

## Deaths fell by 7.1% in the fourth quarter of 2018 in the Basque Country

***In 2018 as a whole, the number of deaths was up 0.5% compared to 2017***

In the fourth quarter of 2018 the number of deaths in the Basque Country stood at 5,238, 7.1% down on the same quarter of 2017, according to Eustat data. By province, in Álava there were 706 deaths, in Bizkaia there were 2,851 and in Gipuzkoa 1,681 people died.

20 children under one year of age, 12 girls and 8 boys, died in this quarter. The number of deaths amongst centenarians in the fourth quarter of 2018 rose to 82, 9 men and 73 women.

### ***Tumours were the main cause of death***

30.5% of the deaths that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2018, or 1,598 cases, were due to tumours. Following these were deaths caused by diseases of the circulatory system, 26.4% (1,381 deaths) and, in third place, some way behind, were deaths caused by diseases of the respiratory system, which accounted for 9.8% (511).

The cause of death varied according to sex: amongst men, tumours caused 10.1 percentage points more deaths than those deriving from diseases of the circulatory system in the fourth quarter of 2018. The main cause of death amongst women was cardiovascular disease, followed in second place by tumours, although in this case the difference between them was just 2 percentage points.

### **BALANCE FOR 2018**

The provisional data totals for 2018 recorded 21,738 deaths, of which 10,863 were women and 10,875 were men. The number of deaths increased by 0.5% compared to 2017.

Amongst the deaths that occurred last year, 53 corresponded to children under one year of age, 29 girls and 24 boys. This was higher than in 2017, when 41 children under one year of age died. On the other hand, 295 people died at the age of 100 or more, 251 women and 44 men, 10 women and 11 men more than in 2017.

### ***Population growth was negative in the three provinces***

With provisional data from 2018, population growth in the Basque Country was negative with deaths exceeding births by 5,648 individuals. By province, in Bizkaia the difference stood at 4,009 fewer people, in Gipuzkoa the population fell by 1,563 and in Álava it decreased by 76.

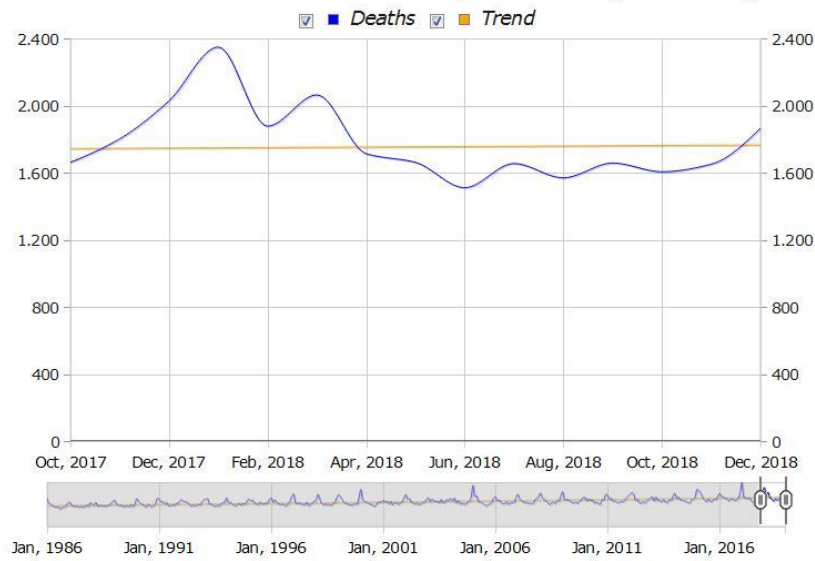
**Deaths by sex and cause of death (1)**

	Current quarter		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
	IV/2018		(III/2018)		(IV/2017)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>5.238</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>5.071</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>5.636</b>	<b>100,0</b>
Araba / Álava	706	13,5	654	12,9	738	13,1
Bizkaia	2.851	54,4	2.788	55,0	3.086	54,8
Gipuzkoa	1.681	32,1	1.629	32,1	1.812	32,2
Males	2.649	50,6	2.580	50,9	2.874	51,0
<1 year	8	0,2	3	0,1	10	0,2
1-19 year	3	0,1	6	0,1	6	0,1
20-39 year	18	0,3	29	0,6	29	0,5
40-59 year	271	5,2	247	4,9	265	4,7
60-79 year	941	18,0	922	18,2	978	17,4
80-99 year	1.399	26,7	1.361	26,8	1.578	28,0
≥ 100 year	9	0,2	12	0,2	8	0,1
Females	2.589	49,4	2.491	49,1	2.762	49,0
<1 year	12	0,2	4	0,1	7	0,1
1-19 year	6	0,1	6	0,1	3	0,1
20-39 year	9	0,2	19	0,4	13	0,2
40-59 year	146	2,8	139	2,7	160	2,8
60-79 year	502	9,6	461	9,1	531	9,4
80-99 year	1.841	35,1	1.823	35,9	1.994	35,4
≥ 100 year	73	1,4	39	0,8	54	1,0
<b>CAUSE OF DEATH</b>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.071</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.636</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	1.598	30,5	1.620	31,9	1.652	29,3
Circulatory system	1.381	26,4	1.264	24,9	1.521	27,0
Respiratory system	511	9,8	431	8,5	565	10,0
Nervous system	327	6,2	343	6,8	358	6,4
Digestive system	240	4,6	229	4,5	265	4,7
Other causes	1.181	22,5	1.184	23,3	1.275	22,6
<b>MALES</b>	<b>2.649</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.580</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.874</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	940	35,5	988	38,3	1.014	35,3
Circulatory system	672	25,4	601	23,3	729	25,4
Respiratory system	276	10,4	229	8,9	305	10,6
Nervous system	137	5,2	155	6,0	147	5,1
Digestive system	120	4,5	101	3,9	136	4,7
Other causes	504	19,0	506	19,6	543	18,9
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>2.589</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.491</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.762</b>	<b>100</b>
Tumours	658	25,4	632	25,4	638	23,1
Circulatory system	709	27,4	663	26,6	792	28,7
Respiratory system	235	9,1	202	8,1	260	9,4
Nervous system	190	7,3	188	7,5	211	7,6
Digestive system	120	4,6	128	5,1	129	4,7
Other causes	677	26,1	678	27,2	732	26,5

(1) For the current quarter and the previous data are provisional

Source: Eustat. Marriage statistics

### Deaths of residents in the Basque Country. Monthly data



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