



ONCOLOGY

Andorra registers 5,346 tumors and 4,960 patients since 2002

The study records similar data to other countries such as France, Spain and Portugal

More tumors have been recorded in men than in women, with breast tumors being among the most prominent

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The government announced last Thursday afternoon a study of tumor records from 2002 to 2021, being in total 5,346, but 4,960 patients. Thus, the Minister of Health, Helena Mas, emphasized the importance of the continuity of the approach to cancer and oncology as a strategic line in this legislature.

In order to carry out the study of the tumor registry, several sources of information have been used, the most important being the data from the Minimum Basic Data Set (CMBD) of hospital discharges and the pathological anatomy of the Hospital Nostra Senyora de Meritxell. The study team is made up of the SAAS, the CASS, the Official College of Doctors, the Catalan Institute of Oncology and the Ministry of Health. It should be noted that the extracted information can be modified, since «it is a tool that will incorporate more information as more data from other sources of information become



►► Helena Mas and Rosa Vidal at the press conference.



HELENA MAS
MINISTER OF HEALTH

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ROSA VIDAL
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available», reported Mas. Among the main objectives of the registry are to know in which situation the cancer is in relation to other neighboring countries in addition to developing careful health policies for oncological pathologies, in particular aimed at prevention and detection, but also the treatment and support of patients.

So, the Head of the Ministry's Health Promotion, Prevention and Surveillance Area, Rosa Vidal, reported that to classify all the data collected, several registers have been created,

differentiating between sex and age of the patient and type of tumors they have. So, with regard to the location of the tumors, the most frequent is the breast, which represents 14% of registered tumors, followed by the colon with 13.2% and the prostate with 11.2%.

It should also be noted that 57.8% of registered tumors are in men, compared to 42.2% in women. By sex and by location, the most frequent tumors in women are those of the breast (32.82%), followed by that of the rectal colon (11.82%) and skin

basal cell (6.47%). In the case of men, the most frequent is the prostate (19.46%) followed, also, by the colon and rectum (14.12%) and later that of the trachea, bronchi and lungs (12.96%). Vidal emphasized that «all these data are very similar to the trend that occurs in neighboring countries such as Spain, France and Portugal». If a separation by years is made it has been extracted that the data have been increasing year after year — possibly because of the increase of information, explained Vidal — except in 2020, when the covid-19 pandemic began.

RADIOTHERAPY UNIT IN ANDORRA // When asked again about the Radiotherapy Unit in Andorra, Mas explained that in the country «I don't think it's advisable at the moment, but it doesn't mean that later on, in a few years, maybe it can have one». Each tumor requires a very high degree of specialization, and this would be difficult to have in Andorra, since the technologies would become obsolete in a very short time and access for certain professionals would be complicated». That's why she

emphasized that «right now we are looking to give the best possible treatment to patients and this is achieved by moving affected people in a first-class center, where there are adequate facilities and qualified professionals».

Types of tumors

women (42,2%)	men (57,8%)
breast (32,82%)	prostate (19,46%)
colon (11,82%)	colon (14,12%)
skin (14,2%)	lung (12,96%)

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STATISTIC

The import of electrical energy increased by 37.1% in May

Import prices also see their data grow during the month of March by 10.6%

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According to the data provided by Statistics, the total consumption of energy in the country during the month of May was 38,304 MWh, a data that represents a decrease of 1.7% compared to 2022. Data that contrasts with those of imports of energy, which stood at 23,914 MWh, with an increase of 37.1%, and with the energy produced in Andorra, which present a decrease of 33.2%.

Following this line, energy consumption during the month of May, expressed in tons of oil equivalent (TOE), has been 13,629 and a positive percentage change of 4.9%. The groups with representative data and positive variations are the gasoline, with 15.3%; diesel for locomotion, with 6.3% and domestic fuel, with 1% more. Propane with 7.7% and electricity with 7.1% less are the ones with negative variations.

