

Deaths rose by 9.6% in the first quarter of 2017

The increase reached 15.9% for women, whilst for men it was 3.3%

In the first quarter of 2017 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 6,249, 9.6% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. This increase brings the death figures back to the 2015 level, following the significant decrease seen in 2016.

By province, in Álava there were 801 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 3,367 and in Gipuzkoa 2,081 people died. By sex, 2,964 men and 3,285 women died, which translate as increases of 3.3% and 15.9%, respectively.

The main causes of death were circulatory system diseases and tumours, which caused the deaths of 1,668 and 1,572 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they accounted for 51.8% of deaths. As a third cause of death were respiratory diseases, which resulted in 966 deaths (15.5%).

Deaths by diseases of the respiratory system increased by 50.2%

During the first quarter of 2017, 966 individuals died from these illnesses, 50.2% up on the same quarter of 2016 (643 deaths), and 76.3% up on the fourth quarter of 2016 (548 deaths).

Diseases affecting the nervous system, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, caused 437 deaths in the months of January, February and March, 13.2% more than in the same quarter of the previous year.

The cause of death continued to vary according to sex. Amongst men, tumours caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system, whilst amongst women the order was inversed: the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease, followed by tumours in second place. Diseases of the respiratory system remained the third cause of death for both sexes.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in this first quarter, 4 corresponded to children under 1 year of age – 1 girl and 3 boys.

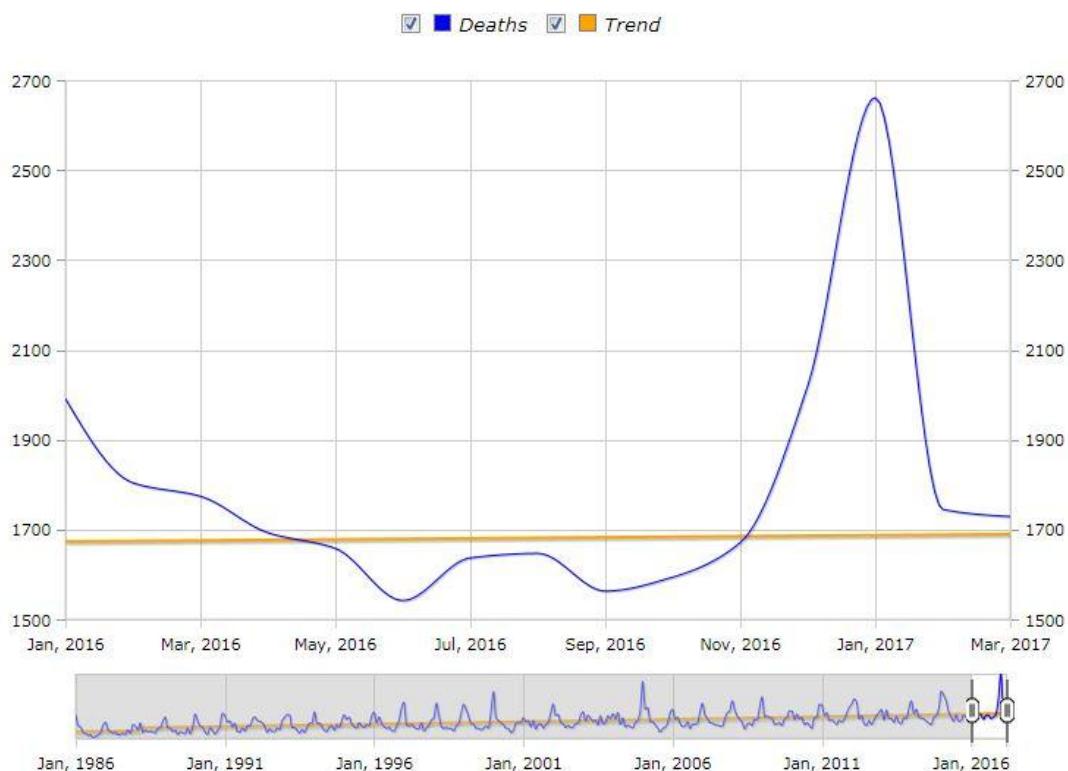
Population growth in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2017 was negative, with a population decrease of 2,199. The population decreased in the three territories: by 1,395 people in Bizkaia, 716 in Gipuzkoa and 88 in Álava.

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	
			(IV/2016)		(I/2016)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	6.249	100,0	5.428	100,0	5.703	100,0
Males	2.964	47,4	2.748	50,6	2.869	50,3
Females	3.285	52,6	2.680	49,4	2.834	49,7
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	6.249	100	5.428	100	5.703	100
Tumours	1.572	25,2	1.614	29,7	1.565	27,4
Circulatory system	1.668	26,7	1.452	26,8	1.632	28,6
Respiratory system	966	15,5	548	10,1	643	11,3
Nervous system	437	7,0	360	6,6	386	6,8
Digestive system	243	3,9	247	4,6	224	3,9
Other causes	1.363	21,8	1.207	22,2	1.253	22,0
MALES	2.964	100	2.748	100	2.869	100
Tumours	917	30,9	991	36,1	944	32,9
Circulatory system	741	25,0	697	25,4	766	26,7
Respiratory system	463	15,6	282	10,3	339	11,8
Nervous system	166	5,6	136	4,9	160	5,6
Digestive system	120	4,0	124	4,5	113	3,9
Other causes	557	18,8	518	18,9	547	19,1
FEMALES	3.285	100	2.680	100	2.834	100
Tumours	655	19,9	623	23,2	621	21,9
Circulatory system	927	28,2	755	28,2	866	30,6
Respiratory system	503	15,3	266	9,9	304	10,7
Nervous system	271	8,2	224	8,4	226	8,0
Digestive system	123	3,7	123	4,6	111	3,9
Other causes	806	24,5	689	25,7	706	24,9

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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