

Deaths rose by 3.3% in the third quarter of 2016

Almost two thirds of deaths were of people aged over 80

In the third quarter of 2016 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,045, which was an increase of 3.3% 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, 2,601 (51.6%) were men and 2,444 (48.4%) were women.

Deaths increased in the three provinces: in Álava 655 people died, an increase of 2.3%; in Bizkaia (+4.1%), and 1,622 in Gipuzkoa (+2.2%).

If we consider the age at the time of death, 20% of the people who died were under 70 years of age, 17% were between 70 and 79, 40% were between 80 and 89, and the remaining 23%, more than 1,186 people, had turned 90.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2016, 11 corresponded to children under the age of one, 9 boys and 2 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 1,611 and 1,251 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they caused 56.7% of deaths. As a third cause of death were respiratory diseases, which resulted in 415 deaths (8.2%).

Diseases of the respiratory system increased the most, at 19.3%, followed by diseases of the nervous system, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, which rose by 9.9% compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

Tumours were the main cause of death among both sexes for the first time, both among men (37.1%) and women (26.4%), although there is a difference of over 10 percentage points. In second place was cardiovascular diseases in both sexes. However, the third cause of death was diseases of the respiratory system (9.2%) in the case of men, whereas for women it was diseases of the nervous system (8.6%).

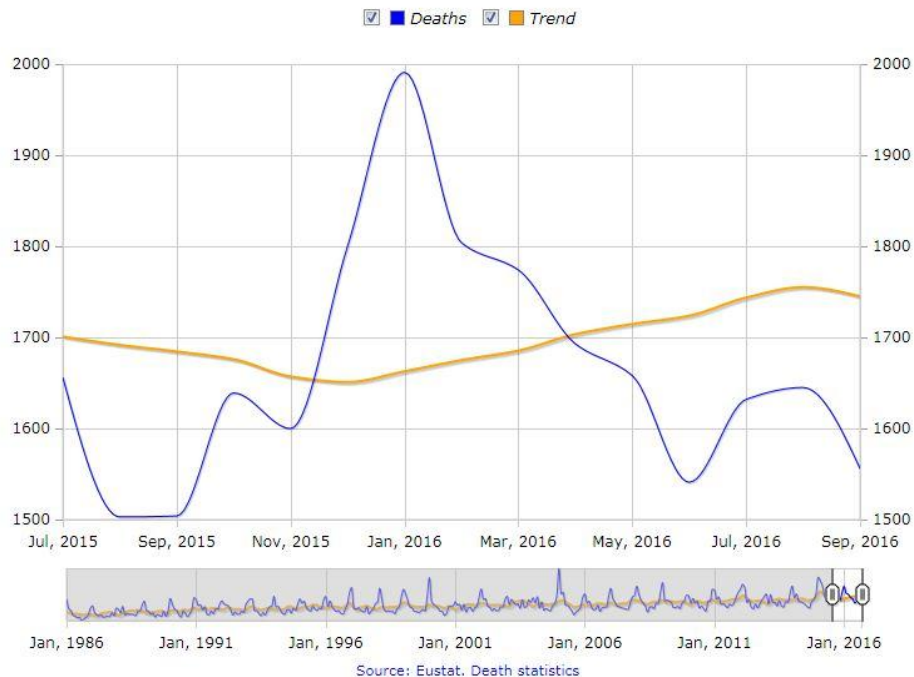
Population growth in the Basque Country was negative in the third quarter of 2016, with deaths exceeding births by 299 individuals. By province, only Bizkaia had a negative balance, with its population falling by 448 people. Regarding Álava and Gipuzkoa, both increased their population by 140 and 9 inhabitants, respectively.

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

	III/2016		Previous quarter (II/2016)		Same quarter of the previous (III/2015)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	5.045	100,0	5.016	100,0	4.886	100,0
Males	2.601	51,6	2.549	50,8	2.474	50,6
Females	2.444	48,4	2.467	49,2	2.412	49,4
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	5.045	100	5.016	100	4.886	100
Tumours	1.611	31,9	1.527	30,4	1.562	32,0
Circulatory system	1.251	24,8	1.386	27,6	1.266	25,9
Respiratory system	415	8,2	445	8,9	348	7,1
Nervous system	355	7,0	339	6,8	323	6,6
Digestive system	228	4,5	230	4,6	232	4,7
Other causes	1.185	23,5	1.089	21,7	1.155	23,6
MALES	2.601	100	2.549	100	2.474	100
Tumours	966	37,1	930	36,5	940	38,0
Circulatory system	610	23,5	642	25,2	592	23,9
Respiratory system	239	9,2	248	9,7	194	7,8
Nervous system	146	5,6	136	5,3	129	5,2
Digestive system	126	4,8	108	4,2	110	4,4
Other causes	514	19,8	485	19,0	509	20,6
FEMALES	2.444	100	2.467	100	2.412	100
Tumours	645	26,4	597	24,2	622	25,8
Circulatory system	641	26,2	744	30,2	674	27,9
Respiratory system	176	7,2	197	8,0	154	6,4
Nervous system	209	8,6	203	8,2	194	8,0
Digestive system	102	4,2	122	4,9	122	5,1
Other causes	671	27,5	604	24,5	646	26,8

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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