

**SURVEY ON TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) JULY 2005**

## **9% increase in visitors in July 2005**

### ***Overnight stays increased by 10% over the same monthly period***

Hotel establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country registered 190,882 entries by visitors in July 2005, over 15,000 entries more than the same month the year before, which represents a 9% increase, according to Eustat data. Entries by visitors evolved positively in all three provinces, rising sharply in Bizkaia (17%), with more intermediate growth in Gipuzkoa (5%) and developing by a more moderate inter-annual rate in Alava (2%), with regard to the same month the previous year.

Entries by state visitors grew by 8% in July 2005 for the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country, rising 20% in Bizkaia and 4% in Alava, but staying at the same level as the year before in Gipuzkoa (0.0%). The number of foreign visitors increased by 10% in the A.C. of the Basque Country, rising 12% in Guipúzcoa and 11% in Bizkaia, but decreasing their presence in Álava (-3%).

Among state visitors there was an increase in numbers from most of the Autonomous Communities. There were more visitors from Catalonia, Madrid, Andalusia, Aragón, Asturias, Castile la Mancha, Galicia and Navarre. Numbers fell however, from Cantabria, the Canaries and Valencia. Among foreign visitors, there was a rise in visitors from France, Germany, Holland, Portugal, the UK and Latin America, among others. Numbers fell from Belgium, Italy and the USA-Canada, mainly.

Overnight stays registered in July 2005 came to 373,626, which represents a 10% rise on July the year before, i.e. over 33,000 overnight stays more than in July 2004. Overnight stays also registered a positive inter-annual evolution in all three provinces, obtaining the highest growth in Bizkaia (20%), and evolving more moderately in Gipuzkoa (4%) and Álava (3%).

The length of the average stay grew by 1%, increasing from 1.94 days the year before to 1.96 days last July. This growth occurred in Bizkaia (3%) and Alava (1%), but there was no change in Gipuzkoa (0.0%).

The occupancy level both by places and by rooms increased by 7% in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country. Occupancy by places grew in Bizkaia (14%) and Guipúzcoa (5%), remaining stable in Alava (0.0%).

### **Agrotourism: Increase in visitors (12%) and overnight stays (13%)**

Last July a total of 11,956 visitors were registered in agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country, 12% more than the same month the year before, growing 19% in Alava, 13% in Gipuzkoa and 7% in Bizkaia. State visitors rose in numbers by 10% and foreign visitors registered an inter-annual increase of 22%, in relation to July 2004.

Overnight stays in agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country came to 39,469 in July, which represents 13% growth with regard to the same month the year before, with important inter-annual growth in Gipuzkoa (21%) and Alava (14%), but a slight drop in Bizkaia (-1%).

The average stay per visitor registered a 1% increase, rising from 3.28 days the year before to 3.30 this July, in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country.

The occupancy level by places and rooms rose by 4% for the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country. The increase in both indices affects the provinces of Álava and Gipuzkoa positively, but not so Bizkaia, where the two indices registered negative inter-annual growth.

