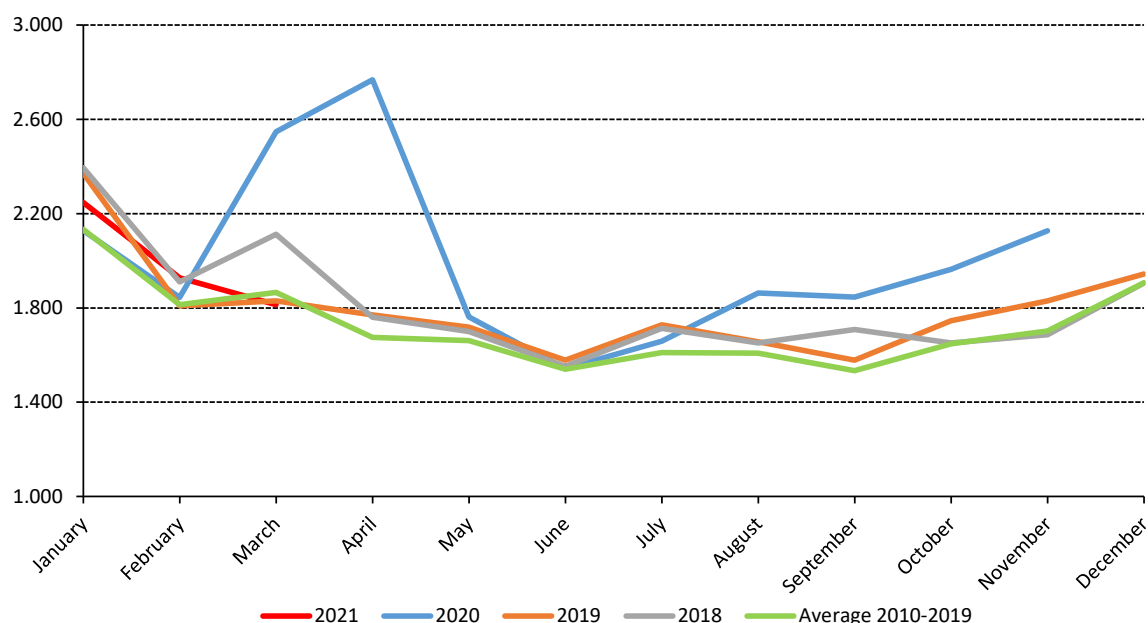


Deaths decreased by 8.2% in the first quarter of 2021 in the Basque Country

13.5% of deaths were as a result of COVID-19

In the first quarter of 2021 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,990, 8.2% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. If we compare the data with previous years, it can be seen that in March 2021 there were fewer deaths than in 2020, 2018 and the average of 2010-2019.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths were down in the three provinces, being particularly significant the decrease in Álava, where it reached 21.3%, 761 people. In Bizkaia, there was an 8.5% drop in deaths, with 3,277 deaths, and in Gipuzkoa of 1.2%, with 1,952 deaths. By sex, 3,010 men and 2,980 women died, which was a decrease of 7.2% for men and 9.1% for women.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 10 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.2%) and 97 to centenarians (1.7%).

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,472 and 1,462 individuals, respectively, which means that together they accounted for 49% of deaths. As a third cause of death was COVID-19, with 811 cases (13.5%). Deaths due to respiratory diseases were the fourth cause of death with 319 deceased (5.3%). Deaths due to diseases of the nervous system totalled 311 (5.2%) and those due to diseases of the digestive system 255 (4.3%).

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.

Population growth in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2021 was negative, with a population decrease of 2,692. The population decreased in the three provinces: by 1,665 people in Bizkaia, 819 in Gipuzkoa and 208 in Álava.

There were 811 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the first quarter of 2021

COVID-19 caused a total of 811 deaths, classified in two groups: 785 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and 26 probable COVID-19 deaths; there were a further 62 deaths in which COVID-19 was among the certified causes of death, but without being the main cause.

Deaths of the Basque Country by province and municipality (>40,000 inhabitants) of residence, sex and age according to the typology of causes of death related to COVID. I/2021

	Total Deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 likely
Basque country	5.990	811	785	26
Provinces of residence	761	110	104	6
Araba/Álava	3.277	476	461	15
Bizkaia	1.952	225	220	5
Gipuzkoa				
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	302	29	29	0
Basauri	129	14	14	0
Bilbao	1.133	199	190	9
Donostia / San Sebastián	515	64	63	1
Errenteria	121	14	14	0
Getxo	187	38	36	2
Irun	159	13	13	0
Portugalete	156	11	10	1
Santurtzi	130	19	19	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	566	88	83	5
Sex				
Males	3.010	444	430	14
Females	2.980	367	355	12
Age				
Under 40s	50	2	2	0
From 40 to 59 years old	399	25	24	1
From 60 to 79 years old	1.662	236	230	6
80 or more years	3.879	548	529	19

