



HUNTING MONITORING COMMISSION

The chamois population exceeds one thousand, the highest number ever recorded

A total of 1,300 animals are counted, of which 229 will be shot in gangs of three hunters

Respecting the mother with kids and the good health of the cabin are key in this historic growth

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«We are, once again, at a new record for the count of chamois, both adults and kids. The level of growth is extraordinary; all three reserves have recorded the highest numbers in history. The country is in luck». This is how the president of the Andorran Hunting and Fishing Federation (Facip), Josep Maria Cabanes, congratulated himself yesterday, after meeting with the Hunting Monitoring Commission, in which the chamois hunting plans of this year. In total, 1,300 animals have been counted throughout the territory, a figure that represents the highest ever achieved and which, according to Cabanes, is due to the fact that a few years ago it was agreed by the will of the hunters themselves not to kill goats that were accompanied by their children, which has had a «multiplier effect». Likewise, and while waiting for the animals to be analyzed once they ha-

Hunters are also on the rise: this year there will be 625, some of them young people who have decided to join the sector

ve been hunted, «there is no disease that affects them and they all enjoy very good health». «Hunters are the first to be interested when there is a lot of wildlife. Hunting is secondary, the most important thing is that the fauna reproduces and is healthy», assured the president of Facip. And it is that, as indicated by the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability, «the absolute figure continues to demonstrate the upward trend registered in recent years, favored by the significant number of goats detected this year (327)».

Of this total of 1,300 chamois, however, only 201 may be shot during Chamois Hunting Week - which will be held from September 11th to 18th - and 28 during the Enclar hunting ground. The total number of captures planned for this period takes in-



► File image of a chamois in the forest.

to account the population of chamois in common hunting grounds and in the hunting ground of Xixerella, Sorteny and Ransol, which is a total of 1,007, slightly higher than those counted in last year (973), as well as their growth rates.

The cause is that for the first time the total number of allowed catches that can be hunted during the week of the chamois is one specimen per gang of a minimum of three hunters. «We don't know how many gangs there will be because until now they always had to be four people; reducing them to three shows that more chamois can be hunted and, therefore, that the hut has been well managed», Cabanes pointed out. Another upward trend is that of the number of registered hunters: 625, 24 more than in 2021. «It seems that quite a



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PRESIDENT OF FACIP



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few young people who have decided to join the world of hunting have been examined. This is very important and strategic for the sector», observed the president of Facip, who also wanted to thank the work done by the Banders in the counting and management and congratulated Minister Silvia Calvó «for her ability to negotiate and positive attitude» during the commission.

However, Cabanes was not at all worried about the overcrowding that has been seen in the mountains of the Principality this summer and how it could affect the animals. «We are breaking tourist records in summer and winter and we are also breaking the chamois record. It is proven that the crowd can coexist with the fauna in the mountains. And hopefully it will be like this for many years», he said. ▬

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Salaried employees registered during the month of June increase by 6.2%

The average of CASS affiliates from January to May is 16% higher compared to the same previous period

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The number of employees in June was 39,874, a figure that represents an increase of 6.2% compared to the same month last year. According to the data made public yesterday by the Department of Statistics, the wage bill reaches 93.67 million euros, which represents an increase of 16.2% compared to the month of June last year. Regarding the advanced average salary for the month of June, it is 2,349.06 euros, while the median salary is 1,824.13 euros. The variation of the advanced average salary with respect to the month of June 2021 is 9.4% while that of the median salary is 5.9%.

In the same way, Statistics also provided the semi-final data for the month of May and, in this sense, it should be noted that there were 38,841 salaried people, which represents an increase of 8.6% compared to the same month of the previous year, in which there were 35,762. The month of May shows the most prominent increase in the number of employees, compared to the same month last year, in the hotel sector, with 40% more. The area that shows a more prominent decrease in the number of employees is that of households that employ domestic staff, which falls by around 3%.

The average number of employees, according to the data accumulated from January to May, is 41,897 people, 16.3% more compared to the same previous period. The sector with the most prominent increase is the hotel industry, with 90.7%. On the other hand, the one that shows a more significant decrease is households that employ domestic staff, with 3.9% less.

According to the data accumulated over the last 12 months, the average number of employees is 40,126, 9.1% more compared to the same period last year. The sector with the most prominent increase is the hotel industry, with a 41.7% increase. On the other hand, households employing domestic staff fell by 2.6%. In addition, it should be noted that the total wage bill for



► An archive image of the offices of the Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS).

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The figures

93 million euros is the total figure for the country's wage bill during the month of June.

2.349 euros is the level of the advanced average salary, which means a variation of (+9.4%).

+5,9% means the variation of the median salary in June, which stands at 1,824 euros.

+40% represents the increase in employees in the hotel sector.

the month of May is 87.95 million euros and the variation is positive (+17.5%). The most growing is also the hotel industry with 80.4% more and no sector shows a negative variation.

According to the accumulated data from the first five months of the year, the monthly average of the wage bill is 94.60 million euros, equivalent to an increase of 23% compared to the same previous period. The sector that shows the most prominent positive variation is the hotel industry, with 138.8% and no sector decreases. If the data of the last 12 months are taken into account, the monthly average of the wage bill is 90.27 million euros, which represents an increase of 12.8%. The hotel industry is, again, the one that increases the most (+60%) and, as in the previous cases, no sector has decreased.

As for the total average salary declared to the Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS) for May, this is 2,264.31 euros, which represents an increase of 8.2% compared to the same period of the previous year. This month, the sectors that show a more remarkable positive change are the hotel industry (+28.9%), and retail trade, except for motor vehicles, with an increase of 15.9% and, again, no sector has a negative variation. ≡

The resident population grew by 2.2% and reached 80,500

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The resident population of the Principality, on July 31st, 2022, amounts to 80,544 people, which represents an increase of 2.2% (+1,711 people) compared to the same period of the previous year. This growth is mainly concentrated in the parishes of La Massana with 381 more residents, +3.6%; Andorra la Vella with 374 new residents, +1.6%; and Canillo with an increase of 320 residents, +6.9%. Conversely, the parishes that have grown the least have been Sant Julià



► Archive image of the central valley.

de Lòria with 200 new residents (+2.1%), Encamp with 186 more residents (+1.6%), Escaldes-Engordany with 182 more residents (+1.2%), and Ordino with only 68 new residents (+1.3%).

By nationality, the annual increase measured in July is concentrated in the group of other nationalities, with an increase of 849 people (+9.8%); followed by people with Spanish nationality, with a total of 462 people (+2.4%); with Andorran nationality, with 450 more people (+1.2%); and with French nationality, with 91 new people (+2.6%). People with Portuguese nationality registered a decrease of 141 people (-1.6%) compared to the same month of the previous year. ≡

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