

## **The number of deaths increased by 8.8% in the third quarter of 2006**

***4,214 people died in July, August and September 2006, of which 52.8% were men and 47.2% were women***

The 4,214 deaths in the third quarter of 2006 meant an 8.8% increase in relation to the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By province, 486 people died in Álava, 2,404 in Bizkaia and 1,324 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was tumours, which accounted for the deaths of 1,362 people (32.3%); following this, as the second cause of death, were diseases of the circulatory system, giving rise to 1,139 deaths (27%). In third place came respiratory diseases, which caused 357 deaths during these months (8.5%).

The cause of death differed according to sex, with tumours outnumbering diseases of the circulatory system among men, whereas among women the main cause was cardiovascular disease and in second place tumours. Diseases of the respiratory system remained the third cause of death for both sexes.

Among the deaths occurring in the third quarter of 2006, 10 corresponded to children of less than one year old, 6 boys and 4 girls.

Natural growth for the third quarter of 2006 was positive, with a population increase of 809. In all three provinces there were positive balances: the population of Álava increased by 245 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 106 and Gipuzkoa by 458.

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

	Previous quarter				Same quarter of the previous year	
	3rd quarter 2006		(2nd quarter 2006)		(3rd quarter 2005)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.214</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.183</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.874</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Men	2.223	52,8	2.216	53,0	2.071	53,5
Women	1.991	47,2	1.967	47,0	1.803	46,5
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.214</b>		<b>4.183</b>		<b>3.874</b>	
Tumours	1.362	32,3	1.306	31,2	1.288	33,2
Circulatory system	1.139	27,0	1.270	30,4	1.083	28,0
Respiratory system	357	8,5	369	8,8	320	8,3
Digestive system	208	4,9	216	5,2	191	4,9
Accidents	156	3,7	146	3,5	180	4,6
Other diseases	992	23,5	876	20,9	812	21,0
<b>MEN</b>	<b>2.223</b>		<b>2.216</b>		<b>2.071</b>	
Tumours	851	38,3	849	38,3	810	39,1
Circulatory system	528	23,8	575	25,9	534	25,8
Respiratory system	207	9,3	207	9,3	189	9,1
Digestive system	117	5,3	117	5,3	115	5,6
Accidents	111	5,0	100	4,5	128	6,2
Other diseases	409	18,4	368	16,6	295	14,2
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>1.991</b>		<b>1.967</b>		<b>1.803</b>	
Tumours	511	25,7	457	23,2	478	26,5
Circulatory system	611	30,7	695	35,3	549	30,4
Respiratory system	150	7,5	162	8,2	131	7,3
Digestive system	91	4,6	99	5,0	76	4,2
Accidents	45	2,3	46	2,3	52	2,9
Other diseases	583	29,3	508	25,8	517	28,7

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