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DEATH STATISTICS (EDEF)**Fourth quarter of 2001**

MORE BIRTHS THAN DEATHS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1990

Circulatory system diseases and tumours were the main causes of death during the year 2001.

The provisional figure for deaths in 2001 came to 17,487, 9,310 of which were male and 8,177 female. While lacking data on deaths of residents of the A.C. of the Basque Country occurring outside the Community, there were 193 fewer deaths than in 2000 under the same conditions, which represents a 1.1% fall, according to Eustat data.

With the provisional data for 2001, there were more births than deaths for the first time since 1990 by 18 persons and the natural population growth of the A.C. of the Basque Country was positive. By Provinces, there were positive balances in Alava and Gipuzkoa, which increased in population by 299 and 432 inhabitants, respectively. In the case of Bizkaia, on the other hand, the number of deaths was higher than births (-713) but the negative balance decreased by almost 50% with regard to the year 2000.

31.3% of deaths occurring in 2001, 5,476 deaths, were due to circulatory system diseases; followed by tumours, with 30.7% (5,369 deaths), and thirdly, at some distance, respiratory diseases, which represented 9.1% (1,597).

The reason for deaths was different according to sex, as among males there were more tumours than circulatory system diseases, while among women the main cause of death was cardio-vascular diseases followed by tumours.

Among the deaths that occurred in 2001, 54 corresponded to children under one year of age, 35 males and 19 females.

Deaths in the A.C. of Euskadi by sex, according to cause of death . Quarterly comparison.

	4th quarter 2001		Previous quarter (3rd quarter 2001)		Same quarter of the previous year (4th quarter 2000)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
DEATHS	4.570		4.173		4.376	
Men	2.460	53,8	2.214	53,1	2.390	54,6
Women	2.110	46,2	1.959	46,9	1.986	45,4
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.570	100	4.173	100	4.376	100
Tumours	1.325	29,0	1.347	32,3	1.362	31,1
Circulatory system	1.483	32,5	1.232	29,5	1.420	32,4
Respiratory system	442	9,7	340	8,1	377	8,6
Digestive system	253	5,5	233	5,6	240	5,5
Accidents	162	3,5	158	3,8	188	4,3
Other diseases	905	19,8	863	20,7	789	18,0
MEN	2.460	100	2.214	100	2.390	100
Tumours	845	34,3	847	38,3	867	36,3
Circulatory system	716	29,1	548	24,8	701	29,3
Respiratory system	252	10,2	217	9,8	224	9,4
Digestive system	130	5,3	136	6,1	141	5,9
Accidents	106	4,3	108	4,9	127	5,3
Other diseases	411	16,7	358	16,2	330	13,8
WOMEN	2.110	100	1.959	100	1.986	100
Tumours	480	22,7	500	25,5	495	24,9
Circulatory system	767	36,4	684	34,9	719	36,2
Respiratory system	190	9,0	123	6,3	153	7,7
Digestive system	123	5,8	97	5,0	99	5,0
Accidents	56	2,7	50	2,6	61	3,1
Other diseases	494	23,4	505	25,8	459	23,1

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