

5.4% decrease in deaths in the third quarter of 2005

3,867 people died over the months of July, August and September 2005, 53.5% of which were male and 46.5% female

The 3,867 deaths in the third quarter of 2005 represented a 5.4% decrease with regard to the same period the year before, according to Eustat data. By provinces, 510 people died in Álava, 2,171 in Bizkaia and 1,186 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was tumours: 1,286 people died of this cause (33.3%); followed in order of importance by circulatory system diseases, which led to 1,082 deaths (28%). The third cause was respiratory diseases, which over these three months caused 319 deaths (8.2%).

The cause of death was different according to sex, as among males tumours caused more deaths than circulatory system diseases, while among women the main cause was cardiovascular diseases and in second place tumours. Respiratory system diseases were the third cause of death for both sexes.

Among the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2005, only 3 corresponded to children under one year of age, 2 boys and 1 girl.

Natural population growth was positive in the third quarter of 2005, with an increase in population of 1,004 persons. In the three provinces there were positive balances: Alava increased in population by 92 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 307 and Gipuzkoa by 505.

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

	3rd quarter 2005		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2005)		Same quarter of the previous year (3rd quarter 2004)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
	DEATHS	3.867	100,0	4.372	100,0	4.089
Men	2.069	53,5	2.332	53,3	2.116	51,7
Women	1.798	46,5	2.040	46,7	1.973	48,3
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	3.867		4.372		4.089	
Tumours	1.286	33,3	1.288	29,5	1.294	31,6
Circulatory system	1.082	28,0	1.298	29,7	1.201	29,4
Respiratory system	319	8,2	443	10,1	321	7,9
Digestive system	191	4,9	231	5,3	231	5,6
Accidents	179	4,6	168	3,8	160	3,9
Other diseases	810	20,9	944	21,6	882	21,6
MEN	2.069		2.332		2.116	
Tumours	808	39,1	827	35,5	821	38,8
Circulatory system	534	25,8	612	26,2	530	25,0
Respiratory system	189	9,1	267	11,4	182	8,6
Digestive system	115	5,6	126	5,4	137	6,5
Accidents	128	6,2	118	5,1	119	5,6
Other diseases	295	14,3	382	16,4	327	15,5
WOMEN	1.798		2.040		1.973	
Tumours	478	26,6	461	22,6	473	24,0
Circulatory system	548	30,5	686	33,6	671	34,0
Respiratory system	130	7,2	176	8,6	139	7,0
Digestive system	76	4,2	105	5,1	94	4,8
Accidents	51	2,8	50	2,5	41	2,1
Other diseases	515	28,6	562	27,5	555	28,1

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