

Deaths decreased by 15.6% in the third quarter of 2023 in the Basque Country

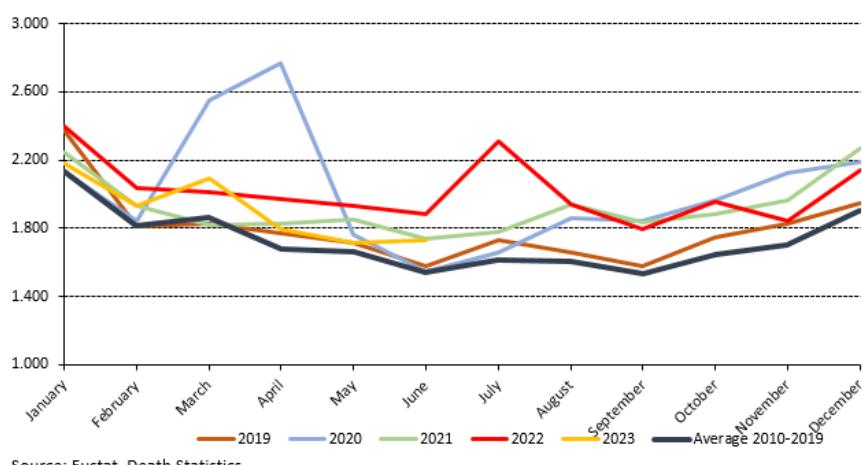
This drop was concentrated in July, when deaths decreased by 30.9%

In the third quarter of 2023, the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,099, down 15.6% on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

In August and September, deaths fell by 9.2% and 2.6%, respectively, in relation to the same months of the previous year, but of particular note was July, which saw a drop of 30.9%. It is worth remembering that the number of deaths in the third quarter of 2022 was significantly high. If we compare data from the third quarter of 2023 with data from the same quarter of 2019, the year before the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an increase of 2.8%.

COVID-19 caused a total of 121 deaths, 253 fewer than in the same quarter of 2022.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Deaths were down in all three provinces. There was a particularly significant fall of 18.1% in Bizkaia, with 2,735 deaths; in Álava, the drop stood at 14.2%, with 652 deaths; and in Gipuzkoa, the decrease in this quarter was 11.8%, with 1,712 deaths. By sex, 2,576 men and 2,523 women died, which was a decrease of 11.9% for men and 19% for women.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this second quarter, 9 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.2%) and 91 to centenarians (1.8%), the majority of whom were women (83 women).

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

	III/2023			II/2023			III/2022		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	△ %	NO.	%	△ %	
DEATHS	5.099	100,0	5.265	100,0	-3,2	6.038	100,0	-15,6	
Araba / Álava	652	12,8	690	13,1	-5,5	760	12,6	-14,2	
Bizkaia	2.735	53,6	2.766	52,5	-1,1	3.338	55,3	-18,1	
Gipuzkoa	1.712	33,6	1.809	34,4	-5,4	1.940	32,1	-11,8	
Age									
<1 year	9	0,2	7	0,1	28,6	9	0,1	0,0	
1-19 years	4	0,1	8	0,2	-50,0	13	0,2	-69,2	
20-39 years	37	0,7	34	0,6	8,8	50	0,8	-26,0	
40-59 years	307	6,0	323	6,1	-5,0	368	6,1	-16,6	
60-79 years	1.488	29,2	1.523	28,9	-2,3	1.727	28,6	-13,8	
80-99 years	3.163	62,0	3.272	62,1	-3,3	3.762	62,3	-15,9	
= 100 years	91	1,8	98	1,9	-7,1	109	1,8	-16,5	
Men	2.576	100,0	2.610	100,0	-1,3	2.924	100,0	-11,9	
<1 year	2	0,1	5	0,2	-60,0	7	0,2	-71,4	
1-19 years	3	0,1	7	0,3	-57,1	9	0,3	-66,7	
20-39 years	26	1,0	27	1,0	-3,7	43	1,5	-39,5	
40-59 years	203	7,9	198	7,6	2,5	234	8,0	-13,2	
60-79 years	977	37,9	964	36,9	1,3	1.089	37,2	-10,3	
80-99 years	1.357	52,7	1.391	53,3	-2,4	1.528	52,3	-11,2	
= 100 years	8	0,3	18	0,7	-55,6	14	0,5	-42,9	
Women	2.523	100,0	2.655	100,0	-5,0	3.114	100,0	-19,0	
<1 year	7	0,3	2	0,1	250,0	2	0,1	250,0	
1-19 years	1	0,0	1	0,0	0,0	4	0,1	-75,0	
20-39 years	11	0,4	7	0,3	57,1	7	0,2	57,1	
40-59 years	104	4,1	125	4,7	-16,8	134	4,3	-22,4	
60-79 years	511	20,3	559	21,1	-8,6	638	20,5	-19,9	
80-99 years	1.806	71,6	1.881	70,8	-4,0	2.234	71,7	-19,2	
= 100 years	83	3,3	80	3,0	3,8	95	3,1	-12,6	
MONTH OF DEATH									
July	1.596	31,3				2.310	38,3	-30,9	
August	1.757	34,5				1.936	32,1	-9,2	
September	1.746	34,2				1.792	29,7	-2,6	

