

## **8.3% fewer deaths were registered in the third quarter of 2004 than in the same period the previous year**

***4,088 people died over the months of July, August and September 2004, 51.8% of which were male and 48.2% were female***

The 4,088 deaths in the third quarter of 2004 represented an 8.3% reduction with regard to the same period the year before, according to Eustat data. By provinces, 468 people died in Álava, 2,287 in Bizkaia and 1,333 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death is tumours: 1,294 people died due to this cause (31.7%); followed, as the second cause of death, by circulatory system diseases, which led to 1,201 deaths (29.4%). Third place is occupied by respiratory diseases, which caused 321 deaths over these months (7.9%).

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. Respiratory system diseases are the third cause of death for both sexes.

Among the deaths that took place in the third quarter of 2004, 22 corresponded to babies under the age of one, 13 females and 9 males.

Natural population growth was positive in the third quarter of 2004, with an increase in population of 918 persons. In the three Provinces there were positive balances: Alava increased its population by 253 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 201 and Gipuzkoa by 464.

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

	3rd quarter 2004		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2004)		Same quarter of the previous year (3rd quarter 2003)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.088</b>		<b>4.338</b>		<b>4.459</b>	
Men	2.116	51,8	2.294	52,9	2.276	51,0
Women	1.972	48,2	2.044	47,1	2.183	49,0
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.088</b>		<b>4.338</b>		<b>4.459</b>	
Tumours	1.294	31,7	1.305	30,1	1.317	29,5
Circulatory system	1.201	29,4	1.300	30,0	1.220	27,4
Respiratory system	321	7,9	413	9,5	472	10,6
Digestive system	231	5,7	232	5,3	214	4,8
Accidents	160	3,9	163	3,8	168	3,8
Other diseases	881	21,6	925	21,3	1.068	24,0
<b>MEN</b>	<b>2.116</b>		<b>2.294</b>		<b>2.276</b>	
Tumours	821	38,8	843	36,7	822	36,1
Circulatory system	530	25,0	610	26,6	538	23,6
Respiratory system	182	8,6	223	9,7	265	11,6
Digestive system	137	6,5	125	5,4	124	5,4
Accidents	119	5,6	119	5,2	117	5,1
Other diseases	327	15,5	374	16,3	410	18,0
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>1.972</b>		<b>2.044</b>		<b>2.183</b>	
Tumours	473	24,0	462	22,6	495	22,7
Circulatory system	671	34,0	690	33,8	682	31,2
Respiratory system	139	7,0	190	9,3	207	9,5
Digestive system	94	4,8	107	5,2	90	4,1
Accidents	41	2,1	44	2,2	51	2,3
Other diseases	554	28,1	551	27,0	658	30,1

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