

2.9% fall in deaths in the third quarter of 2002 than in the same period in 2001

4,052 persons died in July, August and September 2002, 53% of which were male and 47% female.

4,052 persons died in the third quarter of 2002 in the A.C. of the Basque Country, 2.9% fewer than in the same period the previous year, according to the latest provisional Eustat data. By provinces, 468 persons died in Álava, 2,293 in Bizkaia and 1,291 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was tumours: 1,291 persons died due to this cause (31.9%); followed, in second place by diseases of the circulatory system which led to 1,200 deaths (29.6%). In third place, and at some distance, were respiratory diseases, which caused 351 deaths (8.7%).

The reason for deaths was different according to sex, as among males tumours were more prevalent than diseases of the circulatory system, while among females the main cause was cardiovascular diseases and, secondly, tumours.

Among the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2002, 11 corresponded to children under one year of age, 7 males and 4 females.

The natural population growth in the third quarter of 2002 was positive in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country, with an increase in population of 477 persons. In all three Provinces there were positive balances: 158 in Alava, 32 in Bizkaia and 287 in Gipuzkoa.

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

	3rd quarter 2002		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2002)		Same quarter of the previous year (3rd quarter 2001)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
DEATHS	4.052		4.227		4.173	
Men	2.162	53,4	2.206	52,2	2.214	53,1
Women	1.890	46,6	2.021	47,8	1.959	46,9
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.052		4.227		4.173	
Tumours	1.291	31,9	1.291	30,5	1.347	32,3
Circulatory system	1.200	29,6	1.312	31,0	1.232	29,5
Respiratory system	351	8,7	391	9,3	340	8,1
Digestive system	225	5,6	191	4,5	233	5,6
Accidents	148	3,7	159	3,8	158	3,8
Other diseases	837	20,7	883	20,9	863	20,7
MEN	2.162		2.206		2.214	
Tumours	813	37,6	795	36,0	847	38,3
Circulatory system	568	26,3	600	27,2	548	24,8
Respiratory system	199	9,2	236	10,7	217	9,8
Digestive system	117	5,4	93	4,2	136	6,1
Accidents	108	5,0	113	5,1	108	4,9
Other diseases	357	16,5	369	16,7	358	16,2
WOMEN	1.890		2.021		1.959	
Tumours	478	25,3	496	24,5	500	25,5
Circulatory system	632	33,4	712	35,2	684	34,9
Respiratory system	152	8,0	155	7,7	123	6,3
Digestive system	108	5,7	98	4,8	97	5,0
Accidents	40	2,1	46	2,3	50	2,6
Other diseases	480	25,4	514	25,4	505	25,8

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