

**MORTALITY STATISTICS OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (EDEF) 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER OF 2013**

## **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.

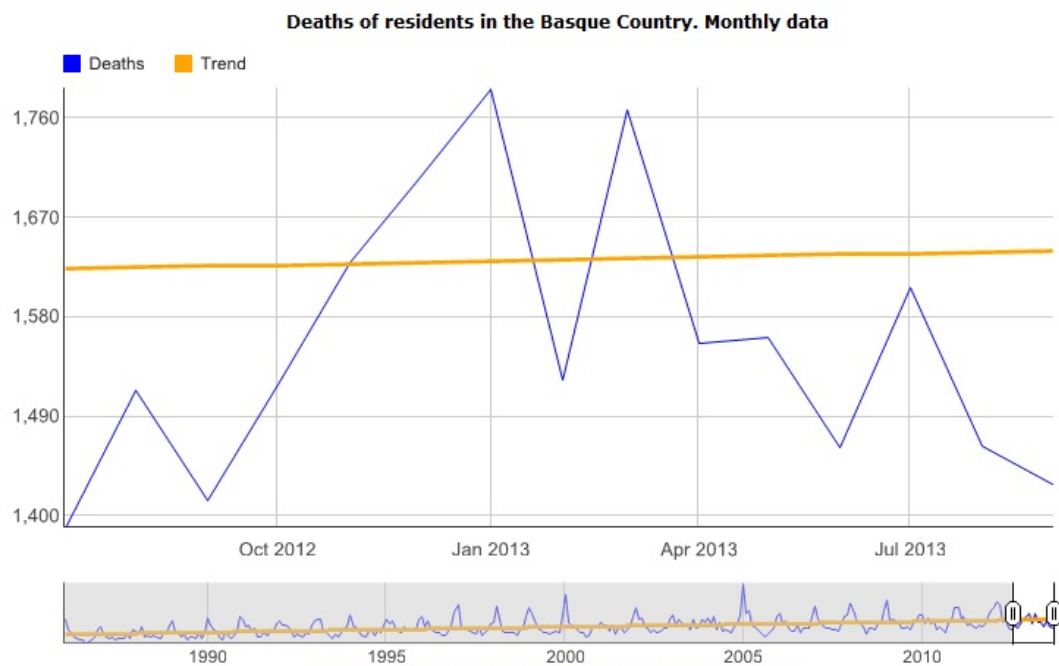
### ***Population growth was positive in the Basque Country***

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 (2nd quarter 2013)		Same quarter of the previous year (3rd quarter 2013)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.500</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.581</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.319</b>	<b>100,0</b>
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
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.581</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.319</b>	<b>100</b>
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
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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
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>2.170</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.201</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.103</b>	<b>100</b>
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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