

VIROVITICA –PODRAVINA COUNTY



The County of Virovitica and Podravina is situated in north-western part of Slavonia, south of Drava river with capital in Virovitica



From the northern side there is border with Republic of Hungary, and Koprivnica-Krizevci County on the west side, Bjelovar-Bilogora County on the south, and Osijek-Slavonia County on the east side.

There are very important traffic corridors- in general - primary – contact Dunav area with middle Adriatic area, secondary - Drava river flow connecting Croatia with its neighbors-to the west and east parts of EU.

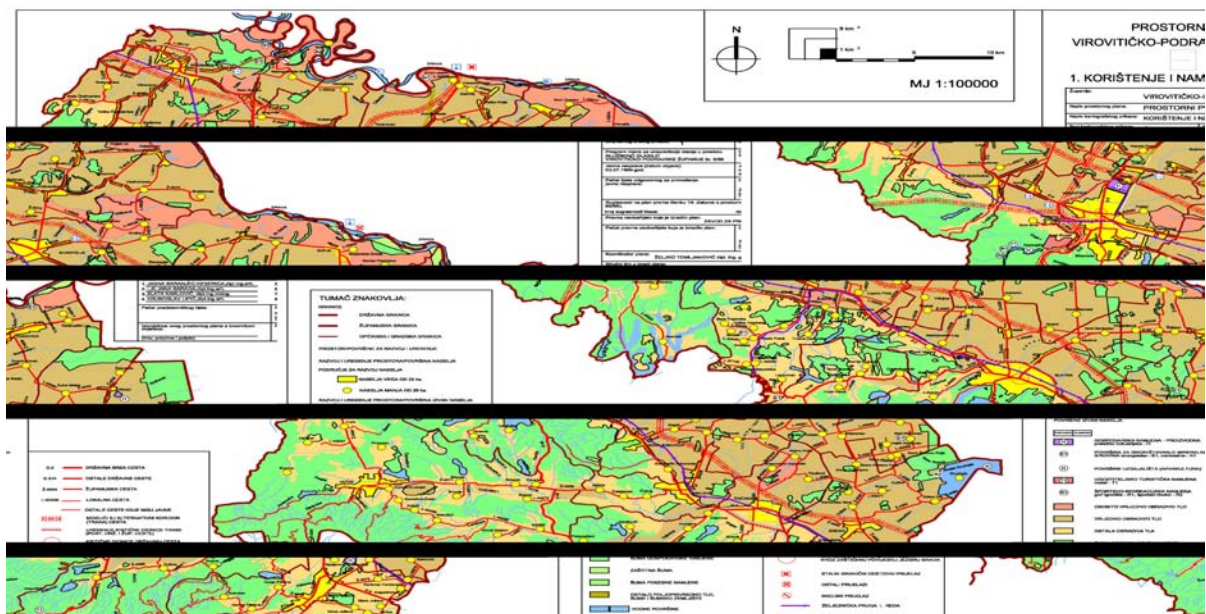


Virovitica-Podravina County covers 3,57% of the Croatian territory and is on the 13.-th place regarding size of the Croatian Counties; there is 2,1% of Croatian population.

DATA - VIROVITICA-PODRAVINA COUNTY

Description	Data-County
Land –km2	2.021
Population	93389
Border –length-km	98,38
Arable land-ha	101.317
Nr. of villages	190
Nr. of Cities	3
Nr. Municipalities	13
Length-east-west –km	73,60
Length- north-south – km	58,40

