

## Deaths rose by nearly 2% in the fourth quarter of 2013

***However, in 2013 as a whole they fell by 3%. It is noteworthy that 210 centenarians died, 180 of which were women, and 30 of which were men***

In the fourth quarter of 2013 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,950, 1.9% up on the same period of 2012, according to Eustat data. By province, in Álava there were 666 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 2,679 and in Gipuzkoa 1,605 people died.

The provisional data totals for 2013 recorded 19,124 deaths, of which 9,851 were men and 9,273 were women. The annual variation with respect to 2012 was negative, with 3% fewer deaths.

Amongst the deaths that occurred last year, 41 corresponded to children under one year of age, 27 boys and 14 girls. As regards the 210 individuals who died aged 100 or above, 180 were women and 30 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.

### ***The main cause of death in 2013 was due to tumours***

31.4% of the deaths that occurred in 2013, or 6,003 deaths, were due to tumours. Following these were those caused by diseases of the circulatory system, 27.1% (5,188 deaths) and, in third place, some way behind, were deaths associated with diseases of the respiratory system, which accounted for 9.5% (1,824).

The cause of death continued to vary according to sex: amongst men, tumours caused 12.9% more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system in 2013, whilst the main cause of death amongst women was cardiovascular disease, followed in second place by tumours.

### ***Population growth was negative in Bizkaia, but positive in Álava and Gipuzkoa***

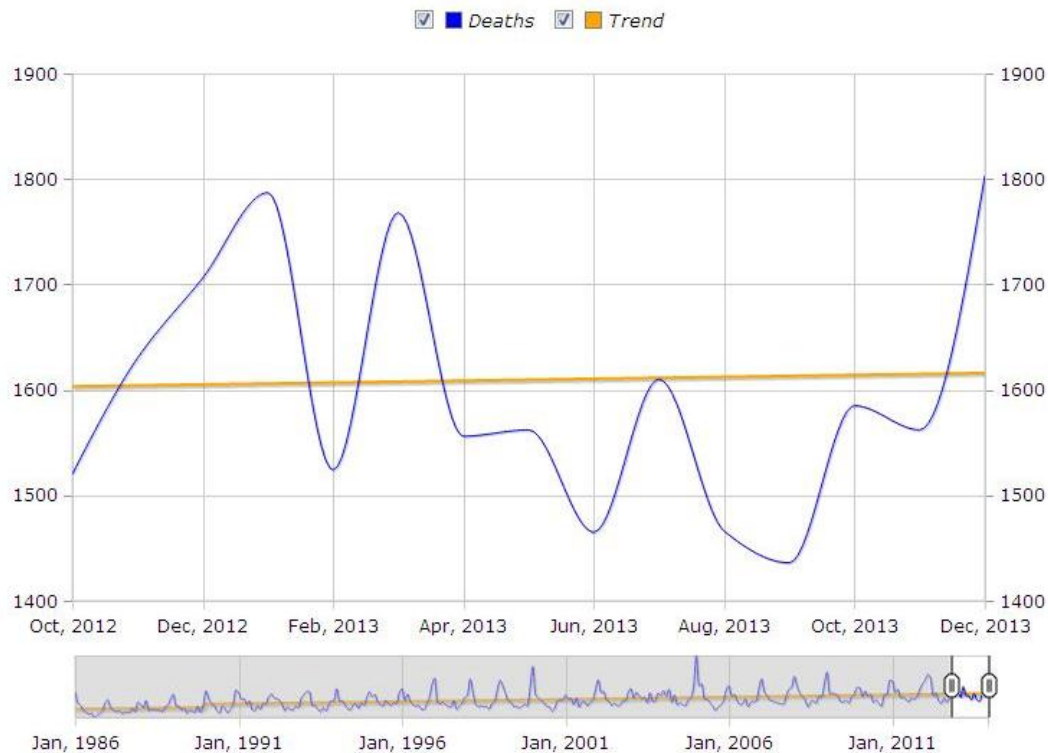
With provisional data from 2013, population growth in the Basque Country was negative with deaths exceeding births by 116 individuals. By province, only Bizkaia had a negative balance, with its population falling by 603 people. Regarding Álava and Gipuzkoa, both increased their population by 608 and 6 inhabitants, respectively.

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

	4th quarter 2013		Previous quarter (3rd quarter 2013)		Same quarter of the previous year (4th quarter 2012)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>4.950</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.512</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4.856</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Males	2.546	51,4	2.340	51,9	2.515	51,8
Females	2.404	48,6	2.172	48,1	2.341	48,2
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.950</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.512</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.856</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	1.553	31,4	1.507	33,4	1.502	30,9
Circulatory system	1.343	27,1	1.117	24,8	1.370	28,2
Respiratory system	476	9,6	381	8,4	460	9,5
Digestive system	235	4,7	242	5,4	245	5,0
External causes	161	3,3	181	4,0	158	3,3
Other diseases	1.182	23,9	1.084	24,0	1.121	23,1
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Tumours	954	37,5	938	40,1	944	37,5
Circulatory system	637	25,0	514	22,0	639	25,4
Respiratory system	255	10,0	219	9,4	258	10,3
Digestive system	111	4,4	117	5,0	122	4,9
External causes	103	4,0	127	5,4	95	3,8
Other diseases	486	19,1	425	18,2	457	18,2
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>2.404</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.172</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.341</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	599	24,9	569	26,2	558	23,8
Circulatory system	706	29,4	603	27,8	731	31,2
Respiratory system	221	9,2	162	7,5	202	8,6
Digestive system	124	5,2	125	5,8	123	5,3
External causes	58	2,4	54	2,5	63	2,7
Other diseases	696	29,0	659	30,3	664	28,4

Source: Eustat. Mortality Statistics of the Basque Country

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data


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