

Deaths increased by 8.4% in the third quarter of 2022 in the Basque Country

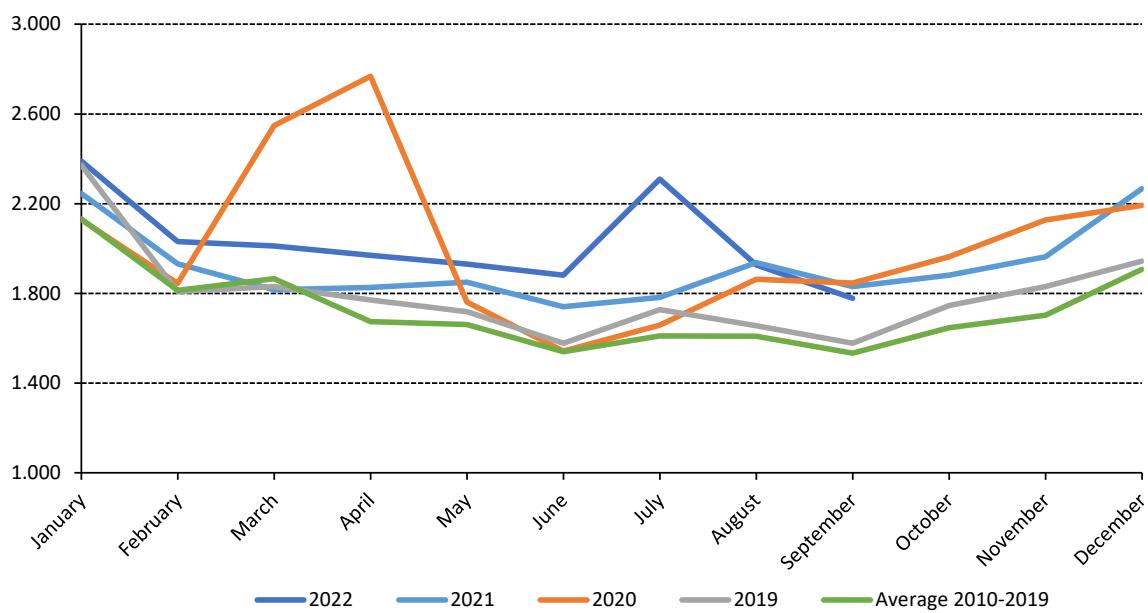
This increase was concentrated in July, when deaths increased by 29.6%

In the third quarter of 2022 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 6,015, up 8.4% on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. The cumulative total between January and September 2022 stood at 18,229 deaths, 7.5% more than in 2021.

In August and September deaths fell by 0.5% and 2.9% respectively, in relation to the same months of the previous year, for which the overall result in this quarter was exclusively due to the almost 30% increase in mortality in July.

Moreover, COVID-19 caused a total of 367 deaths in the quarter, 32% more than in the same months of 2021.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths increased in all three provinces, with 11.5% increase in Álava (755 deaths) being particularly significant. The rise in Álava was due to the fact that mortality increased over the three months, by 24.9% in July, 8.9% in August and 1.4% in September. In Bizkaia, the increase was 9.2% for the quarter as a whole, with 3,324 deaths. In July deaths rose by 38.9% and in August and September they were down 3.9% and 5.1% respectively. In Gipuzkoa, the increase this quarter was more moderate at 5.9%, in other words 1,936 deaths. In July and August deaths rose by 16.6% and 1.9% respectively; in contrast, in September there was a decrease of 0.8%.

By sex, 3,107 women and 2,908 men died, which was an increase of 13.6% for women and 3.3% for men.

Of the deaths that occurred in this second quarter, 8 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.1%) and 109 to centenarians (1.8%).

