

14.1% INCREASE IN DEATHS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2002 WITH REGARD TO THE SAME PERIOD THE PREVIOUS YEAR

5,212 people died in January, February and March 2002, 52.6% of which were male and 47.4% were female.

5,212 people died in the first quarter of 2002 in the A.C. of the Basque Country, 14.1% more than in the same period the previous year. By provinces, 605 people died in Álava, 2,877 in Bizkaia and 1,730 in Gipuzkoa.

Traditionally the first quarter of the year is characterised by a higher number of registered deaths, this year the increase in deaths due to respiratory system diseases stood out, 59.3% higher than the previous quarter.

The main cause of death is circulatory system diseases: 1,562 people died of this cause (30%); followed by tumours, as the second cause of death, which led to 1,404 deaths (26.9%). In third place were respiratory diseases, which in these winter months were the cause of 704 deaths.

The cause of death differed according to the sex of the deceased, as tumours were more common among males than circulatory system diseases, while among females the main cause of death was cardiovascular diseases followed by tumours.

Of the deaths that occurred in the first quarter of 2002, 14 corresponded to children under one year of age, 9 boys and 5 girls.

The natural population growth in the first quarter of 2002 was negative, with a loss in population of 958 persons. There were negative balances in the three Provinces as the population of Alava, Bizkaia and Guipuzkoa fell by 41, 655 and 262 inhabitants, respectively.

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

	1st quarter 2002		Previous quarter (4th quarter 2001)		Same quarter of the previous year (1st quarter 2001)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
	DEATHS	5.212	4.570		4.569	
Men	2.741	52,6	2.460	53,8	2.399	52,5
Women	2.471	47,4	2.110	46,2	2.170	47,5
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	5.212	100	4.570	100	4.569	100
Tumours	1.404	26,9	1.325	29,0	1.369	30,0
Circulatory system	1.562	30,0	1.483	32,5	1.454	31,8
Respiratory system	704	13,5	442	9,7	459	10,0
Digestive system	259	5,0	253	5,5	236	5,2
Accidents	148	2,8	162	3,5	181	4,0
Other diseases	1.135	21,8	905	19,8	870	19,0
MEN	2.741	100	2.460	100	2.399	100
Tumours	909	33,2	845	34,3	855	35,6
Circulatory system	722	26,3	716	29,1	663	27,6
Respiratory system	382	13,9	252	10,2	286	11,9
Digestive system	154	5,6	130	5,3	120	5,0
Accidents	100	3,6	106	4,3	122	5,1
Other diseases	474	17,3	411	16,7	353	14,7
WOMEN	2.471	100	2.110	100	2.170	100
Tumours	495	20,0	480	22,7	514	23,7
Circulatory system	840	34,0	767	36,4	791	36,5
Respiratory system	322	13,0	190	9,0	173	8,0
Digestive system	105	4,2	123	5,8	116	5,3
Accidents	48	1,9	56	2,7	59	2,7
Other diseases	661	26,8	494	23,4	517	23,8

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