

# ALBUFEIRA

## Residents' Perception - Fact Sheet | High Season 2023



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Sample  
n=102



Female **50.0%**  
Male **50.0%**  
Gender

### Education Level



Primary School **11.8%**  
High School **50.0%**  
University **37.3%**  
DK/DA **1.0%**

### Age Group



18-24 years old **21.6%**  
25-64 years old **72.5%**  
+ 65 years **5.9%**

## Current State of Tourism Development



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

## Perception of Economic Impacts

### Positive Economic Impacts\*



#### Global Impact **3.67**

Tourism is the main economic activity **4.31**  
Tourism increases employment opportunities **4.21**  
Tourism contributes to generate new services and businesses **4.08**

### Negative Economic Impacts\*



#### Global Impact **4.02**

My municipality is too dependent on tourism in economic terms **4.41**  
Tourism increases the price of houses and land **4.39**  
Tourism increases the cost of living **4.25**

## Perception of Sociocultural Impacts

### Positive Sociocultural Impacts\*



#### Global Impact **3.12**

The residents of my municipality are hospitable and welcome tourists with courtesy **3.78**  
Tourism stimulates cultural activities, festivals and local traditions **3.56**  
Tourism contributes to the recognition, prestige and image of my municipality **3.56**

### Negative Sociocultural Impacts\*



#### Global Impact **3.53**

Tourism increases drug and alcohol consumption **4.26**  
Tourism increases prostitution and moral degradation **3.79**  
Tourism promotes crime and vandalism **3.76**

## SOME FACTS

Approximately 45.1% of respondents consider that the municipality registers strong or very **strong tourism development**.

Regarding residents' perception of **economic impacts** in Albufeira, the respondents show higher levels of agreement with the negative impacts (4.02). They specifically agree with idea that the municipality is too dependent on tourism (4.41). However, they recognize that tourism is the main economic activity (4.31) in the municipality and it increases employment opportunities (4.21). Concerning the **sociocultural impacts**, the respondents neither agree nor disagree with either the positive (3.12) or negative impacts (3.53). However, the respondents moderately agree that the residents are hospitable and welcome tourists with courtesy (3.78), and agree that tourism increases drugs and alcohol consumption (4.26).

As for the perceived **environmental impacts**, the respondents are somewhat neutral with the negative impacts (3.76) and disagree with the positive ones (2.60). The negative indicators with the highest level of agreement are "Tourism increases pollution, noise, litter, etc." (4.24) and "Tourism generates traffic, parking and accident issues" (4.23).

## Perception of Environmental Impacts



### Positive Environmental Impacts\*

#### Global Impact **2.60**

Tourism improves signage system (for access to accommodation, monuments, etc.) **3.06**  
Tourism improves public infrastructure (roads, railways, sports facilities, etc.) **2.75**  
Tourism has a positive influence on the environmental awareness of residents **2.67**



### Negative Environmental Impacts\*

#### Global Impact **3.76**

Tourism increases pollution, noise, litter, etc. **4.24**  
Tourism generates traffic, parking and accident issues **4.23**  
Tourism occupies natural areas that residents have free use of (beaches, mountains, protected areas, etc.) **3.73**

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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 (56.9%), with the second most responded option, however, being "disrespectful" (23.5%). They feel they are treated normally (67.6%), while some consider that the treatment is unpleasant (17.6%). Respondents also consider that tourists spend an average amount (47.1%). In addition, respondents consider that the current **number of tourists** should be maintained (44.1%).

With regard to **professional activity**, the majority of respondents, or someone in their household, work in the tourism sector, although tourism is not the only source of family income.