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

	III/2022		II/2022		III/2021		Increase %	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%		
DEATHS	6.015	100,0	5.782	100,0	4.0	5.550	100,0	8,4
Territory of residence								
Araba / Álava	755	12,6	792	13,7	-4,7	677	12,2	11,5
Bizkaia	3.324	55,3	3.153	54,5	5,4	3.045	54,9	9,2
Gipuzkoa	1.936	32,2	1.837	31,8	5,4	1.828	32,9	5,9
Age								
Under 1 years	8	0,1	10	0,2	-20,0	12	0,2	-33,3
1-19 years	12	0,2	6	0,1	100,0	6	0,1	100,0
20-39 years	47	0,8	33	0,6	42,4	36	0,6	30,6
40-59 years	366	6,1	388	6,7	-5,7	378	6,8	-3,2
60-79 years	1.716	28,5	1.596	27,6	7,5	1.575	28,4	9,0
80-99 years	3.757	62,5	3.647	63,1	3,0	3.467	62,5	8,4
100 or more years	109	1,8	102	1,8	6,9	76	1,4	43,4
Men	2.908	100,0	2.853	100,0	1,9	2.814	100,0	3,3
Under 1 years	6	0,2	3	0,1	100,0	6	0,2	0,0
1-19 years	8	0,3	3	0,1	166,7	3	0,1	166,7
20-39 years	41	1,4	24	0,8	70,8	25	0,9	64,0
40-59 years	232	8,0	259	9,1	-10,4	236	8,4	-1,7
60-79 years	1.083	37,2	1.011	35,4	7,1	1.015	36,1	6,7
80-99 years	1.524	52,4	1.545	54,2	-1,4	1.518	53,9	0,4
100 or more years	14	0,5	8	0,3	75,0	11	0,4	27,3
Women	3.107	100,0	2.929	100,0	6,1	2.736	100,0	13,6
Under 1 years	2	0,1	7	0,2	-71,4	6	0,2	-66,7
1-19 years	4	0,1	3	0,1	33,3	3	0,1	33,3
20-39 years	6	0,2	9	0,3	-33,3	11	0,4	-45,5
40-59 years	134	4,3	129	4,4	3,9	142	5,2	-5,6
60-79 years	633	20,4	585	20,0	8,2	560	20,5	13,0
80-99 years	2.233	71,9	2.102	71,8	6,2	1.949	71,2	14,6
100 or more years	95	3,1	94	3,2	1,1	65	2,4	46,2
MONTH OF DEATH								
July	2.310	38,4			1.782	32,1	29,6	
August	1.927	32,0			1.937	34,9	-0,5	
September	1.778	29,6			1.831	33,0	-2,9	
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter								

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Source: Eustat. Death statistics

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,605 and 1,319 individuals respectively, which means that together they accounted for 48.6% of deaths. Diseases of the nervous system were the third cause of death resulting in 399 deaths (6.6%). COVID-19 was the main cause in 367 deaths (6.1%).

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.

Deaths by cause of death and sex (1). 2022/III

	III/2022			II/2022			III/2021		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %	
DEATHS	6.015	100,0	5.782	100,0		4.0	5.550	100,0	8,4
Cause of death									
Total									
Tumors	1.605	26,7	1.557	26,9		3,1	1.608	29,0	-0,2
Circulatory system	1.319	21,9	1.422	24,6	-7,2	1.377	24,8	-4,2	
Respiratory system	374	6,2	343	5,9		9,0	329	5,9	13,7
Nervous system	399	6,6	358	6,2		11,5	357	6,4	11,8
Digestive system	288	4,8	286	4,9		0,7	252	4,5	14,3
Other causes	2.030	33,7	1.816	31,4		11,8	1.627	29,3	24,8
COVID-19 confirmed	367	6,1	361	6,2		1,7	278	5,0	32,0
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	1	0,0		-100,0	3	0,1	-100,0
Other causes	1.663	27,6	1.454	25,1		14,4	1.346	24,3	23,6
Men									
Tumors	922	31,7	922	32,3		0,0	952	33,8	-3,2
Circulatory system	596	20,5	660	23,1	-9,7	672	23,9	-11,3	
Respiratory system	197	6,8	180	6,3		9,4	187	6,6	5,3
Nervous system	155	5,3	144	5,0		7,6	157	5,6	-1,3
Digestive system	143	4,9	156	5,5	-8,3	131	4,7	9,2	
Other causes	895	30,8	791	27,7		13,1	715	25,4	25,2
COVID-19 confirmed	191	6,6	189	6,6		1,1	141	5,0	35,5
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	1	0,0		-100,0	1	0,0	-100,0
Other causes	704	24,2	601	21,1		17,1	573	20,4	22,9
Women									
Tumors	683	22,0	635	21,7		7,6	656	24,0	4,1
Circulatory system	723	23,3	762	26,0	-5,1	705	25,8	2,6	
Respiratory system	177	5,7	163	5,6		8,6	142	5,2	24,6
Nervous system	244	7,9	214	7,3		14,0	200	7,3	22,0
Digestive system	145	4,7	130	4,4		11,5	121	4,4	19,8
Other causes	1.135	36,5	1.025	35,0		10,7	912	33,3	24,5
COVID-19 confirmed	176	5,7	172	5,9		2,3	137	5,0	28,5
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0		0,0	2	0,1	-100,0
Other causes	959	30,9	853	29,1		12,4	773	28,3	24,1
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Population growth in the Basque Country in the third quarter of 2022 was negative, with a population decrease of 2,509. The population decreased in the three provinces: by 1,550 people in Bizkaia, 767 in Gipuzkoa and 192 in Álava.

