

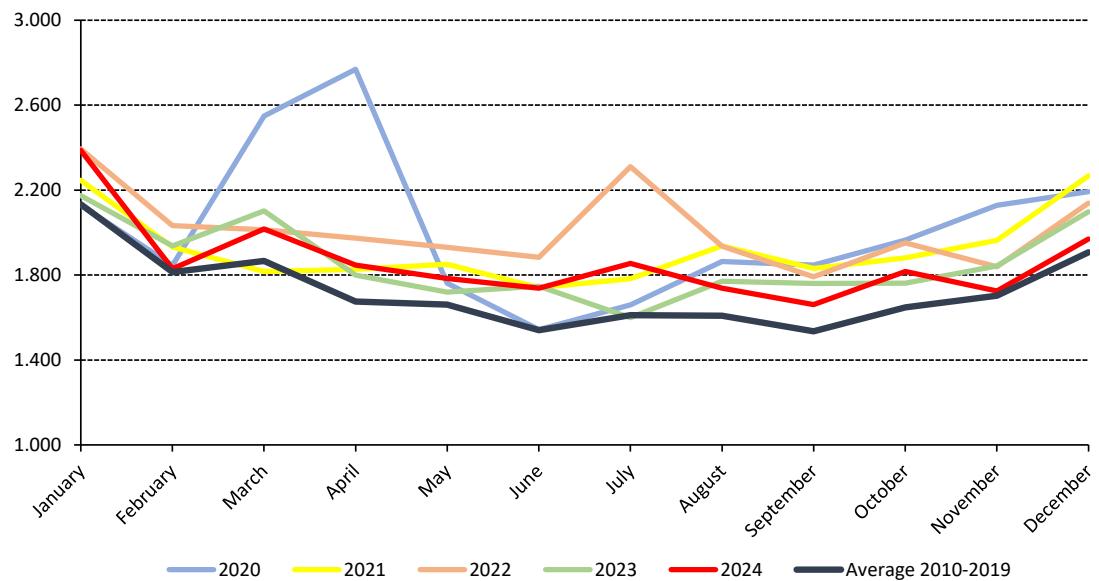
Deaths in the Basque Country fell by 3.3% in the fourth quarter of 2024

In 2024 as a whole, the number of deaths rose by 0.3% compared to 2023

In the fourth quarter of 2024 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,512, 3.3% less than the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. In this quarter there were 190 fewer deaths compared to the same quarter of the previous year and 255 more than the average for 2010-2019.

By province, in Bizkaia and Álava there was a decrease of 5.3% and 4.9% respectively. However, in Gipuzkoa, the number of deaths rose 0.7%. By sex, 2,802 women and 2,710 men died, which was a decrease of 4.1% for women and 2.6% for men.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country per month



Source: Eustat. Death Statistics

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this quarter, 4 corresponded to children under 1 year of age and 108 to centenarians.

Deaths by cause of death and sex (1). 2024/IV

	IV/2024		III/2024		IV/2023			
	NO.	%	NO.	%	Increase %	NO.	%	Increase %
DEATHS	5.512	100,0	5.253	100,0		4.9	5.702	100,0
Cause of death								
Total								
Tumors	1.512	27,4	1.509	28,7		0,2	1.610	28,2
Circulatory system	1.446	26,2	1.297	24,7		11,5	1.437	25,2
Respiratory system	395	7,2	375	7,1		5,3	451	7,9
Nervous system	330	6,0	320	6,1		3,1	415	7,3
Digestive system	287	5,2	265	5,0		8,3	245	4,3
Other causes	1.542	28,0	1.487	28,3		3,7	1.544	27,1
COVID-19 confirmed	16	0,3	78	1,5		-79,5	74	1,3
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0		0,0	0	0,0
Other causes	1.526	27,7	1.409	26,8		8,3	1.470	25,8
Men								
Tumors	893	33,0	883	33,7		1,1	956	34,4
Circulatory system	695	25,6	647	24,7		7,4	695	25,0
Respiratory system	197	7,3	188	7,2		4,8	226	8,1
Nervous system	158	5,8	120	4,6		31,7	168	6,0
Digestive system	138	5,1	128	4,9		7,8	124	4,5
Other causes	629	23,2	652	24,9		-3,5	612	22,0
COVID-19 confirmed	6	0,2	44	1,7		-86,4	42	1,5
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0		0,0	0	0,0
Other causes	623	23,0	608	23,2		2,5	570	20,5
Women								
Tumors	619	22,1	626	23,8		-1,1	654	22,4
Circulatory system	751	26,8	650	24,7		15,5	742	25,4
Respiratory system	198	7,1	187	7,1		5,9	225	7,7
Nervous system	172	6,1	200	7,6		-14,0	247	8,5
Digestive system	149	5,3	137	5,2		8,8	121	4,1
Other causes	913	32,6	835	31,7		9,3	932	31,9
COVID-19 confirmed	10	0,4	34	1,3		-70,6	32	1,1
COVID-19 probable	0	0,0	0	0,0		0,0	0	0,0
Other causes	903	32,2	801	30,4		12,7	900	30,8
(1)The data for the current quarter is provisional. The variations are over the current quarter								

Date May 12, 2025

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

The main causes of death were tumours and diseases of the circulatory system, which caused the deaths of 1,512 and 1,446 individuals respectively, which means that together they accounted for 53.6% of deaths. The third cause of death was diseases of the respiratory system, with 395 cases (7.2%). Diseases of the nervous system and the digestive system accounted for 6% and 5.2% of deaths, respectively.

