

## **5.2% fall in the number of deaths in the fourth quarter of 2005**

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4,486 persons died in the A.C. of the Basque Country in the fourth quarter of 2005, 5.2% fewer than in the fourth quarter of 2004, according to data Eustat. By provinces, in Alava there were 549 deaths, 2,499 in Bizkaia and 1,438 in Gipuzkoa.

The provisional figure for total deaths in 2005 came to 18,821, 9,958 of which were males and 8,863 females. With regard to the previous year there were 720 more deaths, which represents a 4% increase.

30.1% of deaths occurring in 2005, 5,666, were due to circulatory system diseases, followed by tumours, with 28.4% (5,341 deaths) and, in third place, at some distance, respiratory diseases, which represented 11.4% (2,155).

The cause of death was different according to the sex, as among males tumours were more common than circulatory system diseases, while among females the main causes were cardiovascular diseases and secondly tumours.

Among the deaths that occurred in 2005, 49 corresponded to under one year-olds, 33 boys and 16 girls. In addition, there was a significant increase in the number of persons who died at the age of 100 or over, which rose from 56 in 1990 to 143 (26 males and 117 females) in 2005.

With the provisional data for 2005, births surpasses deaths in number by 763, giving a positive natural population growth rate in the A.C. of the Basque Country. By provinces, there were positive balances in both Álava and Gipuzkoa, with 370 and 786, respectively. In the case of Bizkaia, by contrast, the number of deaths was greater than the number of births (-393).

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

	4rd quarter 2005		Previous quarter (3rd quarter 2005)		Same quarter of the previous year (4nd quarter 2004)	
	N.	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.486</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.874</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.730</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Men	2.387	53,2	2.071	53,5	2.501	52,9
Women	2.099	46,8	1.803	46,5	2.229	47,1
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.486</b>		<b>3.874</b>		<b>4.730</b>	
Tumours	1.326	29,6	1.288	33,2	1.430	30,2
Circulatory system	1.391	31,0	1.083	28,0	1.420	30,0
Respiratory system	410	9,1	320	8,3	461	9,7
Digestive system	235	5,2	191	4,9	259	5,5
Accidents	156	3,5	180	4,6	162	3,4
Other diseases	968	21,6	812	21,0	998	21,1
<b>MEN</b>	<b>2.387</b>		<b>2.071</b>		<b>2.501</b>	
Tumours	851	35,7	810	39,1	902	36,1
Circulatory system	647	27,1	534	25,8	674	26,9
Respiratory system	243	10,2	189	9,1	253	10,1
Digestive system	111	4,7	115	5,6	136	5,4
Accidents	111	4,7	128	6,2	103	4,1
Other diseases	424	17,8	295	14,2	433	17,3
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>2.099</b>		<b>1.803</b>		<b>2.229</b>	
Tumours	475	22,6	478	26,5	528	23,7
Circulatory system	744	35,4	549	30,4	746	33,5
Respiratory system	167	8,0	131	7,3	208	9,3
Digestive system	124	5,9	76	4,2	123	5,5
Accidents	45	2,1	52	2,9	59	2,6
Other diseases	544	25,9	517	28,7	565	25,3

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