

Drop in the number of deaths in the second quarter of 2006

4,128 persons died over the months of April, May and June 2006, of which 53% were male and 47% female

The 4,128 deaths in the second quarter of 2006 represent a 5.6% decrease with regard to the same period the year before, according to EUSTAT data. By provinces, 490 persons died in Álava, 2,268 in Bizkaia and 1,370 en Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was tumours: 1,285 persons died of this cause (31.1%); the second cause of death was circulatory system diseases, which led to 1,256 deaths (30.4%) and the third was respiratory diseases, which over these months were the cause of 365 deaths (8.8%).

The cause of death was different according to sex, as between males tumours (38.4%) were more common than circulatory system diseases (25.8%), while among women the main cause was cardiovascular diseases (35.6%) and in second place tumours (23%).

Among the deaths that took place in the third quarter of 2006, 22 corresponded to under one year olds, 6 boys and 16 girls.

The natural population growth in the A.C. of the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2006 was positive, with an increase of 858 persons. By Provinces there were positive balances in all three, with 246 in Álava, 268 in Bizkaia and 344 in Gipuzkoa.

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

	2nd quarter 2006		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2006)		Same quarter of the previous year (2nd quarter 2005)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.128	100,0	4.922	100,0	4.373	100,0
Men	2.187	53,0	2.574	52,3	2.332	53,3
Women	1.941	47,0	2.348	47,7	2.041	46,7
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.128		4.922		4.373	
Tumours	1.285	31,1	1.369	27,8	1.288	29,5
Circulatory system	1.256	30,4	1.545	31,4	1.298	29,7
Respiratory system	365	8,8	542	11,0	443	10,1
Digestive system	212	5,1	242	4,9	231	5,3
Accidents	145	3,5	144	2,9	168	3,8
Other diseases	865	21,0	1.080	21,9	945	21,6
MEN	2.187		2.574		2.332	
Tumours	839	38,4	895	34,8	827	35,5
Circulatory system	565	25,8	731	28,4	612	26,2
Respiratory system	204	9,3	307	11,9	267	11,4
Digestive system	115	5,3	144	5,6	126	5,4
Accidents	100	4,6	103	4,0	118	5,1
Other diseases	364	16,6	394	15,3	382	16,4
WOMEN	1.941		2.348		2.041	
Tumours	446	23,0	474	20,2	461	22,6
Circulatory system	691	35,6	814	34,7	686	33,6
Respiratory system	161	8,3	235	10,0	176	8,6
Digestive system	97	5,0	98	4,2	105	5,1
Accidents	45	2,3	41	1,7	50	2,4
Other diseases	501	25,8	686	29,2	563	27,6

Source: EUSTAT

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