Nr.	City	Municipality	Km2-area	Population -1991	Population-2001
1.	Viovitica		169,81	22.931	22.618
2.	Slatina		166,75	15.844	14.819
3.	Orahovica		123,67	6.262	5.792
4.		Crnac	79,13	2.141	1.772
5.		Čačinci	145,02	4.528	3.308
6.		Čađavica	90,60	3.011	2.394
7.		Gradina	120,90	5.297	4.485
8.		Lukač	83,22	4.543	4.276
9.		Mikeluš	35,29	2.291	1.701
10.		Nova Bukovica	76,43	2.522	2.096
11.		Pitomača	158,14	11.106	10.465
12.		Sopje	117,80	3.407	2.750
13.		Suhopolje	166,65	8.962	7.524
		Špišić Bukovica	107,94	4.928	4.733
		Voćin	295,80	4.152	2.421
		Zdenci	84,88	2.700	2.235
	Total:		2.022,13	104.625	93.389



THE HUNTING IN VIROVITICA-PODRAVINA COUNTY

This is a story about the hunting, hunters and hunting tourism in Virovitica-Podravina County, whereby it can be declared that this is one leading tourism attractions of the region, combined with its untouched natural beauties, on the rim where the rich Slavonia and Podravina forests with fruitful valley are touched.



Podravina D-2 road, as vital traffic artery, divided Virovitica-Podravina County into two relief units: fruitful land with forest covered Drava valley on the north, and massifs of Bilogora and Papuk on the south. The beauty of almost untouched forests, land, creeks with clear water coming from Papuk, the lakes around, are the bower for many wild animals, attracting every hunter to test his good luck.

There are sturdy animals, especially boars and deers, as well rabbits, foxes, badgers, marlins, pheasants, quails, wood pigeon, wild ducks and gees.

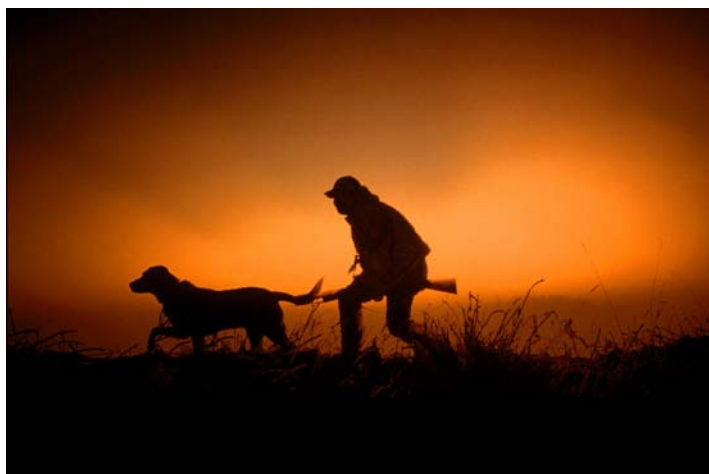


Many hunters say this is one of the reaches in Croatia. Besides this, Virovitica-Podravina County has some very exclusive locations for hunters. One of such a areas is Jankovac with its chalet, very popular for many tourists from Croatia and Europe. The foothills of Papuk were discovered by Hunters from England two years ago, but mostly hunters are coming from Italy, Austria, Germany, Slovenia and Belgium.



Plenty deer in the forest

We can be very proud about this nature treasure and organization of hunting tourism in our County. This is only one of rural tourism attractions we offer to our guests who are enjoying in richness of Slavonia and Podravina forestry space. During your vacation in our hunting facilities we will provide to you relaxation, refreshment and peace, but also friendship with nature.



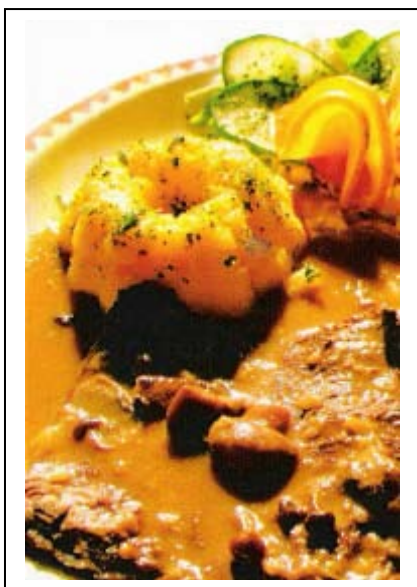
You will be able to gain various trophies, and enjoy in the music of domestic hunters - musicians who are participating in opening season of hunting celebrations, performing attractive songs on the horns.

