

In the third quarter of 2003, 8.7% more deaths were registered than during the same period of the previous year

In July, August, and September 2003, 4,434 people died, of which 51.1% were men and 48.9% women.

The 4,434 deaths in the third quarter of 2003 meant an increase of 8.7% in relation to the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By province, 528 people died in Álava, 2,424 in Bizkaia and 1,482 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was the presence of tumours: 1,316 people died as a result (29.7%); next, the second highest number of mortalities were those caused by circulatory system illnesses, accounting for 1,211 deaths (27.3%). Thirdly were respiratory system illnesses, causing 468 deaths during these months (10.6%).

The cause of death was different according to the sex of the deceased: for men tumours were more common than circulatory system illnesses, whereas among women the main cause was cardiovascular illness and secondly tumours.

Among the deaths registered in the third quarter of 2003, 13 corresponded to children under a year old, 4 girls and 9 boys.

The natural population growth in the third quarter of 2003 was positive, with a population increase of 312 people. In all three provinces, there was a positive balance: Alava increased its population by 125 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 16 and Gipuzkoa by 171.

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

	3rd quarter 2003		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2003)		Same quarter of the previous year (3rd quarter 2002)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
DEATHS	4.434		4.581		4.079	
Men	2.264	51,1	2.359	51,5	2.171	53,2
Women	2.170	48,9	2.222	48,5	1.908	46,8
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.434		4.581		4.079	
Tumours	1.316	29,7	1.368	29,9	1.297	31,8
Circulatory system	1.211	27,3	1.396	30,5	1.208	29,6
Respiratory system	468	10,6	460	10,0	355	8,7
Digestive system	212	4,8	256	5,6	226	5,5
Accidents	166	3,7	173	3,8	152	3,7
Other diseases	1.061	23,9	928	20,3	841	20,6
MEN	2.264		2.359		2.171	
Tumours	821	36,3	850	36,0	815	37,5
Circulatory system	534	23,6	620	26,3	572	26,3
Respiratory system	263	11,6	261	11,1	200	9,2
Digestive system	123	5,4	141	6,0	117	5,4
Accidents	115	5,1	128	5,4	110	5,1
Other diseases	408	18,0	359	15,2	357	16,4
WOMEN	2.170		2.222		1.908	
Tumours	495	22,8	518	23,3	482	25,3
Circulatory system	677	31,2	776	34,9	636	33,3
Respiratory system	205	9,4	199	9,0	155	8,1
Digestive system	89	4,1	115	5,2	109	5,7
Accidents	51	2,4	45	2,0	42	2,2
Other diseases	653	30,1	569	25,6	484	25,4

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