

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 %
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS																				
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
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS																				
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
AVERAGE STAY																				
1,82			1,82			0		1,73			1,74		-1			1,79		1,87		-4
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES																				
National	41,57		41,33			1		39,67			40,18		-1			40,41		40,56		0
Capital	46,44		45,79			1		46,66			47,65		-2			45,51		45,02		1
Coast	38,84		42,51			-9		-			-		-			26,63		32,89		-19
Inland	33,92		32,42			5		28,68			24,42		17			35,57		33,64		6
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS																				
National	53,41		55,02			-3		49,44			54,98		-10			54,06		56,71		-5
Capital	61,19		61,76			-1		61,48			66,08		-7			61,05		63,69		-4
Coast	48,96		50,86			-4		-			-		-			34,22		42,51		-20
Inland	41,38		43,21			-4		30,03			29,17		3			46,58		45,89		2
AGRO-TOURISM																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS																				
National	15,600	100	13,680	100	14	2,637	100	2,499	100	6	4,664	100	3,694	100	26	8,299	100	7,487	100	11
Capital	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
Coast	1.990	13	1.773	13	12	369	14	95	4	288	815	17	331	9	146	806	10	1.347	18	-40
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS																				
National	5,904	100	5,950	100	-1	1,173	100	1,286	100	-9	1,807	100	1,861	100	-3	2,924	100	2,803	100	4
Capital	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
Coast	382	6	295	5	29	13	1	27	2	-52	207	11	108	6	92	162	6	160	6	1
AVERAGE STAY																				
2,64			2,30			15		2,25			1,94		16			2,58		1,98		30
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES																				
National	16,76		17,12			-2		15,92			16,30		-2			14,58		15,11		-4
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS																				
National	20,36		20,34			0		18,66			18,37		2			18,18		17,87		2
Capital	16,76		17,12			-2		15,92			16,30		-2			14,58		15,11		-4
Coast	14,58		14,58			-4		14,58			14,58		-4			14,58		14,58		0
Inland	14,58		14,58			-4		14,58			14,58		-4			14,58		14,58		0

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