

SURVEY ON TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS (EETR) SEPTEMBER 2007

The number of visitors increased by 1% and overnight stays remained unchanged in September 2007

In July, August and September, there were 18,000 more visitors than during the same period of 2006, meaning an increase of 3%

September 2007 saw 193,779 visitors registered in the hotel establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, over 1,400 more visitors than those recorded in the same month of the previous year, meaning a 1% increase, according to Eustat data. The number of visitors increased in Bizkaia (3%), but in Álava and Gipuzkoa diminished by 1% in both cases, in relation to the September 2006 figures.

The number of visitors from within the state fell by 8%, while the number of visitors from abroad increased by 21%. Visitors from within the state reduced in number in all three provinces: in Álava 21%, in Bizkaia 2% and in Gipuzkoa 10%. Visitors from abroad, however, increased in number in the three provinces: 61% in Álava, 13% in Bizkaia and 18% in Gipuzkoa.

Among visitors from within the state there was an increase for those coming from Madrid, Galicia, Extremadura, the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands, among others, and a decrease for those coming chiefly from Catalonia, Andalucía and the Community of Valencia. Among foreigners, there was a rise in those coming from Germany, France, Belgium, Ireland and the United Kingdom, among others, with a fall among those from Greece and Luxembourg.

The number of overnight stays registered in September 2007 came to 374,177, a figure that was only slightly higher than that of last year and thus did not represent an appreciable variation in the growth rate. The inter-annual evolution of overnight stays differed for each of the three provinces of the A.C. of the Basque Country, growing by 3% in Bizkaia, remaining unchanged in Gipuzkoa (0%) and diminishing by 6% in Álava.

The average length of stay became slightly shorter for the A.C. of the Basque Country as a whole, going from 1.94 days in September 2006 to 1.93 days this September.

The degree of occupancy by places registered a 5% decrease but the degree of occupancy by rooms, on the other hand, increased by 2% as regards September 2006. The degree of occupancy by places fell from 54.37% to 51.72%, and the degree of occupancy by rooms went up from 65% to 66.21%. This rise was especially marked in the province of Bizkaia.

The summer months of July, August and September saw a 3% increase in the number of visitors to the A.C. of the Basque Country compared to the same period of 2006, which meant 18,000 more visitors: Bizkaia experienced a 5% increase, Gipuzkoa a rise of 4% and Álava a 5% decrease. Overnight stays did not undergo any variation over the same period. They increased in Bizkaia (2%) and Gipuzkoa (1%), but decreased in Álava (-9%). The average length stay reduced by 3% and the degree of occupancy diminished by 7% over this three-month period as regards the same period of a year earlier.

AGROTOURISM

The number of visitors (-4%) and overnight stays (-8%) diminished in September 2007

10,062 visitors were registered last September in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country, 4% less than the same month of last year, growing by 13% in Álava, but diminishing by 4% in Gipuzkoa and 11% in Bizkaia. There was a 3% decrease experienced as regards visitors from within the state in the A.C. of the Basque Country and those coming from overseas reduced in number by 7%.

28,061 overnight stays were registered in the agrotourism establishments of the A.C. of the Basque Country in September 2007, meaning an 8% decrease regarding the same month of last year, with positive inter-annual growth rates in Álava (35%), but decreases in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa of 13% and 12% respectively.

The average stay per visitor diminished somewhat, going from 2.91 days last year to 2.79 this September.

The degree of occupancy by places worsened as regards its previous position by 20% and the degree of occupancy by rooms by 17%.

In the three months of July, August and September 2007, 2% fewer visitors were registered in the agrotourism establishments than during the same months of last year and overnight stays registered a 3% decrease, with only Álava reporting a positive result in this respect, since Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa showed decreases in both number of visitors and in overnight stays.