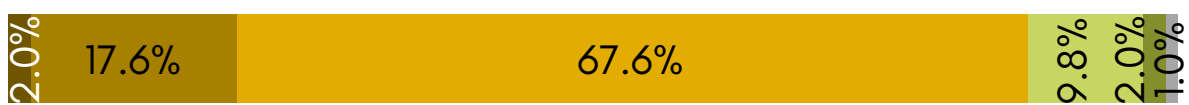
### Respect, Treatment and Expenditure Incurred by Tourists

#### Respect



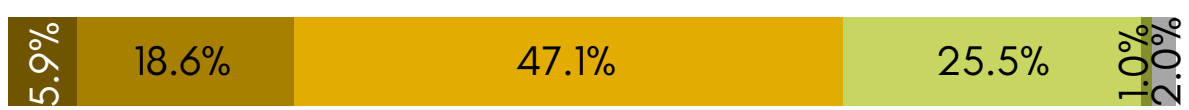
•Very Disrespectful •Disrespectful •Neutral •Respectful •Very Respectful •DK/DA

#### 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



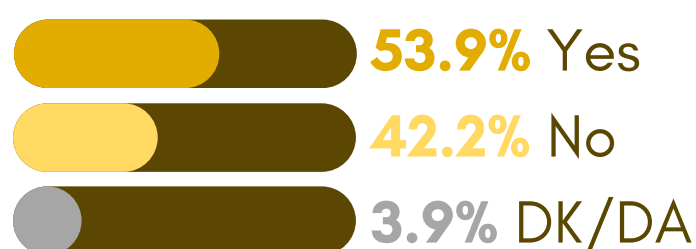
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### Tourism Related Activity

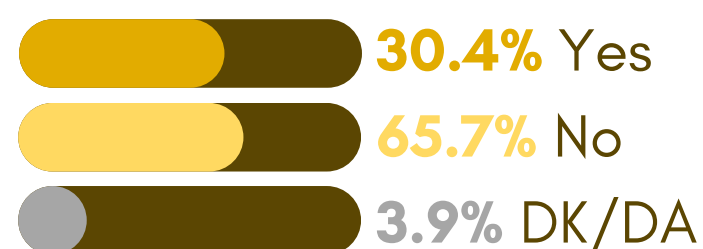
Professional activity related to the tourism sector



Someone in the household works in the tourism sector



Household income exclusively from tourism



### Behaviour, Satisfaction and Support

#### Support to Tourism

**Global Impact 3.76**

I think my municipality should continue to be a tourist destination **3.92**

I believe that, overall, the impacts of tourism in my area are positive **3.59**

#### Behaviour towards Tourism

**Global Impact 3.37**

I am willing to receive tourists with kindness and hospitality **4.09**

I am willing to protect the natural and environmental resources on which tourism depends **3.92**

I am willing to accept some sacrifices in order to receive the benefits of tourism **3.40**

I am willing to pay more fees to contribute to the development of tourism **2.05**

#### Satisfaction with Tourism

**Global Impact 2.87**

Personally, I benefit from the development of tourism in my municipality **3.20**

Overall, I am satisfied with tourism in my municipality **2.94**

I am satisfied with the current level of tourism development in my municipality **2.89**

I am satisfied with the way tourism is being managed in my municipality **2.44**



### Individual Happiness\*

**Global Impact 3.53**

In general, I consider myself to be a happy person **4.00**

Overall, I am satisfied with my life **3.91**

In general, I am satisfied with my quality of life **3.72**

Respondents show moderate **support for the tourist activity** (3.81), namely by recognising that the municipality should continue to be a tourist destination and by revealing some scepticism as to the positive impacts of tourism in the future. In parallel, they show a moderate **willingness to assume pro-tourism behaviours** (3.50).

The respondents reveal a certain neutrality with regard to the degree of **satisfaction with tourism** (3.02).

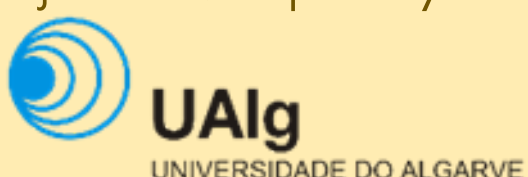
Finally, the respondents reveal, in general terms, an almost neutral position concerning **individual happiness** (3.48).

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.uaig.pt/en/residents-global-report/>



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