

## 5.5% fewer deaths were registered in the second quarter of 2004 than during the same period of last year

*In the months of April, May and June 2004 4,331 people died, of which 52.9% were men and 47.1% women.*

4,331 deaths occurred during the second quarter of 2004, meaning a fall of 5.5% in relation to the same period of last year, according to Eustat data. By province, 552 people died in Álava, 2,410 in Bizkaia and 1,369 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was circulatory system illness, of which 1,302 people died (30.1%); this was very closely followed by the next most common cause, which was tumours, giving rise to 1,298 deaths (30%). In third place was respiratory illness, causing 413 deaths over these three months (9.5%).

The cause of death differed according to sex, since among men, tumours were more common, followed by circulatory system illnesses, whereas among women, the main causes were cardiovascular illnesses and secondly, tumours.

Of the deaths to take place during the second quarter of 2004, 18 corresponded to children aged less than one year old, 10 boys and 8 girls.

The natural population growth of the A.C. of the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2004 was positive, with an increase of 577 people. There were positive balances in all three provinces, with Alava increasing its population by 172, by 138 in Bizkaia and 267 in Gipuzkoa.

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

	2nd quarter 2004		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2004)		Same quarter of the previous year (2nd quarter 2003)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.331</b>		<b>4.939</b>		<b>4.581</b>	
Men	2.290	52,9	2.516	50,9	2.359	51,5
Women	2.041	47,1	2.423	49,1	2.222	48,5
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.331</b>		<b>4.939</b>		<b>4.581</b>	
Tumours	1.302	30,1	1.310	26,5	1.368	29,9
Circulatory system	1.298	30,0	1.603	32,5	1.396	30,5
Respiratory system	413	9,5	544	11,0	460	10,0
Digestive system	232	5,4	250	5,1	256	5,6
Accidents	162	3,7	151	3,1	173	3,8
Other diseases	924	21,3	1.081	21,9	928	20,3
<b>MEN</b>	<b>2.290</b>		<b>2.516</b>		<b>2.359</b>	
Tumours	842	36,8	832	33,1	850	36,0
Circulatory system	608	26,6	733	29,1	620	26,3
Respiratory system	223	9,7	298	11,8	261	11,1
Digestive system	125	5,5	126	5,0	141	6,0
Accidents	118	5,2	101	4,0	128	5,4
Other diseases	374	16,3	426	16,9	359	15,2
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>2.041</b>		<b>2.423</b>		<b>2.222</b>	
Tumours	460	22,5	478	19,7	518	23,3
Circulatory system	690	33,8	870	35,9	776	34,9
Respiratory system	190	9,3	246	10,2	199	9,0
Digestive system	107	5,2	124	5,1	115	5,2
Accidents	44	2,2	50	2,1	45	2,0
Other diseases	550	26,9	655	27,0	569	25,6

Source: EUSTAT

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