

Deaths rose by 6.9% in the third quarter of 2015

However, population growth of the Basque Country in the third quarter of 2015 was positive

In the third quarter of 2015 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,660, which was an increase of 6.9% 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, 2,342 (50.3%) were men and 2,318 (49.7%) were women.

Deaths increased in the three provinces: in Álava 597 people died, an increase of 10.8%; in 2,537 in Bizkaia (+5.5%), and 1,526 in Gipuzkoa (+7.8%).

If we consider the age at the time of death, 20% of the people who died were under 70 years of age, 18% were between 70 and 79, 40% were between 80 and 89, and the remaining 22%, more than 1,015 people, had turned 90.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2015, 14 corresponded to children under the age of one, 7 boys and 7 girls.

A third of deaths were due to tumours

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,535 and 1,154 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they caused 57.7% of deaths. As a third cause of death were respiratory diseases, which resulted in 332 deaths (7.1%).

Diseases of the nervous system, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, saw the largest increase with respect to the same quarter of the previous year, at 11.2%.

Tumours were the main cause of death among men, to the extent that they exceed the death rate by this cause among women by 34%. For women, cardiovascular diseases caused the most deaths, 16% more than among men. The third most common cause of death for men were respiratory diseases, 18% more than women, whereas the nervous system caused 36% more female than male deaths.

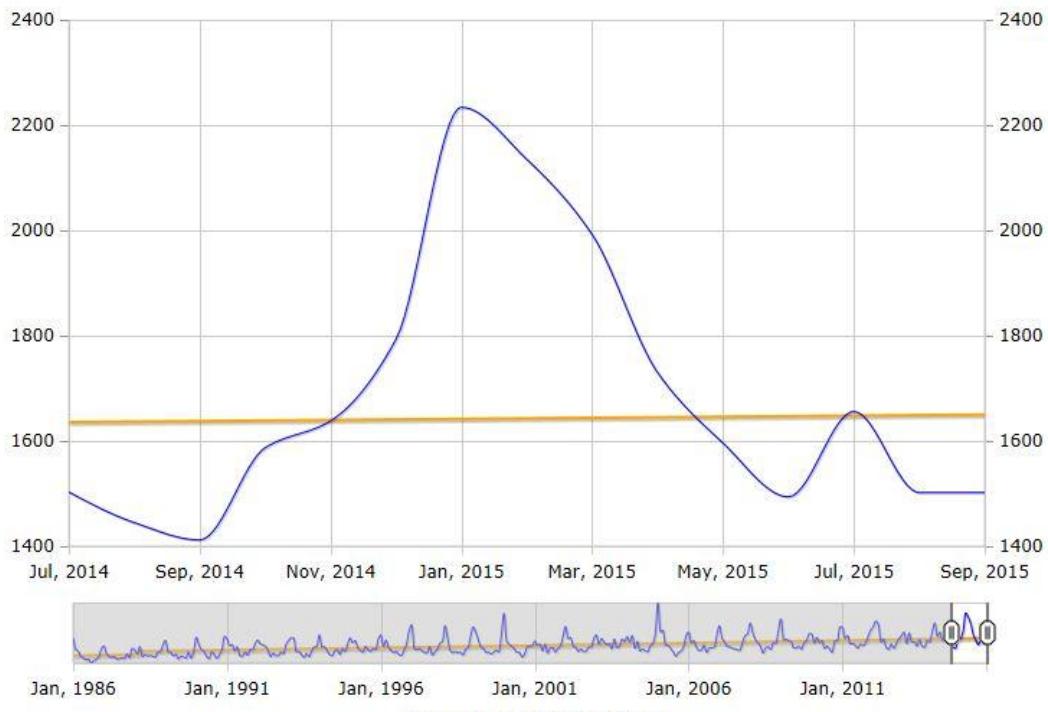
Population growth in the Basque Country was positive in the third quarter of 2015, with birth exceeding deaths by 173 individuals. They rose in two of the three provinces: The population of Álava increased by 231 inhabitants and Gipuzkoa by 88. On the other hand, Bizkaia saw a reduction of 146 inhabitants.

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

			Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
			(II/2015)		(III/2014)	
	III/2015	N.	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.660	100,0	4.820	100,0	4.360	100,0
Males	2.342	50,3	2.468	51,2	2.225	51,0
Females	2.318	49,7	2.352	48,8	2.135	49,0
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.660	100	4.820	100	4.360	100
Tumours	1.535	32,9	1.520	31,5	1.486	34,1
Circulatory system	1.154	24,8	1.288	26,7	1.055	24,2
Respiratory system	332	7,1	423	8,8	343	7,9
Nervous system	317	6,8	311	6,5	285	6,5
Digestive system	220	4,7	222	4,6	236	5,4
Other causes	1.102	23,6	1.056	21,9	955	21,9
MALES	2.342	100	2.468	100	2.225	100
Tumours	924	39,5	914	37,0	901	40,5
Circulatory system	526	22,5	585	23,7	492	22,1
Respiratory system	182	7,8	258	10,5	210	9,4
Nervous system	124	5,3	132	5,3	122	5,5
Digestive system	103	4,4	118	4,8	112	5,0
Other causes	483	20,6	461	18,7	388	17,4
FEMALES	2.318	100	2.352	100	2.135	100
Tumours	611	26,4	606	25,8	585	27,4
Circulatory system	628	27,1	703	29,9	563	26,4
Respiratory system	150	6,5	165	7,0	133	6,2
Nervous system	193	8,3	179	7,6	163	7,6
Digestive system	117	5,0	104	4,4	124	5,8
Other causes	619	26,7	595	25,3	567	26,6

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data

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