GASTRONOMY FROM RICH FORESTRY AND FRUITFUL VALLEY

This unique joint touch of Slavonia and Podravina, grace of Drava river, Papuk and Bilogora mountains, contact of foothills and flat land, framed with wheat fields, is a place where abundant of various game are to be found, opening at the same time the door to all gourmands who enjoy in domestic wild foods.



On the northern part of Papuk, in Slatina City there is a Hunting house “Repic” with pension, where you can find a profound selection of wild meat foods. Their specialty is the steak from boar combined with forestry mushrooms.



In Virovitica area there are roe specialties combined with mushrooms- (vrganj, bukovača), on domestic way of arrangement.



In Višnjica, near Slatina, famous on its Arabic horses stable, as well special kind of deers- (paddle deers), you can find unique steak which you will remember as gourmand pleasure.

On the chalet Jankovac-pearl of Slavonia- there are different foods from roe and deer, as well boar. The specialty is also a dry vrganj which is added to the roe-goulash, as well other delicious foods.

There is also a roe ham in sauce of wine, rabbit in cream, and wild rabbit with corn meal.

ENOLOGY AND GASTRONOMY

There are very significant wine garden areas with its land protection signs. We can find here graševina, a swell pinot-white and grey, as well Charrdonay, Bouvierova ranina, Sauvignon, green Silvanac, Frankovka and many table wine varieties.



Based on the regional categorization of wine areas of Croatia, the Virovitica-Podravina County belongs to the continental part of Croatia, sub-region Slavonia, Oarhovica-Slatina wine-area.



Gastronomy of the region is determined by slavoniana and Podravina kitchen, whereby many traces of Hungarian and German influence can be found, which all together makes an unique gastronomy treasure taste.



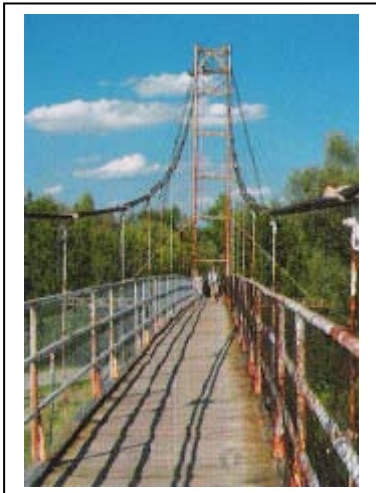
TOURIST MAP OF VIROVITICA PODRAVINA COUNTY

The Virovitica-Podravina area is populated in Neolithic times (6000- 3500 b.Chr.), but its present geographical and political organization dates from 13.th century, when the Arpad Dynasty founded king Counties as administrative units, with king land and City as administrative centre.





Drava river – tourist boat



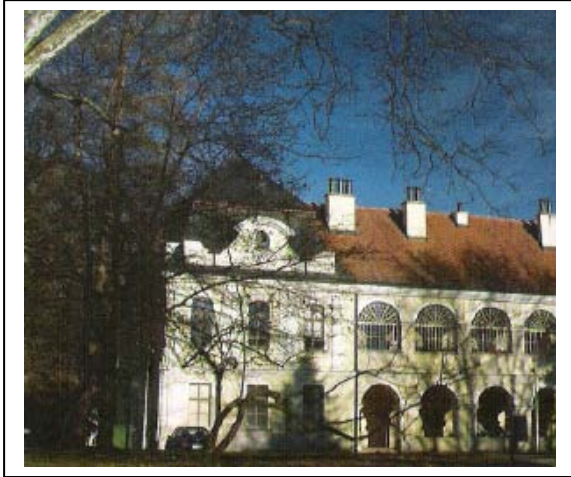
Today Virovitica-podravina County is situated in the north-eastern part of Croatia, unifying

Podravina and Slavonia, stretching on 2022 km². With its 93.389 inhabitants are situated in 190 villages and three cities and thirteen municipalities.



