10 September: World Suicide Prevention Day

The suicide rate among young people aged 15 to 29 in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country was 5.8 per 100,000 in 2014

On the occasion of the celebration of the World Suicide Prevention Day, the Basque Youth Observatory is providing data relating to the incidence of suicides among people aged 15 to 29.

According to data provided by the Health Records and Information Service of the Directorate of Knowledge and Assessment of the Department of Health of the Basque Government, nine young people aged 15 to 29 committed suicide in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country in 2012. This represents a rate of 5.8 for every 100,000 young people in that age group and makes suicide the second cause of death among youths in the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country after traffic accidents.

Of these 16 young people who committed suicide, 11 were men, representing a rate of 7.8 per 100,000 young men in that age group, while the rate among women was only 3.7.

Compared with 2013, there has been a 2.3 point increase in the suicide rate among people aged 15 to 29.

Source: Basque Youth Observatory based on data provided by the Department of Health of the Basque Government
Suicide as the cause of death has greater incidence among the population of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country as a whole than among young people. 186 people died in the Basque Country due to this cause in 2014, representing a rate of 8.4 per 100,000 inhabitants.

If you would like to obtain information on suicide rates among young people broken down by province, you can view the Basque Youth Observatory Statistics, section “Health”, subsection “Mortality”.