

The number of deaths decreased in the third quarter of 2007

4,145 people died in July, August and September 2006, of which 51.9% were men and 48.1% women

The 4,145 deaths in the third quarter of 2007 meant a decrease of 1.8% as regards the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By province, 503 people died in Álava, 2,322 in Bizkaia and 1,320 in Gipuzkoa.

The main cause of death was formed by tumours: 1,360 people died for this reason (32.8%); following this, as the second cause of death, came circulatory system diseases, which gave rise to 1,185 deaths (28.6%). The third position was occupied by respiratory diseases, which caused 354 deaths (8.5%) during these months.

The cause of death was different according to sex, since among men tumours outnumbered circulatory system diseases, while among women the main cause was cardiovascular diseases and in second place tumours. Respiratory system diseases remained the third cause of death for both sexes.

Among the deaths registered during the third quarter of 2007, 15 corresponded to children under one year old, 10 boys and 5 girls.

Natural growth was positive in the third quarter of 2007, with a population increase of 1,140 people. In all three provinces, the balance was positive: Álava saw its population increase by 285 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 314 and Gipuzkoa by 541.

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 2007		(2nd quarter 2007)		(3rd quarter 2006)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.145	100,0	4.319	100,0	4.220	100,0
Men	2.150	51,9	2.247	52,0	2.226	52,7
Women	1.995	48,1	2.072	48,0	1.994	47,3
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.145	100	4.319	100	4.220	100
Tumours	1.360	32,8	1.400	32,4	1.364	32,3
Circulatory system	1.185	28,6	1.241	28,7	1.143	27,1
Respiratory system	354	8,5	360	8,3	358	8,5
Digestive system	194	4,7	236	5,5	208	4,9
Accidents	157	3,8	148	3,4	157	3,7
Other diseases	895	21,6	934	21,6	990	23,5
MEN	2.150	100	2.247	100	2.226	100
Tumours	820	38,1	899	40,0	852	38,3
Circulatory system	543	25,3	578	25,7	531	23,9
Respiratory system	213	9,9	193	8,6	208	9,3
Digestive system	115	5,3	117	5,2	117	5,3
Accidents	115	5,3	87	3,9	112	5,0
Other diseases	344	16,0	373	16,6	406	18,2
WOMEN	1.995	100	2.072	100	1.994	100
Tumours	540	27,1	501	24,2	512	25,7
Circulatory system	642	32,2	663	32,0	612	30,7
Respiratory system	141	7,1	167	8,1	150	7,5
Digestive system	79	4,0	119	5,7	91	4,6
Accidents	42	2,1	61	2,9	45	2,3
Other diseases	551	27,6	561	27,1	584	29,3

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