

The number of deaths fell in the third quarter of 2009

4,186 people died in July, August and September 2009, only 2% of whom were under 40 years old.

During the third quarter of 2009, 4,186 people died, 51% of whom were male and 49% female, according to Eustat data. The figure was down 1.7% on the same period of the previous year. By provinces, 546 people died in Álava, 2,307 in Bizkaia and 1,333 in Gipuzkoa.

If we consider the age at the time of death, only 2% were under 40, 42% were between 40 and 80 years old and people over 80 accounted for 56% of the total.

Tumours were the main cause of death: 1,418 people died for this reason (33.9%), followed by circulatory system diseases as the second cause of death, which lead to 1,177 people dying (28.1%). Respiratory diseases were in third place and caused 332 deaths (7.9%) 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.

Twenty of all the deaths in the third quarter of 2009 were infants under one, 15 of whom were boys and 5 girls.

The population growth rate in the third quarter of 2009 was positive, with a population increase of 977 people. There were positive balances in the three provinces: Álava increased its population by 219 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 381 and Gipuzkoa by 377.

Table1: Deaths in the Basque Country, by cause of death. Quarterly comparison

	3rd quarter 2009		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2009)		Same quarter of the previous year (3rd quarter 2008)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.186	100,0	4.553	100,0	4.260	100,0
Men	2.132	50,9	2.415	53,0	2.244	52,7
Women	2.054	49,1	2.138	47,0	2.016	47,3
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.186	100	4.553	100	4.260	100
Tumours	1.418	33,9	1.408	30,9	1.420	33,3
Circulatory system	1.177	28,1	1.345	29,5	1.116	26,2
Respiratory system	332	7,9	369	8,1	348	8,2
Digestive system	196	4,7	232	5,1	205	4,8
External causes	116	2,8	143	3,1	154	3,6
Other diseases	947	22,6	1.056	23,2	1.017	23,9
MEN	2.132	100	2.415	100	2.244	100
Tumours	852	40,0	890	36,9	926	41,3
Circulatory system	534	25,0	658	27,2	518	23,1
Respiratory system	190	8,9	215	8,9	200	8,9
Digestive system	97	4,5	121	5,0	103	4,6
External causes	75	3,5	96	4,0	106	4,7
Other diseases	384	18,0	435	18,0	391	17,4
WOMEN	2.054	100	2.138	100	2.016	100
Tumours	566	27,6	518	24,2	494	24,5
Circulatory system	643	31,3	687	32,1	598	29,7
Respiratory system	142	6,9	154	7,2	148	7,3
Digestive system	99	4,8	111	5,2	102	5,1
External causes	41	2,0	47	2,2	48	2,4
Other diseases	563	27,4	621	29,0	626	31,1

Source: EUSTAT. Death statistics

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