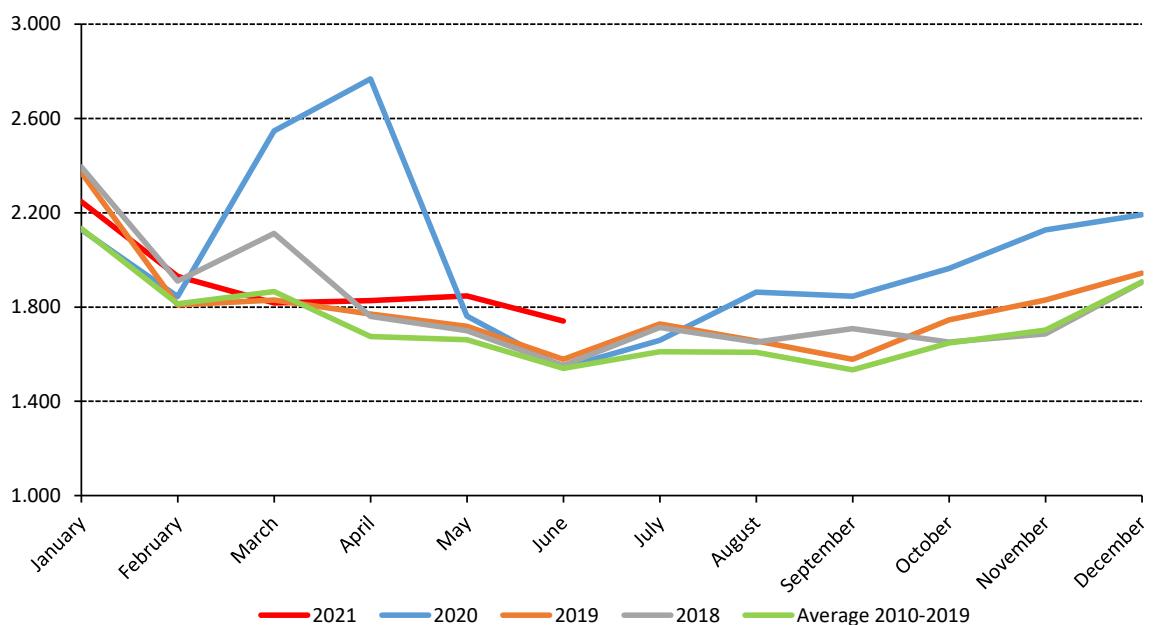


## Deaths in the Basque Country decreased by 10.8% in the second quarter of 2021

**5.9% of deaths were caused by COVID-19**

In the second quarter of 2021 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,415, 10.8% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. This is due to the higher mortality in 2020 as a result of COVID-19, of particular note was the month of April as the number of deaths was 33.9% down on 2020. If we compare the average of deaths in the second quarters in the period between 2010 and 2019, mortality in 2021 is 11.1% higher.

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



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths were down in the Bizkaia and Álava, being particularly significant the decrease in Bizkaia, where it reached 16.6%, 2,883 people. In Álava, the decrease in the number of deaths was 10.5%, with 721 deaths, and in Gipuzkoa there were 1,811 deaths, the same figure as in the second quarter of 2020. By sex, 2,734 men and 2,681 women died, which was a decrease of 6.2% for men and 15.1% for women.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this second quarter, 7 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.1%) and 64 to centenarians (1.1%).

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,569 and 1,344 individuals, respectively, which means that together they accounted for 53.8% of deaths. As a third cause of death were diseases of the nervous system, which resulted in 320 deaths (5.9%). COVID-19 was the fourth cause with 318 deaths (5.9%).

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 second quarter of 2021 was negative, with a population decrease of 1,892. The population decreased in the three provinces: by 1,146 people in Bizkaia, 602 in Gipuzkoa and 144 in Álava.

***There were 318 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the second quarter of 2021***

COVID-19 caused a total of 318 deaths (1,241 in the same quarter of 2020), classified in two groups: 317 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and 1 probable COVID-19 death; there were a further 31 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. II/2021**

	Total Deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 likely
<b>Basque country</b>	<b>5.415</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Provinces of residence</b>				
Araba/Álava	721	37	37	0
Bizkaia	2.883	170	169	1
Gipuzkoa	1.811	111	111	0
<b>Municipality of residence (&gt;40,000 inhabitants)</b>				
Barakaldo	281	11	11	0
Basauri	110	2	2	0
Bilbao	962	84	84	0
Donostia / San Sebastián	471	26	26	0
Getxo	185	11	11	0
Irun	173	9	9	0
Portugalete	125	7	7	0
Santurtzi	120	8	8	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	531	29	29	0
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	2.734	180	180	0
Females	2.681	138	137	1
<b>Age</b>				
Under 40s	64	1	1	0
From 40 to 59 years old	370	19	19	0
From 60 to 79 years old	1.543	157	157	0
80 or more years	3.438	141	140	1

**Source: Eustat. Death Statistics**

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 170, followed by Gipuzkoa with 111 and Álava with 37. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 84 deaths

caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 29 and San Sebastián with 26. Other noteworthy municipalities are Getxo and Barakaldo, with 11 deaths each.

The number of deaths of men (180) exceeded those of women (138), while, by age, the most affected groups were those aged between 70 and 79 (107), followed by those aged 80-89 (93).

