

Deaths fell by 3.2% in the third quarter of 2019

Of the people who died, 71 were centenarians, 59 women and 12 men

In the third quarter of 2019 the figure for deaths in the Basque Country stood at 4,911, which was a drop of 3.2% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. As far as the sex of the people who died was concerned, 2,513 (51.2%) were women and 2,398 (48.8%) were men.

Deaths decreased in the three provinces: in Álava 625 people died, a fall of 4.6%; 2,703 in Bizkaia (-3.1%), and 1,583 in Gipuzkoa (-2.9%).

If we consider the age at the time of death, 18.9% of the people who died were under 70 years of age, 17.4% were between 70 and 79, 36.4% were between 80 and 89, and the remaining 27.2% had turned 90; of the latter, 71 people had reached the age of 100.

The average age of people who died was 80.45 years of age, 77.05 for men and 83.69 for women.

Amongst the deaths that occurred in the third quarter of 2019, 7 corresponded to children under the age of one, 2 boys and 5 girls.

A third of deaths were due to tumours

The main causes of death were tumours and circulatory system diseases, which caused the deaths of 1,525 and 1,222 individuals, respectively, which mean that together they caused 56.0% of deaths. The third cause of death was respiratory diseases, which resulted in 410 deaths (8.3%). These statistics are similar to the ones obtained in the same quarter of the previous year.

As in previous quarters, the cause of deaths differed according to sex: amongst men, tumours (38.0%) caused more deaths than diseases of the circulatory system (23.6%), whilst amongst women the main cause of death was cardiovascular disease (26.1%), followed by tumours (24.4%). Furthermore, the third most common cause of death for men was respiratory diseases (9.3%), whereas for women, it was diseases of the nervous system (8.7%).

Population growth in the Basque Country was negative in the third quarter of 2019, with deaths exceeding births by 833 individuals. By province, only Álava had a positive balance, with its population increasing by 75 people. Regarding Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, their population fell by 695 and 213 inhabitants, respectively.

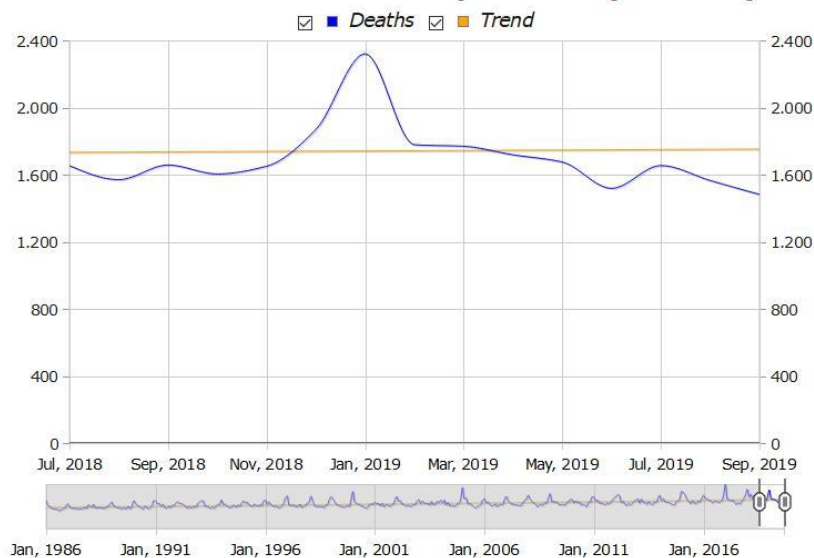
Deaths by sex and cause of death (1)

	Trimestre actual		Previous quarter		Same quarter of the previous year	
	III/2019		(II/2019)		(III/2018)	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
DEATHS	4.911	100,0	5.064	100,0	5.074	100,0
Araba / Álava	625	12,7	674	13,3	655	12,9
Bizkaia	2.703	55,0	2.851	56,3	2.789	55,0
Gipuzkoa	1.583	32,2	1.539	30,4	1.630	32,1
Males	2.398	48,8	2.568	50,7	2.583	50,9
<1 year	2	0,0	6	0,1	3	0,1
1-19 year	7	0,1	7	0,1	6	0,1
20-39 year	26	0,5	35	0,7	30	0,6
40-59 year	226	4,6	216	4,3	249	4,9
60-79 year	886	18,0	917	18,1	922	18,2
80-99 year	1.239	25,2	1.377	27,2	1.361	26,8
≥ 100 year	12	0,2	10	0,2	12	0,2
Females	2.513	51,2	2.496	49,3	2.491	49,1
<1 year	5	0,1	6	0,1	4	0,1
1-19 year	1	0,0	5	0,1	6	0,1
20-39 year	18	0,4	6	0,1	19	0,4
40-59 year	128	2,6	128	2,5	139	2,7
60-79 year	484	9,9	462	9,1	461	9,1
80-99 year	1.818	37,0	1.845	36,4	1.823	35,9
≥ 100 year	59	1,2	44	0,9	39	0,8
CAUSE OF DEATH						
TOTAL	4.911	100	5.064	100	5.074	100
Tumours	1.525	31,1	1.520	30,0	1.625	32,0
Circulatory system	1.222	24,9	1.323	26,1	1.261	24,9
Respiratory system	410	8,3	430	8,5	430	8,5
Nervous system	351	7,1	355	7,0	343	6,8
Digestive system	229	4,7	234	4,6	230	4,5
Other causes	1.174	23,9	1.202	23,7	1.185	23,4
MALES	2.398	100	2.568	100	2.583	100
Tumours	912	38,0	920	35,8	992	38,4
Circulatory system	566	23,6	652	25,4	598	23,2
Respiratory system	224	9,3	228	8,9	231	8,9
Nervous system	132	5,5	132	5,1	155	6,0
Digestive system	97	4,0	132	5,1	102	3,9
Other causes	467	19,5	504	19,6	505	19,6
FEMALES	2.513	100	2.496	100	2.491	100
Tumours	613	24,4	600	24,0	633	25,4
Circulatory system	656	26,1	671	26,9	663	26,6
Respiratory system	186	7,4	202	8,1	199	8,0
Nervous system	219	8,7	223	8,9	188	7,5
Digestive system	132	5,3	102	4,1	128	5,1
Other causes	707	28,1	698	28,0	680	27,3

(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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