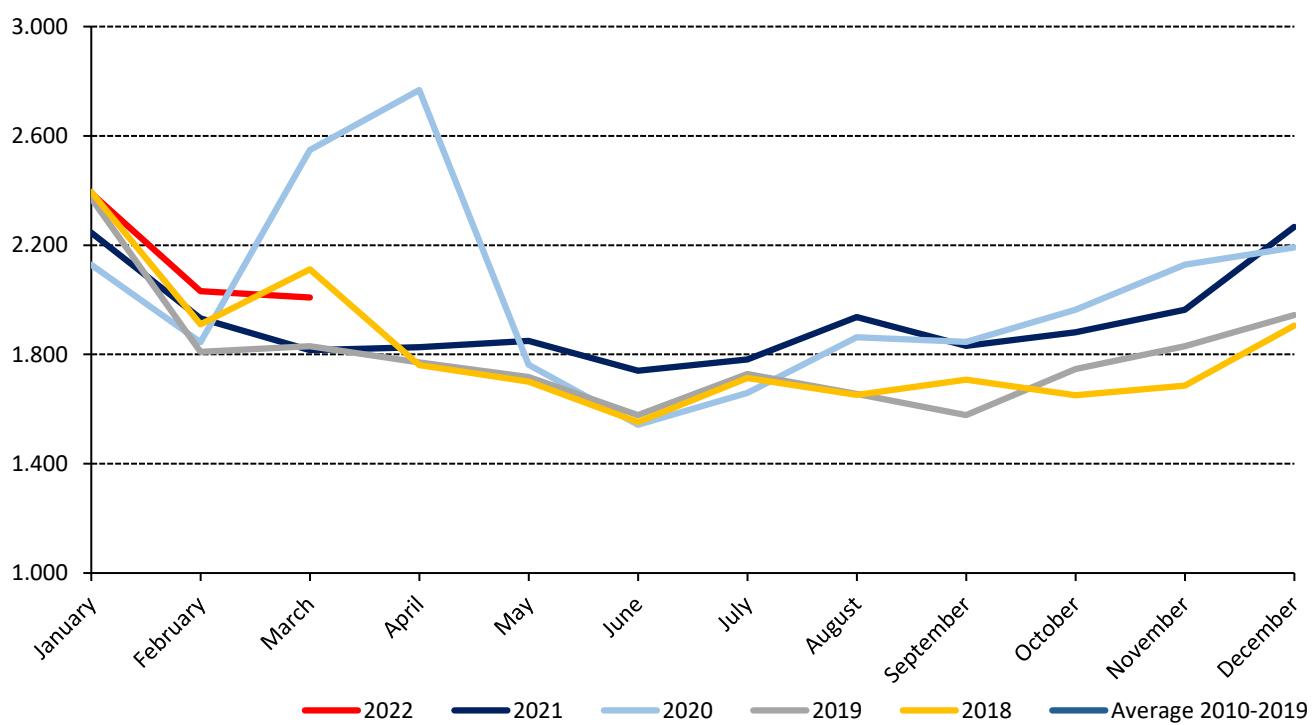


Deaths increased by 7.3% in the first quarter of 2022 in the Basque Country

761 deaths were as a result of COVID-19, 11.8% of the total

In the first quarter of 2022 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 6,431, up 7.3% on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. If we compare the data with previous years, we see that in this first quarter of 2022 the number of deaths was greater than in 2021 (5,994), than in 2021 (6,011) and the average for 2010-2019 (5,813) and less than the number of deaths that occurred in 2020 (6,522).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths increased in the three provinces, the greatest increase being in Gipuzkoa, where it reached 10.3%, 2,156 people. The number of deaths rose by 8.9% in Álava, with 831 deaths, and by 5.1% in Bizkaia, with 3,444 deaths. By sex, 3,279 women and 3,152 men died, which was an increase of 10% for women and of 4.6% for men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 11 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.2%) and 112 to centenarians (1.7%).

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,569 and 1,509 individuals, respectively, which means that together they accounted for 47.9% of deaths. As a third cause of death was COVID-19, with 761 cases (11.8%). Diseases of the nervous system were the fourth cause of death with 409 deaths (6.4%). Deaths due to diseases of the respiratory system totalled 378 (5.9%) and those due to diseases of the digestive system 272 (4.2%).

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 2022 was negative, with a population decrease of 3,144. The population decreased in the three provinces: by 1,753 people in Bizkaia, 1,103 in Gipuzkoa and 288 in Álava.