Regarding the energy consumption of FEDA customers during the last month, this was 24,427 MWh, which means a negative percentage change of 3.3% compared to May of the previous year. The sectors that present a variation increase are construction and annexes, with 108.4%; domestic uses, with 4.7%, and ski resorts,

with 0.4% more. Regarding the negative variations, public lighting stands out, with 32.8%; financial services, with 11.8%; distribution, with 10.9%, and other services, which fall 10.1% less.

IMPORT PRICES

They grow by 10.6%

During the last years, the Andorran



►► FEDA headquarters.

economy has experienced a high growth in the volume of commercial exchanges goods with the outside. Imports of goods in 2022 exceeded by 60% those of twenty years ago, while exports exceed 100% of those made at the beginning of the 2000s.

So, in general terms during the month of March, imports experienced a positive variation of 10.6% in relation to the previous year, con-

trasting with the fall of 4.2% in the previous month. In the same period, the prices of exports have experienced a decrease of 4.7% in relation to 2022, while with respect to the month of February, export prices have risen up to 10%.

Taking into account the unified classification of international trade (CUCI) in imports, all groups

stand out with positive interannual variations. The group prices of classified manufactured articles stand out mainly according to the first subject they increase (29.3%); oils, fats and waxes of animal and vegetable origin with a positive variation (14.2%) and, finally, food products and live animals, also with an increase over the same month of the previous year (11.2%).

Hotel accommodations are growing

The number of tourist accommodations of the hotel type (including hotels, aparthotels, hostels, residences, and pensions), and tourist apartments types classified in 2022 is 226, while the number of beds is 31,736. A figure that represents an increase of 10 more establishments than the previous year and 525 more beds.

One computer for every two students

For the 2022-2023 academic year, there is one computer for every 2.6 students. The 32 non-university centers had on December, 31st a total of 4,350 personal computers, which are divided into 2,576 desktop computers, 947 laptops and 827 tablets, assuming an increase of 0.7% and 5.1%, and a decrease of 2%, respectively, compared to 2022.

Minimums in wood production

In 2022, a total of 186 tons of wood were produced, thanks to the use of forests. A number equal to 38% less than the previous one, being the lowest since 2017 and assuming a decrease for the third consecutive year. For parishes, this year La Massana has produced the most wood (40.3%), followed by Encamp (34.4%).

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More than 1,300 million euros in the aggregate expenditure of the public sector

Spending on recreational, cultural and religious activities was 56.7 million

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The Department of Statistics has also provided the data referring to the settlement of the aggregate expenditure of the public sector, which stood at 1,324 million euros during this past year. This represents an increase of 5.2% com-

pared to 2021, with more than 41.5% of GDP, which has been reduced by 3.2 percentage points. However, the sector of public administrations has had a liquidation of expenses during 2022 of 1,120 million euros, an increase of 2.1% and 35.1% of GDP, with a percentage decrease of 3.9 compared to the previous year. On the other hand, the expense liquidated by the central administration sector has placed its liquidation of expenses at 472 million, thus representing a decrease of 4.1% in relation to 2022. This

amount represents 42.2% of the settled expenditure of the sector of public administrations and 14.8% of GDP. Without considering, however, the Government's expenses which are transfers towards public administrations, this sector has liquidated expenses worth 942 million euros, assuming a 3.3% increase compared to 2022.

RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES // With regard to this type of activity, public participation was 56.7 mi-

llion euros during 2022, thus representing an increase of 22.7% compared to 2021. In addition, the amount represents 6% of total liquidation of public administrations and represents 18.1% of GDP, one and a half points more than last year. This increase is explained through spending on recreational and sports services (up 24.8%, the fact that amounts to 5.4 million euros) and in the expenditure on cultural services (23% more and 3.9 million euros). However, the public expense in these activities includes the expenditure for these functions made by the central administration, the local, the Antidoping Agency of Andorra, the National Forum for the Youth of Andorra and Radio and Television of Andorra.

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