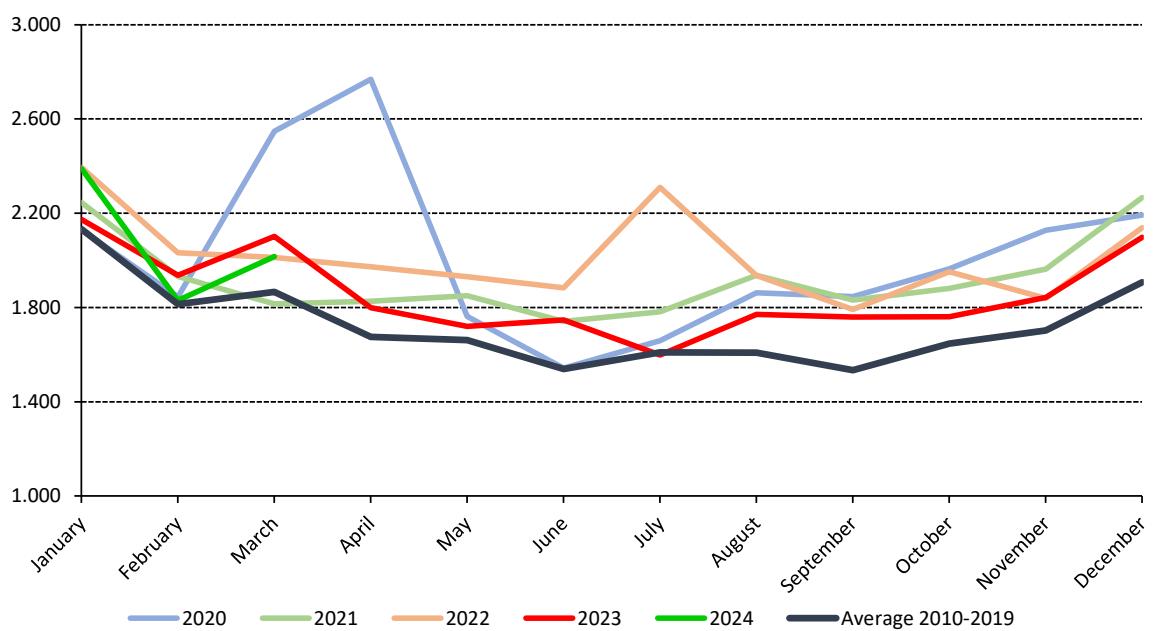


Deaths in the Basque Country rose by 0.4% in the first quarter of 2024

Deaths caused by COVID-19 increased by 17.3%

The number of deaths in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2024 stood at 6,235 i.e. 22 more deaths than in the same period of the previous year and an increase of 0.4%, according to Eustat data. In comparison with previous years, the number of deaths in this first quarter of 2024 was lower than in 2022 (6,439) and 2020 (6,522), but higher than 2023 (6,213), 2021 (5,994) and the average for 2010-2019 (5,813).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

By province, in Bizkaia 3,400 deaths occurred this quarter, an increase of 3.6% (the highest increase). In Álava, with 804 deaths, the increase was 0.5%. However, there was a 4.7% decrease in Gipuzkoa, with 2,031 deaths.

By sex, 3,233 women and 3,002 men died, which was an increase of 2% for women and a decrease of 1.4% for men. Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 8 corresponded to children under 1 year old (0.1% of the total number of deaths). 128 centenarians died (2.1% of the total), i.e. 13.3% more than in the same quarter of the previous year. 85.9% of them were women.

