

## Number of visitors increased by 2% in June 2005

***Overnight stays increased by 5% in the same monthly period.***

According to Eustat data 163,004 visitors registered in hotels in the A.C. of Euskadi in June 2005, almost 4,000 more than in the same month last year, representing an increase of 2%. The number of visitors in comparison to the same month last year increased in Bizkaia (8%) and Gipuzkoa (1%), but not in Alava, where it fell by 8%.

The entry of visitors from within the Spanish State in June 2005 grew by 5%, increasing by 8% in Gipuzkoa and 7% in Bizkaia, but falling by 6% in Alava. The number of foreign visitors fell by 2% in the A.C. of Euskadi, dropping in the provinces of Alava (-13%) and Gipuzkoa (-9%), but increasing in Bizkaia (11%).

Among visitors from the Spanish state there was an increase mainly in those coming from the Communities of Madrid, Catalonia, Galicia, Andalusia and Aragon. Those coming from Asturias and Castile la Mancha among others fell in number. Among foreign visitors, the numbers from Belgium, Italy and Holland increased the most. The number of visitors coming from Germany, France, Portugal, United Kingdom and Canada and the USA, among others, all fell.

The number of overnight stays in June 2005 rose to 307,485, representing an increase of 5% on June last year, that is more than 15,000 more overnight stays. In Gipuzkoa (11%) and Alava (5%), the number of overnight stays increased while in Bizkaia (0%) they remained at the same level as the previous year.

The average length of stay increased by 3% in the A.C. of Euskadi. This figure increased significantly in Alava (14%), increasing from 1.62 days last year to 1.84 days this last June. This statistic also increased in Gipuzkoa (9%), extending from 1.82 days last year to 1.99 in June of this year, but fell in Bizkaia (-8%), from 1.95 days to 1.79.

Total occupancy levels registered an increase of 2% in the whole of the A.C. of Euskadi, but room occupancy levels fell by one point. Both indexes reflected negative growth in Bizkaia.

### **First semester balance in hotels in 2005: both the number of visitors and the number of overnight stays increased in comparison to the first semester of 2004**

The balance of the first semester of 2005 in hotels in the A.C. of Euskadi reflected increases on the same period last year in both in the number of visitors (4%) and the number of overnight stays (5%).

In the first semester of 2005, 1,497,118 overnight stays were registered, that is, 60,000 more than the previous year. This increase in overnight stays was reflected in all three provinces, with an increase of 4% in Alava and Bizkaia and a 5% increase in the province of Gipuzkoa.

The number of visitors registered in the first semester of 2005 increased to 820,369, that is, 29,000 more than the same period last year. The number of visitors increased in Bizkaia (8%) and Gipuzkoa (2%), but fell in Alava (-4%).

The figure for the average length of stay improved, increasing from 1.81 days in the first semester of 2004 to 1.82 days in the first six months of this year, rising in Alava and Gipuzkoa, but not in Bizkaia where it fell by 3 percentage points.

Occupancy levels increased from 41.52% last year to 42.04% during the first semester of 2005, improving in both Alava and Gipuzkoa, but not in Bizkaia, where they fell from 41.84% to 40.69%.

**Table 1: Semester results**

	A.C. OF EUSKADI			ARABA/ALAVA			BIZKAIA			GIPUZKOA		
	2005	2004	Δ%	2005	2004	Δ%	2005	2004	Δ%	2005	2004	Δ%
<b>HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS</b>												
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	820.369	791.239	4	132.474	137.593	-4	361.505	335.016	8	326.390	318.630	2
OVERNIGHT STAYS	1.497.118	1.431.439	5	236.584	226.782	4	652.623	625.225	4	607.911	579.432	5
AVERAGE STAY	1,82	1,81	1	1,79	1,65	8	1,81	1,87	-3	1,86	1,82	2
OCCUPANCY LEVEL	42,04	41,52	1	41,09	39,65	4	40,69	41,84	-3	44,01	41,95	5

**Source: EUSTAT**

### **Farm tourism or Agrotourism: Visitors increase (2%) as well as overnight stays (2%)**

8,628 visitors were registered in Farm Tourism establishments in the A.C. of Euskadi in June, 2% more than the same month last year, a rise of 21% in Alava, 1% in Gipuzkoa, but a fall of 8% in Bizkaia. The number of visitors from the Spanish State increased by 3% and visits to Euskadi from abroad fell by 12%.

There were 18,965 overnight stays registered in Farm tourism establishments in the A.C. of Euskadi in June, representing an increase of 2% on the same month last year, reflecting inter-annual growth of 9% in Gipuzkoa and 3% in Alava. On the other hand, in Bizkaia the inter-annual comparison revealed a fall of 7% in the number of overnight stays in this subsector.

The average length of stay for visitors registered a slight increase of 1% in the A.C. of Euskadi as a whole on the figure for June 2004, extending from 2.18 days a year ago to 2.20 this June, this inter-annual increase was only present in the provinces of Gipuzkoa and Bizkaia.

Occupancy levels fell by 4% and the level of room occupation underwent a fall of 3% in the A.C. of Euskadi when considered as a whole. The fall in both indexes was only registered in Bizkaia, where these two statistics decreased by 14% and 17%, respectively.

