

Deaths fell by 4.6% in the third quarter of 2012 in the Basque Country

20% of people who died were over the age of 90, with 3 out of 4 being women

In the third quarter of 2012 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,213, which was a drop of 4.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. As far as the sex of the people who died was concerned, 2,066 (49%) were women and 2,147 (51%) were men. By province, in Álava there were 503 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 2,307 and in Gipuzkoa 1,403 people died.

If we consider the age at the time of death, 22% of the people who died were under 70 years of age, 20% were between 70 and 80 and 38% between 80 and 90 years of age. The remaining 20% was accounted for by the deaths of 841 people over 90 years of age, amongst whom 3 out of every 4 were women.

The main cause of death was due to tumours: 1,470 people died for this reason (34.9%). Following this, as the second cause of death, were diseases of the circulatory system, which accounted for 1,106 deaths (26.3%). The third main cause of death was respiratory disease, which caused 318 mortalities over the last few months (7.5%).

The cause of death continued to vary according to sex: amongst men, tumours caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system, whilst amongst women, the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease, followed by tumours in second place. Diseases of the respiratory system remained the third cause of death for both sexes.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2012, 22 corresponded to children under the age of one, 11 boys and 11 girls.

The rate of natural increase in the third quarter of 2012 was positive, with a rise in the population of 958 people. There were positive balances in the three provinces: Bizkaia increased its population by 345 inhabitants, Álava by 308 and Gipuzkoa by 305.

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

	3rd quarter 2012		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
			(2nd quarter 2012)	(3rd quarter 2011)	N.	%
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.213	100,0	4.621	100,0	4.414	100,0
Males	2.147	51,0	2.357	51,0	2.253	51,0
Females	2.066	49,0	2.264	49,0	2.161	49,0
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.213	100	4.621	100	4.414	100
Tumours	1.470	34,9	1.417	30,7	1.498	33,9
Circulatory system	1.106	26,3	1.286	27,8	1.202	27,2
Respiratory system	318	7,5	399	8,6	349	7,9
Digestive system	199	4,7	216	4,7	206	4,7
External causes	110	2,6	166	3,6	157	3,6
Other diseases	1.010	24,0	1.137	24,6	1.002	22,7
MALES	2.147	100	2.357	100	2.253	100
Tumours	928	43,2	892	37,8	903	40,1
Circulatory system	487	22,7	605	25,7	547	24,3
Respiratory system	167	7,8	233	9,9	198	8,8
Digestive system	114	5,3	110	4,7	106	4,7
External causes	78	3,6	107	4,5	100	4,4
Other diseases	373	17,4	410	17,4	399	17,7
FEMALES	2.066	100	2.264	100	2.161	100
Tumours	542	26,2	525	23,2	595	27,5
Circulatory system	619	30,0	681	30,1	655	30,3
Respiratory system	151	7,3	166	7,3	151	7,0
Digestive system	85	4,1	106	4,7	100	4,6
External causes	32	1,5	59	2,6	57	2,6
Other diseases	637	30,8	727	32,1	603	27,9

Source: EUSTAT. Mortality Statistics of the Basque Country



For further information:

[Basque Statistics Office](#)

C/ Donostia-San Sebastián, 1 01010 Vitoria-Gasteiz

Tel: +34-945-01 75 00 Fax: +34-945-01 75 01 E-mail: eustat@eustat.es

Contact: Martín González Hernández

Tel: +34-945-01 75 49 Fax: +34-945-01 75 01

[Further press releases on MORTALITY STATISTICS of the Basque Country](#)

[Databank on the Mortality Statistics of the Basque Country](#)