

**SURVEY ON TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) NOVEMBER 2006**

## **13% rise in visitor entries and overnight stays in November 2006**

***Both indicators registered growth in all three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country***

153,720 visitor entries were registered at hotel establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country in November 2006, almost 18,000 above the same month the year before, which represents a 13% increase according to Eustat data. Visitor entries increased in all three provinces, in Álava by 15% and Bizkaia by 21% and in Gipuzkoa the rise was 3% in relation to the data for November 2005.

The number of state visitors rose by 17% and the number of foreign visitors increased by 1%. State visitors increased in presence in all three provinces; in Álava by 12%, in Bizkaia by 30%, and in Gipuzkoa by 8%. Foreign visitors increased in Álava (34%) and Bizkaia (1%), but fell by 8% in Gipuzkoa.

Among state visitors there was an increase in numbers from Madrid, Catalonia, Comunidad Valenciana, Andalusia, and Asturias, mainly, and a drop in numbers from Aragón, the Balearic Isles, Extremadura and La Rioja. Among foreigners numbers rose from Germany, Belgium, Portugal, the USA-Canada and Latin America, among others, while numbers fell from France, Italy and the UK, mainly.

Overnight stays registered in November 2006 came to 280,150, which represents a 13% increase on the month of November the previous year, i.e. almost 32,000 more overnight stays. Overnight stays have had a positive inter-annual evolution in all three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country, rising by 16% in Bizkaia, 15% in Álava and 9% in Gipuzkoa.

The length of the average stay remained unchanged over this period for the whole of the A.C. of the Basque Country; it was 1.82 days November last year and November this year.

The level of occupancy by places registered a 1% increase, while the level of occupancy by rooms fell by 3% with regard to November 2005. The level of occupancy by places rose from 41.33% to 41.57%, while the level of occupancy by rooms decreased from 55.02% to 53.41%.

## **AGROTOURISM**

### **Visitor entries fell (-1%) and overnight stays increased (14%) in November 2006**

5.904 visitor entries to agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country were registered in the last month of November, 1% less than in the same month the previous year, rising by 4% in Gipuzkoa, but decreasing by 3% in Bizkaia and 9% in Álava. The decrease experienced by state visitors was 2% in the A.C. of the Basque Country and the number of foreign visitors increased by 29%.

Overnight stays at agrotourism establishments in the A.C. of the Basque Country came to 15,600 in November 2006, which represents a 14% increase with regard to the same month the previous year, with positive inter-annual growth in all three provinces: Álava (6%), Bizkaia (26%) and Gipuzkoa (11%).

The average stay per visitor rose from 2.30 days last year to 2.64 in November this year.

The level of occupancy by places fell two points on its previous inter-annual position and the level of occupancy by rooms remained unchanged with regard to November 2005.

