

SURVEY ON TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) JANUARY 2005

3% increase in visitor entries in January 2005

Overnight stays, on the other hand, registered a 6% increase in relation to January 2004

Hotel establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country registered 97,166 entries by visitors in January 2005, almost 3,000 more than the same month the year before, which represents a 3% increase, according to Eustat data. Entries by visitors have increased especially in Bizkaia (7%), while in Alava and Gipuzkoa the figures were practically the same as the year before (0%).

Entries by state visitors increased by 6% and the number of foreign visitors fell by the same degree (-6%). State visitors increased in numbers in Bizkaia (12%), Alava (2%) and Gipuzkoa (1%). The number of foreign visitors decreased in the three provinces: 8% in Bizkaia, 7% in Alava and 4% in Gipuzkoa.

Among state visitors there was an increase in numbers from Madrid, Aragón, Asturias and Navarre, among others. Fewer visitors arrived from Catalonia, Galicia and Andalusia, mainly. Among foreign visitors, there was a slight increase in numbers from France, Belgium, Ireland and European non-community countries and there was a drop in numbers from the UK, Portugal and Germany, among others.

The number of overnight stays registered in January 2005 came to 174,939, which represented a 6% increase in relation to January the year before, i.e. almost 10,000 overnight stays more. Overnight stays registered a positive inter-annual evolution in Gipuzkoa and Bizkaia, with 10% and 6% growth respectively, while in Alava there was a 4% fall.

The length of the average stays rose from 1.75 days the year before to 1.80 in January last for the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country, due to the increase registered in this index in Gipuzkoa (10%). In Alava there was a fall, from 1.77 to 1.69 days, while in Bizkaia it practically remained the same (from 1.82 to 1.81 days).

The level of occupancy by places improved by 1%, rising from 30.68% in January last year to 31.13% in January this year. This improvement is clear in Gipuzkoa (8%), while in Alava there was a 4% decrease and in Bizkaia there was a lower decrease of 1%.

Agrotourism: Decrease in visitors (-16%) and slight increase in overnight stays (1%)

Last January 3,150 visitors were registered at agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country, 16% fewer than the same month the year before, falling 22% in Gipuzkoa, 18% in Alava, and a more moderate 4% decrease in Bizkaia. The drop in state visitors was 16% in the A.C. of the Basque Country: 20% lower in Guipúzcoa, 17% in Alava and 8% in Bizkaia. The number of foreign visitors fell 8% in the whole of

the A.C. of the Basque Country, falling in Gipuzkoa and Alava by 42% and 30% respectively, but increasing by 55% in Bizkaia.

Overnight stays at agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country came to 8,967 in January, which represents a 1% increase with regard to the same month the year before, with positive inter-annual growth rates in Bizkaia (5%) and Gipuzkoa (5%), but negative in Alava, where there was a 20% decrease.

The average stay per visitor increased substantially in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country with regard to January 2004, rising from 2.39 days a year before to 2.85 last January, the positive evolution affecting Gipuzkoa (34%) in particular, Bizkaia to a lesser degree, where there was a 9% increase, while in Alava there was a drop of 3%.

The level of occupancy by places fell by 7%, as a consequence of the drops experienced in Alava (-28%) and Gipuzkoa (-5%), while in Bizkaia the impact was null in this area (0%).

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Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI			ARABA/ALAVA			BIZKAIA			GIPUZKOA					
	01/2005	%	01/2004	%	Δ%	01/2005	%	01/2004	%	Δ%	01/2005	%	01/2004	%	Δ%
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	174.939	100	165.231	100	6	28.274	100	29.501	100	-4	80.940	100	76.032	100	6
National	134.311	77	123.974	75	8	23.671	84	24.350	83	-3	60.097	74	53.187	70	13
Foreigners	40.628	23	41.257	25	-2	4.603	16	5.151	17	-11	20.843	26	22.845	30	-9
Capital	119.256	68	108.057	65	10	23.128	82	23.951	81	-3	58.740	73	52.240	69	12
Coast	12.538	7	14.748	9	-15	-	-	-	-	-	4.913	6	6.524	9	-25
Inland	43.145	25	42.426	26	2	5.146	18	5.550	19	-7	17.287	21	17.268	23	0
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	97.166	100	94.206	100	3	16.721	100	16.683	100	0	44.613	100	41.752	100	7
National	77.026	79	72.751	77	6	14.084	84	13.849	83	2	34.966	78	31.275	75	12
Foreigners	20.140	21	21.455	23	-6	2.637	16	2.834	17	-7	9.647	22	10.477	25	-8
Capital	66.391	68	61.299	65	8	12.740	76	12.477	75	2	32.202	72	29.353	70	10
Coast	6.978	7	8.106	9	-14	-	-	-	-	-	2.897	6	3.207	8	-10
Inland	23.797	24	24.801	26	-4	3.981	24	4.206	25	-5	9.514	21	9.192	22	4
AVERAGE STAY	1,80		1,75		3	1,69		1,77		-5	1,81		1,82		-1
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	31,13		30,68		1	30,76		32,12		-4	30,92		31,28		-1
Capital	34,16		32,83		4	34,19		35,57		-4	34,26		33,35		3
Coast	24,92		26,80		-7	-	-	-	-	-	19,96		22,78		-12
Inland	26,54		27,49		-3	21,20		22,63		-6	26,33		29,87		-12
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	40,29		39,60		2	38,76		42,76		-9	41,49		40,76		2
Capital	43,34		41,88		3	43,30		48,29		-10	45,46		42,72		6
Coast	33,56		34,40		-2	-	-	-	-	-	24,94		30,11		-17
Inland	35,07		36,13		-3	23,20		25,62		-9	35,53		39,85		-11
AGRO-TOURISM															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	8.967	100	8.915	100	1	1.205	100	1.514	100	-20	2.955	100	2.818	100	5
National	7.575	84	7.976	89	-5	1.038	86	1.302	86	-20	2.259	76	2.345	83	-4
Foreigners	1.392	16	939	11	48	167	14	212	14	-21	696	24	473	17	47
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	3.150	100	3.728	100	-16	576	100	703	100	-18	1.115	100	1.156	100	-4
National	2.911	92	3.469	93	-16	545	95	659	94	-17	982	88	1.070	93	-8
Foreigners	239	8	259	7	-8	31	5	44	6	-30	133	12	86	7	55
AVERAGE STAY	2,85		2,39		19	2,09		2,15		-3	2,65		2,44		9
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	11,54		12,43		-7	7,52		10,39		-28	12,56		12,50		0
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	13,12		14,11		-7	8,32		10,63		-22	14,20		14,41		-1

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