

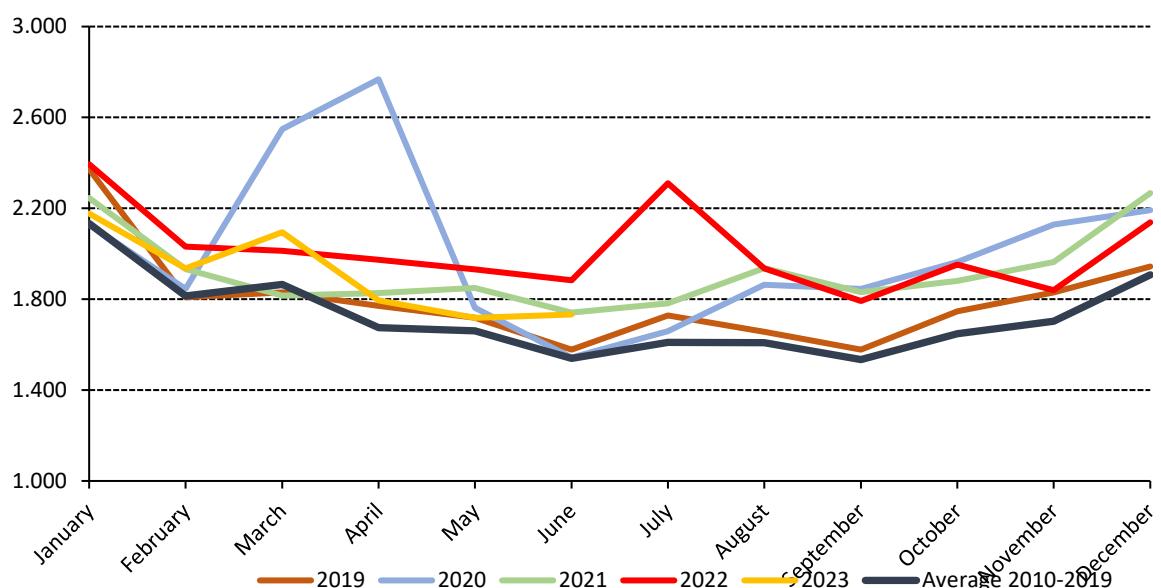
Deaths decreased by 9.4% in the second quarter of 2023 in the Basque Country

The 84 deaths caused by COVID-19 accounted for 1.6% of deaths

In the second quarter of 2023 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,245, 9.4% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. If we compare this data with previous years, we see that in the second quarter of 2023, the number of deaths was lower than in 2022 (5,787), 2021 (5,418) and 2020 (6,073), but higher than in 2019 (5,067) and the average for the 2010-2019 period (4,876).

COVID-19 caused a total of 84 deaths, 277 fewer than in the same quarter of 2022.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths fell in all three territories, with the drop being particularly significant in Álava and Bizkaia: in Álava they decreased by 13.4%, with a total of 686 deceased persons and in Bizkaia by 12.5%, with 2,763 deaths. The decrease in Gipuzkoa was more moderate, at 2.3% and 1,796 deaths. By sex, 2,643 women and 2,602 men died, which was a decrease of 9.8% for women and 9% for men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this second quarter, 7 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.1%) and 98 to centenarians (1.9%).

