



Press release 18/12/2002

**DEATH STATISTICS (EDEF)****Second quarter 2002**

## **THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2002 FELL WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR**

**4,227 persons died over the months of April, May and June 2002, 52.2% of which were male and 47.8% female.**

The 4,227 deaths in the second quarter of 2002 represent an 18.9% fall with regard to the total figure of deaths for the previous three months, as the winter period is the time when the highest mortality figures are registered for the whole year. By Provinces, 478 persons died in Álava, 2,357 in Bizkaia and 1,392 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was circulatory system diseases: 1,312 persons died of this cause (31%); followed in second place by tumours, which led to 1,291 deaths (30.5%); third place is held by respiratory diseases, which caused 391 deaths over these months (9.2%).

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

Among the deaths registered in the second quarter of 2002, 15 corresponded to children under one year of age, 9 girls and 6 boys.


The natural population growth in the second quarter of 2002 was positive, with an increase in population of 354 persons. Apart from the positive balances in Alava and Gipuzkoa with 176 and 162 persons, for the first time there was also a positive balance in Bizkaia in the quarter, although growth was limited to a total of 16 persons.

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

	2nd quarter 2002		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2002)		Same quarter of the previous year (2nd quarter 2001)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.227</b>		<b>5.212</b>		<b>4.164</b>	
Men	2.206	52,2	2.741	52,6	2.229	53,5
Women	2.021	47,8	2.471	47,4	1.935	46,5
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.227</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.212</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.164</b>	
Tumours	1.291	30,5	1.404	26,9	1.324	31,8
Circulatory system	1.312	31,0	1.562	30,0	1.304	31,3
Respiratory system	391	9,3	704	13,5	356	8,5
Digestive system	191	4,5	259	5,0	230	5,5
Accidents	159	3,8	148	2,8	155	3,7
Other diseases	883	20,9	1.135	21,8	795	19,1
<b>MEN</b>	<b>2.206</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.741</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.229</b>	
Tumours	795	36,0	909	33,2	854	38,3
Circulatory system	600	27,2	722	26,3	596	26,7
Respiratory system	236	10,7	382	13,9	217	9,7
Digestive system	93	4,2	154	5,6	127	5,7
Accidents	113	5,1	100	3,6	108	4,8
Other diseases	369	16,7	474	17,3	327	14,7
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>2.021</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.471</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.935</b>	
Tumours	496	24,5	495	20,0	470	24,3
Circulatory system	712	35,2	840	34,0	708	36,6
Respiratory system	155	7,7	322	13,0	139	7,2
Digestive system	98	4,8	105	4,2	103	5,3
Accidents	46	2,3	48	1,9	47	2,4
Other diseases	514	25,4	661	26,8	468	24,2

Source: EUSTAT

For further information:

 <b>Eustat</b>	Euskal Estatistika-Erakundea / Instituto Vasco de Estadística C/ Donostia-San Sebastian, 1 01010 Vitoria-Gasteiz Tel:+34-945-01 75 00 Fax:+34-945-01 75 01 E-mail: <a href="mailto:eustat@eustat.es">eustat@eustat.es</a> <b>Contact person: Teresa Ramirez de Gazuza Zabalo</b> Tel:+34-945-01 75 34 Fax:+34-945-01 75 01 <b>Press releases on the Internet: <a href="http://www.eustat.es">www.eustat.es</a></b>
---	---