

In the second quarter of 2016 deaths increased by 0.4% in the Basque Country

Almost two thirds of deaths were of people aged over 80

In the second quarter of 2016 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,979, which was a rise of 0.4% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. By province, both in Álava, with 653 deaths, and Bizkaia, with 2,838, there were significant increases (5.5% and 2.9% respectively), whilst in Gipuzkoa, where 1,488 people died, there was a drop of 6.1%.

According to distribution by sex, men accounted for 50.8% and women the remaining 49.2%. In all, almost two thirds of the deaths (63.9%) corresponded to people over 80 years old, but the percentage rose to 75.5% among women, and dropped 52.7% for men. Of the 62 people who died at the age of 100 or more, 51 were women and only 11 were men.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the second quarter of 2016, 7 corresponded to children under the age of one, one boy and 6 girls.

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,523 and 1,367 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they accounted for 58.1% of deaths. As a third cause of death were respiratory diseases, which resulted in 440 deaths (8.8%).

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 3.7%.

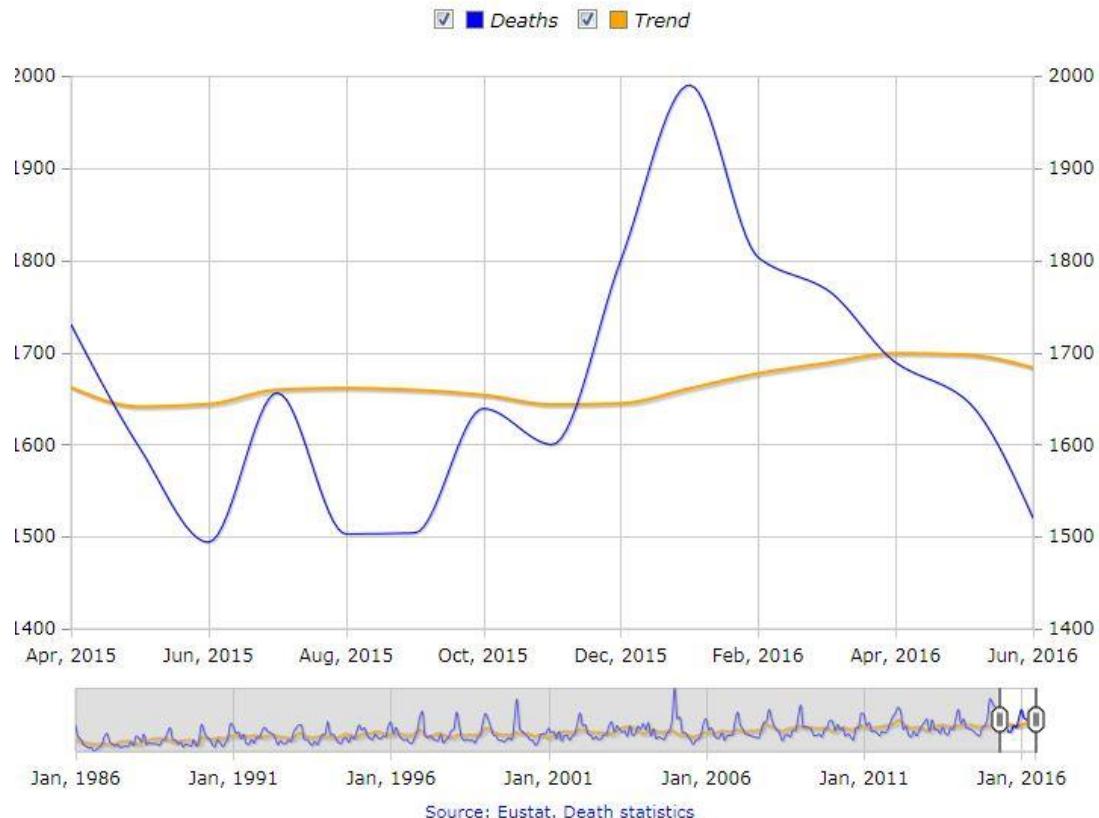
As in previous quarters, the cause of deaths differed according to sex: amongst men, tumours caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system, whilst amongst women the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease, followed by tumours. The third most common cause of death for men were respiratory diseases, whereas for women, it was diseases of the nervous system.

Population growth was negative in the spring of 2016, with the population of the Basque Country decreasing by 495. There were negative balances in two of the three provinces: in Bizkaia there were 541 fewer inhabitants and in Gipuzkoa 24; in Álava, on the other hand, the balance was positive (+70).

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

	II/2016		Previous quarter (I/2016)		Same quarter of the previous year (II/2015)	
			N.	%	N.	%
	DEATHS	4.979	100,0	5.689	100,0	4.961
Males	2.530	50,8	2.862	50,3	2.557	51,5
Females	2.449	49,2	2.827	49,7	2.404	48,5
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.979	100	5.689	100	4.961	100
Tumours	1.523	30,6	1.560	27,4	1.544	31,1
Circulatory system	1.367	27,5	1.627	28,6	1.348	27,2
Respiratory system	440	8,8	643	11,3	432	8,7
Nervous system	336	6,7	387	6,8	324	6,5
Digestive system	231	4,6	223	3,9	227	4,6
Other causes	1.082	21,7	1.249	22,0	1.086	21,9
MALES	2.530	100	2.862	100	2.557	100
Tumours	928	36,7	940	32,8	927	36,3
Circulatory system	629	24,9	763	26,7	620	24,2
Respiratory system	246	9,7	340	11,9	265	10,4
Nervous system	135	5,3	161	5,6	141	5,5
Digestive system	109	4,3	113	3,9	121	4,7
Other causes	483	19,1	545	19,0	483	18,9
FEMALES	2.449	100	2.827	100	2.404	100
Tumours	595	24,3	620	21,9	617	25,7
Circulatory system	738	30,1	864	30,6	728	30,3
Respiratory system	194	7,9	303	10,7	167	6,9
Nervous system	201	8,2	226	8,0	183	7,6
Digestive system	122	5,0	110	3,9	106	4,4
Other causes	599	24,5	704	24,9	603	25,1

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data

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