Virovitica

VIROVITICA -(Hungarian *Verőce*) is a town in Croatia on the northern slopes of Bilogora mountain in the region of Podravina, 44 km southeast of Koprivnica; elevation 122 m; population 20,715 (2001). It is the center of the Virovitica-Podravina county.



The economy is based on farming, livestock breeding, forestry, foodstuffs (sugar refinery, production of vinegar, ethyl alcohol, alcoholic drinks, animal fodder), wood and timber (furniture, moulds), metal-processing (fittings, tools, casts), leather

(foot wear), building materials



rial, tobacco processing and printing industries.

Virovitica is an important place in transit tourism because of the intersection of several roads and the railway junction. Virovitica is located at the intersection of the main roads (M3) Varaždin-Koprivnica-Osijek and (M16.01) Novska-Virovitica-state border-Barcs. It is also the railway junction of the routes Zagreb-Koprivnica-Osijek and Banova Jaruga-Daruvar-Virovitica.

Cultural institutions include the theatre and the town museum. The town is dominated by the Pejačević castle; the Baroque-style park next to the castle, arranged at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century, is a horticultural monument.



being large fishponds in Razbojište at the foot mountain and Milanovac on the wine-growing Bilogora. This mountain also provides hunting grounds (high and small game), while hunting and angling are possible along the Drava river.

There are several attractive excursion destinations



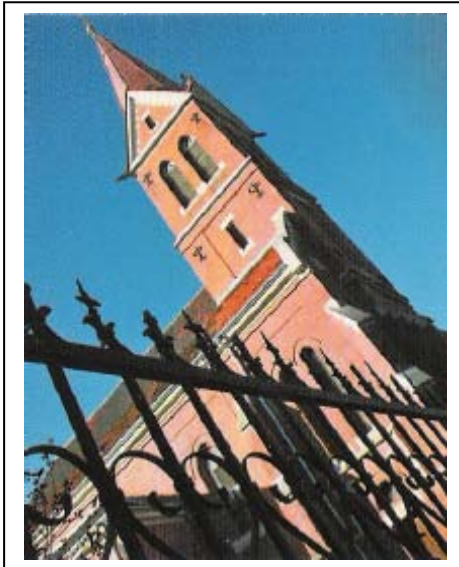
in the immediate vicinity of Virovitica, the most interesting of them of Bilogora hills of excellent small game

SLATINA

SLATINA is a town in Slavonia, Croatia. It is located at the contact of the Drava valley and the foothills of Papuk Mountain in the central part of the region of Podravina, 29 km southeast of Virovitica; elevation 127 m; population 11,416. It was first mentioned in 1297; in the 15th century the Zalathnok citadel was also mentioned as a habitation. Economy is based on farming, livestock breeding, foodstuffs (mills, grain silo), tobacco, metal-



processing (agricultural machinery), textiles and building material industries. Slatina is located on the main road (M3) Varazdin Koprivnica Virovitica Osijek and the railroad Koprivnica Virovitica Osijek.



The neo-Gothic parish church of St. Joseph from the beginning of the 20th century was restored as a votive church at the expense of the Croats from Burgenland and in



Austria. A castle of the Draskovic family from the 19th century.

An important position on the main road and the railroad, valuable cultural (castle, museum) and natural heritage (the municipal park and the unique sequoia tree are protected as horticultural monuments) underlie the development of Slatina as a transit tourist destination. Major annual cultural events include the Days of Milko Kelemen, a music event (in May),

and the Slatina Fair, with presentations of craft products and traditional crafts (end of August). In the village of Visnjica near Slatina is the unique stud-farm of Arabian horses.



