

SURVEY ON TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) JANUARY 2006

6% increase in visitor entries in January 2006

Overnight stays, furthermore, increased by 2% in relation to January 2005.

Hotel establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country registered 102,738 visitor entries in January 2006, 5,000 more than the same month the year before, which represents a 6% increase, according to Eustat data. Visitor entries increased in the three provinces: 8% in Bizkaia, 4% in Gipuzkoa and 2% in Álava.

State visitor entries increased by 3% and the number of foreign visitors also rose by 17%. State visitors increased their presence in Bizkaia (6%) and Gipuzkoa (2%), but not in Álava where the number fell by 3%. The number of foreigners increased in the three provinces: 26% in Álava, 17% in Bizkaia and 14% in Gipuzkoa.

There was an increase in the numbers of state visitors from Catalonia, Andalusia, Comunidad Valenciana, Galicia and Castile León, among others. Numbers fell from Madrid, Baleares, Asturias and Castile la Mancha, mainly. Among foreigners, numbers increased from Germany, the UK, Portugal and South America, but fell from France, Italy and the USA-Canada, among others.

Overnight stays registered in January 2006 came to 178,385, which represented a 2% increase on January the year before, i.e. almost 4,000 overnight stays more. Overnight stays had a positive inter-annual evolution in Bizkaia and Álava, with 5% and 1% growth respectively, while in Gipuzkoa there was a 1% decrease in overnight stays.

The length of the average stay fell from 1.80 days the year before to 1.74 this last month of January, for the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country. This index decreased in all three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country.

The level of occupancy by places fell by 7%, dropping from 31.13% in January last year to 29.07% in January this year. This decrease affected all three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country, although the level of occupancy by rooms showed a slight 3% improvement in the case of Álava.

Agrotourism: Increase in visitor entries (21%) and increase in overnight stays (5%)

3,799 visitor entries were registered last January at agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, 21% more than the same month the year before, falling 9% in Álava and increasing by 8% in Bizkaia and 42% in Gipuzkoa. The increase in state visitors was 18% in the A.C. of the Basque Country: falling by 5% in Álava and increasing by 12% in Bizkaia and 31% in Gipuzkoa. Foreigners increased in presence by 53% in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country, numbers falling in Álava and Bizkaia, but increasing notably in Gipuzkoa, in percentage terms.

Overnight stays at agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country came to 9,432 in January, which represented a 5% increase with regard to the same month the year before, with negative inter-annual growth rates in Álava (-20%) and Bizkaia (-18%), with the exception of Gipuzkoa, where there was a 26% increase.

The average stay per visitor has fallen in the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country with regard to January 2005, dropping from 2.85 days a year before to 2.48 in January this year, this negative evolution extending to all three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country.

The level of occupancy by places registered a 2% decrease, as a result of the falls in Álava (-17%) and Bizkaia (-29%), the impact being positive in Gipuzkoa (19%).

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Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI			ARABA/ALAVA			BIZKAIA			GIPUZKOA					
	01/2006	%	01/2005	%	Δ%	01/2006	%	01/2005	%	Δ%	01/2006	%	01/2005	%	Δ%
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	178.385	100	174.939	100	2	28.607	100	28.274	100	1	84.953	100	80.940	100	5
National	131.760	74	134.311	77	-2	22.459	79	23.671	84	-5	61.817	73	60.097	74	3
Foreigners	46.625	26	40.628	23	15	6.148	21	4.603	16	34	23.136	27	20.843	26	11
Capital	115.508	65	119.256	68	-3	23.125	81	23.128	82	0	56.137	66	58.740	73	-4
Coast	13.568	8	12.538	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	6.476	8	4.913	6	32
Inland	49.309	28	43.145	25	14	5.482	19	5.146	18	7	22.340	26	17.287	21	29
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	102.738	100	97.166	100	6	17.017	100	16.721	100	2	48.320	100	44.613	100	8
National	79.206	77	77.026	79	3	13.697	80	14.084	84	-3	37.028	77	34.966	78	6
Foreigners	23.532	23	20.140	21	17	3.320	20	2.637	16	26	11.292	23	9.647	22	17
Capital	66.358	65	66.391	68	0	13.021	77	12.740	76	2	32.363	67	32.202	72	0
Coast	7.602	7	6.978	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	3.124	6	2.897	6	8
Inland	28.778	28	23.797	24	21	3.996	23	3.981	24	0	12.833	27	9.514	21	35
AVERAGE STAY	1,74		1,80		-3	1,68		1,69		-1	1,76		1,81		-3
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	29,07		31,13		-7	29,06		30,76		-6	28,00		30,92		-9
Capital	31,71		34,16		-7	33,35		34,19		-2	30,22		34,26		-12
Coast	27,07		24,92		9	-	-	-	-	-	25,51		19,96		28
Inland	24,75		26,54		-7	18,85		21,20		-11	24,22		26,33		-8
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	38,27		40,29		-5	39,77		38,76		3	37,33		41,49		-10
Capital	42,11		43,34		-3	47,07		43,30		9	40,83		45,46		-10
Coast	35,10		33,56		5	-	-	-	-	-	30,90		24,94		24
Inland	31,89		35,07		-9	21,52		23,20		-7	31,93		35,53		-10
AGRO-TURISM															
OVERNIGHT STAYS	9.432	100	8.967	100	5	970	100	1.205	100	-20	2.418	100	2.955	100	-18
National	7.802	83	7.575	84	3	883	91	1.038	86	-15	2.139	88	2.259	76	-5
Foreigners	1.630	17	1.392	16	17	87	9	167	14	-48	279	12	696	24	-60
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	3.799	100	3.150	100	21	527	100	576	100	-9	1.199	100	1.115	100	8
National	3.433	90	2.911	92	18	517	98	545	95	-5	1.097	91	982	88	12
Foreigners	366	10	239	8	53	10	2	31	5	-68	102	9	133	12	-23
AVERAGE STAY	2,48		2,85		-13	1,84		2,09		-12	2,02		2,65		-24
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	11,33		11,54		-2	6,21		7,52		-17	8,90		12,56		-29
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	13,33		13,12		2	7,71		8,32		-7	9,83		14,20		-31

Source: EUSTAT