

SURVEY OF TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) SEPTEMBER 2005

There was a 4% rise in the number of visitors in September 2005

In the same inter-annual period, overnight stays in the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country grew by 1%

174,806 visitors were registered in the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in September 2005, almost 8,000 more than those recorded for the same month of last year, meaning a 4% increase, according to Eustat data. The number of visitors increased in the provinces of Bizkaia (8%) and Alava (5%), but remained practically unchanged in relation to the same month of last year in Gipuzkoa (0.0%).

The number of visitors from other parts of the state grew by 3%, while visitors coming from overseas increased by 7%. Visitors from the state increased in number in Bizkaia (9%) and in Alava (7%), but decreased in Gipuzkoa by 3%. Numbers of overseas visitors increased in the three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country: 9% in Gipuzkoa, 7% in Bizkaia and 1% in Alava.

Among visitors from the state, there was an increase in the numbers of those coming chiefly from Madrid, Catalonia, Andalucia and Galicia and a fall for those coming from Aragon, the Balearic Islands and the Community of Valencia, among others. As for those coming from abroad, there was a rise for those from France, Germany, Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg and Portugal, among others, and a fall for those mainly from the United Kingdom, USA- Canada and Holland.

The total number of overnight stays registered in September 2005 came to 334,594, representing a 1% increase in relation to September last year, or almost 2,000 more overnight stays. Inter-annual evolution of overnight stays was positive in the provinces of Gipuzkoa (3%) and Alava (1%), but not so in the province of Bizkaia, where there was a 2% setback.

The average length of stay underwent a 4% decrease in September 2005 in the A.C. of the Basque County as a whole, going from 1.99 days last year to 1.91 days this year. The evolution of the average stay was only positive in the province of Gipuzkoa, going from the previous figure of 2.04 days to the latest one of 2.09 days.

The evolution of the occupancy rate by places and by rooms was negative, with a 2% decrease in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole. The occupancy rate by places went from 56.42% to 55.14% and the occupancy rate by rooms went from 68.00% to 66.75%. Gipuzkoa was the only province where there was an improvement in the occupancy rate by both places (1%) and by rooms (3%).

In July, August and September there was an 8% rise in the number of visitors in the A.C. of the Basque Country with regard to the same period of 2004, an increase that chiefly benefited the province of Bizkaia (15%), and to a lesser degree Alava (9%), with Gipuzkoa remaining unchanged (0.0%). An 8% increase in overnight stays was registered during this period, over 83,000 more overnight stays than during summer

2004. This increase was reflected in the three provinces, in Bizkaia (12%), in Gipuzkoa (4%) and in Alava (8%).

AGROTOURISM

The number of visitors rose (18%), but there was a fall in the number of overnight stays (-1.0 %)

September saw 9,368 visitors registered in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, 18% more than the same month of last year, growing 16% in Alava and 34% in Gipuzkoa, although there was a 4% decrease in Bizkaia. The increase in visitors from within the state was 19% in the A.C. of the Basque Country and the number of those coming from overseas rose by 6%.

There were 23,566 overnight stays in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in September 2005, meaning a 1% fall as regards last year, with negative inter-annual evolution rates in the provinces of Bizkaia (-16%) and Alava (-13%), but improving on previous results in the case of Gipuzkoa (10%).

The average stay per visitor suffered a 16% fall, dropping from 3.00 days in September last year to 2.52 days this September. This reduction of the average stay affected all three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country.

The occupancy rate by places and by rooms fell by 8%, a decrease that stemmed from the results in the provinces of Alava and Bizkaia, since in Gipuzkoa there was a rise in the occupancy rate by places and also by rooms.

The months of July, August and September saw 15% more visitors than last year in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, while overnight stays registered a 4% rise compared to the same period of last year.

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Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI			ARABA/ALAVA			BIZKAIA			GIPUZKOA					
	09/2005	%	09/2004	%	Δ%	09/2005	%	09/2004	%	Δ%	09/2005	%	09/2004	%	Δ%
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	334.594	100	332.756	100	1	48.957	100	48.285	100	1	141.121	100	144.064	100	-2
National	225.285	67	227.443	68	-1	37.520	77	36.750	76	2	89.608	63	90.862	63	-1
Foreigners	109.309	33	105.313	32	4	11.437	23	11.535	24	-1	51.513	37	53.202	37	-3
Capital	207.748	62	210.722	63	-1	35.593	73	36.951	77	-4	96.105	68	99.415	69	-3
Coast	46.316	14	43.066	13	8	-	-	-	-	-	16.325	12	15.655	11	4
Inland	80.530	24	78.968	24	2	13.364	27	11.334	23	18	28.691	20	28.994	20	-1
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	174.806	100	167.311	100	4	28.152	100	26.781	100	5	77.591	100	71.747	100	8
National	117.980	67	114.262	68	3	20.958	74	19.674	73	7	50.964	66	46.917	65	9
Foreigners	56.826	33	53.049	32	7	7.194	26	7.107	27	1	26.627	34	24.830	35	7
Capital	106.836	61	105.368	63	1	19.116	68	19.196	72	0	53.030	68	50.056	70	6
Coast	23.053	13	19.825	12	16	-	-	-	-	-	8.951	12	7.878	11	14
Inland	44.917	26	42.118	25	7	9.036	32	7.585	28	19	15.610	20	13.813	19	13
AVERAGE STAY	1,91		1,99		-4	1,74		1,80		-3	1,82		2,01		-9
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	55,14		56,42		-2	49,74		50,65		-2	52,85		56,15		-6
Capital	59,45		59,70		0	53,52		55,91		-4	58,10		60,67		-4
Coast	56,86		58,31		-2	-		-	-	-	47,53		49,60		-4
Inland	45,78		48,48		-6	41,87		38,75		8	42,68		47,40		-10
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	66,75		68,00		-2	60,56		61,49		-2	65,24		69,31		-6
Capital	72,61		71,64		1	67,10		68,05		-1	71,23		73,15		-3
Coast	65,06		66,24		-2	-		-	-	-	56,48		60,44		-7
Inland	55,22		59,86		-8	45,40		40,59		12	53,87		61,71		-13
AGRO-TOURISM															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	23.566	100	23.922	100	-1	2.930	100	3.375	100	-13	6.325	100	7.515	100	-16
National	19.877	84	20.170	84	-1	2.639	90	3.099	92	-15	5.473	87	6.121	81	-11
Foreigners	3.689	16	3.752	16	-2	291	10	276	8	5	852	13	1.394	19	-39
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	9.368	100	7.961	100	18	1.596	100	1.380	100	16	2.654	100	2.756	100	-4
National	8.335	89	6.987	88	19	1.467	92	1.304	94	13	2.400	90	2.343	85	2
Foreigners	1.033	11	974	12	6	129	8	76	6	70	254	10	413	15	-38
AVERAGE STAY	2,52		3,00		-16	1,84		2,45		-25	2,38		2,73		-13
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	29,95		32,67		-8	19,15		21,59		-11	25,68		34,32		-25
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	32,62		35,43		-8	20,90		24,48		-15	26,87		36,30		-26

Source: EUSTAT