Slatina and its surroundings have a number of sports grounds (football, basketball, handball, tennis, etc.). Hunting grounds of the Croatian forest management company Hrvatske Šume stretch toward the Drava river.



Angling opportunities are provided on the Drava river, the Cadavica and their numerous backwaters.

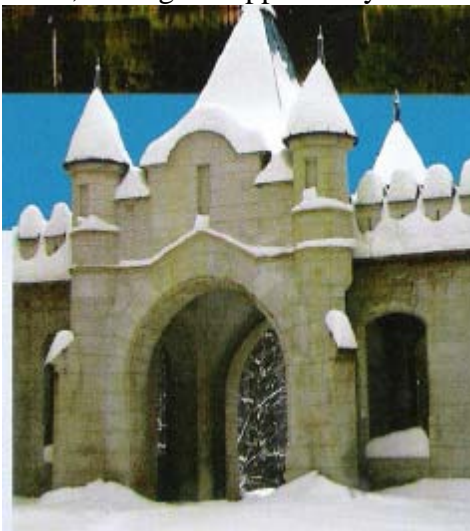
SUHOPOLJE



The area is stretching from the hilly Bilogora to the river Drava, bordering with Hungary. There are excellent possibilities for hunters, searching for small and big game.



In the northern part of Suhopolje there is Gradina village where many tourists-worshippers come, having the opportunity to be on the place where the Virgin Merry use to be appeared.



The place of worship is behind the church Holly Ilia prophet, and organized for praying and contemplation for many visitors.

PITOMAČA

It is very picturesque small town, situated 20 km far from Virovitica to the west. More the one decade there is a very popular festival of Podravina and Podravlje songs, taking part at



Vidovo

celebrations, who is a patron of the town. It cultivates Podravina local words and literature, as well songs and tradition. Together with the sounds of tamburitza and cimbaló, the wine from Arshanj is offered to drink, for recuperation of the body and soul.



There is also a small family property "Zlatni klas"



(Golden spike), with the stable and unique offering of traditional Podravina specialties.



In near by Grabrovnica there is a family house of Petar Preradović, famous Croatian poet, with ethnographic museum. With the ferry or by the hanging bridge you can cross to Križnica, having the opportunity to see natural beauty- Drava river meanders.



VOĆIN

This small town is situated in idyllic Papuk valley, with the river Vocinka, passing the centre of the area. Through the centuries it was very famous pilgrimage center whereby dozens thousands of pilgrims are gathering, celebrating Mala Gospa- there is also a gothic church –end of 14-th Century- ruined during the Domestic war in Croatia-1991. but renewed again.

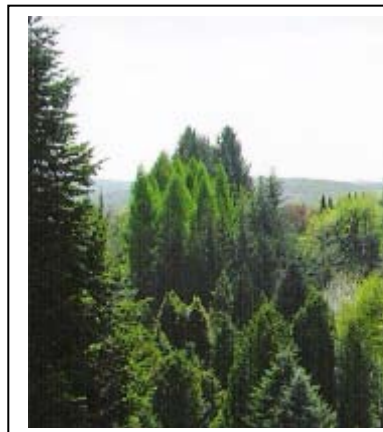


The beautiful Vocin park area is preserved as horticultural monument with few thousands plants.



There is also near a Aroretum Lisičine, with unique plants and trees from all of the world.

