

LOULÉ

Residents' Perception – Fact Sheet | High Season 2022



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Sample
n=141



Gender

Female **56.0%**
Male **43.3%**
Other **0.7%**

Education
Level



Primary School **12.1%**
High School **48.2%**
University **39.0%**
DK/DA **0.7%**

Age
Group



18-24 years old **14.2%**
25-64 years old **80.1%**
+ 65 years **5.7%**

Current State of Tourism Development



•Very Weak •Weak •Moderate •Strong •Very Strong •DK/DA

Perception of Economic Impacts

Positive Economic Impacts*



Global Impact 3.79

Tourism increases employment opportunities **4.20**

Tourism contributes to the development of local economic activities **4.14**

Tourism contributes to generate new services and businesses **4.13**

Negative Economic Impacts*



Global Impact 3.81

Tourism increases the price of houses and land **4.45**

Tourism increases the cost of living **4.37**

Goods/services are more expensive because of tourism (food, clothing, transport, etc.) **4.12**

Perception of Sociocultural Impacts

Positive Sociocultural Impacts*



Global Impact 3.33

Tourism contributes to the recognition, prestige and image of my municipality **3.91**

The residents of my municipality are hospitable and welcome tourists with courtesies **3.79**

Tourism stimulates cultural activities, festivals and local traditions **3.69**

Negative Sociocultural Impacts*



Global Impact 3.04

Tourism increases drug and alcohol consumption **3.50**

Tourism increases stress and disturbs calm **3.37**

My municipality is overcrowded because of tourism **3.23**

SOME FACTS

39.7% of respondents consider that the municipality registers **moderate tourism development**.

Regarding residents' perception of **economic impacts** in Loulé, the respondents show moderate agreement with both the positive (3.79) and negative impacts (3.81). They specifically agree with the increase of prices of houses and land (4.45) and cost of living (4.37). However, they also recognize that tourism increases employment opportunities (4.20), contributes to the development of local economic activities (4.14) and generates new services and businesses (4.13). Concerning the **sociocultural impacts**, the respondents are neutral with regards to both the positive and negative impacts. However, they showed moderate agreement that tourism contributes to the recognition, prestige and image of my municipality (3.91).

As for the perceived **environmental impacts**, the respondents are again neutral with both the negative and positive impacts. The negative indicator with the highest level of agreement is "Tourism generates traffic, parking and accident issues" (3.99).

Perception of Environmental Impacts



Positive Environmental Impacts*

Global Impact 3.03

Tourism improves signage system (for access to accommodation, monuments, etc.) **3.37**

Tourism improves public infrastructure (roads, railways, sports facilities, etc.) **3.14**

Tourism improves cleanliness of public spaces **3.12**



Negative Environmental Impacts*

Global Impact 3.50

Tourism generates traffic, parking and accident issues **3.99**

Tourism increases pollution, noise, litter, etc. **3.77**

Tourism occupies natural areas that residents have free use of (beaches, mountains, protected areas, etc.) **3.64**

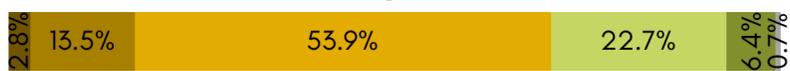


In terms of the respondents' perception of **how tourists treat** and **respect residents**, as well as **how much they spend** during their holidays, it is considered that respect is neutral (53.9%), with the second most responded option being "respectful" (22.7%). They feel they are treated normally (58.9%) while some consider that the treatment is pleasant (24.8%). Finally, respondents consider that tourists spend an average amount (46.1%) or a lot (37.6%) and consider that the current **number of tourists** should be maintained (52.5%).

With regard to **professional activity**, the majority of respondents or members of their household do not work in the tourism sector, so, for most respondents, tourism is not the only source of family income.

Respect, Treatment and Expenditure Incurred by Tourists

Respect



•Very Disrespectful •Disrespectful •Neutral •Respectful •Very Respectful •DK/DA

Treatment



•Very Unpleasant •Unpleasant •Normal •Pleasant •Very Pleasant •DK/DA

Expenditure



•Spend Very Little •Spend Little •Spend Average •Spend a Lot •Spend too Much •DK/DA

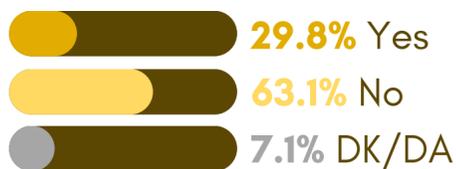
Growth of Tourists in the Municipality



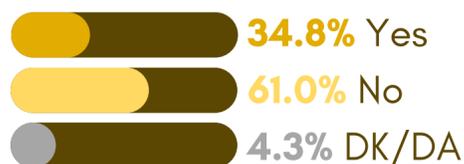
•Receive Less Tourists •Keep the Same Number of Tourists •Recieve More Tourists •DK/DA

Tourism Related Activity

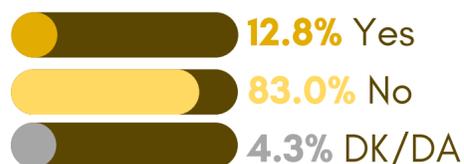
Professional activity related to the tourism sector



Someone in the household works in the tourism sector



Household income exclusively from tourism



Behaviour, Satisfaction and Support

Support to Tourism

I think my municipality should continue to be a tourist destination **4.16**
I believe that, overall, the impacts of tourism in my area are positive **4.01**

Global Impact 4.09

Behaviour towards Tourism

I am willing to receive tourists with kindness and hospitality **4.11**
I am willing to protect the natural and environmental resources on which tourism depends **4.05**
I am willing to accept some sacrifices in order to receive the benefits of tourism **3.44**
I am willing to pay more fees to contribute to the development of tourism **2.22**

Global Impact 3.47

Satisfaction with Tourism

Overall, I am satisfied with tourism in my municipality **3.57**
I am satisfied with the current level of tourism development in my municipality **3.56**
I am satisfied with the way tourism is being managed in my municipality **3.36**
Personally, I benefit from the development of tourism in my municipality **3.17**

Global Impact 3.42



Individual Happiness*

Global Impact 3.57

In general, I consider myself to be a happy person **3.99**
Overall, I am satisfied with my life **3.88**
In general, I am satisfied with my quality of life **3.71**

Respondents show **support for the tourist activity** (4.09), namely by agreeing that the municipality should continue to be a tourist destination and that, overall, the impacts of tourism in their area are positive. At the same time, however, they show a moderate **willingness to assume pro-tourism behaviours** (3.47).

The respondents reveal a certain neutrality with regard to the degree of **satisfaction with tourism** (3.42).

Finally, the respondents reveal, in general terms, an almost neutral position concerning **individual happiness** (3.57).

Scale: 1- Strongly Disagree; 5-Strongly Agree | DK/DA-Do not know/Do not answer
*The indicators presented are the three with the highest average scores (top 3).

Additional information may be found in the global report at <https://monitur.ualg.pt/en/residents-global-report/>

