

7% RISE IN NUMBER OF VISITORS AND OVERNIGHT STAYS IN JUNE 2002

Both entries by visitors and overnight stays increased in all three provinces.

136,231 visitors were registered in hotel establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country in June 2002, almost 10,000 more than in the same month the year before, which represents a 7% increase, according to Eustat data. Entries by visitors increased in all three provinces, though to differing extents. There was an 11% increase in Alava and 6% in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa.

Entries by state visitors increased 10%, higher than the increase in the number of foreign visitors (2%). State visitors increased in number in all three provinces: 8% in Alava, 15% in Bizkaia and 5% in Gipuzkoa; on the other hand, foreign visitors increased by 18% in Alava and 8% in Gipuzkoa, while in Bizkaia there was a 10% reduction.

Among the state visitors there were increases in numbers from almost all autonomous communities, especially from the Communities of Madrid and Valencia, as well as from the A.C. of the Basque Country itself and Navarre. Among the foreign visitors there were significant increases in visitors from France and the UK, while at the same time there was an important fall in the number of visitors from the USA-Canada and South America.

Overnight stays registered in June 2002 came to 255,237, i.e. almost 18,000 more than the same month the year before, which represents a 7% increase in percentage terms. The number of overnight stays increased by 11% in Bizkaia and 5% in Alava and Gipuzkoa.

The length of the average stay for visitors staying at hotels in the A.C. of the Basque Country remained stable in June 2002, this index being 1.87 days per visitor. The average stay rose 5% in Bizkaia and fell 5% and 1% in Alava and Gipuzkoa, respectively.

The level of occupancy by places rose 2% for the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country, as a result of the 5% increase experienced in Bizkaia and the 2% rise in Alava,

while in Gipuzkoa there was a 1% fall. The level of occupancy by rooms also grew 2% for the A.C. of the Basque Country due to the increases in Alava and Bizkaia (7% and 3%, respectively), while in Gipuzkoa the level of occupancy by rooms fell 2% during June 2002 with regard to the same month the year before.

Agrotourism: Increase in overnight stays (26%) and visitors (12%)

6,463 entries were registered by visitors to Agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country in June 2002, 12% more than the year before, a 25% increase in Gipuzkoa, 5% in Bizkaia and a 2% decrease in Alava.

Overnight stays came to 14,982, 26% higher than in June 2001, affecting the three provinces in the A.C. of the Basque Country: Gipuzkoa (30%), Alava (26%) and Bizkaia (22%).

The average stay rose 13% for the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country , increasing in all three provinces: Alava (29%), Bizkaia (16%) and Gipuzkoa (4%) with regard to the same month the previous year.

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Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI				ARABA/ALAVA				BIZKAIA				GIPUZKOA				D%			
	06/2002	%	06/2001	%	06/2002	%	06/2001	%	06/2002	%	06/2001	%	06/2002	%	06/2001	D%				
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS																				
ENTRY BY VISITORS	136.231	100	127.400	100	7	25.055	100	22.640	100	11	52.489	100	49.498	100	6	58.687	100	55.262	100	6
National	90.210	66	82.346	65	10	17.855	71	16.522	73	8	36.645	70	31.849	64	15	35.710	61	33.975	61	5
Foreign	46.021	34	45.054	35	2	7.200	29	6.118	27	18	15.844	30	17.649	36	-10	22.977	39	21.287	39	8
OVERNIGHT STAYS	255.237	100	237.624	100	7	41.996	100	39.884	100	5	101.134	100	91.220	100	11	112.107	100	106.520	100	5
National	167.331	66	150.974	64	11	30.694	73	29.330	74	5	68.006	67	55.116	60	23	68.631	61	66.528	62	3
Foreign	87.906	34	86.650	36	1	11.302	27	10.554	26	7	33.128	33	36.104	40	-8	43.476	39	39.992	38	9
AVERAGE STAY	1,87		1,87		0	1,68		1,76		-5	1,93		1,84		5	1,91		1,93		-1
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	48,91		47,90		2	51,16		50,17		2	47,97		45,47		5	48,96		49,31		-1
AGRO-TOURISM																				
ENTRY BY VISITORS	6.463	100	5.771	100	12	1.090	100	1.107	100	-2	2.417	100	2.295	100	5	2.956	100	2.369	100	25
National	5.675	88	5.167	90	10	986	90	1.055	95	-7	2.155	89	2.076	90	4	2.534	86	2.036	86	24
Foreign	788	12	604	10	30	104	10	52	5	100	262	11	219	10	20	422	14	333	14	27
OVERNIGHT STAYS	14.982	100	11.858	100	26	2.645	100	2.093	100	26	5.887	100	4.812	100	22	6.450	100	4.953	100	30
National	12.492	83	10.022	85	25	1.912	72	1.971	94	-3	4.883	83	4.027	84	21	5.697	88	4.024	81	42
Foreign	2.490	17	1.836	15	36	733	28	122	6	501	1.004	17	785	16	28	753	12	929	19	-19
AVERAGE STAY	2,32		2,05		13	2,43		1,89		29	2,44		2,10		16	2,18		2,09		4
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	23,66		20,86		13	22,90		19,27		19	29,16		27,99		4	20,42		17,20		19

Source: EUSTAT