

MORTALITY STATISTICS OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (EDEF) 4th QUARTER 2009

The number of deaths in the Basque Country fell by 2.9% in the fourth quarter of 2009

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In the fourth quarter of 2009, 4,760 people died in the Basque Country, 2.9% down on the same period of 2008, according to Eustat data. By provinces, there were 600 deaths in Álava, 2,694 in Bizkaia and 1,466 in Gipuzkoa.

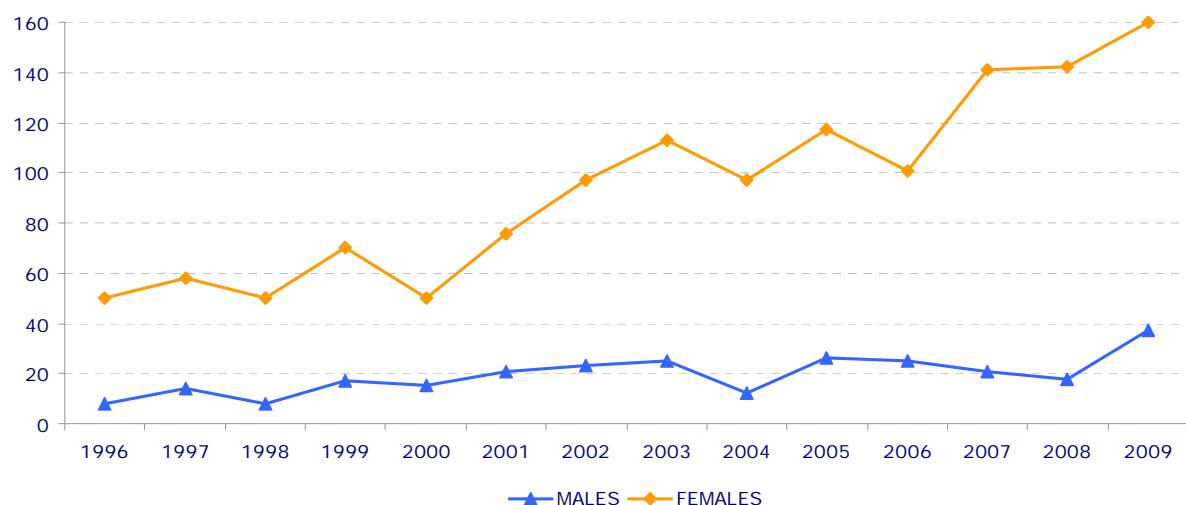
The provisional figures for the total number of deaths in 2009 stood at 18,901, of which 9,783 were men and 9,118 women. With respect to the provisional data for the previous year, there were 43 more deaths, which was up 0.2%.

30.5% (5,758) of the deaths in 2009 were due to tumours. These were followed by deaths caused by circulatory system diseases (29.8% - 5,539 deaths) and, in third place and some way behind, respiratory diseases, which accounted for 9.2% (1,744).

The cause of death differed according to sex, since among men tumours outnumbered circulatory system diseases by 10 points, whereas among women the main cause was cardiovascular diseases and secondly tumours.

Fifty-nine of all the deaths in 2009 were infants under one, 37 of whom were boys and 22 girls. On the other hand, 197 people (37 men and 160 women) were 100 years old or over when they died. The increase in the number of women aged 100 or over is clear, given that there were only 50 in 1996.

Graph 1: Deaths of the Basque Country of people aged 100 or over from 1996 to 2009



Source: EUSTAT. Mortality Statistics of the Basque Country

The population growth rate was positive in the three provinces

According to the provisional data for 2009, the population growth rate of the Basque Country was clearly positive, as births exceeded deaths by 1,815 people. Even though the sign was positive in the three provinces, it was overwhelmingly so in Álava and Gipuzkoa with population growth rate of 826 and 956 people, respectively, while it stood at 33 in Bizkaia.

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

	4th quarter 2009		Previous quarter (3rd quarter 2009)		Same quarter of the previous year	
			N.	%	N.	%
	DEATHS	4.760	100,0	4.255	100,0	4.901
Males	2.457	51,6	2.181	51,3	2.477	50,5
Females	2.303	48,4	2.074	48,7	2.424	49,5
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.760	100	4.255	100	4.901	100
Tumours	1.489	31,3	1.425	33,5	1.429	29,2
Circulatory system	1.397	29,3	1.206	28,3	1.505	30,7
Respiratory system	402	8,4	336	7,9	488	10,0
Digestive system	209	4,4	199	4,7	244	5,0
External causes	94	2,0	134	3,1	157	3,2
Other diseases	1.169	24,6	955	22,4	1.078	22,0
MALES	2.457	100	2.181	100	2.477	100
Tumours	937	38,1	856	39,2	887	35,8
Circulatory system	648	26,4	557	25,5	674	27,2
Respiratory system	248	10,1	192	8,8	270	10,9
Digestive system	108	4,4	99	4,5	122	4,9
External causes	60	2,4	90	4,1	99	4,0
Other diseases	456	18,6	387	17,7	425	17,2
FEMALES	2.303	100	2.074	100	2.424	100
Tumours	552	24,0	569	27,4	542	22,4
Circulatory system	749	32,5	649	31,3	831	34,3
Respiratory system	154	6,7	144	6,9	218	9,0
Digestive system	101	4,4	100	4,8	122	5,0
External causes	34	1,5	44	2,1	58	2,4
Other diseases	713	31,0	568	27,4	653	26,9

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