.5%).

In the first nine months of 2020 overall, there were a total of 2,077 deaths due to COVID-19. Of these, 1,793 were confirmed by a specific analysis, while 284 were diagnosed as likely cases of COVID-19. Most of these deaths occurred in the months of March (503) and April (1,048), falling in May (147), June (23), July (8) and then rising again in August (93) and September (255).

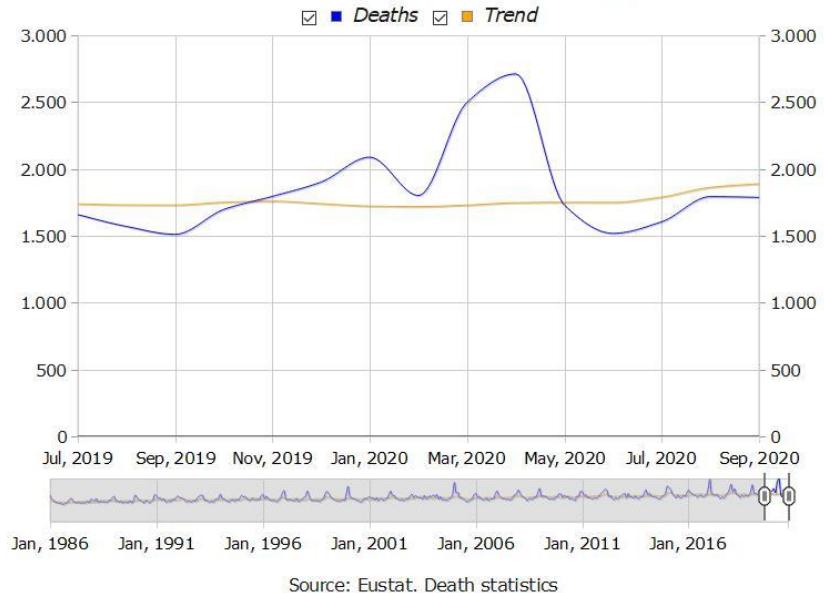
It should be pointed out that COVID-19 was present in a further 258 individuals who died in these same months, but it was not the main cause of death according to the death certificates and applying the World Health Organisation criteria for coding causes of death.

Deaths by sex and cause of death (1)						
	Trimestre actual		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
	III/2020		(II/2020)		(III/2019)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>5.349</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>6.068</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.962</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Araba / Álava	695	13,0	804	13,2	629	12,7
Bizkaia	2.892	54,1	3.454	56,9	2.713	54,7
Gipuzkoa	1.762	32,9	1.810	29,8	1.620	32,6
Males	2.684	50,2	2.913	48,0	2.426	48,9
<1 year	4	0,1	4	0,1	2	0,0
1-19 year	5	0,1	5	0,1	7	0,1
20-39 year	37	0,7	28	0,5	28	0,6
40-59 year	239	4,5	219	3,6	235	4,7
60-79 year	1.006	18,8	1.055	17,4	896	18,1
80-99 year	1.374	25,7	1.591	26,2	1.246	25,1
≥ 100 year	19	0,4	11	0,2	12	0,2
Females	2.665	49,8	3.155	52,0	2.536	51,1
<1 year	4	0,1	3	0,0	5	0,1
1-19 year	3	0,1	3	0,0	1	0,0
20-39 year	8	0,1	11	0,2	20	0,4
40-59 year	139	2,6	139	2,3	130	2,6
60-79 year	518	9,7	561	9,2	490	9,9
80-99 year	1.930	36,1	2.359	38,9	1.830	36,9
≥ 100 year	63	1,2	79	1,3	60	1,2
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.349</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6.068</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.962</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	1.513	28,3	1.462	24,1	1.530	30,8
Circulatory system	1.295	24,2	1.298	21,4	1.246	25,1
Respiratory system	286	5,3	277	4,6	413	8,3
Nervous system	361	6,7	350	5,8	352	7,1
Digestive system	239	4,5	228	3,8	233	4,7
Other causes	1.655	30,9	2.453	40,4	1.188	23,9
Covid-19 confirmed	329	6,2	1.034	17,0	0	0,0
Covid-19 probable	27	0,5	184	3,0	0	0,0
Other causes	1.299	24,3	1.235	20,4	1.188	23,9
<b>MALES</b>	<b>2.684</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.913</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.426</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	903	33,6	860	29,5	914	37,7
Circulatory system	636	23,7	582	20,0	582	24,0
Respiratory system	174	6,5	133	4,6	226	9,3
Nervous system	160	6,0	122	4,2	132	5,4
Digestive system	120	4,5	111	3,8	99	4,1
Other causes	691	26	1.105	38	473	19
Covid-19 confirmed	167	6,2	467	16,0	0	0,0
Covid-19 probable	16	0,6	89	3,1	0	0,0
Other causes	508	18,9	549	18,8	473	19,5
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>2.665</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.155</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.536</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	610	22,9	602	19,1	616	24,3
Circulatory system	659	24,7	716	22,7	664	26,2
Respiratory system	112	4,2	144	4,6	187	7,4
Nervous system	201	7,5	228	7,2	220	8,7
Digestive system	119	4,5	117	3,7	134	5,3
Other causes	964	36,2	1.348	42,7	715	28,2
Covid-19 confirmed	162	6,1	567	18,0	0	0,0
Covid-19 probable	11	0,4	95	3,0	0	0,0
Other causes	791	29,7	686	21,7	715	28,2

(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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