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (89%, 56.4% in the second quarter of 2020), followed by residential care homes (1.9%, 39% in the second quarter of 2020) and at home (9.1%, 4.2% in the second quarter of 2020).

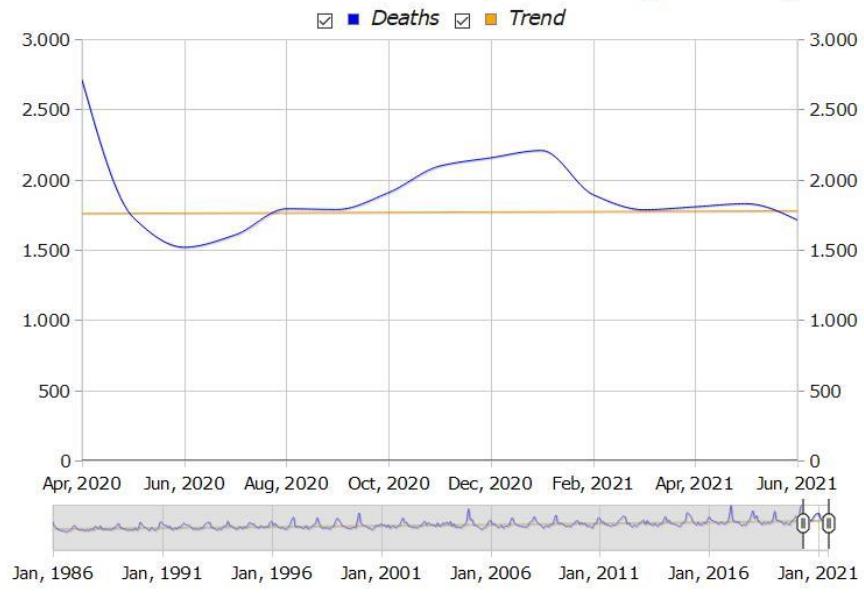
**Deaths by territory of residence, sex, age fulfilled and cause of death (1)**

	Current quarter		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
	II/2021		I/2021		II/2020	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>5.415</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>5.996</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>6.073</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Araba/Álava	721	13,3	763	12,7	806	13,3
Bizkaia	2.883	53,2	3.280	54,7	3.456	56,9
Gipuzkoa	1.811	33,4	1.953	32,6	1.811	29,8
Males	2.734	50,5	3.013	50,3	2.916	48,0
<1 year	5	0,1	6	0,1	4	0,1
1-19 year	8	0,1	9	0,2	5	0,1
20-39 year	29	0,5	19	0,3	28	0,5
40-59 year	248	4,6	262	4,4	221	3,6
60-79 year	1.001	18,5	1.060	17,7	1.056	17,4
80-99 year	1.435	26,5	1.635	27,3	1.591	26,2
≥ 100 year	8	0,1	22	0,4	11	0,2
Females	2.681	49,5	2.983	49,7	3.157	52,0
<1 year	2	0,0	4	0,1	3	0,0
1-19 year	3	0,1	4	0,1	3	0,0
20-39 year	17	0,3	9	0,2	11	0,2
40-59 year	122	2,3	139	2,3	139	2,3
60-79 year	542	10,0	602	10,0	561	9,2
80-99 year	1.939	35,8	2.150	35,9	2.361	38,9
≥ 100 year	56	1,0	75	1,3	79	1,3
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.415</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.996</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6.073</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	1.569	29,0	1.480	24,7	1.462	24,1
Circulatory system	1.344	24,8	1.469	24,5	1.303	21,5
Respiratory system	277	5,1	322	5,4	277	4,6
Nervous system	320	5,9	311	5,2	349	5,7
Digestive system	265	4,9	255	4,3	226	3,7
Other causes	1.640	30,3	2.159	36,0	2.456	40,4
COVID-19 confirmed	317	5,9	785	13,1	1.052	17,3
COVID-19 likely	1	0,0	26	0,4	189	3,1
Other causes	1.322	24,4	1.348	22,5	1.215	20,0
<b>MALES</b>	<b>2.734</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.013</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.916</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	926	33,9	874	29,0	863	29,6
Circulatory system	635	23,2	665	22,1	586	20,1
Respiratory system	163	6,0	184	6,1	136	4,7
Nervous system	135	4,9	140	4,6	121	4,1
Digestive system	131	4,8	126	4,2	111	3,8
Other causes	744	27,2	1.024	34,0	1.099	37,7
COVID-19 confirmed	180	6,6	430	14,3	472	16,2
COVID-19 likely	0	0,0	14	0,5	90	3,1
Other causes	564	20,6	580	19,2	537	18,4
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>2.681</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.983</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.157</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	643	24,0	606	20,3	599	19,0
Circulatory system	709	26,4	804	27,0	717	22,7
Respiratory system	114	4,3	138	4,6	141	4,5
Nervous system	185	6,9	171	5,7	228	7,2
Digestive system	134	5,0	129	4,3	115	3,6
Other causes	896	33,4	1.135	38,0	1.357	43,0
COVID-19 confirmed	137	5,1	355	11,9	580	18,4
COVID-19 likely	1	0,0	12	0,4	99	3,1
Other causes	758	28,3	768	25,7	678	21,5

(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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