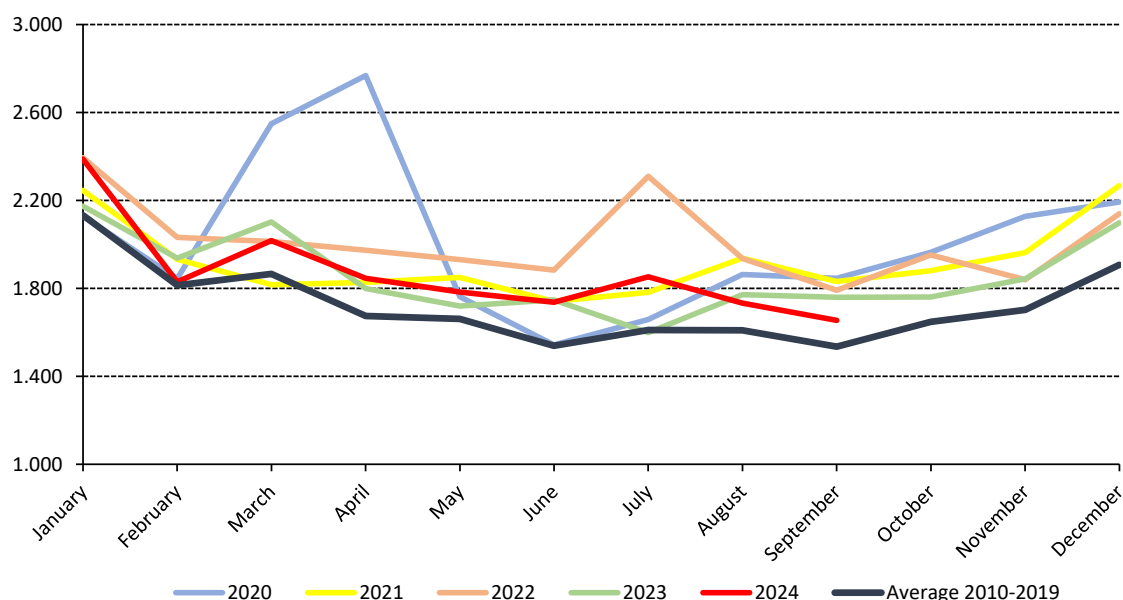


Deaths increased by 2.1% in the third quarter of 2024 in the Basque Country

The biggest increase was in July, with a 15.8% rise

In the third quarter of 2024 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,239, up 2.1% on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Deaths increased by 15.8% in July, while in August and September they recorded decreases of 2.1% and 6% respectively, compared to the same months of the previous year.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

By province, deaths increased in Álava and Bizkaia and decreased in Gipuzkoa. There were 709 deaths in Álava, representing an increase of 8.6% and there were 2,832 in Bizkaia, 3% more than the same period of 2023. There were 1,698 deaths in Gipuzkoa, representing an increase of 1.7% this quarter. By sex, 2,631 women and 2,608 men died, which was an increase of 3.9% for women and 0.4% for men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this third quarter, 6 corresponded to children under 1 year of age (0.1%) and 90 to centenarians (1.7%).