There were 367 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the third quarter of 2022

COVID-19 caused a total of 367 deaths, 89 more than in the same quarter of 2021 (up 32%), and 10 more than occurred in the same months of 2020 (up 2.8%). All these deaths were confirmed as being due to COVID-19; there were a further 135 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/III

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	6.015	367	367	0
province of residence of the spouses				
Araba/Álava	755	42	42	0
Bizkaia	3.324	215	215	0
Gipuzkoa	1.936	110	110	0
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	314	19	19	0
Basauri	120	7	7	0
Bilbao	1.129	88	88	0
Donostia / San Sebastian	554	26	26	0
Getxo	193	11	11	0
Irún	167	18	18	0
Portugalete	146	10	10	0
Santurtzi	152	10	10	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	561	28	28	0
Sex				
Man	2.908	191	191	0
Woman	3.107	176	176	0
Age				
Aged under 40	67	0	0	0
From 40 to 59 years	366	5	5	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.716	74	74	0
80 or older	3.866	288	288	0

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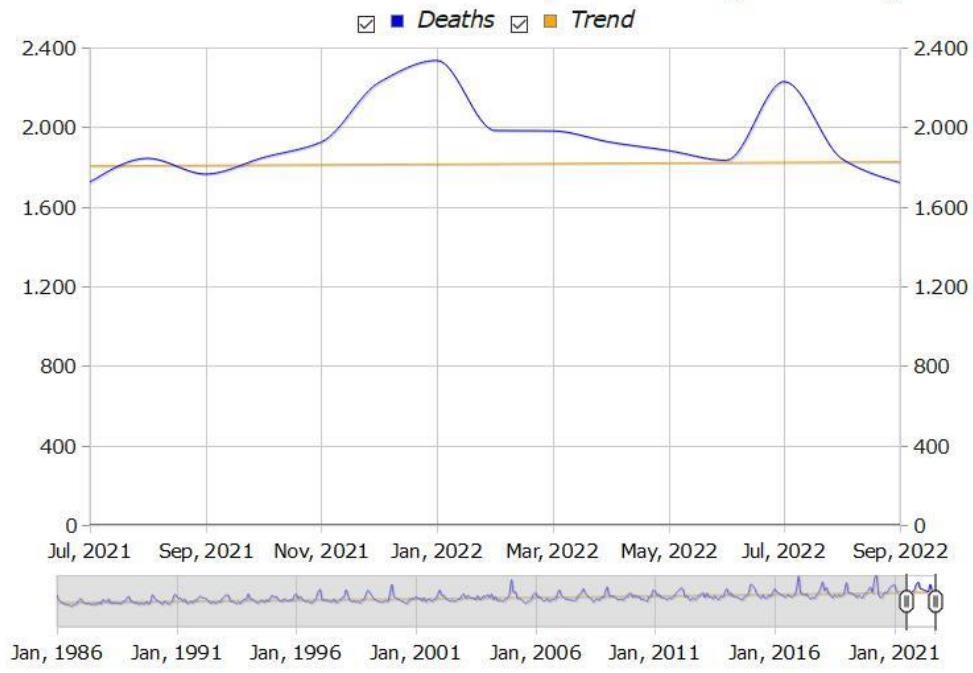
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By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 215, followed by Gipuzkoa with 110 and Álava with 42. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 88 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 28 and Donostia/San Sebastián with 26. Other notable municipalities were Barakaldo, with 19 deaths, Irun with 18 and Getxo with 11.

The number of deaths of men (191) exceeded those of women (176), while, by age, the most affected group was those older than 80 years old, where 78.5% of deaths from COVID-19 were caused, 288 deaths.

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (82.8%, 86.5% in the third quarter of 2021), followed by residential care homes (7.9%, 8.9% in the third quarter of 2021) and at home (9.3%, 3.9% in the third quarter of 2021).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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