### **Farm Tourism first semester balance in 2005: Visitors increase by 4% and overnight stays by 1%**

During the first semester of 2005 there were 40,320 visitors registered in Farm Tourism establishments in the A.C. of Euskadi, representing an increase of 4% on the same period of last year.

The number of overnight stays registered were 92,727, that is to say, 1% more than the first semester of 2004.

The average length of stay fell from 2.38 days during the first semester of 2004 to 2.30 days during the first semester of this year, the overall fall stemming from the changes in Bizkaia (-11%) and Alava (-5%).

The level of occupancy fell from 21.01% during the first semester of last year to 19.93% during the same period of this year. And this fall in occupancy is reflected in all three provinces in the A.C. of Euskadi.

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	A.C. OF EUSKADI			ARABA/ALAVA			BIZKAIA			GIPUZKOA		
	2005	2004	Δ%	2005	2004	Δ%	2005	2004	Δ%	2005	2004	Δ%
<b>AGRO-TOURISM</b>												
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	40.320	38.670	4	7.087	7.134	-1	13.214	12.364	7	20.019	19.172	4
OVERNIGHT STAYS	92.727	91.984	1	14.677	15.564	-6	29.459	30.829	-4	48.591	45.591	7
AVERAGE STAY	2,30	2,38	-3	2,07	2,18	-5	2,23	2,49	-11	2,43	2,38	2
OCCUPANCY LEVEL	19,93	21,01	-5	15,50	16,99	-9	20,42	22,46	-9	21,47	21,81	-2

**Source: EUSTAT**

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**Tabla 1: Resultados mensuales**

	A.C. OF EUSKADI			ARABA/ALAVA			BIZKAIA			GIPUZKOA					
	06/2005	%	06/2004	%	Δ%	06/2005	%	06/2004	%	Δ%	06/2005	%	06/2004	%	Δ%
<b>HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS</b>															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	307.485	100	292.278	100	5	45.977	100	43.961	100	5	121.977	100	122.377	100	0
National	212.659	69	194.938	67	9	36.584	80	35.351	80	3	77.650	64	80.682	66	-4
Foreigners	94.826	31	97.340	33	-3	9.393	20	8.610	20	9	44.327	36	41.695	34	6
Capital	191.865	62	185.639	64	3	34.609	75	33.162	75	4	80.642	66	80.905	66	0
Coast	43.341	14	38.313	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	14.740	12	14.501	12	2
Inland	72.279	24	68.326	23	6	11.368	25	10.799	25	5	26.595	22	26.971	22	-1
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	163.004	100	159.073	100	2	25.055	100	27.163	100	-8	67.989	100	62.862	100	8
National	112.176	69	107.316	67	5	20.086	80	21.446	79	-6	45.252	67	42.367	67	7
Foreigners	50.828	31	51.757	33	-2	4.969	20	5.717	21	-13	22.737	33	20.495	33	11
Capital	102.076	63	101.434	64	1	17.552	70	19.282	71	-9	45.537	67	41.944	67	9
Coast	20.881	13	20.129	13	4	-	-	-	-	-	7.931	12	7.090	11	12
Inland	40.047	25	37.510	24	7	7.503	30	7.881	29	-5	14.521	21	13.828	22	5
AVERAGE STAY	1,89		1,84		3	1,84		1,62		14	1,79		1,95		-8
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	50,76		49,80		2	47,70		46,48		3	45,45		47,89		-5
Capital	53,87		52,62		2	52,80		50,61		4	48,61		49,26		-1
Coast	55,87		53,73		4	-	-	-	-	-	41,60		47,44		-12
Inland	42,03		41,95		0	36,86		37,15		-1	39,68		44,42		-11
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	60,46		60,98		-1	58,48		58,67		0	56,62		61,14		-7
Capital	65,71		64,59		2	65,43		66,84		-2	59,86		62,13		-4
Coast	53,73		63,08		-15	-	-	-	-	-	51,41		57,48		-11
Inland	51,79		51,99		0	41,57		38,37		8	50,65		59,34		-15
<b>AGRO-TOURISM</b>															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	18.965	100	18.511	100	2	2.975	100	2.884	100	3	5.973	100	6.396	100	-7
National	16.478	87	15.536	84	6	2.830	95	2.622	91	8	4.931	83	5.306	83	-7
Foreigners	2.487	13	2.975	16	-16	145	5	262	9	-45	1.042	17	1.090	17	-4
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	8.628	100	8.498	100	2	1.699	100	1.400	100	21	2.694	100	2.921	100	-8
National	7.829	91	7.587	89	3	1.621	95	1.345	96	21	2.381	88	2.567	88	-7
Foreigners	799	9	911	11	-12	78	5	55	4	42	313	12	354	12	-12
AVERAGE STAY	2,20		2,18		1	1,75		2,06		-15	2,22		2,19		1
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	24,31		25,20		-4	18,71		17,84		5	24,76		28,77		-14
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	26,80		27,66		-3	20,19		19,01		6	26,77		32,20		-17

Fuente: EUSTAT