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

Date Februy 12, 2024

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The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,519 and 1,158 individuals, respectively, which means that together they accounted for 52.5% of deaths. Diseases of the nervous system were the third cause of death resulting in 339 deaths (6.6%). COVID-19 was the main cause in 121 deaths (2.4%).

In this quarter, the main cause of death for both men and women was tumours, although the percentage of deaths due to tumours was higher among men, standing at 35.3%, while this percentage was 24.1% for women. Diseases of the circulatory system were the leading cause for 551 men and 607 women, 21.4% and 24.1%, respectively.

Deaths by cause of death (1). 2023/III

	III/2023		II/2023			III/2022		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	△ %	NO.	%	△ %
DEATHS								
CAUSE OF DEATH	5.099	100,0	5.265	100,0	-3,2	6.038	100,0	-15,6
Total								
Tumors	1.519	29,8	1.476	28,0	2,9	1.613	26,7	-5,8
Circulatory system	1.158	22,7	1.331	25,3	-13,0	1.381	22,9	-16,1
Respiratory system	294	5,8	344	6,5	-14,5	370	6,1	-20,5
Nervous system	339	6,6	325	6,2	4,3	401	6,6	-15,5
Digestive system	230	4,5	263	5,0	-12,5	292	4,8	-21,2
Other causes	1.559	30,6	1.526	29,0	2,2	1.981	32,8	-21,3
COVID-19 confirmed	121	2,4	85	1,6	42,4	374	6,2	-67,6
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0
Other causes	1.438	28,2	1.441	27,4	-0,2	1.607	26,6	-10,5
Men								
Tumors	910	35,3	862	33,0	5,6	926	31,7	-1,7
Circulatory system	551	21,4	618	23,7	-10,8	638	21,8	-13,6
Respiratory system	164	6,4	182	7,0	-9,9	195	6,7	-15,9
Nervous system	137	5,3	144	5,5	-4,9	158	5,4	-13,3
Digestive system	133	5,2	132	5,1	0,8	145	5,0	-8,3
Other causes	681	26,4	672	25,7	1,3	862	29,5	-21,0
COVID-19 confirmed	60	2,3	37	1,4	62,2	194	6,6	-69,1
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0
Other causes	621	24,1	635	24,3	-2,2	668	22,8	-7,0
Women								
Tumors	609	24,1	614	23,1	-0,8	687	22,1	-11,4
Circulatory system	607	24,1	713	26,9	-14,9	743	23,9	-18,3
Respiratory system	130	5,2	162	6,1	-19,8	175	5,6	-25,7
Nervous system	202	8,0	181	6,8	11,6	243	7,8	-16,9
Digestive system	97	3,8	131	4,9	-26,0	147	4,7	-34,0
Other causes	878	34,8	854	32,2	2,8	1.119	35,9	-21,5
COVID-19 confirmed	61	2,4	48	1,8	27,1	180	5,8	-66,1
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0
Other causes	817	32,4	806	30,4	1,4	939	30,2	-13,0

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Population growth in the Basque Country in the third quarter of 2023 was negative, with a population decrease of 1,621. For this reason, the population fell in all three provinces: by 972 people in Bizkaia, 562 in Gipuzkoa and 87 in Álava.

