

Deaths fell by 2.3% in the second quarter of 2011

In the months of April, May and June 2011 4449 people died, 45 of whom were aged 100 or over

Deaths in the Basque Country numbered 4449 in the second quarter of 2011, representing a decrease of 2.3% in relation to the same period last year, according to Eustat data. By province, in Álava 543 people died, 2490 in Bizkaia and 1416 in Gipuzkoa.

Distributions of the deaths by sex shows that 53% were men and 47% were women. Considered as a whole, more than half of the deaths (57.2%) entailed people over the age of 80; however this percentage rises to 70.3% if we consider women in isolation and falls to 45.7% when only men are taken into account.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the second quarter of 2011, 14 entailed minors who were less than one year old: 5 boys and 9 girls. Amongst deaths of people aged 100 or over, 40 were women and only 5 were men.

The main cause of death was tumours: 1515 people died as a result of tumours (34.1%), followed by circulatory system diseases, the second most frequent cause of death, accounting for 1214 deaths (27.3%). The third most prevalent cause of death was respiratory diseases, which accounted for 367 deaths (8.2%) in this period.

As was the case in previous quarters, cause of death remains distinct in terms of gender, as, amongst men, tumours account for more deaths than circulatory system diseases, whilst, amongst women, the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease, followed by tumours. Respiratory illnesses maintain their position as the third highest cause of death amongst both sexes.

The rate of natural increase was positive in the second quarter of 2011, whereby the population of the Basque Country increased by 841. The three provinces presented a positive balance: 295 inhabitants in Álava, 226 in Bizkaia and 330 in Gipuzkoa.

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

	2nd quarter 2011		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2011)		Same quarter of the previous year (2nd quarter 2010)	
			N.	%	N.	%
	DEATHS	4.449	100,0	5.233	100,0	4.556
Males	2.360	53,0	2.686	51,3	2.337	51,3
Females	2.089	47,0	2.547	48,7	2.219	48,7
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.449	100	5.233	100	4.556	100
Tumours	1.515	34,1	1.547	29,6	1.479	32,5
Circulatory system	1.214	27,3	1.568	30,0	1.317	28,9
Respiratory system	367	8,2	527	10,1	378	8,3
Digestive system	201	4,5	237	4,5	211	4,6
External causes	118	2,7	141	2,7	162	3,6
Other diseases	1.034	23,2	1.213	23,2	1.009	22,1
MALES	2.360	100	2.686	100	2.337	100
Tumours	949	40,2	970	36,1	916	39,2
Circulatory system	582	24,7	735	27,4	623	26,7
Respiratory system	221	9,4	286	10,6	215	9,2
Digestive system	105	4,4	118	4,4	109	4,7
External causes	68	2,9	90	3,4	116	5,0
Other diseases	435	18,4	487	18,1	358	15,3
FEMALES	2.089	100	2.547	100	2.219	100
Tumours	566	27,1	577	22,7	563	25,4
Circulatory system	632	30,3	833	32,7	694	31,3
Respiratory system	146	7,0	241	9,5	163	7,3
Digestive system	96	4,6	119	4,7	102	4,6
External causes	50	2,4	51	2,0	46	2,1
Other diseases	599	28,7	726	28,5	651	29,3

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