

The number of visitors increased by 8% in June 2003

The increase in the number of overnight stays was 3% in June.

According to EUSTAT data there were 146,998 visitors to hotels establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country in June 2003. This figure reflects an increase of 8% on the same month of the previous year, that is, more than 10,000 visitors than in June 2002. The number of visitors has changed differently in the three provinces. The highest inter-annual increase was in Gipuzkoa (13%), followed by Bizkaia (9%), but Alava suffered a fall of 7%.

The number of visitors from within the Spanish state to establishments in the A.C. of Euskadi increased by 12%, while the entry of foreign visitors fell by 1%. Visitors from the Spanish state increased in two provinces, albeit by different amounts: 25% in Gipuzkoa and 9% in Bizkaia, having fallen by 5% in Alava. The number of foreigners fell in two provinces: Alava (-11%) and Gipuzkoa (-4%); although not in Bizkaia which registered an increase of 9%.

Among visitors from within the Spanish state there was an increase in visitors from Cataluña, Asturias and Aragon, as well as from within the Autonomous Community itself and Navarre, but numbers from Andalusia and Madrid fell. Among foreigners there was an increase in travellers from France, Germany, Italy and Portugal, while those coming from the USA-Canada, the United Kingdom and Latin America all fell in number.

Overnight stays registered in June 2003 increased to 263,819, that is, 8,000 more than the same month last year, representing an increase of 3%. The inter-annual changes have been different in the three provinces, increasing in Bizkaia (4%) and Gipuzkoa (9%), but falling in Alava (-11%).

The average length of stay of travellers fell in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole, falling from 1.87 days in June 2002 to 1.79 days last June, a fall which affected all three provinces: Alava (-5%), Bizkaia (-5%) and Gipuzkoa (-4%).

The occupancy level fell by 4% when considering all of the A.C. of the Basque Country, with the provincial breakdown revealing the following: Alava (-24%), Bizkaia (-4%) and Gipuzkoa (5%).

Farm Tourism: Increase in the number of visitors (2%) and stability in the number of overnight stays

In this month of June just passed there were 6,571 visitors to Farm Tourism or Agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country, 2% more than the previous year, an increase of 9% in Gipuzkoa, 4% in Alava and falling by 8% in Bizkaia. The increase in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country Euskadi is made up of visitors from within the Spanish state (3%) as the number of foreign visitors fell by 7%. The number of visitors from within the Spanish state increased in Gipuzkoa (11%) and Alava (5%) and the number of foreigners fell in all three provinces: Alava (-3%) Bizkaia (-13%) and Gipuzkoa (-4%).

The number of overnight stays in Farm Tourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country was 15,036 in June, almost the same number as June last year, with positive inter-annual growth rates in Gipuzkoa (21%), but not in Bizkaia or Alava where there was a drop of 15% in both provinces.

The average stay for travellers fell by one percentage point in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country in comparison with June last year, registering an increase of 11% in Gipuzkoa but falling in Alava (-18%) and Bizkaia (-8%).

The level of occupancy registered a 7% fall throughout the A.C. of the Basque Country, due to the drop of 25% in Alava and 20% in Bizkaia, although this was ameliorated by a 12% increase in the province of Gipuzkoa.

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Table 1: Monthly Results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI					ARABA/ALAVA					BIZKAIA					GIPUZKOA				
	06/2003	%	06/2002	%	Δ%	06/2003	%	06/2002	%	Δ%	06/2003	%	06/2002	%	Δ%	06/2003	%	06/2002	%	Δ%
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS	263.819	100	255.237	100	3	37.223	100	41.996	100	-11	104.901	100	101.134	100	4	121.695	100	112.107	100	9
National	178.982	68	167.331	66	7	27.001	73	30.694	73	-12	69.623	66	68.006	67	2	82.358	68	68.631	61	20
Foreigners	84.837	32	87.906	34	-3	10.222	27	11.302	27	-10	35.278	34	33.128	33	6	39.337	32	43.476	39	-10
Capital	166.676	63	165.880	65	0	26.997	73	30.466	73	-11	72.630	69	72.249	71	1	67.049	55	63.165	56	6
Coast	36.922	14	37.186	15	-1	-	-	-	-	-	11.669	11	12.412	12	-6	25.253	21	24.774	22	2
Inland	60.221	23	52.171	20	15	10.226	27	11.530	27	-11	20.602	20	16.473	16	25	29.393	24	24.168	22	22
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	146.998	100	136.231	100	8	23.330	100	25.055	100	-7	57.202	100	52.489	100	9	66.466	100	58.687	100	13
National	101.360	69	90.210	66	12	16.933	73	17.855	71	-5	39.932	70	36.645	70	9	44.495	67	35.710	61	25
Foreigners	45.638	31	46.021	34	-1	6.397	27	7.200	29	-11	17.270	30	15.844	30	9	21.971	33	22.977	39	-4
Capital	91.641	62	86.159	63	6	15.339	66	15.737	63	-3	39.484	69	37.459	71	5	36.818	55	32.963	56	12
Coast	19.099	13	19.180	14	0	-	-	-	-	-	7.065	12	6.916	13	2	12.034	18	12.264	21	-2
Inland	36.258	25	30.892	23	17	7.991	34	9.318	37	-14	10.653	19	8.114	15	31	17.614	27	13.460	23	31
AVERAGE STAY	1,79		1,87		-4	1,60		1,68		-5	1,83		1,93		-5	1,83		1,91		-4
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	46,88		48,91		-4	38,63		51,16		-24	45,87		47,97		-4	51,21		48,96		5
Capital	49,46		53,77		-8	41,17		53,82		-24	48,62		53,36		-9	54,94		54,21		1
Coast	54,48		50,43		8	-		-		-	45,12		45,22		0	60,26		53,52		13
Inland	38,13		37,37		2	33,22		45,27		-27	38,54		34,32		12	39,88		36,54		9
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	57,51		61,73		-7	51,06		65,86		-22	58,10		63,47		-8	59,67		58,41		2
Capital	61,22		68,64		-11	56,95		71,74		-21	61,82		69,83		-11	62,97		65,37		-4
Coast	61,87		58,34		6	-		-		-	56,60		58,10		-3	64,63		58,48		11
Inland	46,81		45,27		3	35,46		46,74		-24	47,40		44,12		7	50,84		45,61		11
AGRO-TOURISM																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS	15.036	100	14.982	100	0	2.258	100	2.645	100	-15	4.992	100	5.887	100	-15	7.786	100	6.450	100	21
National	12.503	83	12.492	83	0	1.960	87	1.912	72	3	4.002	80	4.883	83	-18	6.541	84	5.697	88	15
Foreigners	2.533	17	2.490	17	2	298	13	733	28	-59	990	20	1.004	17	-1	1.245	16	753	12	65
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	6.571	100	6.463	100	2	1.137	100	1.090	100	4	2.223	100	2.417	100	-8	3.211	100	2.956	100	9
National	5.835	89	5.675	88	3	1.036	91	986	90	5	1.995	90	2.155	89	-7	2.804	87	2.534	86	11
Foreigners	736	11	788	12	-7	101	9	104	10	-3	228	10	262	11	-13	407	13	422	14	-4
AVERAGE STAY	2,29		2,32		-1	1,99		2,43		-18	2,25		2,44		-8	2,42		2,18		11
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	21,96		23,66		-7	17,11		22,90		-25	23,37		29,16		-20	22,97		20,42		12
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	24,14		25,81		-6	19,44		26,47		-27	25,26		30,06		-16	25,33		22,84		11

Source: EUSTAT