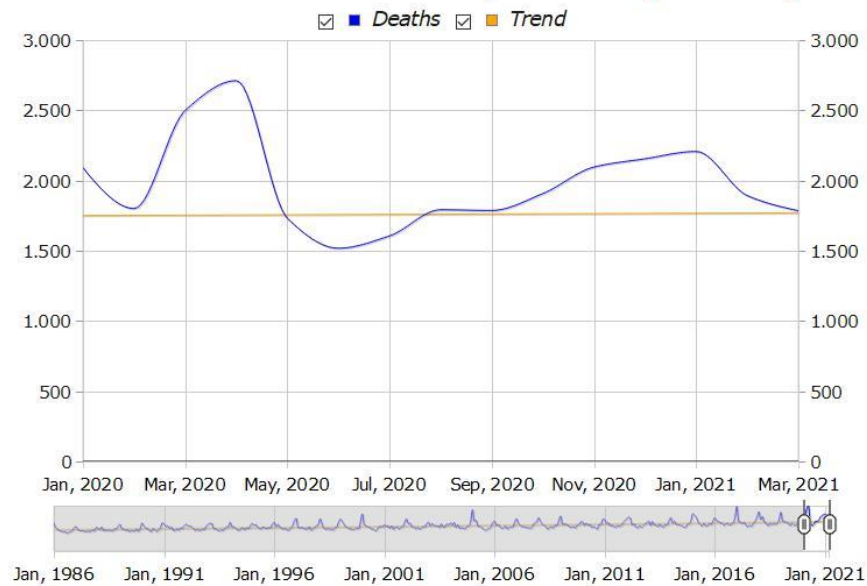
Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 476, followed by Gipuzkoa with 225 and Álava with 110. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 199 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 88 and Donostia/San Sebastián with 64. Other notable municipalities are Getxo with 38 and Barakaldo with 29 deaths.

The number of deaths of men (444) exceeded those of women (367), while, by age, the most affected groups were those aged over 80 (548), followed by those aged 60-79 (236)

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals, with 83% (81.4% in the first quarter of 2020); followed by residential care homes with 8.8% (11% in the first quarter of 2020); at home, with 7.6% (7.6% in the first quarter of 2020); and other locations, with 0.6% (0% in the first quarter of 2020).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths by territory of residence, sex, age fulfilled and cause of death (1)

	Current quarter I/2021		Previous quarter IV/2020		Same quarter of the previous year I/2020	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	5.990	100,0	6.284	100,0	6.522	100,0
Araba/Álava	761	12,7	797	12,7	967	14,8
Bizkaia	3.277	54,7	3.301	52,5	3.580	54,9
Gipuzkoa	1.952	32,6	2.186	34,8	1.975	30,3
Males	3.010	50,3	3.199	50,9	3.244	49,7
<1 year	6	0,1	7	0,1	7	0,1
1-19 year	9	0,2	7	0,1	4	0,1
20-39 year	18	0,3	25	0,4	34	0,5
40-59 year	260	4,3	261	4,2	246	3,8
60-79 year	1.060	17,7	1.196	19,0	1.134	17,4
80-99 year	1.635	27,3	1.691	26,9	1.810	27,8
≥ 100 year	22	0,4	12	0,2	9	0,1
Females	2.980	49,7	3.085	49,1	3.278	50,3
<1 year	4	0,1	4	0,1	6	0,1
1-19 year	4	0,1	2	0,0	3	0,0
20-39 year	9	0,2	13	0,2	19	0,3
40-59 year	139	2,3	146	2,3	150	2,3
60-79 year	602	10,1	581	9,2	628	9,6
80-99 year	2.147	35,8	2.268	36,1	2.403	36,8
≥ 100 year	75	1,3	71	1,1	69	1,1
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	5.990	100	6.284	100	6.522	100
Tumours	1.472	24,6	1.574	25,0	1.668	25,6
Circulatory system	1.462	24,4	1.483	23,6	1.516	23,2
Respiratory system	319	5,3	279	4,4	698	10,7
Nervous system	311	5,2	356	5,7	395	6,1
Digestive system	255	4,3	269	4,3	255	3,9
Other causes	2.171	36,2	2.323	37,0	1.990	30,5
COVID-19 confirmed	785	13,1	952	15,1	440	6,7
COVID-19 likely	26	0,4	31	0,5	75	1,1
Other causes	1.360	22,7	1.340	21,3	1.475	22,6
MALES	3.010	100	3.199	100	3.244	100
Tumours	867	28,8	970	30,3	1.002	30,9
Circulatory system	661	22,0	672	21,0	690	21,3
Respiratory system	182	6,0	158	4,9	369	11,4
Nervous system	140	4,7	138	4,3	160	4,9
Digestive system	126	4,2	133	4,2	135	4,2
Other causes	1.034	34,4	1.128	35,3	888	27,4
COVID-19 confirmed	430	14,3	509	15,9	275	8,5
COVID-19 likely	14	0,5	16	0,5	37	1,1
Other causes	590	19,6	603	18,8	576	17,8
FEMALES	2.980	100	3.085	100	3.278	100
Tumours	605	20,3	604	19,6	666	20,3
Circulatory system	801	26,9	811	26,3	826	25,2
Respiratory system	137	4,6	121	3,9	329	10,0
Nervous system	171	5,7	218	7,1	235	7,2
Digestive system	129	4,3	136	4,4	120	3,7
Other causes	1.137	38,2	1.195	38,7	1.102	33,6
COVID-19 confirmed	355	11,9	443	14,4	165	5,0
COVID-19 likely	12	0,4	15	0,5	38	1,2
Other causes	770	25,8	737	23,9	899	27,4

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

Source: Eustat. Marriage statistics

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