

MORTALITY STATISTICS OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (EDEF) 4TH QUARTER 2011

Deaths fell by 2.7% in the fourth quarter of 2011 in the Basque Country

In 2011 184 people over the age of 100 died, 21 men and 163 women

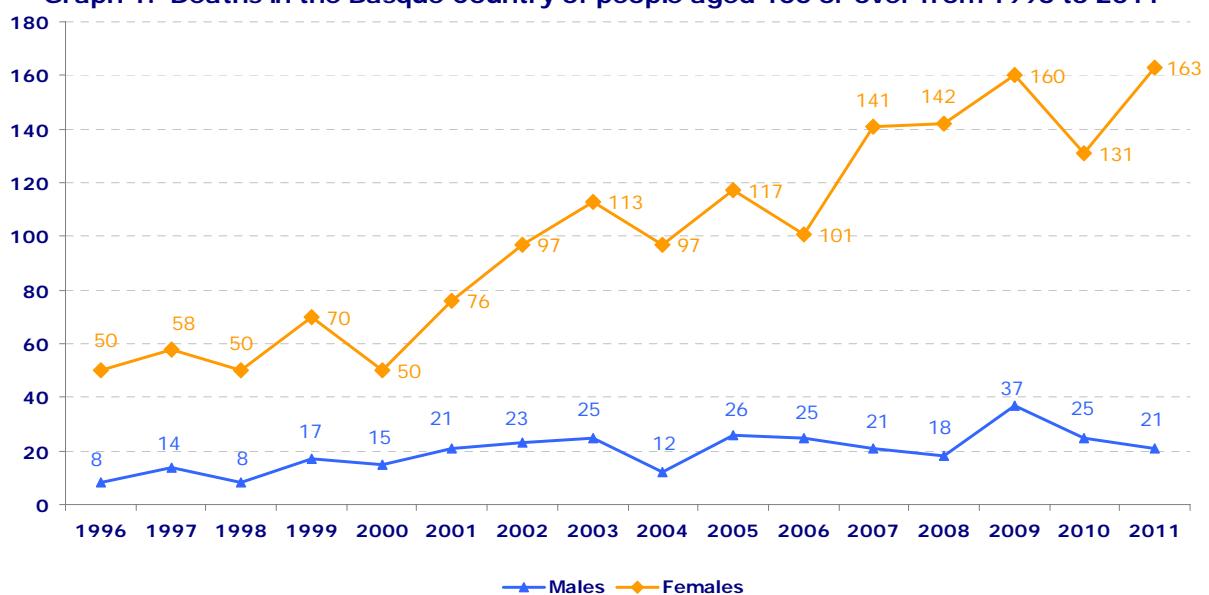
In the fourth quarter of 2011 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4944, 2.7% down on the same period of 2010, according to Eustat data. By province, in Álava there were 611 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 2781 and in Gipuzkoa 1552 people died.

The provisional data totals for 2011 recorded 19,103 deaths, of which 9850 were men and 9253 were women.

31.7% of the deaths that occurred in 2011, or 6057 deaths, were due to tumours. Following these were those caused by diseases of the circulatory system, 28.3% (5400 deaths) and, in third place, some way behind, were deaths associated with diseases of the respiratory system, which accounted for 8.8% (1675).

The cause of death continued to vary according to sex: amongst men, tumours caused 12% more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system, whilst the main cause of death amongst women was cardiovascular disease, followed in second place by tumours.

Graph 1: Deaths in the Basque Country of people aged 100 or over from 1996 to 2011



Source: EUSTAT. Mortality Statistics of the Basque Country

Amongst the deaths that occurred in 2011, 49 corresponded to children under one year of age, 14 boys and 35 girls. As regards the 184 individuals who died aged 100 or above, 163 were women and 21 were men. The increase in longevity is clear, particularly amongst the female sex, if we take into account the fact that in 1996 the number of deaths of women aged 100 or over stood at just 50.

Population growth was positive in the three provinces

With provisional data from 2011, population growth in the Basque Country was clearly positive with births exceeding deaths by 1903 individuals. Although this figure was positive in the three provinces, the volume was higher in Álava and Gipuzkoa with population growth of 974 and 882 individuals, respectively, whilst the figure for Bizkaia stood at 52.

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

	4th quarter 2011		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
			(3rd quarter 2011)		(4th quarter 2010)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.944	100,0	4.401	100,0	5.083	100,0
Males	2.507	50,7	2.243	51,0	2.615	51,4
Females	2.437	49,3	2.158	49,0	2.468	48,6
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.944	100	4.401	100	5.083	100
Tumours	1.510	30,5	1.481	33,7	1.562	30,7
Circulatory system	1.383	28,0	1.198	27,2	1.503	29,6
Respiratory system	434	8,8	344	7,8	453	8,9
Digestive system	248	5,0	199	4,5	261	5,1
External causes	117	2,4	149	3,4	160	3,1
Other diseases	1.252	25,3	1.030	23,4	1.144	22,5
MALES	2.507	100	2.243	100	2.615	100
Tumours	914	36,5	892	39,8	971	37,1
Circulatory system	638	25,4	542	24,2	720	27,5
Respiratory system	240	9,6	197	8,8	237	9,1
Digestive system	144	5,7	101	4,5	150	5,7
External causes	70	2,8	94	4,2	103	3,9
Other diseases	501	20,0	417	18,6	434	16,6
FEMALES	2.437	100	2.158	100	2.468	100
Tumours	596	24,5	589	27,3	591	23,9
Circulatory system	745	30,6	656	30,4	783	31,7
Respiratory system	194	8,0	147	6,8	216	8,8
Digestive system	104	4,3	98	4,5	111	4,5
External causes	47	1,9	55	2,5	57	2,3
Other diseases	751	30,8	613	28,4	710	28,8

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