**Table 1: Monthly results**

	A.C. OF EUSKADI					ARABA/ALAVA					BIZKAIA					GIPUZKOA				
	11 2006	%	11 2005	%	Δ %	11 2006	%	11 2005	%	Δ %	11 2006	%	11 2005	%	Δ %	11 2006	%	11 2005	%	Δ %
<b>HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS</b>																				
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>	<b>280.150</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>247.800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>44.796</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38.997</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>126.837</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>109.464</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>108.517</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99.339</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9</b>
National	209.861	75	174.543	70	20	35.495	79	32.113	82	11	90.333	71	68.115	62	33	84.033	77	74.315	75	13
Foreigners	70.289	25	73.257	30	-4	9.301	21	6.884	18	35	36.504	29	41.349	38	-12	24.484	23	25.024	25	-2
Capital	176.925	63	158.664	64	12	32.198	72	31.378	80	3	84.264	66	74.681	68	13	60.463	56	52.605	53	15
Coast	30.249	11	29.841	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	9.587	8	9.503	9	1	20.662	19	20.338	20	2
Inland	72.976	26	59.295	24	23	12.598	28	7.619	20	65	32.986	26	25.280	23	30	27.392	25	26.396	27	4
<b>ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS</b>	<b>153.720</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>135.860</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25.865</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22.396</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>70.934</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>58.463</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>56.921</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55.001</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>
National	118.718	77	101.118	74	17	21.162	82	18.896	84	12	53.323	75	41.078	70	30	44.233	78	41.144	75	8
Foreigners	35.002	23	34.742	26	1	4.703	18	3.500	16	34	17.611	25	17.385	30	1	12.688	22	13.857	25	-8
Capital	99.839	65	86.425	64	16	17.956	69	16.779	75	7	47.476	67	38.546	66	23	34.407	60	31.100	57	11
Coast	14.744	10	14.289	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	5.244	7	5.270	9	0	9.500	17	9.019	16	5
Inland	39.137	25	35.146	26	11	7.909	31	5.617	25	41	18.214	26	14.647	25	24	13.014	23	14.882	27	-13
<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	<b>1,82</b>		<b>1,82</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1,73</b>		<b>1,74</b>		<b>-1</b>	<b>1,79</b>		<b>1,87</b>		<b>-4</b>	<b>1,91</b>		<b>1,81</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES</b>	<b>41,57</b>		<b>41,33</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>39,67</b>		<b>40,18</b>		<b>-1</b>	<b>40,41</b>		<b>40,56</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>43,90</b>		<b>42,70</b>		<b>3</b>
Capital	46,44		45,79		1	46,66		47,65		-2	45,51		45,02		1	47,69		45,83		4
Coast	38,84		42,51		-9	-		-		-	26,63		32,89		-19	49,34		49,23		0
Inland	33,92		32,42		5	28,68		24,42		17	35,57		33,64		6	34,89		34,49		1
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS</b>	<b>53,41</b>		<b>55,02</b>		<b>-3</b>	<b>49,44</b>		<b>54,98</b>		<b>-10</b>	<b>54,06</b>		<b>56,71</b>		<b>-5</b>	<b>54,47</b>		<b>52,91</b>		<b>3</b>
Capital	61,19		61,76		-1	61,48		66,08		-7	61,05		63,69		-4	61,24		56,11		9
Coast	48,96		50,86		-4	-		-		-	34,22		42,51		-20	61,20		57,72		6
Inland	41,38		43,21		-4	30,03		29,17		3	46,58		45,89		2	41,39		46,08		-10
<b>AGRO-TOURISM</b>																				
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>	<b>15.600</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13.680</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.637</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.499</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.664</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3.694</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8.299</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7.487</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>11</b>
National	13.610	87	11.907	87	14	2.268	86	2.404	96	-6	3.849	83	3.363	91	14	7.493	90	6.140	82	22
Foreigners	1.990	13	1.773	13	12	369	14	95	4	288	815	17	331	9	146	806	10	1.347	18	-40
<b>ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS</b>	<b>5.904</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.950</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>1.173</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.286</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>1.807</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.861</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>2.924</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2.803</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>
National	5.522	94	5.655	95	-2	1.160	99	1.259	98	-8	1.600	89	1.753	94	-9	2.762	94	2.643	94	5
Foreigners	382	6	295	5	29	13	1	27	2	-52	207	11	108	6	92	162	6	160	6	1
<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	<b>2,64</b>		<b>2,30</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>2,25</b>		<b>1,94</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>2,58</b>		<b>1,98</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>2,84</b>		<b>2,67</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES</b>	<b>16,76</b>		<b>17,12</b>		<b>-2</b>	<b>15,92</b>		<b>16,30</b>		<b>-2</b>	<b>14,58</b>		<b>15,11</b>		<b>-4</b>	<b>18,63</b>		<b>18,67</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS</b>	<b>20,36</b>		<b>20,34</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>18,66</b>		<b>18,37</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>18,18</b>		<b>17,87</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>22,63</b>		<b>22,66</b>		<b>0</b>

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