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

	III/2024		II/2024			III/2023		
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
DEATHS	5.239	100,0	5.367	100,0	-2,4	5.130	100,0	2,1
Territory of residence								
Araba / Álava	709	13,5	771	14,4	-8,0	653	12,7	8,6
Bizkaia	2.832	54,1	2.864	53,4	-1,1	2.749	53,6	3,0
Gipuzkoa	1.698	32,4	1.732	32,3	-2,0	1.728	33,7	-1,7
Age								
Under 1 years	6	0,1	8	0,1	-25,0	9	0,2	-33,3
1-19 years	7	0,1	6	0,1	16,7	5	0,1	40,0
20-39 years	40	0,8	35	0,7	14,3	37	0,7	8,1
40-59 years	300	5,7	304	5,7	-1,3	309	6,0	-2,9
60-79 years	1.538	29,4	1.510	28,1	1,9	1.508	29,4	2,0
80-99 years	3.258	62,2	3.404	63,4	-4,3	3.171	61,8	2,7
100 or more years	90	1,7	100	1,9	-10,0	91	1,8	-1,1
Men	2.608	100,0	2.637	100,0	-1,1	2.598	100,0	0,4
Under 1 years	3	0,1	6	0,2	-50,0	2	0,1	50,0
1-19 years	4	0,2	4	0,2	0,0	3	0,2	33,3
20-39 years	24	0,9	26	1,0	-7,7	26	1,0	-7,7
40-59 years	194	7,4	191	7,2	1,6	206	7,9	-5,8
60-79 years	1.023	39,2	963	36,5	6,2	993	38,2	3,0
80-99 years	1.345	51,6	1.430	54,2	-5,9	1.360	52,3	-1,1
100 or more years	15	0,6	17	0,7	-11,8	8	0,3	87,5
Women	2.631	100,0	2.730	100,0	-3,6	2.532	100,0	3,9
Under 1 years	3	0,1	2	0,1	50,0	7	0,3	-57,1
1-19 years	3	0,1	2	0,1	50,0	2	0,1	50,0
20-39 years	16	0,6	9	0,3	77,8	11	0,4	45,5
40-59 years	106	4,0	113	4,1	-6,2	103	4,1	2,9
60-79 years	515	19,6	547	20,0	-5,9	515	20,3	0,0
80-99 years	1.913	72,7	1.974	72,3	-3,1	1.811	71,5	5,6
100 or more years	75	2,9	83	3,1	-9,6	83	3,3	-9,6
MONTH OF DEATH								
July	1.852	35,3				1.599	31,2	15,8
August	1.733	33,1				1.771	34,5	-2,1
September	1.654	31,6				1.760	34,3	-6,0
(1)The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional. The variations are over the current quarter								

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Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Tumours and diseases of the circulatory system caused 53% of deaths

The main causes of death were tumours and diseases of the circulatory system, which caused the deaths of 1,509 and 1,267 individuals respectively, which means that between the two of them, they accounted for 53% of deaths. Diseases of the respiratory system were the third cause of death resulting in 372 deaths (7.1%). COVID-19 was the main cause in 78 deaths (1.5%).

The order of cause of death varied 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). 2024/III

	III/2024		II/2024		Increase %		III/2023		Increase %	
	NO.	%	NO.	%			NO.	%		
DEATHS	5.239	100,0	5.367	100,0	-2,4	5.130	100,0	2,1		
Cause of death										
Total										
Tumors	1.509	28,8	1.613	30,1	-6,4	1.533	29,9	-1,6		
Circulatory system	1.267	24,2	1.319	24,6	-3,9	1.214	23,7	4,4		
Respiratory system	372	7,1	393	7,3	-5,3	305	5,9	22,0		
Nervous system	317	6,0	361	6,7	-12,2	345	6,7	-8,1		
Digestive system	265	5,1	249	4,6	6,4	235	4,6	12,8		
Other causes	1.509	28,8	1.432	26,7	5,4	1.498	29,2	0,7		
COVID-19 confirmed	78	1,5	64	1,2	21,9	122	2,4	-36,1		
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0		
Other causes	1.431	27,3	1.368	25,5	4,6	1.376	26,8	4,0		
Men										
Tumors	884	33,9	953	36,1	-7,2	923	35,5	-4,2		
Circulatory system	624	23,9	624	23,7	0,0	592	22,8	5,4		
Respiratory system	185	7,1	205	7,8	-9,8	170	6,5	8,8		
Nervous system	118	4,5	158	6,0	-25,3	140	5,4	-15,7		
Digestive system	127	4,9	113	4,3	12,4	137	5,3	-7,3		
Other causes	670	25,7	584	22,1	14,7	636	24,5	5,3		
COVID-19 confirmed	44	1,7	31	1,1	41,9	60	2,3	-26,7		
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0		
Other causes	626	24,0	553	21,0	13,2	576	22,2	8,7		
Women										
Tumors	625	23,8	660	24,2	-5,3	610	24,1	2,5		
Circulatory system	643	24,4	695	25,5	-7,5	622	24,6	3,4		
Respiratory system	187	7,1	188	6,9	-0,5	135	5,3	38,5		
Nervous system	199	7,6	203	7,4	-2,0	205	8,1	-2,9		
Digestive system	138	5,2	136	5,0	1,5	98	3,9	40,8		
Other causes	839	31,9	848	31,1	-1,1	862	34,0	-2,7		
COVID-19 confirmed	34	1,3	33	1,2	3,0	62	2,4	-45,2		
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	0	0,0	0,0		
Other causes	805	30,6	815	29,9	-1,2	800	31,6	0,6		
(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 was negative in all three provinces