There were 761 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the first quarter of 2022

COVID-19 caused a total of 761 deaths, classified in two groups: 755 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and 6 probable COVID-19 deaths; there were a further 157 deaths in which COVID-19 was among the certified causes of death, but without being the main cause.

Deaths of the Basque Country by provinces, municipality (>40,000 hab.) of residence, sex and age according to causes of death related to COVID-19. 2022/I

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	6.431	761	755	6
Historic Territories of Residence				
Araba/Álava	831	105	103	2
Bizkaia	3.444	390	386	4
Gipuzkoa	2.156	266	266	0
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	327	26	26	0
Basauri	139	21	20	1
Bilbao	1.112	131	129	2
Donostia / San Sebastián	610	57	57	0
Getxo	203	29	28	1
Irún	193	23	23	0
Portugalete	174	20	20	0
Santurtzi	139	13	13	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	627	83	81	2
Sex				
Man	3.152	427	424	3
Woman	3.279	334	331	3
Age				
Aged under 40	71	3	3	0
From 40 to 59 years	396	22	22	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.826	214	212	2
80 or older	4.138	522	518	4

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 390, followed by Gipuzkoa with 266 and Álava with 105. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 131 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 83 and San Sebastián with 57. Other notable municipalities are Getxo with 29 and Barakaldo with 26 deaths.

The number of deaths of men (427) exceeded those of women (334), while, by age, the most affected groups were those aged over 80 (522), followed by those aged 60-79 (214).

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals, with 79% (82.9% in the first quarter of 2021); followed by residential care homes with 10.6% (8.7% in the first quarter of 2021); at home, with 10.1% (8% in the first quarter of 2021); and other locations, with 0.3% (0.4% in the first quarter of 2021).

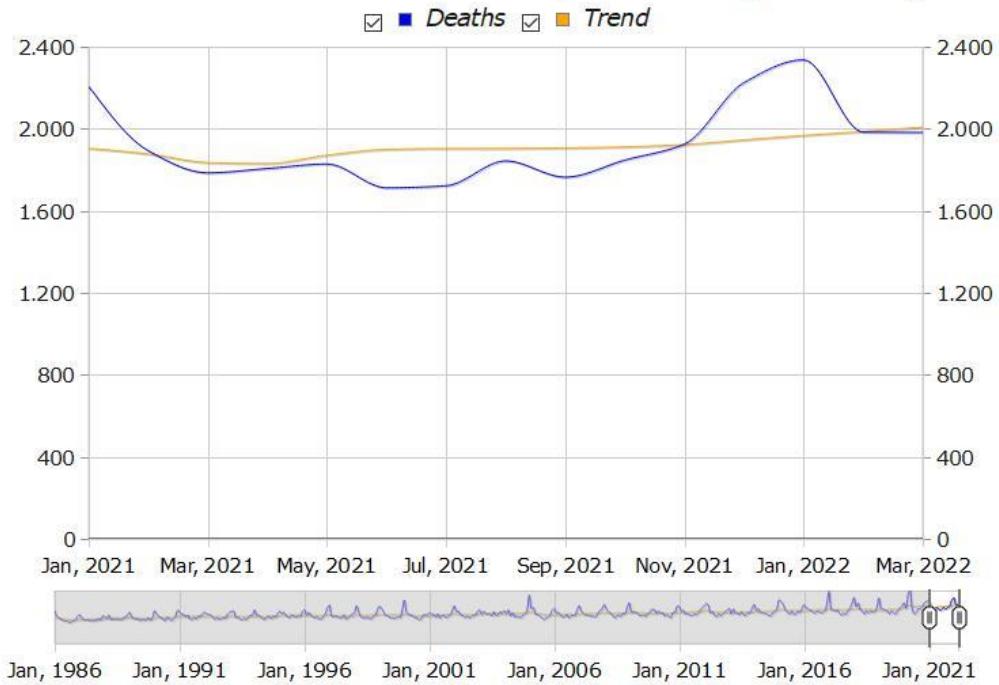
Deaths by territory of residence, age, sex, cause of death and month of death (1). 2022/I

