

MORTALITY STATISTICS OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (EDEF) 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2010

## The number of deaths increased by 0.9% in the fourth quarter of 2010

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In the fourth quarter of 2010, 4,929 people died in the Basque Country, 0.9% upon the same period of 2009, according to Eustat data. By provinces, there were 632 deaths in Álava, 2,750 in Bizkaia and 1,457 in Gipuzkoa.

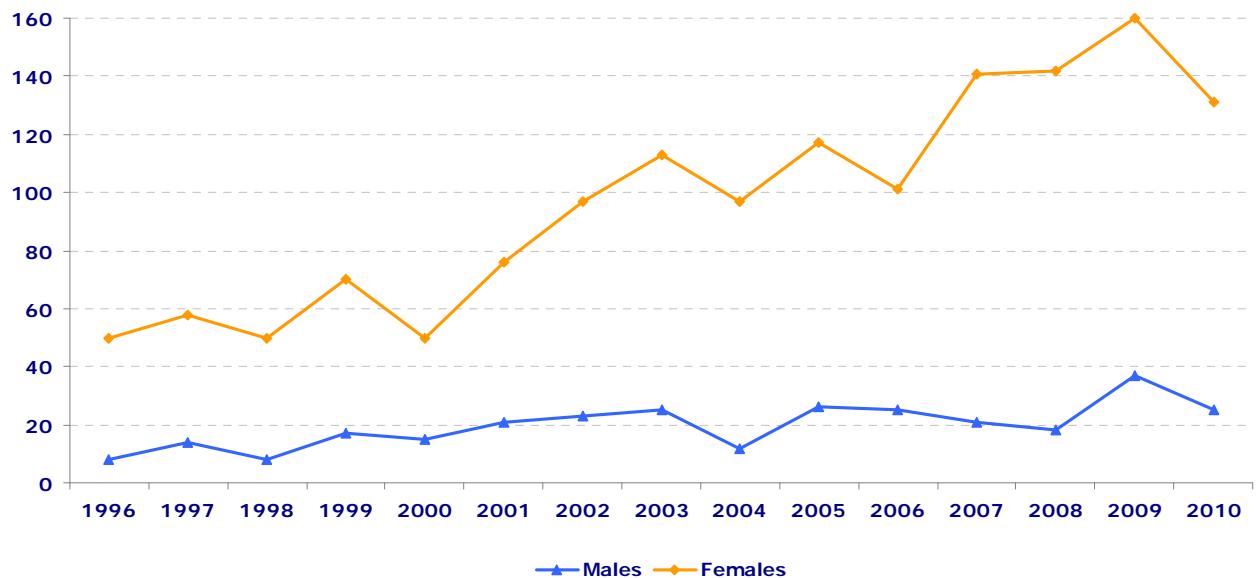
The provisional figures for the total number of deaths in 2010 stood at 18,608, of which 9,595 were men and 9,013 women.

31.2% (5,811) of the deaths in 2010 were due to tumours. These were followed by deaths caused by circulatory system diseases (29.3% - 5,449 deaths) and, in third place and some way behind, respiratory diseases, which accounted for 8.4% (1,568).

The cause of death differed according to sex, since tumours outnumbered circulatory system diseases among men by practically 11 points, whereas the main cause among women was cardiovascular diseases, followed by tumours.

Fifty-four of all the deaths in 2010 were infants under one, 28 of whom were boys and 26 girls. On the other hand, 156 people (131 women and 25 men) were 100 years old or over when they died. The increase in the number of women aged 100 and over when they died is clear, given that there were only 50 fifteen years ago.

### Group 1: Deaths in the Basque Country of people aged 100 or over from 1996 to 2010



Source: EUSTAT. Mortality Statistics of the Basque Country

## ***The population growth rate was positive in the three provinces***

According to the provisional data for 2010, the population growth rate of the Basque Country was clearly positive, as births exceeded deaths by 2,346 people. Even though the sign was positive in the three provinces, the volume was higher in Álava and Gipuzkoa with population growth rate of 1,010 and 1,135 people, respectively, while it stood at 201 in Bizkaia.

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

	4th quarter 2010		Previous quarter (3rd quarter 2010)		Same quarter of the previous year	
			N.	%	N.	%
	<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.929</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.160</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.884</b>
Males	2.505	50,8	2.222	53,4	2.541	52,0
Females	2.424	49,2	1.938	46,6	2.343	48,0
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.929</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.884</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	1.543	31,3	1.379	33,1	1.510	30,9
Circulatory system	1.458	29,6	1.157	27,8	1.441	29,5
Respiratory system	434	8,8	331	8,0	423	8,7
Digestive system	253	5,1	162	3,9	219	4,5
External causes	94	1,9	146	3,5	149	3,1
Other diseases	1.147	23,3	985	23,7	1.142	23,4
<b>MALES</b>	<b>2.505</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.222</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.541</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	960	38,3	870	39,2	952	37,5
Circulatory system	685	27,3	571	25,7	685	27,0
Respiratory system	227	9,1	193	8,7	257	10,1
Digestive system	145	5,8	91	4,1	115	4,5
External causes	54	2,2	99	4,5	100	3,9
Other diseases	434	17,3	398	17,9	432	17,0
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>2.424</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.938</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.343</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	583	24,1	509	26,3	558	23,8
Circulatory system	773	31,9	586	30,2	756	32,3
Respiratory system	207	8,5	138	7,1	166	7,1
Digestive system	108	4,5	71	3,7	104	4,4
External causes	40	1,7	47	2,4	49	2,1
Other diseases	713	29,4	587	30,3	710	30,3

Source: EUSTAT. Mortality Statistics of the Basque Country

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