

SURVEY OF TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) NOVEMBER 2005

The number of visitors increased by 2% in November 2005

Overnight stays in the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country rose by 3%

135,860 visitors were registered in the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in November 2005, 2,000 more than for the same month of last year, meaning a 2% increase, according to Eustat data. The number of visitors increased in Bizkaia (5%) and Gipuzkoa (2%), but decreased in Alava (-7%).

The number of visitors from other parts of the state decreased by 3%, while visitors from abroad increased in number by 18%. The number of visitors from the state diminished in all three provinces: in Alava it fell by 6%, in Bizkaia it did so by 3% and in Gipuzkoa there was a 2% decrease. Visitors from overseas increased in number in Bizkaia (28%) and Gipuzkoa (14%), but decreased in Alava (-10%).

Among visitors from the state there was an increase in those coming especially from Aragón, the Balearic Islands, the Canary Islands, Cantabria and Galicia, and a decrease in those coming from Catalonia and Madrid, among others. Among those from overseas there was a rise for those coming from France, Latin America, the USA-Canada and other countries, but a fall for those from Portugal, the United Kingdom and Germany in particular.

Overnight stays registered in November 2005 came to 247,800, representing a 3% increase with regard to November of last year, which is to say over 6,500 more overnight stays. Inter-annual evolution of overnight stays was positive in the province of Bizkaia (8%), but not so in Gipuzkoa, where they diminished by 2%, with the figure for Alava remaining unchanged (0%).

The length of the average stay underwent a 1% rise in November 2005 in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole, going from 1.80 days last year to 1.82 days this year. The evolution of the average stay was positive in the province of Álava, going from the previous figure of 1.62 days to the current one of 1.74 days and in Bizkaia, going from 1.82 days to 1.87. In Gipuzkoa, however, the average length of stay fell from 1.87 days to 1.81.

The degree of occupancy by places registered negative evolution, with a 2% decrease in the A.C. of the Basque Country overall, while the degree of occupancy by rooms increased slightly (1%). The degree of occupancy by places went from 42.04% to 41.33% and the degree of occupancy by rooms from 54.65% to 55.02%. In Álava there was a decrease in the degree of occupancy by places (-2%) and an increase of the degree of occupancy by rooms (4%). In Bizkaia, the degree of occupancy by places was unchanged (0%) and that of rooms improved by 3%. In Gipuzkoa there was a fall in both the degree of occupancy by places (-3%) and by rooms (-4%).

AGROTOURISM

There was a rise in the number of visitors (6%) and overnight stays (14%)

5,950 visitors were registered in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in November, 6% more than in the same month of last year, growing 26% in Alava and 12% in Gipuzkoa, whereas in Bizkaia there was an 11% decrease. There was a 4% increase in visitors from the state in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole and those coming from overseas increased in number by 56%.

There were 13,680 overnight stays in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in November 2005, meaning growth of 14% with regard to the same month of last year, with positive inter-annual evolution rates in the provinces of Gipuzkoa (38%) and Álava (15%), but Bizkaia suffered a setback in relation to previous figures (-17%).

The average visitor stay underwent a 7% increase, rising from 2.14 days last November to 2.30 days this November. This rise in the average stay was due exclusively to Gipuzkoa, which went from 2.17 days average stay in November 2004 to 2.67 days this November. In Alava and Bizkaia there were decreases of 8% and 7%, respectively.

The degree of occupancy by places and by rooms saw increases of 6% and 11% respectively, and this rise originated in the increases registered in the provinces of Gipuzkoa and Alava, since in Bizkaia there was a decrease in the degrees of occupancy by places (-23%) and also by rooms (-18%).

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Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI			ARABA/ALAVA			BIZKAIA			GIPUZKOA					
	11/2005	%	11/2004	%	Δ%	11/2005	%	11/2004	%	Δ%	11/2005	%	11/2004	%	Δ%
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	247.800	100	241.147	100	3	38.997	100	38.872	100	0	109.464	100	101.239	100	-2
National	174.543	70	184.201	76	-5	32.113	82	33.115	85	-3	68.115	62	73.654	73	-4
Foreigners	73.257	30	56.946	24	29	6.884	18	5.757	15	20	41.349	38	27.585	27	50
Capital	158.664	64	159.234	66	0	31.378	80	29.292	75	7	74.681	68	74.417	74	0
Coast	29.841	12	24.950	10	20	-	-	-	-	-	9.503	9	6.719	7	41
Inland	59.295	24	56.963	24	4	7.619	20	9.580	25	-20	25.280	23	20.103	20	26
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	135.860	100	133.817	100	2	22.396	100	24.004	100	-7	58.463	100	55.690	100	5
National	101.118	74	104.253	78	-3	18.896	84	20.105	84	-6	41.078	70	42.133	76	-3
Foreigners	34.742	26	29.564	22	18	3.500	16	3.899	16	-10	17.385	30	13.557	24	28
Capital	86.425	64	90.763	68	-5	16.779	75	17.199	72	-2	38.546	66	40.921	73	-6
Coast	14.289	11	12.453	9	15	-	-	-	-	-	5.270	9	4.000	7	32
Inland	35.146	26	30.601	23	15	5.617	25	6.805	28	-17	14.647	25	10.769	19	36
AVERAGE STAY	1,82		1,80		1	1,74		1,62		7	1,87		1,82		3
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	41,33		42,04		-2	40,18		41,00		-2	40,56		40,62		0
Capital	45,79		45,39		1	47,65		44,71		7	45,02		44,90		0
Coast	42,51		39,53		8	-		-		-	32,89		26,44		24
Inland	32,42		35,68		-9	24,42		32,72		-25	33,64		34,63		-3
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	55,02		54,65		1	54,98		53,12		4	56,71		55,06		3
Capital	61,76		59,31		4	66,08		59,88		10	63,69		59,82		6
Coast	50,86		47,29		8	-		-		-	42,51		38,28		11
Inland	43,21		46,47		-7	29,17		35,08		-17	45,89		47,62		-4
AGRO-TURISM															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	13.680	100	12.032	100	14	2.499	100	2.167	100	15	3.694	100	4.425	100	38
National	11.907	87	11.014	92	8	2.404	96	2.156	99	12	3.363	91	4.077	92	-18
Foreigners	1.773	13	1.018	8	74	95	4	11	1	764	331	9	348	8	-5
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	5.950	100	5.619	100	6	1.286	100	1.023	100	26	1.861	100	2.092	100	12
National	5.655	95	5.430	97	4	1.259	98	1.012	99	24	1.753	94	2.014	96	-13
Foreigners	295	5	189	3	56	27	2	11	1	145	108	6	78	4	38
AVERAGE STAY	2,30		2,14		7	1,94		2,12		-8	1,98		2,12		-7
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	17,12		16,16		6	16,30		13,63		20	15,11		19,72		-23
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	20,34		18,31		11	18,37		15,49		19	17,87		21,82		-18

Source: EUSTAT