

MORTALITY STATISTICS OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (EDEF) II/2014

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In Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa the number of deaths rose, while in Álava it decreased

In the second quarter of 2014 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,700, which was a rise of 2.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By province, both in Bizkaia, with 2,613 deaths, and Gipuzkoa, with 1,526, there were significant increases (3.9% and 2.7% respectively), whilst in Álava, where 561 people died, there was a drop of 3.4%.

By sex, 50.2% of those who died were men and 49.8% were women. In all, more than half of the deaths (62.5%) corresponded to people over 80 years old, but the percentage rose to 75% with regards to women, and dropped to 50.1% for men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the second quarter of 2014, 4 corresponded to children under the age of one, 2 boys and 2 girls. Among the 60 people who died at the age of 100 or more, 55 were women and only 5 were men.

The main cause of death was due to tumours: 1,568 people died for this reason (33.4%). Following this, as the second cause of death, were diseases of the circulatory system, which accounted for 1,240 deaths (26.4%). The third main cause of death was respiratory disease, which caused 422 mortalities over the last few months (9%).

As in previous quarters, the cause of deaths differed according to sex: amongst men, tumours caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system, whilst amongst women the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease, followed by tumours. Diseases of the respiratory system remained the third cause of death for both sexes.

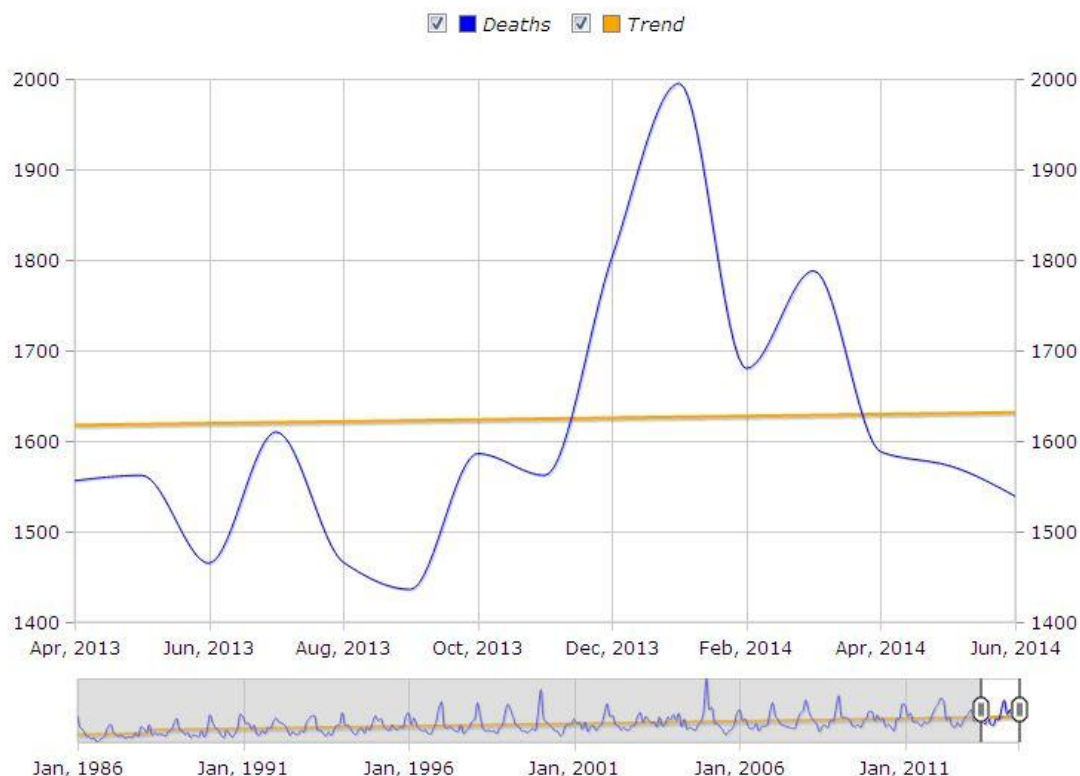
Population growth was positive in the spring of 2014, with the population of the Basque Country increasing by 185. The balance in two of the three provinces was positive: 262 more inhabitants in Álava, and 9 more in Gipuzkoa. In Bizkaia, by contrast, the balance was negative (-86).

Table 1: Deaths in the Basque Country by sex, by cause of death. Quarterly comparison

	2nd quarter 2014		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2014)		Same quarter of the previous year (1st quarter 2013)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.700	100,0	5.463	100,0	4.583	100,0
Males	2.358	50,2	2.767	50,6	2.382	52,0
Females	2.342	49,8	2.696	49,4	2.201	48,0
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.700	100	5.463	100	4.583	100
Tumours	1.568	33,4	1.573	28,8	1.479	32,3
Circulatory system	1.240	26,4	1.567	28,7	1.285	28,0
Respiratory system	422	9,0	610	11,2	383	8,4
Digestive system	218	4,6	241	4,4	225	4,9
External causes	141	3,0	154	2,8	167	3,6
Other diseases	1.111	23,6	1.318	24,1	1.044	22,8
MALES	2.358	100	2.767	100	2.382	100
Tumours	947	40,2	959	34,7	929	39,0
Circulatory system	564	23,9	761	27,5	605	25,4
Respiratory system	223	9,5	320	11,6	202	8,5
Digestive system	108	4,6	113	4,1	121	5,1
External causes	87	3,7	90	3,3	114	4,8
Other diseases	429	18,2	524	18,9	411	17,3
FEMALES	2.342	100	2.696	100	2.201	100
Tumours	621	26,5	614	22,8	550	25,0
Circulatory system	676	28,9	806	29,9	680	30,9
Respiratory system	199	8,5	290	10,8	181	8,2
Digestive system	110	4,7	128	4,7	104	4,7
External causes	54	2,3	64	2,4	53	2,4
Other diseases	682	29,1	794	29,5	633	28,8

Source: Eustat. Mortality statistics of the Basque Country

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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