

Deaths rose by 2.4% in the first quarter of 2018

The increase reached 6.1% for men, whereas there was a decrease of for 0.9% for women

In the first quarter of 2018 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 6,409, 2.4% down on the same period of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

By province, in Álava there were 789 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 3,505 and in Gipuzkoa 2,115 people died. By sex, 3,151 men and 3,258 women died, which was an increase of 6.1% for men and a decrease of 0.9% for women.

The main causes of death were circulatory system diseases and tumours, which caused the deaths of 1,761 and 1,618 people, respectively, which mean that together they accounted for 52.7% of deaths. Respiratory diseases, which resulted in 919 deaths (14.3%), were the third cause of death.

Deaths by diseases of the respiratory system increased by 21.2%

The winter months are traditionally characterised for being those that account for the greatest number of deaths, with respiratory diseases normally registering the greatest increases compared to the other quarters. During the first quarter of 2018 919 people died from these illnesses, 5% down on the same quarter of the previous year (967 deaths) but 62.7% up on the fourth quarter of 2017 (565 deaths).

There were 292 deaths as a result of digestive diseases, 21.2% up on the same period of the previous year. Diseases affecting the nervous system, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, caused 439 deaths in the months of January, February and March, which was no variation compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

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 order was inverted: 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 this first quarter, 12 corresponded to children under 1 year of age, with an identical number of girls and boys: 6.

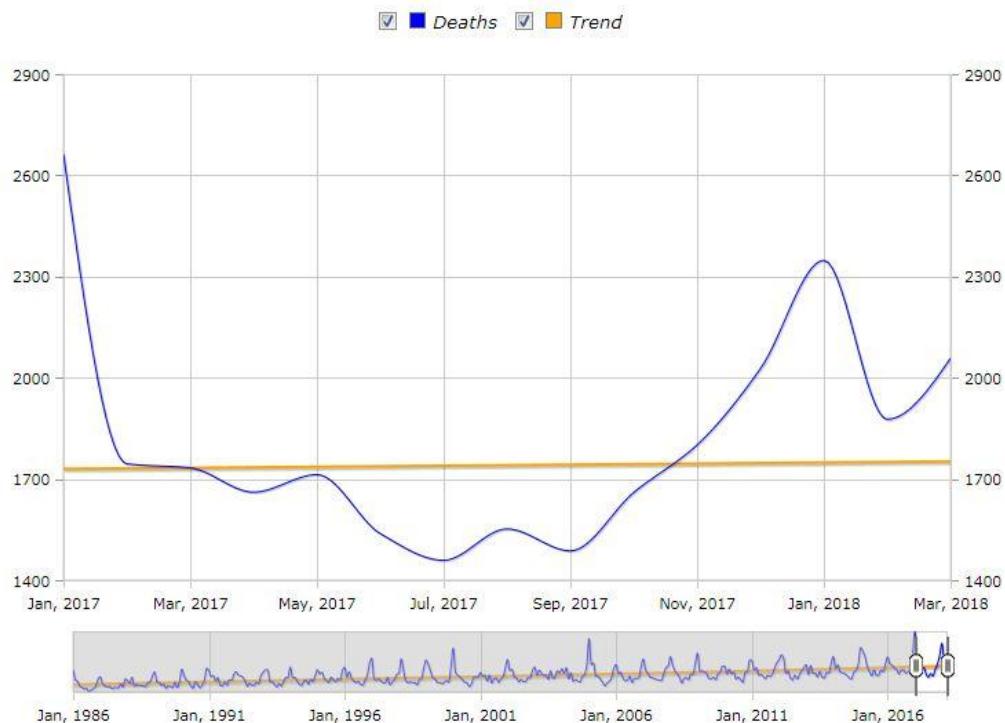
Population growth in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2018 was negative, with a population decrease of 2,542. The population decreased in the three territories: by 1,606 people in Bizkaia, 825 in Gipuzkoa and 111 in Álava.

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

			Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
			(I/2018)		(IV/2017)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	6.409	100,0	5.636	100,0	6.257	100,0
Males	3.151	49,2	2.874	51,0	2.970	47,5
Females	3.258	50,8	2.762	49,0	3.287	52,5
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	6.409	100	5.636	100	6.257	100
Tumours	1.618	25,2	1.652	29,3	1.577	25,2
Circulatory system	1.761	27,5	1.521	27,0	1.679	26,8
Respiratory system	919	14,3	565	10,0	967	15,5
Nervous system	439	6,8	358	6,4	439	7,0
Digestive system	292	4,6	265	4,7	241	3,9
Other causes	1.380	21,5	1.275	22,6	1.354	21,6
MALES	3.151	100	2.874	100	2.970	100
Tumours	1.002	31,8	1.014	35,3	919	30,9
Circulatory system	839	26,6	729	25,4	750	25,3
Respiratory system	446	14,2	305	10,6	461	15,5
Nervous system	169	5,4	147	5,1	164	5,5
Digestive system	134	4,3	136	4,7	118	4,0
Other causes	561	17,8	543	18,9	558	18,8
FEMALES	3.258	100	2.762	100	3.287	100
Tumours	616	18,9	638	23,1	658	20,0
Circulatory system	922	28,3	792	28,7	929	28,3
Respiratory system	473	14,5	260	9,4	506	15,4
Nervous system	270	8,3	211	7,6	275	8,4
Digestive system	158	4,8	129	4,7	123	3,7
Other causes	819	25,1	732	26,5	796	24,2

Source: Eustat. Death statistics

Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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