	Current quarter (I/2022)		Previous quarter (IV/2021)		Same quarter of the previous year (I/2021)			
	No.	%	No.	%	Increase (%)	No.	%	Increase (%)
DEATHS	6.431	100.0	6.111	100.0	5.2	5.994	100.0	7.3
Araba / Álava	831	12.9	807	13.2	3.0	763	12.7	8.9
Bizkaia	3.444	53.6	3.281	53.7	5.0	3.277	54.7	5.1
Gipuzkoa	2.156	33.5	2.023	33.1	6.6	1.954	32.6	10.3
Age								
Under 1 years	11	0.2	6	0.1	83.3	10	0.2	10.0
1-19 years	8	0.1	14	0.2	-42.9	13	0.2	-38.5
20-39 years	52	0.8	31	0.5	67.7	28	0.5	85.7
40-59 years	396	6.2	405	6.6	-2.2	403	6.7	-1.7
60-79 years	1.826	28.4	1.670	27.3	9.3	1.660	27.7	10.0
80-99 years	4.026	62.6	3.885	63.6	3.6	3.783	63.1	6.4
100 or more years	112	1.7	100	1.6	12.0	97	1.6	15.5
Men	3.152	49.0	3.003	49.1	5.0	3.013	50.3	4.6
Under 1 years	7	0.2	4	0.1	75.0	6	0.2	16.7
1-19 years	4	0.1	9	0.3	-55.6	9	0.3	-55.6
20-39 years	24	0.8	22	0.7	9.1	19	0.6	26.3
40-59 years	243	7.7	258	8.6	-5.8	263	8.7	-7.6
60-79 years	1.152	36.5	1.071	35.7	7.6	1.060	35.2	8.7
80-99 years	1.709	54.2	1.624	54.1	5.2	1.634	54.2	4.6
100 or more years	13	0.4	15	0.5	-13.3	22	0.7	-40.9
Women	3.279	51.0	3.108	50.9	5.5	2.981	49.7	10.0
Under 1 years	4	0.1	2	0.1	100.0	4	0.1	0.0
1-19 years	4	0.1	5	0.2	-20.0	4	0.1	0.0
20-39 years	28	0.9	9	0.3	211.1	9	0.3	211.1
40-59 years	153	4.7	147	4.7	4.1	140	4.7	9.3
60-79 years	674	20.6	599	19.3	12.5	600	20.1	12.3
80-99 years	2.317	70.7	2.261	72.7	2.5	2.149	72.1	7.8
100 or more years	99	3.0	85	2.7	16.5	75	2.5	32.0
CAUSE OF DEATH								
Total								
Tumors	1.569	24.4	1.589	26.0	-1.3	1.476	24.6	6.3
Circulatory system	1.509	23.5	1.705	27.9	-11.5	1.472	24.6	2.5
Respiratory system	378	5.9	427	7.0	-11.5	317	5.3	19.2
Nervous system	409	6.4	418	6.8	-2.2	310	5.2	31.9
Digestive system	272	4.2	301	4.9	-9.6	255	4.3	6.7
Other causes	2.294	35.7	1.671	27.3	37.3	2.164	36.1	6.0
COVID-19 confirmed	755	11.7	259	4.2	191.5	796	13.3	-5.2
COVID-19 probable	6	0.1	4	0.1	50.0	24	0.4	-75.0
Other causes	1.533	23.8	1.408	23.0	8.9	1.344	22.4	14.1
Men								
Tumors	881	28.0	929	30.9	-5.2	870	28.9	1.3
Circulatory system	706	22.4	779	25.9	-9.4	668	22.2	5.7
Respiratory system	212	6.7	253	8.4	-16.2	182	6.0	16.5
Nervous system	152	4.8	162	5.4	-6.2	139	4.6	9.4
Digestive system	141	4.5	152	5.1	-7.2	127	4.2	11.0
Other causes	1.060	33.6	728	24.2	45.6	1.027	34.1	3.2
COVID-19 confirmed	424	13.5	151	5.0	180.8	438	14.5	-3.2
COVID-19 probable	3	0.1	1	0.0	200.0	13	0.4	-76.9
Other causes	633	20.1	576	19.2	9.9	576	19.1	9.9
Women								
Tumors	688	21.0	660	21.2	4.2	606	20.3	13.5
Circulatory system	803	24.5	926	29.8	-13.3	804	27.0	-0.1
Respiratory system	166	5.1	174	5.6	-4.6	135	4.5	23.0
Nervous system	257	7.8	256	8.2	0.4	171	5.7	50.3
Digestive system	131	4.0	149	4.8	-12.1	128	4.3	2.3
Other causes	1.234	37.6	943	30.3	30.9	1.137	38.1	8.5
COVID-19 confirmed	331	10.1	108	3.5	206.5	358	12.0	-7.5
COVID-19 probable	3	0.1	3	0.1	0.0	11	0.4	-72.7
Other causes	900	27.4	832	26.8	8.2	768	25.8	17.2
MONTH OF DEATH								
January	2.391	37.2				2.246	37.5	6.5
February	2.031	31.6				1.932	32.2	5.1
March	2.009	31.2				1.816	30.3	10.6

(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter

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