

## **8% more deaths were registered in the second quarter of 2003 than in the same period the year before**

***4,571 people died over the months of April, May and June 2003, 51.5% of which were male and 48.5% female.***

The 4,571 deaths corresponding to the second quarter of 2003 represented an 8% increase with regard to the same period the previous year, according to Eustat data. By provinces, 557 people died in Álava, 2,568 in Bizkaia and 1,446 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was diseases of the circulatory system: 1,390 people died of this cause (30.4%); followed in second place by tumours, which were the cause of 1,368 deaths (29.9%). The third cause of death was respiratory diseases, which over this period led to 460 deaths (10.1%).

The cause of death varied 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 that occurred in the second quarter of 2003, 16 corresponded to children under the age of 1, 10 girls and 6 boys.

The natural population growth in the second quarter of 2003 was positive, with an increase in the population by 409 persons. By Provinces, positive balances were registered in Alava and Gipuzkoa, which increased in population by 206 and 267 inhabitants, respectively. In the case of Bizkaia, on the other hand, the number of deaths was higher than that of births (-64).

**Table 1. Deaths in the A.C. of Euskadi by sex, according to cause of death . Quarterly comparison.**

	2nd quarter 2003		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2003)		Same quarter of the previous year (2nd quarter 2002)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.571</b>		<b>4.856</b>		<b>4.231</b>	
Men	2.354	51,5	2.574	53,0	2.208	52,2
Women	2.217	48,5	2.282	47,0	2.023	47,8
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.571</b>		<b>4.856</b>		<b>4.231</b>	
Tumours	1.368	29,9	1.349	27,8	1.292	30,5
Circulatory system	1.390	30,4	1.581	32,6	1.313	31,0
Respiratory system	460	10,1	551	11,3	391	9,2
Digestive system	256	5,6	287	5,9	191	4,5
Accidents	173	3,8	164	3,4	161	3,8
Other diseases	924	20,2	924	19,0	883	20,9
<b>MEN</b>	<b>2.354</b>		<b>2.574</b>		<b>2.208</b>	
Tumours	850	36,1	875	34,0	795	36,0
Circulatory system	618	26,3	759	29,5	600	27,2
Respiratory system	261	11,1	301	11,7	236	10,7
Digestive system	141	6,0	162	6,3	93	4,2
Accidents	128	5,4	120	4,7	115	5,2
Other diseases	356	15,1	357	13,9	369	16,7
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>2.217</b>		<b>2.282</b>		<b>2.023</b>	
Tumours	518	23,4	474	20,8	497	24,6
Circulatory system	772	34,8	822	36,0	713	35,2
Respiratory system	199	9,0	250	11,0	155	7,7
Digestive system	115	5,2	125	5,5	98	4,8
Accidents	45	2,0	44	1,9	46	2,3
Other diseases	568	25,6	567	24,8	514	25,4

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