

## The mortality figures remained stable in the second quarter of 2008

### ***Deaths of people over 100 years old decreased by 22.2%***

In the second quarter of 2008, 4,303 people died in the A.C. of the Basque Country, 0.4% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By provinces, 531 people died in Álava, which was a drop of 1.8%, 2,341 in Bizkaia (-0.9%), while Gipuzkoa was the only province that saw a rise in the number of deaths (+0.9%).

Out of the 4,303 people who died, 2,301 were men and 2,002 women. The male death rate increase by 2.3%, while the rate for women fell by 3.4%.

As regards the ages of the deceased, nearly 76.4% were 70 or over, with the largest group aged between 80 to 89 years old, which accounted for 36.1% of the total deaths. Twenty-eight people aged 100 or over died, 22.2% more than in the same quarter of 2007 and 89.3% of whom were women.

Fifteen of all the deaths in the first quarter of 2008 were infants under one, 8 of whom were boys and 7 girls.

The population growth rate in the second quarter of 2008 was positive, with a population increase of 1,120 people. There were positive balances in the three provinces: +280 in Álava, +423 in Bizkaia and +417 in Gipuzkoa.

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

|                    |                  |              | Previous quarter   |              | Same quarter of the previous year |              |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
|                    | 2nd quarter 2008 |              | (1st quarter 2008) |              | (2nd quarter 2007)                |              |
|                    | N.               | %            | N.                 | %            | N.                                | %            |
| <b>DEATHS</b>      | <b>4.303</b>     | <b>100,0</b> | <b>5.387</b>       | <b>100,0</b> | <b>4.321</b>                      | <b>100,0</b> |
| Men                | 2.301            | 53,5         | 2.749              | 51,0         | 2.249                             | 52,0         |
| Women              | 2.002            | 46,5         | 2.638              | 49,0         | 2.072                             | 48,0         |
| <b>AGE GROUPS</b>  |                  |              |                    |              |                                   |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>4.303</b>     | <b>100</b>   | <b>5.387</b>       | <b>100</b>   | <b>4.321</b>                      | <b>100</b>   |
| Under 1 year old   | 15               | 0,3          | 17                 | 0,3          | 22                                | 0,5          |
| 1-29               | 34               | 0,8          | 23                 | 0,4          | 24                                | 0,6          |
| 30-49              | 180              | 4,2          | 227                | 4,2          | 190                               | 4,4          |
| 50-69              | 785              | 18,2         | 816                | 15,1         | 779                               | 18,0         |
| 70-79              | 1.027            | 23,9         | 1.263              | 23,4         | 1.070                             | 24,8         |
| 80-89              | 1.552            | 36,1         | 2.006              | 37,2         | 1.506                             | 34,9         |
| 90-99              | 682              | 15,8         | 979                | 18,2         | 694                               | 16,1         |
| Over 100 years old | 28               | 0,7          | 56                 | 1,0          | 36                                | 0,8          |
| <b>MEN</b>         | <b>2.301</b>     | <b>53</b>    | <b>2.749</b>       | <b>51</b>    | <b>2.249</b>                      | <b>52</b>    |
| Under 1 year old   | 8                | 0,2          | 7                  | 0,1          | 8                                 | 0,2          |
| 1-29               | 26               | 0,6          | 14                 | 0,3          | 16                                | 0,4          |
| 30-49              | 127              | 3,0          | 143                | 2,7          | 126                               | 2,9          |
| 50-69              | 557              | 12,9         | 578                | 10,7         | 558                               | 12,9         |
| 70-79              | 686              | 15,9         | 839                | 15,6         | 670                               | 15,5         |
| 80-89              | 719              | 16,7         | 906                | 16,8         | 676                               | 15,6         |
| 90-99              | 175              | 4,1          | 256                | 4,8          | 188                               | 4,4          |
| Over 100 years old | 3                | 0,1          | 6                  | 0,1          | 7                                 | 0,2          |
| <b>WOMEN</b>       | <b>2.002</b>     | <b>47</b>    | <b>2.638</b>       | <b>49</b>    | <b>2.072</b>                      | <b>48</b>    |
| Under 1 year old   | 7                | 0,2          | 10                 | 0,2          | 14                                | 0,3          |
| 1-29               | 8                | 0,2          | 9                  | 0,2          | 8                                 | 0,2          |
| 30-49              | 53               | 1,2          | 84                 | 1,6          | 64                                | 1,5          |
| 50-69              | 228              | 5,3          | 238                | 4,4          | 221                               | 5,1          |
| 70-79              | 341              | 7,9          | 424                | 7,9          | 400                               | 9,3          |
| 80-89              | 833              | 19,4         | 1.100              | 20,4         | 830                               | 19,2         |
| 90-99              | 507              | 11,8         | 723                | 13,4         | 506                               | 11,7         |
| Over 100 years old | 25               | 0,6          | 50                 | 0,9          | 29                                | 0,7          |

**Source: EUSTAT**
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