Deaths by territory of residence, age, sex and month of death (1). 2023/II

	II/2023		I/2023		II/2022			
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
DEATHS	5.245	100,0	6.216	100,0		-15,6	5.787	100,0
Araba / Álava	686	13,1	800	12,9		-14,3	792	13,7
Bizkaia	2.763	52,7	3.284	52,8		-15,9	3.156	54,5
Gipuzkoa	1.796	34,2	2.132	34,3		-15,8	1.839	31,8
Age								
Under 1 years	7	0,1	8	0,1		-12,5	10	0,2
1-19 years	9	0,2	9	0,1		0,0	6	0,1
20-39 years	31	0,6	36	0,6		-13,9	33	0,6
40-59 years	324	6,2	337	5,4		-3,9	391	6,8
60-79 years	1.519	29,0	1.686	27,1		-9,9	1.596	27,6
80-99 years	3.257	62,1	4.027	64,8		-19,1	3.649	63,1
100 or more years	98	1,9	113	1,8		-13,3	102	1,8
Men								
Under 1 years	5	0,2	5	0,2		0,0	3	0,1
1-19 years	8	0,3	4	0,1		100,0	3	0,1
20-39 years	25	1,0	23	0,8		8,7	24	0,8
40-59 years	199	7,6	225	7,4		-11,6	262	9,2
60-79 years	962	37,0	1.069	35,1		-10,0	1.011	35,4
80-99 years	1.385	53,2	1.703	55,9		-18,7	1.547	54,1
100 or more years	18	0,7	15	0,5		20,0	8	0,3
Women								
Under 1 years	2	0,1	3	0,1		-33,3	7	0,2
1-19 years	1	0,0	5	0,2		-80,0	3	0,1
20-39 years	6	0,2	13	0,4		-53,8	9	0,3
40-59 years	125	4,7	112	3,5		11,6	129	4,4
60-79 years	557	21,1	617	19,5		-9,7	585	20,0
80-99 years	1.872	70,8	2.324	73,3		-19,4	2.102	71,8
100 or more years	80	3,0	98	3,1		-18,4	94	3,2
MONTH OF DEATH								
April	1.795	34,2				1.973	34,1	-9,0
May	1.718	32,8				1.931	33,4	-11,0
June	1.732	33,0				1.883	32,5	-8,0
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter								

Date November 20, 2023

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,472 and 1,338 individuals respectively, which means that together they accounted for 53.6% of deaths. Diseases of the respiratory system were the third cause of death resulting in 341 deaths. COVID-19 caused 84 deaths (1.6%).

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 of the Basque Country by cause of death and sex (1). 2023/II

	II/2023		I/2023		II/2022	
	NO.	%	NO.	% Increase %	NO.	% Increase %
DEATHS	5.245 100,0		6.216 100,0		-15,6 5.787 100,0	
Cause of death						
Total						
Tumors	1.472	28	1.622	26	-9 1.559	27
Circulatory system	1.338	25,5	1.627	26,2	-17,8 1.438	24,8
Respiratory system	341	6,5	545	8,8	-37,4 344	5,9
Nervous system	324	6,2	405	6,5	-20,0 358	6,2
Digestive system	263	5,0	305	4,9	-13,8 287	5,0
Other causes	1.507	28,7	1.712	27,5	-12,0 1.801	31,1
COVID-19 confirmed	84	1,6	74	1,2	13,5 361	6,2
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0 1	0,0
Other causes	1.423	27,1	1.638	26,4	-13,1 1.439	24,9
						-1,1
Men						
Tumors	860	33	983	32	-13 923	32
Circulatory system	624	24,0	752	24,7	-17,0 672	23,5
Respiratory system	180	6,9	280	9,2	-35,7 178	6,2
Nervous system	144	5,5	159	5,2	-9,4 145	5,1
Digestive system	132	5,1	161	5,3	-18,0 159	5,6
Other causes	662	25,4	709	23,3	-6,6 781	27,3
COVID-19 confirmed	37	1,4	36	1,2	2,8 189	6,6
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0 1	0,0
Other causes	625	24,0	673	22,1	-7,1 591	20,7
						5,8
Women						
Tumors	612	23	639	20	-4 636	22
Circulatory system	714	27,0	875	27,6	-18,4 766	26,2
Respiratory system	161	6,1	265	8,4	-39,2 166	5,7
Nervous system	180	6,8	246	7,8	-26,8 213	7,3
Digestive system	131	5,0	144	4,5	-9,0 128	4,4
Other causes	845	32,0	1.003	31,6	-15,8 1.020	34,8
COVID-19 confirmed	47	1,8	38	1,2	23,7 172	5,9
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0 0	0,0
Other causes	798	30,2	965	30,4	-17,3 848	29,0
						-5,9
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter						

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Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Population growth in the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2023 was negative, with a population decrease of 2,040. The population fell in all three provinces: by 1,186 people in Bizkaia, 719 in Gipuzkoa and 135 in Álava.

