

Rise in the number of deaths in the second quarter of 2009

4,430 people died in April, May and June 2009, 52.8% of whom were men and 47.2% women

The 4,430 deaths in the second quarter of 2009 was up 2% on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By provinces, 540 people died in Álava, 2509 in Bizkaia and 1,381 in Gipuzkoa.

Tumours were the main cause of death: 1,394 people died for this reason (31.5%), followed by circulatory system diseases as the second cause of death, which lead to 1,283 people dying (29%). Respiratory diseases were in third place and caused 358 deaths (8.1%) in the months in question.

The cause of death differed according to sex, as tumours outnumbered circulatory system diseases among men, whereas the main cause was cardiovascular diseases among women, followed by tumours. Respiratory diseases remained as the third cause of death for both sexes.

Eight of all the deaths in the second quarter of 2009 were infants under one, 4 of whom were boys and 4 girls.

The population growth rate in the second quarter of 2009 was positive, with a population increase of 917 people. There were positive balances in the three provinces: Álava increased its population by 304 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 141 and Gipuzkoa by 472.

Table 1. Deaths in the Basque Country by sex, according to cause of death. Quarterly comparison.

	2nd quarter 2009		Previous quarter 1st quarter 2009		Same quarter of the previous year 2nd quarter 2008	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.430	100,0	5.298	100,0	4.307	100,0
Men	2.340	52,8	2.713	51,2	2.303	53,5
Women	2.090	47,2	2.585	48,8	2.004	46,5
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.430	100	5.298	100	4.307	100
Tumours	1.394	31,5	1.427	26,9	1.397	32,4
Circulatory system	1.283	29,0	1.559	29,4	1.261	29,3
Respiratory system	358	8,1	622	11,7	377	8,8
Digestive system	223	5,0	237	4,5	230	5,3
Accidents	91	2,1	137	2,6	158	3,7
Other diseases	1.081	24,4	1.316	24,8	884	20,5
MEN	2.340	100	2.713	100	2.303	100
Tumours	884	37,8	892	32,9	907	39,4
Circulatory system	619	26,5	712	26,2	573	24,9
Respiratory system	207	8,8	339	12,5	222	9,6
Digestive system	114	4,9	128	4,7	126	5,5
Accidents	56	2,4	90	3,3	114	5,0
Other diseases	460	19,7	552	20,3	361	15,7
WOMEN	2.090	100	2.585	100	2.004	100
Tumours	510	24,4	535	20,7	490	24,5
Circulatory system	664	31,8	847	32,8	688	34,3
Respiratory system	151	7,2	283	10,9	155	7,7
Digestive system	109	5,2	109	4,2	104	5,2
Accidents	35	1,7	47	1,8	44	2,2
Other diseases	621	29,7	764	29,6	523	26,1

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