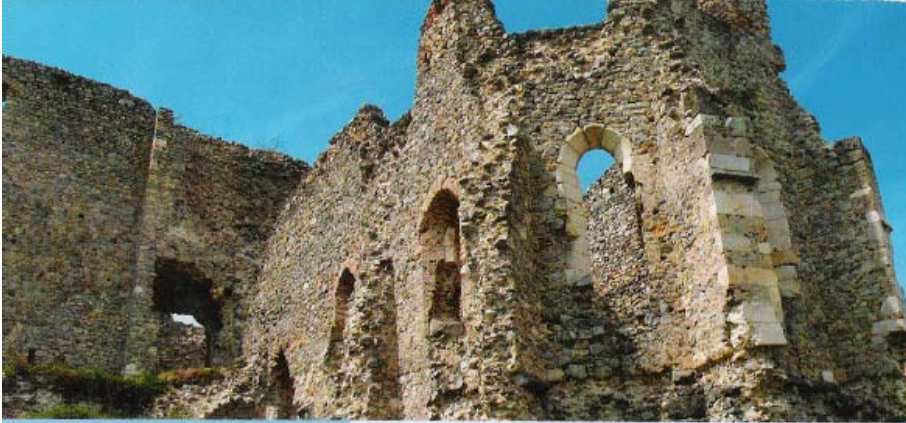
Vocin is also an entrance to the Park of Nature- Papuk.



Photos from Arboretum

ORAHOVICA

The City of Orahovica is situated on the northern hills of Krndija mountain, and his reputation as tourist destination reached in middle 19-th century.



There is very famous baroque church of Našašća of St. cross- Some few kilometers south of Orahovica there is a monastery with the church of St. Nikolai, wonderful example of sacral architecture from 16-th century. In neighboring village there is a unique church of St.Lovro- dated from 13-th century. The most significant historic monument in Orahca area is a Ružica castle- from 13-th century- western side of the town. There is also Orahovica lake, known as recreational centre of the County.

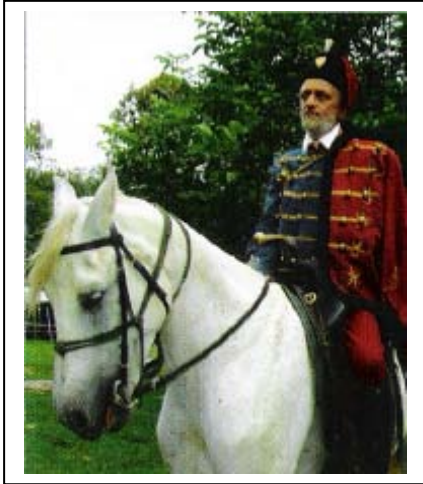


There is also a fish complex Grudnjak. Orahivica is also an entrance to the Papuk – Nature park.

For complete recuperation we suggest to taste world famous wine-Zeleni silvanac –Green Silvaner, originating from this area.

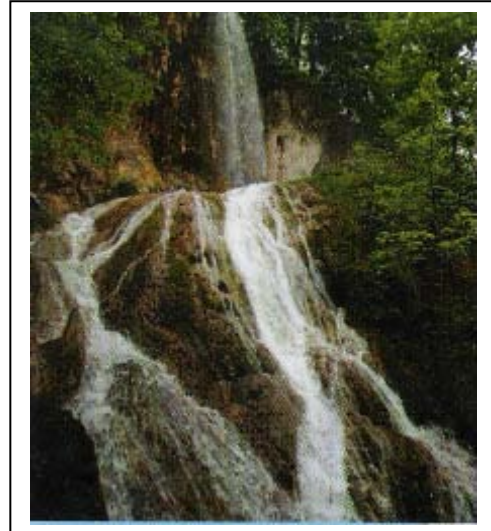
NATURE PARK “PAPUK”- WITH JANKOVAC

It is stretching on 336 km², with plenty of geological monumets, dated 3 millions of years, preserved flora and fauna, and living place for many animal types. Because of its geological attributes it is a member of the EU-net of geological preserved parks, under UNESCO protection.



