

In the second quarter of 2015 deaths increased by 2% in the Basque Country

Tumours were the number one cause of death among men and cardiovascular diseases were the main cause among women

In the second quarter of 2015 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,816, which was a rise of 2% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. Deaths increased in the three provinces: in Álava 598 people died, an increase of 6.2%; in Bizkaia (+2.3%), and 1,543 in Gipuzkoa, where there was hardly any change (+0.1%).

According to distribution by sex, men accounted for 51.2% and women the remaining 48.8%. In all, almost two thirds of the deaths (63.7%) corresponded to people over 80 years old, but the percentage rose to 74.6% among women, and dropped 53.2% for men. Of the 59 people who died at the age of 100 or more, 51 were women and only 8 were men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the second quarter of 2015, 12 corresponded to children under the age of one, 8 boys and 4 girls.

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,519 and 1,278 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they accounted for 58% of deaths. As a third cause of death were respiratory diseases, which resulted in 429 deaths (8.9%).

Diseases of the nervous system, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, saw the largest increase with respect to the same quarter of the previous year, at 9%.

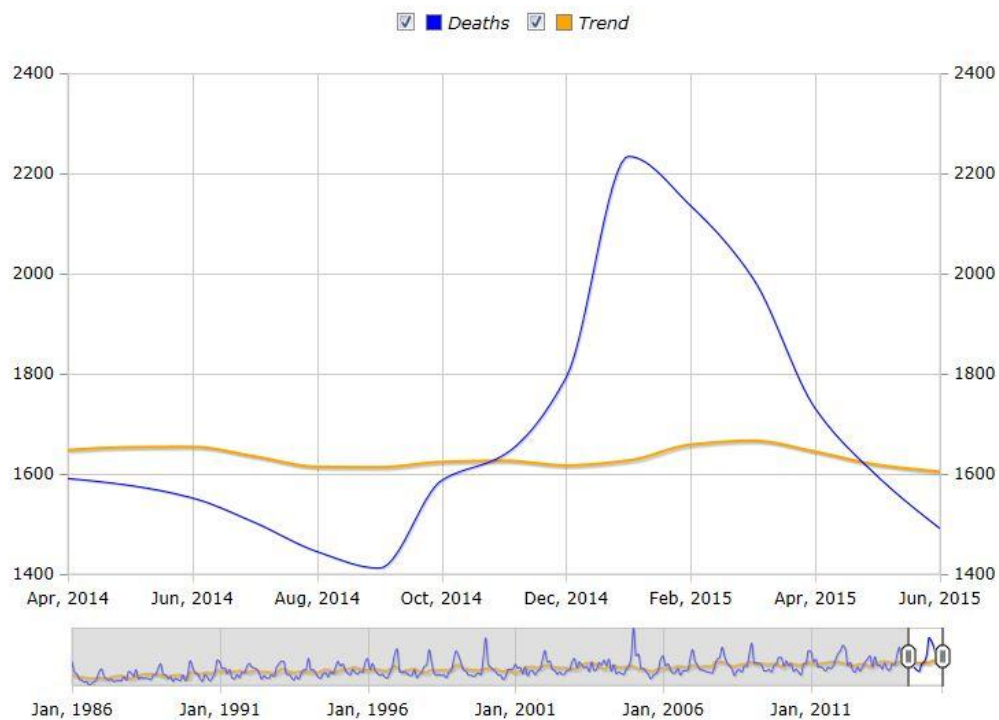
Tumours were the main cause of death among men, to the extent that they exceed the death rate by this cause among women by 50%. For women, cardiovascular diseases resulted in the most deaths, 20% more than among men. The third most common cause of death for men were respiratory diseases, 55% more than women, whereas the nervous system caused 34% more female than male deaths.

Population growth was negative in the spring of 2015, with the population of the Basque Country decreasing by 142. Only Bizkaia saw a negative balance by 377 inhabitants, compensated in part by the positive balances of Álava and Gipuzkoa, by 173 and 62 inhabitants, respectively.

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

	2nd quarter 2015		Previous quarter (1st quarter 2015)		Same quarter of the previous year (2nd quarter 2014)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.816	100,0	6.359	100,0	4.720	100,0
Males	2.467	51,2	3.111	48,9	2.370	50,2
Females	2.349	48,8	3.248	51,1	2.350	49,8
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.816	100	6.359	100	4.720	100
Tumours	1.519	31,5	1.659	26,1	1.571	33,3
Circulatory system	1.278	26,5	1.692	26,6	1.253	26,5
Respiratory system	429	8,9	856	13,5	422	8,9
Nervous system	311	6,5	466	7,3	285	6,0
Digestive system	220	4,6	262	4,1	217	4,6
Other causes	1.059	22,0	1.424	22,4	972	20,6
MALES	2.467	100	3.111	100	2.370	100
Tumours	912	37,0	1.020	32,8	949	40,0
Circulatory system	581	23,6	794	25,5	574	24,2
Respiratory system	261	10,6	449	14,4	221	9,3
Nervous system	133	5,4	181	5,8	98	4,1
Digestive system	117	4,7	127	4,1	107	4,5
Other causes	463	18,8	540	17,4	421	17,8
FEMALES	2.349	100	3.248	100	2.350	100
Tumours	607	25,8	639	19,7	622	26,5
Circulatory system	697	29,7	898	27,6	679	28,9
Respiratory system	168	7,2	407	12,5	201	8,6
Nervous system	178	7,6	285	8,8	187	8,0
Digestive system	103	4,4	135	4,2	110	4,7
Other causes	596	25,4	884	27,2	551	23,4

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data


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