

The number of deaths remained steady during the second quarter of 2005

4,370 people died during April, May and June 2005, of which 53.3% were men and 46.7% women

The figure of 4,370 deaths during the second quarter of 2005 meant a slight increase (0.7%) with regard to the same period of the previous year, according to EUSTAT data. By province, 587 people died in Álava, 2,425 in Bizkaia and 1,358 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was circulatory system disease, accounting for the deaths of 1,297 people (29.7%); the second cause of death, on virtually the same level, was cancer, giving rise to 1,288 deaths (29.5%). The third place was taken by respiratory disease, which caused 443 deaths during these months (10.1%).

The cause of death varied according to gender, given that among men cancers (35.5%) outnumbered circulatory system disease (26.2%), while among women, the main cause was cardiovascular disease (33.6%), with cancers coming in second place (22.6%).

Among the deaths that occurred in the second quarter of 2005, 16 corresponded to children aged less than one year old, 12 boys and 4 girls.

Natural population growth of the A.C. of the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2005 was positive, with an increase of 569 people. There were positive balances in all three provinces, coming to 139 in Alava, 82 in Bizkaia and 348 in Gipuzkoa.

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

	2nd quarter 2005		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2005)		Same quarter of the previous year (2nd quarter 2004)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
DEATHS	4.370		6.087		4.339	
Men	2.330	53,3	3.167	52,0	2.294	52,9
Women	2.040	46,7	2.920	48,0	2.045	47,1
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.370		6.087		4.339	
Tumours	1.288	29,5	1.438	23,6	1.305	30,1
Circulatory system	1.297	29,7	1.894	31,1	1.300	30,0
Respiratory system	443	10,1	982	16,1	413	9,5
Digestive system	231	5,3	259	4,3	232	5,3
Accidents	167	3,8	178	2,9	163	3,8
Other diseases	944	21,6	1.336	21,9	926	21,3
MEN	2.330		3.167		2.294	
Tumours	827	35,5	949	30,0	843	36,7
Circulatory system	611	26,2	875	27,6	610	26,6
Respiratory system	267	11,5	542	17,1	223	9,7
Digestive system	126	5,4	144	4,5	125	5,4
Accidents	117	5,0	110	3,5	119	5,2
Other diseases	382	16,4	547	17,3	374	16,3
WOMEN	2.040		2.920		2.045	
Tumours	461	22,6	489	16,7	462	22,6
Circulatory system	686	33,6	1.019	34,9	690	33,7
Respiratory system	176	8,6	440	15,1	190	9,3
Digestive system	105	5,1	115	3,9	107	5,2
Accidents	50	2,5	68	2,3	44	2,2
Other diseases	562	27,5	789	27,0	552	27,0

Source: EUSTAT

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