

**SURVEY OF TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) MAY 2007**

## **The number of visitors in May 2007 increased by 13%**

### ***Overnight stays in May registered an 11% rise***

There were 191,311 visitors to the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in May 2007, over 21,000 more visitors than in the same month of the previous year, meaning a 13% rise, according to Eustat data. The number of visitors increased by 14% in Bizkaia, 14% in Gipuzkoa and 5% in Álava in relation to the same month of the previous year.

The number of visitors from other parts of the State experienced positive variation of 11% as regards May 2006 and the number of foreign visitors grew by 18%. The evolution of both visitors from other parts of the State and foreigners was positive in all three provinces. Visitors from other parts of the State increased by 5% in Álava, 11% in Bizkaia and 12% in Gipuzkoa and the number of visitors from overseas increased by 4% in Álava, 20% in Bizkaia and 19% in Gipuzkoa.

Among visitors from other parts of the State there was a rise in those coming from Madrid, Catalonia, the Community of Valencia, Andalusia, Aragon and Asturias, among others. Numbers fell for those mainly coming from Galicia and La Rioja. Among visitors from overseas, numbers rose for those coming from Germany, United Kingdom, Portugal and Italy and fell for those from France, Ireland and Finland, chiefly.

Overnight stays registered in May 2007 came to 343,561, representing an 11% increase compared to last May, or, in other words, 33,000 more overnight stays. The inter-annual evolution of overnight stays was positive in all three provinces, growing 6% in Álava, 11% in Bizkaia and 13% in Gipuzkoa.

The average length of stay decreased by two percentage points, going from 1.83 days in last May to 1.80 this May, for the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole. In Álava it grew by 1%, decreased by 3% in Bizkaia and 1% in Gipuzkoa.

The degree of occupancy by spaces underwent a 4% rise, going from 45.09% in May of last year to 46.76% this May. The degree of occupancy by rooms also rose by 4%, with both degrees of occupancy being positive for all three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country.

### **Agrotourism: There was an increase in the number of visitors (4%) and overnight stays (12%)**

May saw 7,910 visitors in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, 4% more than in the same month of last year, increasing 28% in Álava and 3% in Gipuzkoa, but decreasing by 5% in Bizkaia. The rise in the number of national visitors was only 4% in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole: they increased by 25% in Álava, 2% in Gipuzkoa and decreased by 4% in Bizkaia. The number of visitors from abroad rose by 6% in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole, growing in Álava (181%) and in Gipuzkoa (6%), but not so in Bizkaia where it fell (-9%).

Overnight stays in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country came to 19,387 in May, meaning an increase of 12% as regards the same month of the previous year, with positive growth rates in the three provinces: Álava (32%), Gipuzkoa (9%) and Bizkaia (6%).

The average length of stay increased in the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole compared to May 2006, going from 2.27 days to 2.45 this May.

The degree of occupancy by spaces decreased by 3% in the A.C. of the Basque Country, due to the negative impact of Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, although the degree of occupancy by rooms improved by 2%, thanks to the less negative effect of the two aforementioned provinces.

