

## The number of deaths rose by 1.7% in the fourth quarter of 2004

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4,730 people died in the A.C. of the Basque Country in the fourth quarter of 2004, 1.7% more than in the fourth quarter of 2003, according to Eustat data. By province, there were 567 deaths in Alava, 2,612 in Bizkaia and 1,551 in Gipuzkoa.

The provisional total number of deaths for 2004 came to 18,101, of which 9,430 were men and 8,671 women. In relation to the previous year 457 less deaths were registered, meaning a fall of 2.5%.

30.5% of the deaths that took place in 2004, which is to say 5,525, were due to circulatory system diseases. Next came cancers, with 29.5% (5,340 deaths) and, thirdly, although further behind, respiratory diseases, which accounted for 9.6% (1,740).

The cause of death was different according to sex, with cancers outnumbering circulatory system diseases among men, whereas for women the main cause was cardiovascular disease, followed by cancers.

Of the deaths that took place in 2004, 68 corresponded to children under one year old, 33 boys and 35 girls. Elsewhere, there was a significant rise in the number of people who died aged 100 or over, which went from 56 in 1990 to 109 (12 men and 97 women).

According to the provisional figures for 2004, the number of births exceeded deaths by 1,347 and natural population growth for the A.C. of the Basque Country was positive. By province, the balance was positive in Alava and Gipuzkoa, coming to 595 and 885 respectively. In the case of Bizkaia, on the other hand, deaths outnumbered births (-133).

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

	4th quarter 2004		Previous quarter (3rd quarter 2004)		Same quarter of the previous year (4th quarter 2003)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.730</b>		<b>4.089</b>		<b>4.650</b>	
Men	2.501	52,9	2.116	51,7	2.416	52,0
Women	2.229	47,1	1.973	48,3	2.234	48,0
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.730</b>		<b>4.089</b>		<b>4.650</b>	
Tumours	1.430	30,2	1.294	31,6	1.341	28,8
Circulatory system	1.420	30,0	1.201	29,4	1.402	30,2
Respiratory system	461	9,7	321	7,9	503	10,8
Digestive system	259	5,5	231	5,6	236	5,1
Accidents	162	3,4	160	3,9	182	3,9
Other diseases	998	21,1	882	21,6	986	21,2
<b>MEN</b>	<b>2.501</b>		<b>2.116</b>		<b>2.416</b>	
Tumours	902	36,1	821	38,8	868	35,9
Circulatory system	674	26,9	530	25,0	623	25,8
Respiratory system	253	10,1	182	8,6	266	11,0
Digestive system	136	5,4	137	6,5	144	6,0
Accidents	103	4,1	119	5,6	117	4,8
Other diseases	433	17,3	327	15,5	398	16,5
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>2.229</b>		<b>1.973</b>		<b>2.234</b>	
Tumours	528	23,7	473	24,0	473	21,2
Circulatory system	746	33,5	671	34,0	779	34,9
Respiratory system	208	9,3	139	7,0	237	10,6
Digestive system	123	5,5	94	4,8	92	4,1
Accidents	59	2,6	41	2,1	65	2,9
Other diseases	565	25,3	555	28,1	588	26,3

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