Deaths by territory of residence, age, sex and month of death (1). 2024/I

	I/2024		IV/2023		I/2023		Increase %	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
DEATHS	6.235	100,0	5.702	100,0	9.3	6.213	100,0	0,4
Territory of residence								
Araba / Álava	804	12,9	772	13,5	4,1	800	12,9	0,5
Bizkaia	3.400	54,5	3.089	54,2	10,1	3.282	52,8	3,6
Gipuzkoa	2.031	32,6	1.841	32,3	10,3	2.131	34,3	-4,7
Age								
Under 1 years	8	0,1	11	0,2	-27,3	8	0,1	0,0
1-19 years	12	0,2	10	0,2	20,0	9	0,1	33,3
20-39 years	28	0,4	36	0,6	-22,2	37	0,6	-24,3
40-59 years	345	5,5	350	6,1	-1,4	336	5,4	2,7
60-79 years	1.665	26,7	1.619	28,4	2,8	1.687	27,2	-1,3
80-99 years	4.049	64,9	3.538	62,0	14,4	4.023	64,8	0,6
100 or more years	128	2,1	138	2,4	-7,2	113	1,8	13,3
Men								
Under 1 years	3.002	100,0	2.781	100,0	7,9	3.044	100,0	-1,4
1-19 years	5	0,2	6	0,2	-16,7	5	0,2	0,0
20-39 years	6	0,2	6	0,2	0,0	4	0,1	50,0
40-59 years	17	0,6	27	1,0	-37,0	24	0,8	-29,2
60-79 years	257	8,6	223	8,0	15,2	224	7,4	14,7
80-99 years	1.057	35,2	1.043	37,5	1,3	1.070	35,2	-1,2
100 or more years	1.642	54,7	1.449	52,1	13,3	1.702	55,9	-3,5
Women								
Under 1 years	3.233	100,0	2.921	100,0	10,7	3.169	100,0	2,0
1-19 years	3	0,1	5	0,2	-40,0	3	0,1	0,0
20-39 years	6	0,2	4	0,1	50,0	5	0,2	20,0
40-59 years	11	0,3	9	0,3	22,2	13	0,4	-15,4
60-79 years	88	2,7	127	4,3	-30,7	112	3,5	-21,4
80-99 years	608	18,8	576	19,7	5,6	617	19,5	-1,5
100 or more years	2.407	74,5	2.089	71,5	15,2	2.321	73,2	3,7
MONTH OF DEATH								
January	2.389	38,3			2.174	35,0	9,9	
February	1.830	29,4			1.937	31,2	-5,5	
March	2.016	32,3			2.102	33,8	-4,1	
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter								

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Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Tumours and circulatory diseases caused 50.4% of deaths

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,571 and 1,570 individuals respectively, which means that together they accounted for 50.4% of deaths. Diseases of the respiratory system were the third cause of death resulting in 683 deaths (11%). Diseases of the nervous system were the fourth cause of death with 417 deaths (6.7%). Diseases of the digestive system caused 266 deaths (4.3%).

The order of the causes of death continued to be different for men and women. 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). 2024/I

		I/2024		IV/2023		I/2023			
		NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
DEATHS		6.235	100,0	5.702	100,0		9,3	6.213	100,0
Cause of death									
Total									
Tumors		1.571	25,2	1.610	28,2	-2,4	1.622	26,1	-3,1
Circulatory system		1.570	25,2	1.437	25,2	9,3	1.646	26,5	-4,6
Respiratory system		683	11,0	451	7,9	51,4	543	8,7	25,8
Nervous system		417	6,7	415	7,3	0,5	405	6,5	3,0
Digestive system		266	4,3	245	4,3	8,6	306	4,9	-13,1
Other causes		1.728	27,7	1.544	27,1	11,9	1.691	27,2	2,2
	COVID-19 confirmed	88	1,4	74	1,3	18,9	75	1,2	17,3
	COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0
	Other causes	1.640	26,3	1.470	25,8	11,6	1.616	26,0	1,5
Men									
Tumors		939	31,3	956	34,4	-1,8	982	32,3	-4,4
Circulatory system		742	24,7	695	25,0	6,8	762	25,0	-2,6
Respiratory system		317	10,6	226	8,1	40,3	278	9,1	14,0
Nervous system		166	5,5	168	6,0	-1,2	160	5,3	3,8
Digestive system		120	4,0	124	4,5	-3,2	162	5,3	-25,9
Other causes		718	23,9	612	22,0	17,3	700	23,0	2,6
	COVID-19 confirmed	38	1,3	42	1,5	-9,5	37	1,2	2,7
	COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0
	Other causes	680	22,7	570	20,5	19,3	663	21,8	2,6
Women									
Tumors		632	19,5	654	22,4	-3,4	640	20,2	-1,3
Circulatory system		828	25,6	742	25,4	11,6	884	27,9	-6,3
Respiratory system		366	11,3	225	7,7	62,7	265	8,4	38,1
Nervous system		251	7,8	247	8,5	1,6	245	7,7	2,4
Digestive system		146	4,5	121	4,1	20,7	144	4,5	1,4
Other causes		1.010	31,2	932	31,9	8,4	991	31,3	1,9
	COVID-19 confirmed	50	1,5	32	1,1	56,3	38	1,2	31,6
	COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0
	Other causes	960	29,7	900	30,8	6,7	953	30,1	0,7

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Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Population growth was negative in all three provinces

Population growth in the Basque Country was negative in the first quarter of 2024, since the number of deaths exceeded the number of births by 3,076. The negative balance was 1,864 people in Bizkaia, 910 in Gipuzkoa and 302 in Álava.