**Table 1: Monthly results**

	A.C. OF EUSKADI					ARABA/ALAVA					BIZKAIA					GIPUZKOA				
	05 2007	%	05 2006	%	Δ %	05 2007	%	05 2006	%	Δ %	05 2007	%	05 2006	%	Δ %	05 2007	%	05 2006	%	Δ %
<b>HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS</b>																				
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>	343.561	100	309.937	100	11	46.158	100	43.446	100	6	157.595	100	142.416	100	11	139.808	100	124.075	100	13
<b>National</b>	231.272	67	211.058	68	10	34.403	75	33.186	76	4	101.817	65	94.144	66	8	95.052	68	83.728	67	14
<b>Foreigners</b>	112.289	33	98.879	32	14	11.755	25	10.260	24	15	55.778	35	48.272	34	16	44.756	32	40.347	33	11
<b>Capital</b>	207.113	60	193.650	62	7	34.135	74	31.324	72	9	99.695	63	95.374	67	5	73.283	52	66.952	54	9
<b>Coast</b>	39.279	11	37.736	12	4	-	-	-	-	-	12.417	8	14.023	10	-11	26.862	19	23.713	19	13
<b>Inland</b>	97.169	28	78.551	25	24	12.023	26	12.122	28	-1	45.483	29	33.019	23	38	39.663	28	33.410	27	19
<b>ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS</b>	191.311	100	169.718	100	13	28.635	100	27.248	100	5	88.998	100	77.883	100	14	73.678	100	64.587	100	14
<b>National</b>	129.593	68	117.246	69	11	21.790	76	20.675	76	5	58.764	66	52.748	68	11	49.039	67	43.823	68	12
<b>Foreigners</b>	61.718	32	52.472	31	18	6.845	24	6.573	24	4	30.234	34	25.135	32	20	24.639	33	20.764	32	19
<b>Capital</b>	116.742	61	107.019	63	9	20.696	72	18.819	69	10	56.541	64	52.323	67	8	39.505	54	35.877	56	10
<b>Coast</b>	19.136	10	18.614	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	7.234	8	7.308	9	-1	11.902	16	11.306	18	5
<b>Inland</b>	55.433	29	44.085	26	26	7.939	28	8.429	31	-6	25.223	28	18.252	23	38	22.271	30	17.404	27	28
<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	1,80		1,83		-2	1,61		1,59		1	1,77		1,83		-3	1,90		1,92		-1
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES</b>	46,76		45,09		4	43,26		42,02		3	44,77		43,26		3	50,66		48,70		4
<b>Capital</b>	52,76		50,35		5	48,23		44,53		8	51,90		50,23		3	56,49		53,83		5
<b>Coast</b>	42,63		42,02		1	-		-		-	32,38		34,30		-6	49,94		48,47		3
<b>Inland</b>	38,87		36,88		5	33,46		36,68		-9	37,42		33,54		12	42,89		41,01		5
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS</b>	58,12		56,09		4	54,17		53,01		2	56,31		54,34		4	62,33		59,80		4
<b>Capital</b>	67,57		63,36		7	61,87		58,23		6	67,51		62,08		9	71,27		68,80		4
<b>Coast</b>	50,07		48,78		3	-		-		-	38,92		42,57		-9	58,04		53,76		8
<b>Inland</b>	46,15		45,85		1	36,55		40,25		-9	44,07		43,88		0	52,68		50,37		5
<b>AGRO-TOURISM</b>																				
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>	19.387	100	17.306	100	12	3.614	100	2.744	100	32	5.499	100	5.170	100	6	10.274	100	9.392	100	9
<b>National</b>	15.049	78	14.420	83	4	2.958	82	2.483	90	19	4.353	79	4.502	87	-3	7.738	75	7.435	79	4
<b>Foreigners</b>	4.338	22	2.886	17	50	656	18	261	10	151	1.146	21	668	13	72	2.536	25	1.957	21	30
<b>ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS</b>	7.910	100	7.612	100	4	1.502	100	1.171	100	28	2.449	100	2.579	100	-5	3.959	100	3.862	100	3
<b>National</b>	7.000	88	6.750	89	4	1.426	95	1.144	98	25	2.158	88	2.258	88	-4	3.416	86	3.348	87	2
<b>Foreigners</b>	910	12	862	11	6	76	5	27	2	181	291	12	321	12	-9	543	14	514	13	6
<b>AVERAGE STAY</b>	2,45		2,27		8	2,41		2,34		3	2,25		2,00		13	2,60		2,43		7
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES</b>	18,63		19,12		-3	19,33		16,48		17	15,78		17,23		-8	20,33		21,41		-5
<b>OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS</b>	22,99		22,45		2	24,06		19,24		25	19,32		19,75		-2	25,16		25,56		-2

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