Population growth in the Basque Country was negative in the third quarter of 2024, since the number of deaths exceeded the number of births by 1,962. For this reason, the population fell in all three provinces: by 1,149 people in Bizkaia, 634 in Gipuzkoa and 179 in Álava.

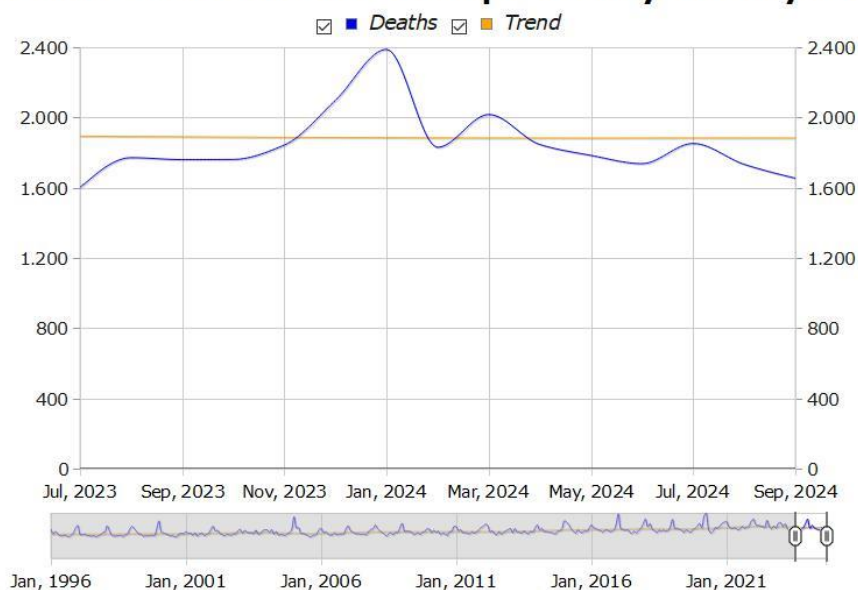
COVID-19 caused a total of 78 deaths, 44 fewer than the same quarter of 2023. All these deaths were confirmed as being due to COVID-19; there were a further 19 deaths in which COVID-19 was among the certified causes of death, but without being the main cause.

By province, the highest figure corresponded to Bizkaia, with 48 deaths, followed by Gipuzkoa with 20 and Álava with 10. As regards the capitals, Bilbao stands out with 20 deaths caused by COVID-19, followed by Vitoria-Gasteiz with 9 and Donostia/San Sebastián with 5.

The number of deaths of men (44) exceeded those of women (34), while, by age, the most affected group was those older than 80 years old, where 82.1% of deaths from COVID-19 were caused (64 deaths).

The majority of these deaths occurred in Basque hospitals (91%, 82% in the third quarter of 2023), followed by at home (6.4%, 8.2% in the second quarter of 2023) and residential care homes (2.6%, 9.8% in the third quarter of 2023).

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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