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Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI						ARABA/ALAVA						BIZKAIA						GIPUZKOA					
	07/2005	%	07/2004	%			07/2005	%	07/2004	%			07/2005	%	07/2004	%			07/2005	%	07/2004	%		
<b>HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS</b>																								
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>	<b>373.626</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>340.108</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>49.854</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>48.361</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>147.949</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>123.261</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>175.823</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>168.486</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>	
National	247.310	66	225.068	66	10		38.175	77	36.533	76	4		93.564	63	77.860	63	20		115.571	66	110.675	66	4	
Foreigners	126.316	34	115.040	34	10		11.679	23	11.828	24	-1		54.385	37	45.401	37	20		60.252	34	57.811	34	4	
Capital	229.736	61	207.574	61	11		36.505	73	34.962	72	4		96.641	65	82.768	67	17		96.590	55	89.844	53	8	
Coast	55.508	15	52.501	15	6		-	-	-	-	-		19.536	13	17.752	14	10		35.972	20	34.749	21	4	
Inland	88.382	24	80.033	24	10		13.349	27	13.399	28	0		31.772	21	22.741	18	40		43.261	25	43.893	26	-1	
<b>ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS</b>	<b>190.882</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>175.155</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>27.357</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26.823</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>81.445</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69.829</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>82.080</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>78.503</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5</b>	
National	125.472	66	115.679	66	8		20.098	73	19.361	72	4		53.873	66	45.066	65	20		51.501	63	51.252	65	0	
Foreigners	65.410	34	59.476	34	10		7.259	27	7.462	28	-3		27.572	34	24.763	35	11		30.579	37	27.251	35	12	
Capital	116.164	61	107.824	62	8		19.151	70	18.124	68	6		51.456	63	48.069	69	7		45.557	56	41.631	53	9	
Coast	25.403	13	24.508	14	4		-	-	-	-	-		10.794	13	9.718	14	11		14.609	18	14.790	19	-1	
Inland	49.315	26	42.823	24	15		8.206	30	8.699	32	-6		19.195	24	12.042	17	59		21.914	27	22.082	28	-1	
<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	<b>1,96</b>		<b>1,94</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1,82</b>		<b>1,80</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1,82</b>		<b>1,77</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>2,14</b>		<b>2,15</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES</b>	<b>59,24</b>		<b>55,26</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>49,59</b>		<b>49,38</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>53,20</b>		<b>46,50</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>69,76</b>		<b>66,73</b>		<b>5</b>	
Capital	62,54		56,64		10		53,55		51,62		4		56,29		48,87		15		75,77		69,43		9	
Coast	66,49		66,10		1		-		-		-		53,54		54,07		-1		76,54		74,58		3	
Inland	49,14		47,20		4		41,25		44,38		-7		45,43		36,17		26		55,78		57,37		-3	
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS</b>	<b>66,40</b>		<b>62,08</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>57,05</b>		<b>57,83</b>		<b>-1</b>		<b>61,67</b>		<b>53,90</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>76,89</b>		<b>73,38</b>		<b>5</b>	
Capital	70,20		63,45		11		63,28		62,37		1		64,72		55,93		16		82,51		76,16		8	
Coast	70,77		71,45		-1		-		-		-		60,94		60,47		1		78,82		77,59		2	
Inland	55,97		54,70		2		42,07		45,71		-8		54,51		44,81		22		64,78		66,29		-2	
<b>AGRO-TOURISM</b>																								
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>	<b>39.469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>35.069</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>4.909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4.315</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>11.957</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12.083</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>		<b>22.603</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>18.671</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	
National	32.160	81	28.420	81	13		4.305	88	3.926	91	10		8.794	74	9.263	77	-5		19.061	84	15.231	82	25	
Foreigners	7.309	19	6.649	19	10		604	12	389	9	55		3.163	26	2.820	23	12		3.542	16	3.440	18	3	
<b>ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS</b>	<b>11.956</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10.699</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>1.818</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.531</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>3.803</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.546</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>6.335</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.622</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	
National	9.983	83	9.082	85	10		1.653	91	1.411	92	17		3.033	80	2.900	82	5		5.297	84	4.771	85	11	
Foreigners	1.973	17	1.617	15	22		165	9	120	8	38		770	20	646	18	19		1.038	16	851	15	22	
<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	<b>3,30</b>		<b>3,28</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2,70</b>		<b>2,82</b>		<b>-4</b>		<b>3,14</b>		<b>3,41</b>		<b>-8</b>		<b>3,57</b>		<b>3,32</b>		<b>8</b>	
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES</b>	<b>47,61</b>		<b>45,76</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>29,11</b>		<b>25,97</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>48,76</b>		<b>51,29</b>		<b>-5</b>		<b>54,45</b>		<b>51,22</b>		<b>6</b>	
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS</b>	<b>50,33</b>		<b>48,62</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>30,99</b>		<b>29,18</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>49,75</b>		<b>53,72</b>		<b>-7</b>		<b>58,76</b>		<b>53,11</b>		<b>11</b>	

Source: EUSTAT