

The number of deaths fell by 4.7% in the third quarter of 2010

More than half of the deceased were over 80 years old

In the third quarter of 2010, the number of deaths in the Basque Country totalled 4,070, which was 4.7% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data. In terms of the sex of the deceased, 1,905 were women (47%) and 2,165 men (53%). By provinces, 510 people died in Álava, 2,284 in Bizkaia and 1,276 in Gipuzkoa.

If we consider the age at the time of death, only 12% were under 60, 32% were between 60 and 80 years old and people over 80 accounted for 56% of the total.

Tumours were the main cause of death: 1,372 people died for this reason (33.7%), followed by circulatory system diseases as the second cause of death and which accounted for the deaths of 1,132 people (27.8%). Respiratory diseases were in third place and caused 327 deaths (8.0%) 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 in second place. Respiratory diseases remained as the third cause of death for both sexes.

Fourteen of all the deaths in the third quarter of 2010 were infants under one, 8 of whom were boys and 6 girls.

The population growth rate in the third quarter of 2010 was positive, with a population increase of 1,189 people. There were positive balances in the three provinces: Álava increased its population by 292 inhabitants, Bizkaia by 396 and Gipuzkoa by 501.

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

	3rd quarter 2010		Previous quarter (2nd quarter 2010)		Same quarter of the previous year 3rd quarter 2009)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.070	100,0	4.550	100,0	4.272	100,0
Males	2.165	53,2	2.332	51,3	2.188	51,2
Females	1.905	46,8	2.218	48,7	2.084	48,8
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.070	100	4.550	100	4.272	100
Tumours	1.372	33,7	1.457	32,0	1.433	33,5
Circulatory system	1.132	27,8	1.328	29,2	1.214	28,4
Respiratory system	327	8,0	365	8,0	337	7,9
Digestive system	160	3,9	205	4,5	201	4,7
External causes	108	2,7	156	3,4	135	3,2
Other diseases	971	23,9	1.039	22,8	952	22,3
MALES	2.165	100	2.332	100	2.188	100
Tumours	867	40,0	901	38,6	860	39,3
Circulatory system	549	25,4	627	26,9	559	25,5
Respiratory system	191	8,8	207	8,9	192	8,8
Digestive system	89	4,1	106	4,5	101	4,6
External causes	72	3,3	111	4,8	91	4,2
Other diseases	397	18,3	380	16,3	385	17,6
FEMALES	1.905	100	2.218	100	2.084	100
Tumours	505	26,5	556	25,1	573	27,5
Circulatory system	583	30,6	701	31,6	655	31,4
Respiratory system	136	7,1	158	7,1	145	7,0
Digestive system	71	3,7	99	4,5	100	4,8
External causes	36	1,9	45	2,0	44	2,1
Other diseases	574	30,1	659	29,7	567	27,2

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