

Deaths fell by 7.8% in the third quarter of 2017

Deaths dropped in all three provinces

In the third quarter of 2017 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,680, which was a drop of 7.8% 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, 2,397 (51.2%) were men and 2,283 (48.8%) were women.

Deaths decreased in the three provinces: in Álava 619 people died, a fall of 6.1%; 2,566 in Bizkaia (-7.6%), and 1,495 in Gipuzkoa (-8.7%).

If we consider the age at the time of death, 21% of the people who died were under 70 years of age, 17% were between 70 and 79, 38% were between 80 and 89, and the remaining 24%, more than 1,135 people, had turned 90.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2017, 13 corresponded to children under the age of one, 7 boys and 6 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 1,517 and 1,187 individuals, respectively, which meant that together they caused 57.8% of deaths. Respiratory diseases were the third cause of death, accounting for 356 deaths (7.6%).

Diseases of the respiratory system decreased the most, specifically by 14.8%, followed by diseases of the nervous system, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, which fell by 11.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

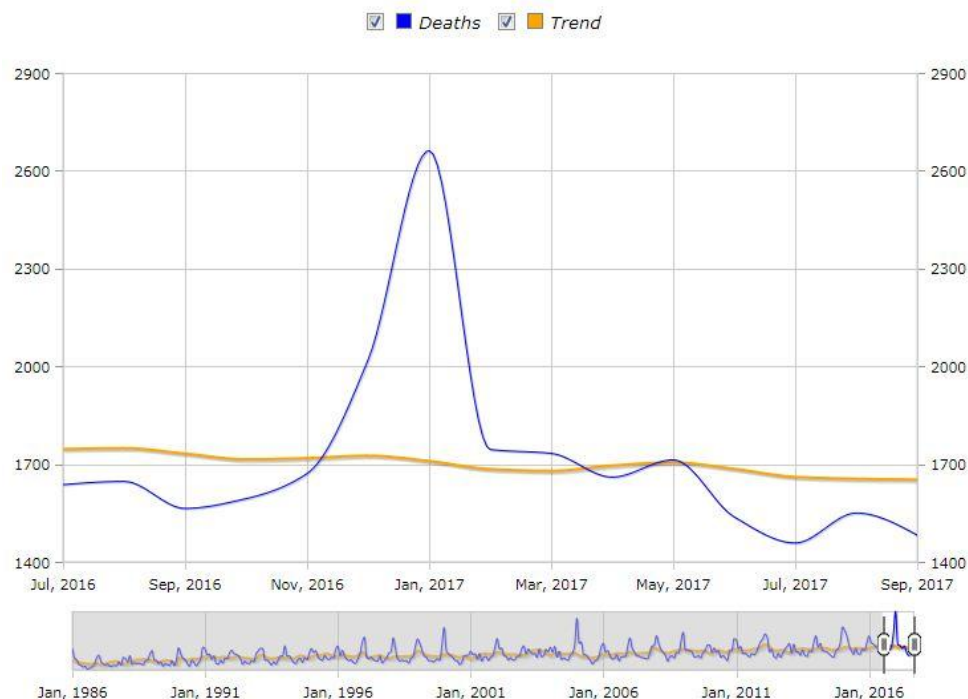
As in previous quarters, the cause of deaths differed according to sex: amongst men, tumours (38.7%) caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system (24.3%), whilst amongst women the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease (26.5%), followed by tumours (25.8%). Furthermore, the third most common cause of death for men was respiratory diseases (7.9%), whereas for women, it was diseases of the nervous system (8.3%).

Population growth in the Basque Country was negative in the third quarter of 2017, with deaths exceeding births by 258 individuals. By province, only Álava had a positive balance, with its population increasing by 150 people. Regarding Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, their population fell by 362 and 46 inhabitants, respectively.

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

	III/2017		Previous quarter (II/2017)		Same quarter of the previous year (III/2016)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.680	100,0	5.044	100,0	5.074	100,0
Males	2.397	51,2	2.572	51,0	2.617	51,6
Females	2.283	48,8	2.472	49,0	2.457	48,4
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.680	100	5.044	100	5.074	100
Tumours	1.517	32,4	1.598	31,7	1.612	31,8
Circulatory system	1.187	25,4	1.351	26,8	1.264	24,9
Respiratory system	356	7,6	453	9,0	418	8,2
Nervous system	313	6,7	312	6,2	354	7,0
Digestive system	216	4,6	198	3,9	230	4,5
Other causes	1.091	23,3	1.132	22,4	1.196	23,6
MALES	2.397	100	2.572	100	2.617	100
Tumours	928	38,7	970	37,7	968	37,0
Circulatory system	582	24,3	637	24,8	619	23,7
Respiratory system	190	7,9	245	9,5	239	9,1
Nervous system	123	5,1	121	4,7	145	5,5
Digestive system	109	4,5	111	4,3	126	4,8
Other causes	465	19,4	488	19,0	520	19,9
FEMALES	2.283	100	2.472	100	2.457	100
Tumours	589	25,8	628	25,4	644	26,2
Circulatory system	605	26,5	714	28,9	645	26,3
Respiratory system	166	7,3	208	8,4	179	7,3
Nervous system	190	8,3	191	7,7	209	8,5
Digestive system	107	4,7	87	3,5	104	4,2
Other causes	626	27,4	644	26,1	676	27,5

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data


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