There were 84 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the second quarter of 2023

COVID-19 caused a total of 84 deaths, 277 fewer than in the same quarter of 2022. All these deaths were confirmed as being due to COVID-19; there were a further 13 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.
2023/II**

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	5.245	84	84	0
Historic Territories of Residence				
Araba/Álava	686	11	11	0
Bizkaia	2.763	48	48	0
Gipuzkoa	1.796	25	25	0
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	246	4	4	0
Basauri	124	4	4	0
Bilbao	876	14	14	0
Donostia / San Sebastián	492	10	10	0
Getxo	205	3	3	0
Irún	152	0	0	0
Portugalete	131	3	3	0
Santurtzi	140	2	2	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	506	4	4	0
Sex				
Man	2.602	37	37	0
Woman	2.643	47	47	0
Age				
Aged under 40	47	0	0	0
From 40 to 59 years	324	1	1	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.519	17	17	0
80 or older	3.355	66	66	0

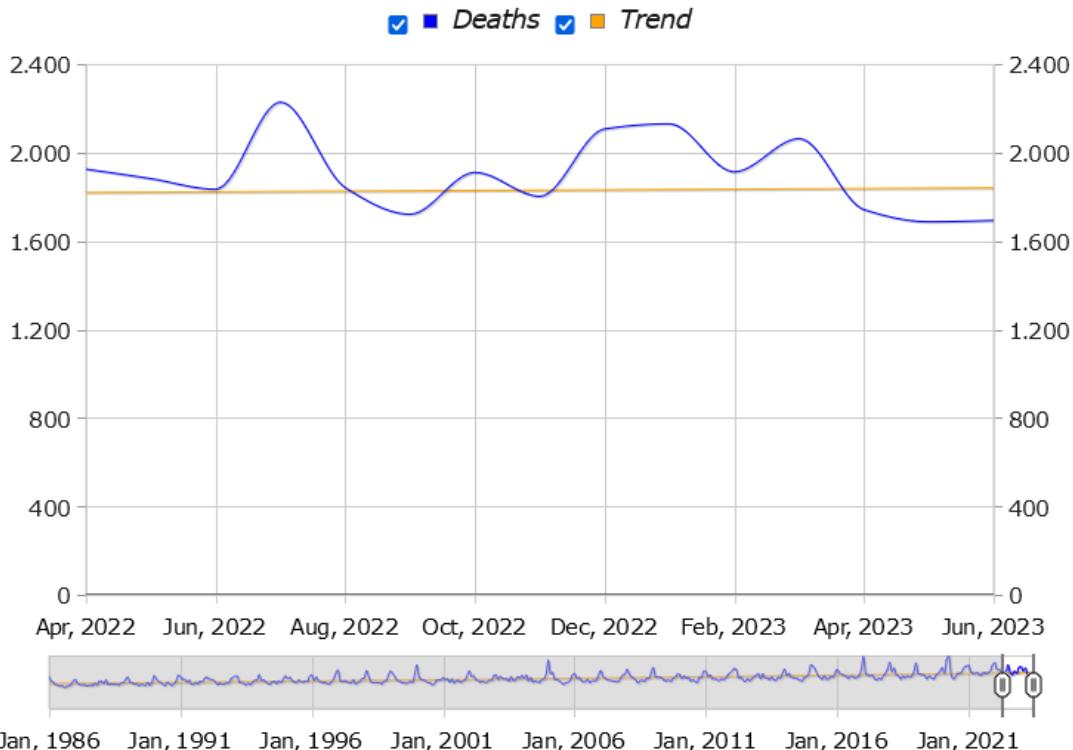
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By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 48, followed by Gipuzkoa with 25 and Álava with 11. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 14 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by San Sebastián with 10 and Vitoria-Gasteiz with 4. Other notable municipalities were Barakaldo and Basuri with 4 deaths each due to COVID-19.

The number of deaths of women (47) exceeded those of men (37), while, by age, the most affected group was those aged over 80 years old, accounting for 78.6% of deaths due to COVID-19 (66 deaths).

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (85.6%, 79% in the second quarter of 2022), followed by residential care homes (10.7%, 11.6% in the second quarter of 2022) and at home (3.5%, 9.4% in the second quarter of 2022).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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