

There was a 3% increase in the number of visitors and one of 4% for overnight stays in April 2007

The balance for the first four months of the year shows a 5% increase in the number of visitors and one of 6% for overnight stays

184,455 visitors were registered in the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in April 2007, more than 5,500 visitors more than during the same month of the previous year, meaning a 3% increase, according to Eustat. The number of visitors increased by 9% in Bizkaia, remained unchanged in Gipuzkoa (0%) and diminished by 6% in Álava, in relation to the same month of the previous year.

The number of visitors from other parts of the state did not undergo any variation as regards April 2006 but the number of foreign visitors grew by 13%. Visitors from other parts of the state increased in number in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa (1%, in both cases), and decreased in Álava (-8%). The number of foreigners increased in Bizkaia (30%) and Álava (3%) but decreased in Gipuzkoa (-4%).

Among visitors from other parts of the state, an increase was registered among those coming from Andalusia, Aragon, Cantabria and the Balearic Islands, among others. There was a fall for those coming chiefly from Catalonia and Madrid. Among visitors from overseas, there was a rise among those coming from Germany, Belgium, Ireland, Portugal and the Rest of Europe and a fall for those coming chiefly from France and the United Kingdom.

Overnight stays registered in April 2007 came to 352,248, which is to say a 4% increase compared to April of the previous year, or an extra 13,000 overnight stays. The evolution of overnight stays was positive in the provinces of Álava and Bizkaia where it grew by 1% and 10% respectively, while in Gipuzkoa there was a 2% decrease.

The length of the average stay rose by one percentage point for the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole: it went from 1.89 days last April to 1.91 this April. In Álava it extended by 6%, in Bizkaia it did so by 1% and reduced by 2% in Gipuzkoa.

The degree of occupancy by place suffered a 3% decrease, going from 51.27% last April to 49.64% this April. This decrease was seen in Gipuzkoa (-10%) and Álava (-3%), although there was a 2% increase in Bizkaia.

The **first four months of the year** saw 580,206 visitors registered in the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, meaning a 5% increase compared to the same period of 2006.

The number of overnight stays made during this first four-month period came to 1,067,103, a 6% increase compared to the same period of the previous year.

Agrotourism: There was an increase in the number of visitors (5%) and overnight stays (21%)

April saw 10,791 visitors in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, 5% more than in the same month of the previous year, increasing by 7% in Álava, 7% in Bizkaia and 4% in Gipuzkoa. There was a 5% rise in visitors from other parts of the state in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole: they rose by 7% in Álava, 7% in Bizkaia and 3% in Gipuzkoa. Visitors from overseas increased in number by 10% in the A.C. of the Basque Country overall, despite the fall in numbers in Álava (-1%), rising in Bizkaia (1%) and especially in Gipuzkoa (27%).

The number of overnight stays made in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country came to 34,037 in April, meaning a 21% increase as regards the same month of the previous year, with positive inter-annual growth rates in Bizkaia (26%), Álava (23%) and Gipuzkoa (18%).

The average stay per visitor increased for the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole in relation to April 2006, going from 2.73 days a year ago to 3.15 this April.

The degree of occupancy by place rose by 6% as a result of the pattern seen across the three provinces: in Álava there was a 9% increase, in Bizkaia the rise was also 9% and in Gipuzkoa it was 4%.

28,899 visitors were registered in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in the **first four months** of 2007, meaning a 7% increase as regards the figures for the first four-month period of 2006.

The number of overnight stays during the period January-April 2007 came to 76,892, meaning a 17% increase as regards the same period of the previous year.

Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI				ARABA/ALAVA				BIZKAIA				GIPUZKOA							
	04 2007	%	04 2006	% Δ %	04 2007	%	04 2006	% Δ %	04 2007	%	04 2006	% Δ %	04 2007	%	04 2006	% Δ %				
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS	352.248	100	338.831	100	4	44.989	100	44.715	100	1	169.260	100	153.529	100	10	137.999	100	140.587	100	-2
National	246.528	70	250.073	74	-1	35.056	78	35.812	80	-2	108.802	64	111.838	73	-3	102.670	74	102.423	73	0
Foreigners	105.720	30	88.758	26	19	9.933	22	8.903	20	12	60.458	36	41.691	27	45	35.329	26	38.164	27	-7
Capital	213.912	61	206.331	61	4	33.657	75	33.197	74	1	108.062	64	97.838	64	10	72.193	52	75.296	54	-4
Coast	43.182	12	42.800	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	15.484	9	16.421	11	-6	27.698	20	26.379	19	5
Inland	95.154	27	89.700	26	6	11.332	25	11.518	26	-2	45.714	27	39.270	26	16	38.108	28	38.912	28	-2
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	184.455	100	178.946	100	3	25.686	100	27.181	100	-6	88.408	100	81.386	100	9	70.361	100	70.379	100	0
National	130.709	71	131.351	73	0	19.771	77	21.450	79	-8	59.608	67	59.272	73	1	51.330	73	50.629	72	1
Foreigners	53.746	29	47.595	27	13	5.915	23	5.731	21	3	28.800	33	22.114	27	30	19.031	27	19.750	28	-4
Capital	111.949	61	111.581	62	0	18.614	72	19.299	71	-4	55.684	63	53.044	65	5	37.651	54	39.238	56	-4
Coast	20.566	11	19.984	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	8.599	10	8.642	11	0	11.967	17	11.342	16	6
Inland	51.940	28	47.381	26	10	7.072	28	7.882	29	-10	24.125	27	19.700	24	22	20.743	29	19.799	28	5
AVERAGE STAY	1,91		1,89		1	1,75		1,65		6	1,91		1,89		1	1,96		2,00		-2
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	49,64		51,27		-3	43,54		44,77		-3	49,70		48,53		2	51,94		57,46		-10
Capital	56,37		55,41		2	49,14		48,90		0	58,25		53,27		9	57,53		62,31		-8
Coast	48,03		50,18		-4	-		-	-	-	40,01		41,78		-4	54,09		57,36		-6
Inland	39,62		44,14		-10	32,54		36,02		-10	39,29		42,05		-7	42,83		49,98		-14
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	58,55		59,64		-2	51,13		52,93		-3	59,57		57,84		3	60,40		65,10		-7
Capital	68,53		64,31		7	58,61		58,07		1	72,50		63,40		14	68,30		69,82		-2
Coast	51,60		58,65		-12	-		-	-	-	44,10		48,68		-9	57,28		66,60		-14
Inland	44,89		51,13		-12	34,79		40,51		-14	44,02		49,87		-12	50,56		57,01		-11
AGRO-TOURISM																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS	34.037	100	28.023	100	21	5.718	100	4.658	100	23	11.049	100	8.764	100	26	17.270	100	14.601	100	18
National	31.308	92	25.889	92	21	5.336	93	4.339	93	23	10.133	92	8.124	93	25	15.839	92	13.426	92	18
Foreigners	2.729	8	2.134	8	28	382	7	319	7	20	916	8	640	7	43	1.431	8	1.175	8	22
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	10.791	100	10.269	100	5	1.821	100	1.705	100	7	3.446	100	3.235	100	7	5.524	100	5.329	100	4
National	10.061	93	9.605	94	5	1.692	93	1.575	92	7	3.147	91	2.939	91	7	5.222	95	5.091	96	3
Foreigners	730	7	664	6	10	129	7	130	8	-1	299	9	296	9	1	302	5	238	4	27
AVERAGE STAY	3,15		2,73		15	3,14		2,73		15	3,21		2,71		18	3,13		2,74		14
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	34,06		32,03		6	31,61		29,13		9	32,77		30,09		9	35,89		34,47		4
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	38,73		34,76		11	35,92		31,68		13	37,18		32,15		16	40,93		37,74		8

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