

The number of deaths increased in the second quarter of 2007

In April, May and June 2007, 4,304 people died, of which 52% were men and 48% women

The figure of 4,304 deaths during the second quarter of 2007 meant a 3% increase in relation to the same period of last year, according to EUSTAT data. By province, 540 people died in Álava, 2,362 in Bizkaia and 1,402 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was tumours, with 1,398 people dying for this reason (32.5%). The second cause of death was circulatory system disease, which gave rise to 1,234 deaths (28.7%) and the third place was held by respiratory disease, which caused 359 deaths (8.3%) during these months.

The reason for these deaths was different according to sex. Among men tumours (40.1%) surpassed circulatory system diseases (25.6%), while among women the main cause was cardiovascular disease (31.9%) and in second place was tumours (24.2%).

Among the deaths that occurred during the second quarter of 2007, 22 corresponded to children aged under one year old, 8 boys and 14 girls.

Natural growth in the A.C. of the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2007 was positive, with an increase of 759 people. There were positive balances in all three provinces, coming to 211 in Álava, 200 in Bizkaia and 348 in Gipuzkoa.

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	
	2nd quarter 2007		(1st quarter 2007)		(2nd quarter 2006)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.304	100,0	5.140	100,0	4.184	100,0
Men	2.238	52,0	2.577	50,1	2.217	53,0
Women	2.066	48,0	2.563	49,9	1.967	47,0
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.304		5.140		4.184	
Tumours	1.398	32,5	1.406	27,4	1.307	31,2
Circulatory system	1.234	28,7	1.557	30,3	1.283	30,7
Respiratory system	359	8,3	598	11,6	372	8,9
Digestive system	235	5,5	255	5,0	219	5,2
Accidents	148	3,4	164	3,2	150	3,6
Other diseases	930	21,6	1.160	22,6	853	20,4
MEN	2.238		2.577		2.217	
Tumours	897	40,1	877	34,0	849	38,3
Circulatory system	574	25,6	700	27,2	587	26,5
Respiratory system	193	8,6	313	12,1	209	9,4
Digestive system	116	5,2	149	5,8	118	5,3
Accidents	87	3,9	107	4,2	101	4,6
Other diseases	371	16,6	431	16,7	353	15,9
WOMEN	2.066		2.563		1.967	
Tumours	501	24,2	529	20,6	458	23,3
Circulatory system	660	31,9	857	33,4	696	35,4
Respiratory system	166	8,0	285	11,1	163	8,3
Digestive system	119	5,8	106	4,1	101	5,1
Accidents	61	3,0	57	2,2	49	2,5
Other diseases	559	27,1	729	28,4	500	25,4

Source: EUSTAT
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