There were 88 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the first quarter of 2024

COVID-19 caused a total of 88 deaths, i.e. 1.4% of the total number of deaths this quarter. This figure represents an increase of 17.3% compared to the first quarter of 2023, when there were 75 deaths due to this cause. In the first quarter of 2024 COVID-19 was confirmed in all these deaths. There were a further 6 deaths where 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. 2024/I

	Total deaths	Total COVID-19	COVID-19 confirmed	COVID-19 probable
Basque Country	6.235	88	88	0
Historic Territories of Residence				
Araba/Álava	804	13	13	0
Bizkaia	3.400	56	56	0
Gipuzkoa	2.031	19	19	0
Municipality of residence (>40,000 inhabitants)				
Barakaldo	298	10	10	0
Basauri	139	2	2	0
Bilbao	1.091	23	23	0
Donostia / San Sebastián	564	5	5	0
Getxo	211	5	5	0
Irún	167	2	2	0
Portugalete	163	2	2	0
Santurtzi	154	3	3	0
Vitoria-Gasteiz	602	11	11	0
Sex				
Man	3.002	38	38	0
Woman	3.233	50	50	0
Age				
Aged under 40	48	0	0	0
From 40 to 59 years	345	1	1	0
From 60 to 79 years	1.665	15	15	0
80 or older	4.177	72	72	0

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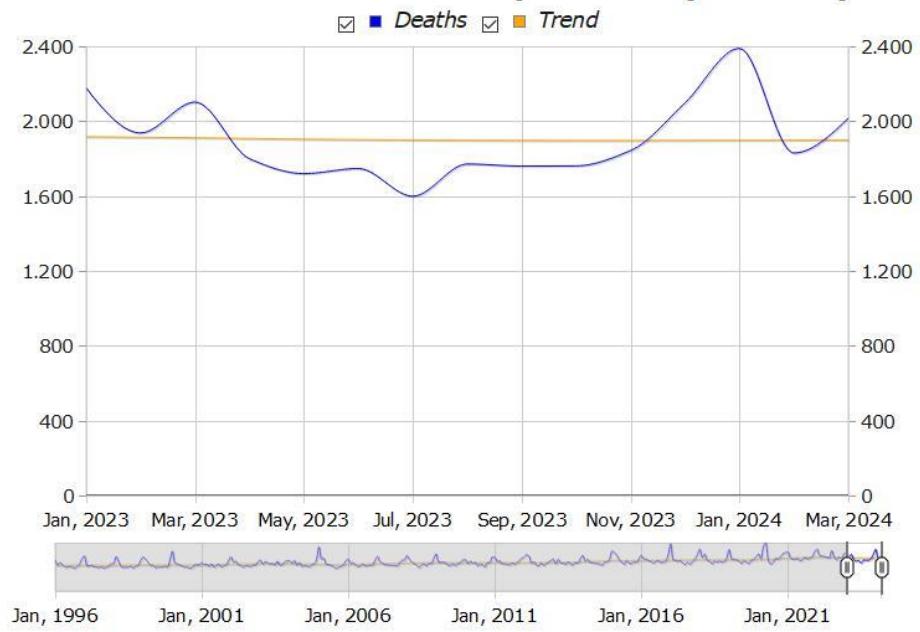
Source: Eustat. Death statistics

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 56, followed by Gipuzkoa with 19 and Álava with 13. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 23 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 11 and San Sebastián with 5. The municipality of Barakaldo stands out, with 10 deaths resulting from this cause.

The number of deaths of women (50) exceeded those of men (38), while, by age, the most affected groups were those aged over 80 (72), followed by those aged 60-79 (15).

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (93.2%), followed by residential care homes (4.5%) and at home (2.3%).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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