The order of importance of the causes 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 territory of residence, age, sex and month of death (1). 2024/IV

	IV/2024		III/2024		IV/2023		% Increase %	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%		
DEATHS	5.512	100,0	5.253	100,0	4.9	5.702	100,0	-3,3
Territory of residence								
Araba / Álava	734	13,3	711	13,5	3,2	772	13,5	-4,9
Bizkaia	2.925	53,1	2.839	54,0	3,0	3.089	54,2	-5,3
Gipuzkoa	1.853	33,6	1.703	32,4	8,8	1.841	32,3	0,7
Age								
Under 1 years	4	0,1	6	0,1	-33,3	11	0,2	-63,6
1-19 years	12	0,2	8	0,2	50,0	10	0,2	20,0
20-39 years	34	0,6	43	0,8	-20,9	36	0,6	-5,6
40-59 years	328	6,0	303	5,8	8,3	350	6,1	-6,3
60-79 years	1.552	28,2	1.541	29,3	0,7	1.619	28,4	-4,1
80-99 years	3.474	63,0	3.262	62,1	6,5	3.538	62,0	-1,8
100 or more years	108	2,0	90	1,7	20,0	138	2,4	-21,7
Men	2.710	100,0	2.618	100,0	3,5	2.781	100,0	-2,6
Under 1 years	2	0,1	3	0,1	-33,3	6	0,2	-66,7
1-19 years	5	0,2	4	0,2	25,0	6	0,2	-16,7
20-39 years	24	0,9	27	1,0	-11,1	27	1,0	-11,1
40-59 years	211	7,8	196	7,5	7,7	223	8,0	-5,4
60-79 years	991	36,6	1.024	39,1	-3,2	1.043	37,5	-5,0
80-99 years	1.464	54,0	1.349	51,5	8,5	1.449	52,1	1,0
100 or more years	13	0,5	15	0,6	-13,3	27	1,0	-51,9
Women	2.802	100,0	2.635	100,0	6,3	2.921	100,0	-4,1
Under 1 years	2	0,1	3	0,1	-33,3	5	0,2	-60,0
1-19 years	7	0,2	4	0,2	75,0	4	0,1	75,0
20-39 years	10	0,4	16	0,6	-37,5	9	0,3	11,1
40-59 years	117	4,2	107	4,1	9,3	127	4,3	-7,9
60-79 years	561	20,0	517	19,6	8,5	576	19,7	-2,6
80-99 years	2.010	71,7	1.913	72,6	5,1	2.089	71,5	-3,8
100 or more years	95	3,4	75	2,8	26,7	111	3,8	-14,4
MONTH OF DEATH								
October	1.817	33,0			1.761	30,9	3,2	
November	1.725	31,3			1.843	32,3	-6,4	
December	1.970	35,7			2.098	36,8	-6,1	
(1)The data for the current and previous quarters are provisional. The variations are over the current quarter								

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BALANCE FOR 2024

The provisional data totals for 2024 recorded 22,368 deaths, of which 11,398 were women and 10,970 were men. The number of deaths increased by 0.3% compared to 2023. By province, the number of deaths rose 3.6% in Álava and 1.2% in Bizkaia; in Gipuzkoa this decreased by 2.5%. It is important to highlight that there was a 3.7% increase in deaths compared to 2019.

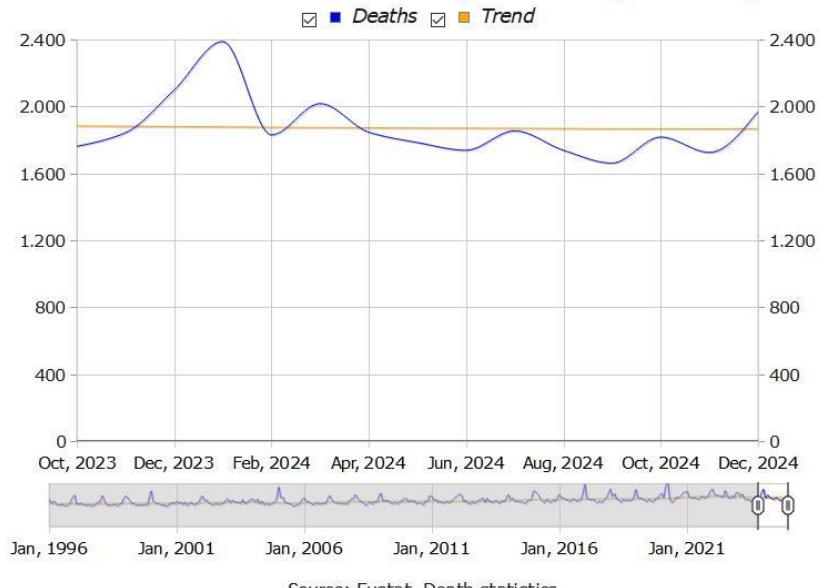
Amongst the deaths that occurred last year, 26 corresponded to children under one year of age. This was lower than in 2023, when 35 children under one year of age died. On the other hand, 426 people died at the age of 100 or over, 14 less than in 2023.

With provisional data from 2024, population growth in the Basque Country was negative with deaths exceeding births by 9,464 individuals. For this reason, by province the population decreased by 5,641 inhabitants in Bizkaia, 2,898 in Gipuzkoa and 925 in Álava.

In 2024, there were a total of 246 deaths due to COVID-19 (all following specific tests), compared to 358 in the previous year, 1,721 in 2022, 1,682 in 2021 and 3,096 in 2020.

It should be pointed out that COVID-19 was present in a further 36 individuals who died in these same months, but it was not the main cause of death according to the death certificates and applying the World Health Organisation criteria for coding causes of death.

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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