There were 121 deaths due to COVID-19 in the third quarter of 2023, a decrease of almost 68%

COVID-19 caused a total of 121 deaths, 253 fewer than in the same quarter of 2022 (-67.6%). All these deaths were confirmed as being due to COVID-19; there were a further 36 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/III**

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	5.099	121	121	0
Historic Territories of Residence				
Araba/Álava	652	9	9	0
Bizkaia	2.735	82	82	0
Gipuzkoa	1.712	30	30	0
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	250	7	7	0
Basauri	119	0	0	0
Bilbao	889	30	30	0
Donostia / San Sebastian	470	11	11	0
Geho	166	6	6	0
Irun	149	3	3	0
Portugalete	129	3	3	0
Santurtzi	114	3	3	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	482	7	7	0
Sex				
Man	2.576	60	60	0
Woman	2.523	61	61	0
Age				
Aged under 40	50	0	0	0
From 40 to 59 years	307	1	1	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.488	25	25	0
80 or older	3.254	95	95	0

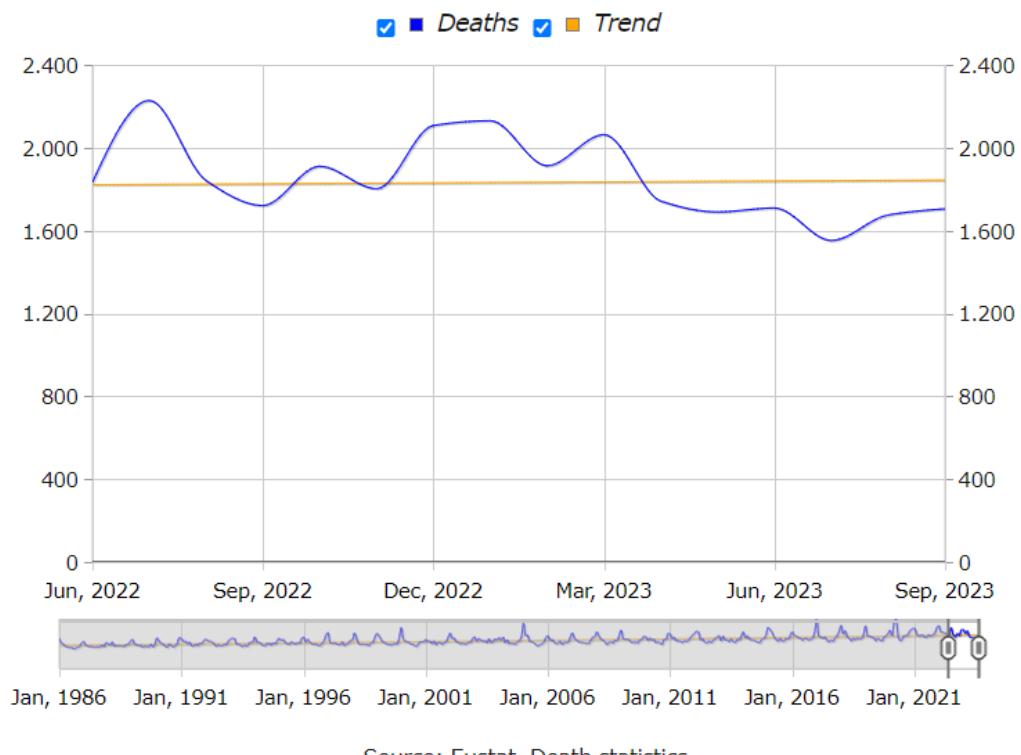
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By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 82, followed by Gipuzkoa with 30 and Álava with 9. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stood out with 30 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by San Sebastián with 11 and Vitoria-Gasteiz with 7. Other notable municipalities were Barakaldo, with 7 deaths, and Getxo with 6.

The number of deaths of women (61) exceeded those of men (60), while, by age, the most affected group was those aged over 80 years old, accounting for 78.5% of deaths due to COVID-19 (95 deaths).

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (81.8%, compared to 82.6% in the third quarter of 2022), followed by residential care homes (9.9%, 7.8% in the third quarter of 2022) and at home (8.3%, 9.6% in the third quarter of 2022).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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