

Deaths fell by 3.6% in the third quarter of 2014

22% of those who died were over 90 years of age

In the third quarter of 2014 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,351, which was a drop of 3.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. As far as the sex of the people who died was concerned, 2,133 (49%) were women and 2,218 (51%) were men. By province, in Álava there were 538 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 2,403 and in Gipuzkoa 1,410 people died.

If we consider the age at the time of death, 21% of the people who died were under 70 years of age, 18% were between 70 and 79, 39% were between 80 and 89, and the remaining 22%, more than 900 people, were aged 90 or over.

For the first time, tumours were the main cause of death amongst women

The main cause of death was due to tumours: 1,485 people died for this reason (34.1%). Following this, as the second cause of death, were diseases of the circulatory system, which accounted for 1,057 deaths (24.3%). The third main cause of death was respiratory disease, which caused 341 mortalities over the last few months (7.8%).

This is the first quarter in which tumours have exceeded circulatory system diseases amongst women, although the difference is of only one percentage point (27.4% compared to 26.3% respectively). Amongst men, tumours continued to be the main cause of death and their rate remained high, at 40.6%; circulatory system diseases also came in second place, although at a lower percentage than for women, at 22.4%. Diseases of the respiratory system remained the third cause of death for both sexes.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2014, 13 corresponded to children under the age of one, 7 boys and 6 girls.

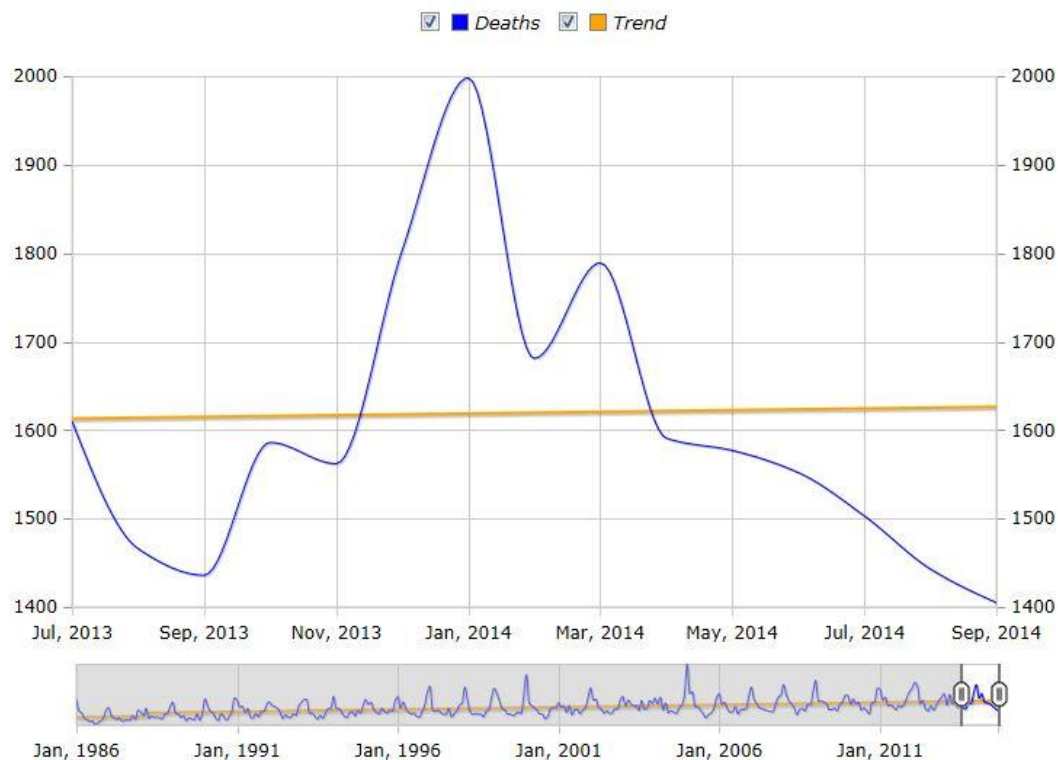
Population growth was positive in the Basque Country

Population growth in the Basque Country was positive in the third quarter of 2014, with birth exceeding deaths by 589 individuals. They rose in the three provinces: The population of Álava increased by 309 inhabitants, Gipuzkoa by 196 and Bizkaia by 84.

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

	3rd quarter 2014		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2014)		Same quarter of the previous year (3rd quarter 2013)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.351	100,0	4.720	100,0	4.512	100,0
Males	2.218	51,0	2.370	50,2	2.340	51,9
Females	2.133	49,0	2.350	49,8	2.172	48,1
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.351	100	4.720	100	4.512	100
Tumours	1.485	34,1	1.569	33,2	1.509	33,4
Circulatory system	1.057	24,3	1.247	26,4	1.119	24,8
Respiratory system	341	7,8	422	8,9	381	8,4
Digestive system	237	5,4	217	4,6	242	5,4
External causes	146	3,4	148	3,1	180	4,0
Other diseases	1.085	24,9	1.117	23,7	1.081	24,0
MALES	2.218	100	2.370	100	2.340	100
Tumours	900	40,6	948	40,0	939	40,1
Circulatory system	496	22,4	571	24,1	515	22,0
Respiratory system	208	9,4	222	9,4	219	9,4
Digestive system	113	5,1	107	4,5	117	5,0
External causes	86	3,9	91	3,8	128	5,5
Other diseases	415	18,7	431	18,2	422	18,0
FEMALES	2.133	100	2.350	100	2.172	100
Tumours	585	27,4	621	26,4	570	26,2
Circulatory system	561	26,3	676	28,8	604	27,8
Respiratory system	133	6,2	200	8,5	162	7,5
Digestive system	124	5,8	110	4,7	125	5,8
External causes	60	2,8	57	2,4	52	2,4
Other diseases	670	31,4	686	29,2	659	30,3

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data


Source: Eustat. Mortality statistics of the Basque Country

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