

Deaths rose by 4.2% in the third quarter of 2013

21% of those who died were over 90 years of age

In the third quarter of 2013 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,500, which was an increase of 4.2% 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, 2,170 (48.2%) were women and 2,330 (51.8%) were men. By province, in Álava there were 589 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 2,520 and in Gipuzkoa 1,391 people died.

If we consider the age at the time of death, 22% of the people who died were under 70 years of age, 18% were between 70 and 79, 39% were between 80 and 89, and the remaining 21%, more than 900 people, were aged 90 or over.

A third of deaths were due to tumours

The main cause of death was due to tumours: 1,495 people died for this reason (33.2%). Following this, as the second cause of death, were diseases of the circulatory system, which accounted for 1,118 deaths (24.8%). The third main cause of death was respiratory disease, which caused 374 mortalities over the last few months (8.3%).

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 2013, 15 corresponded to children under the age of one, 10 boys and 5 girls.

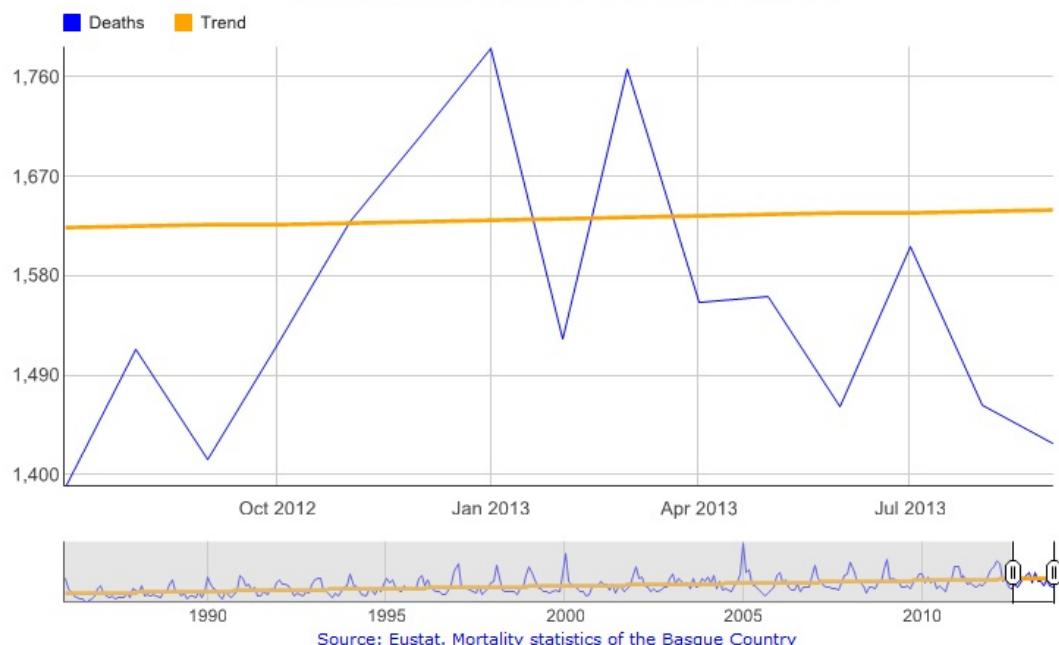
Population growth was positive in the Basque Country

Population growth in the Basque Country was positive in the third quarter of 2013, with birth exceeding deaths by 469 individuals. They rose in the three provinces: The population of Gipuzkoa increased by 221 inhabitants, Álava by 190 and Bizkaia by 58.

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

	3rd quarter 2013		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year		
			N.	%	N.	%	
	DEATHS	4.500	100,0	4.581	100,0	4.319	100,0
Males		2.330	51,8	2.380	52,0	2.216	51,3
Females		2.170	48,2	2.201	48,0	2.103	48,7
CAUSE OF DEATH							
TOTAL		4.500	100	4.581	100	4.319	100
Tumours		1.495	33,2	1.461	31,9	1.494	34,6
Circulatory system		1.118	24,8	1.279	27,9	1.147	26,6
Respiratory system		374	8,3	380	8,3	334	7,7
Digestive system		238	5,3	223	4,9	203	4,7
External causes		176	3,9	165	3,6	162	3,8
Other diseases		1.099	24,4	1.073	23,4	979	22,7
MALES		2.330	100	2.380	100	2.216	100
Tumours		932	40,0	917	38,5	944	42,6
Circulatory system		514	22,1	599	25,2	518	23,4
Respiratory system		215	9,2	202	8,5	177	8,0
Digestive system		116	5,0	121	5,1	115	5,2
External causes		122	5,2	112	4,7	113	5,1
Other diseases		431	18,5	429	18,0	349	15,7
FEMALES		2.170	100	2.201	100	2.103	100
Tumours		563	25,9	544	24,7	550	26,2
Circulatory system		604	27,8	680	30,9	629	29,9
Respiratory system		159	7,3	178	8,1	157	7,5
Digestive system		122	5,6	102	4,6	88	4,2
External causes		54	2,5	53	2,4	49	2,3
Other diseases		668	30,8	644	29,3	630	30,0

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Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data


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