Table 1: Monthly results

	A.C. OF EUSKADI				ARABA/ALAVA				BIZKAIA				GIPUZKOA							
	09 2007	%	09 2006	%	Δ %	09 2007	%	09 2006	%	Δ %	09 2007	%	09 2006	%	Δ %	09 2007	%	09 2006	%	Δ %
HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS	374.177	100	372.785	100	0	51.446	100	54.682	100	-6	163.622	100	158.968	100	3	159.109	100	159.135	100	0
National	239.747	64	258.267	69	-7	33.900	66	42.632	78	-20	103.507	63	104.483	66	-1	102.340	64	111.152	70	-8
Foreigners	134.430	36	114.518	31	17	17.546	34	12.050	22	46	60.115	37	54.485	34	10	56.769	36	47.983	30	18
Capital	222.547	59	226.929	61	-2	37.127	72	38.908	71	-5	103.311	63	102.788	65	1	82.109	52	85.233	54	-4
Coast	50.161	13	53.148	14	-6	-	-	-	-	-	15.880	10	18.033	11	-12	34.281	22	35.115	22	-2
Inland	101.469	27	92.708	25	9	14.319	28	15.774	29	-9	44.431	27	38.147	24	16	42.719	27	38.787	24	10
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	193.779	100	192.349	100	1	29.354	100	29.701	100	-1	89.330	100	86.783	100	3	75.095	100	75.865	100	-1
National	122.372	63	133.251	69	-8	17.696	60	22.454	76	-21	57.356	64	58.455	67	-2	47.320	63	52.342	69	-10
Foreigners	71.407	37	59.098	31	21	11.658	40	7.247	24	61	31.974	36	28.328	33	13	27.775	37	23.523	31	18
Capital	114.561	59	116.618	61	-2	21.098	72	20.208	68	4	57.640	65	56.603	65	2	35.823	48	39.807	52	-10
Coast	23.829	12	24.732	13	-4	-	-	-	-	-	8.071	9	8.940	10	-10	15.758	21	15.792	21	0
Inland	55.389	29	50.999	27	9	8.256	28	9.493	32	-13	23.619	26	21.240	24	11	23.514	31	20.266	27	16
AVERAGE STAY	1,93		1,94		-1	1,75		1,84		-5	1,83		1,83		0	2,12		2,10		1
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	51,72		54,37		-5	47,78		53,70		-11	48,92		48,46		1	56,56		62,23		-9
Capital	56,57		58,82		-4	50,64		56,29		-10	54,73		54,60		0	62,53		66,35		-6
Coast	53,01		59,73		-11	-		-	-	-	41,88		45,26		-7	60,46		71,46		-15
Inland	43,10		43,98		-2	41,69		48,24		-14	41,22		38,16		8	45,79		49,65		-8
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	66,21		65,00		2	61,32		63,97		-4	64,64		59,91		8	70,13		72,76		-4
Capital	73,36		69,66		5	68,32		67,28		2	71,56		65,43		9	79,32		79,03		0
Coast	63,34		68,99		-8	-		-	-	-	53,20		54,48		-2	69,91		80,56		-13
Inland	54,17		54,54		-1	44,27		55,98		-21	54,20		50,39		8	57,58		59,10		-3
AGRO-TOURISM																				
OVERNIGHT STAYS	28.061	100	30.469	100	-8	4.047	100	3.005	100	35	8.173	100	9.422	100	-13	15.841	100	18.042	100	-12
National	23.779	85	26.663	88	-11	3.672	91	2.903	97	26	6.551	80	7.628	81	-14	13.556	86	16.132	89	-16
Foreigners	4.282	15	3.806	12	13	375	9	102	3	268	1.622	20	1.794	19	-10	2.285	14	1.910	11	20
ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS	10.062	100	10.471	100	-4	1.681	100	1.492	100	13	3.223	100	3.603	100	-11	5.158	100	5.376	100	-4
National	8.905	89	9.223	88	-3	1.598	95	1.449	97	10	2.742	85	3.037	84	-10	4.565	89	4.737	88	-4
Foreigners	1.157	11	1.248	12	-7	83	5	43	3	93	481	15	566	16	-15	593	11	639	12	-7
AVERAGE STAY	2,79		2,91		-4	2,41		2,01		20	2,54		2,62		-3	3,07		3,36		-9
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY PLACES	26,43		33,18		-20	20,69		18,79		10	23,05		29,52		-22	30,97		41,08		-25
OCCUPANCY LEVEL BY ROOMS	31,68		38,19		-17	25,71		22,59		14	27,49		34,09		-19	37,06		47,05		-21

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