There is the highest top of the mount -953 m. The protected status within the area have:

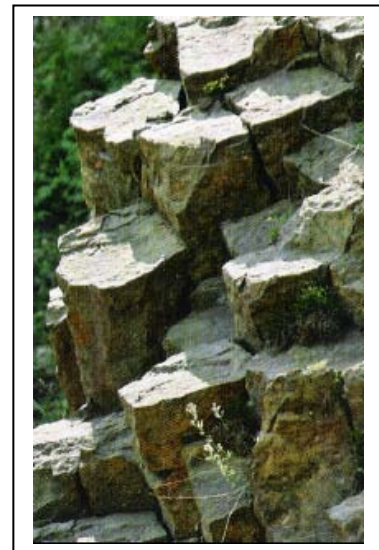
Rupnica-geological monument with specific stair building of the rocks, Hills in Sekulinci –



reservation of forest trees- jungle of beech tree and pine tree- a unique oases of the untouched nature.



There is also Jankovac valley surrounded by trees and cascade of waterfalls, coming down from 30 m. New hotel with 80 beds and restaurants are offering unique accommodation and experience.



	Rooms		Appartments		Beds	
	collectively	privat	collectively	privat	collectively	privat
2000	103	0	0	0	265	0
2001	25	0	0	0	138	0
2002	52	9	2	0	140	14
2003	65	9	3	0	167	14
2004	77	9	3	0	228	14
2005	84	9	3	0	235	14
2006	134	11	3	1	341	16

	Orahovica	Slatina	Virovitica	Čačinci	Pitomača	Špišić Bukovica
	beds	beds	beds	beds	beds	beds
2000	82	20	193	0	0	0
2001	82	8	52	0	0	0
2002	82	6	66	0	0	0
2003	82	6	66	0	0	27
2004	82	6	61	66	0	27
2005	82	6	72	62	14	27
2006	168	26	72	62	2	27

	Orahovica		Slatina		Virovitica		Čačinci		Pitomača		Špišić Bukovica		TOTAL PER YEAR		
	tourist-arrivals		tourist-arrivals		tourist-arrivals		tourist-arrivals		tourist-arrivals		tourist-arrivals		tourist-arrivals		
	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	
2000	2.365	0	87	82	865	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.317	482
2001	2.663	0	140	176	996	517	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.799	693
2002	1.803	0	120	160	964	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.887	790
2003	1.697	0	225	156	1.439	404	214	137	0	0	214	137	0	3.575	697
2004	1.895	0	232	259	1.483	179	601	283	0	0	601	283	0	4.729	785
2005	1.946	41	114	368	1.530	119	326	243	13	8	326	243	0	4.959	1.112
2006	4.147	269	697	554	2.783	76	531	232	55	0	531	232	0	9.982	1.491
														33.248	6.050

	Orahovica		Slatina		Virovitica		Čačinci		Pitomača		Špišić Bukovica		TOTAL/per year	
	nights		nights		nights		nights		nights		nights		nights	
	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign	domestic	foreign
2000	13.626	0	220	145	1.190	638	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.036	783
2001	9.465	0	263	368	1.337	845	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.065	1.213
2002	7.358	0	340	343	1.362	796	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.060	1.139
2003	8.042	0	1.153	382	3.013	642	0	0	0	0	358	340	12.566	1.364
2004	8.323	0	774	719	1.840	335	518	64	0	0	924	628	12.379	1.746
2005	9.451	93	557	955	2.390	473	1.030	333	20	8	608	464	14.056	2.326
2006	17.363	748	1.928	1.020	4.272	264	1.769	360	55	0	782	410	26.169	2.802
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Source: Statistical report

VIROVITICA-PODRAVINA COUNTY

year 2007.

Hotels and Restaurants		Business entities	Person in employment	Seats	Turnover-in thousand kuna
H	Hotels and restaurants	24	166	2.423	21.019
55.1	Hotels	3	27	440	4.913
55.2	Camping sites and other provision of short stay accomodation	2	19	434	2.413
55.3	Restaurants	5	38	419	4.634
55.4	Bars	14	82	1.130	9.059

				Outlets	Persons in employment	Seats	Turnover in thousand kuna
H	Hotels and restaurants						
	Total:			209	672	7843	55185
	Hotel& Restaurant activities			207	668	7843	53867
	Other activities			2	3	0	1318
55.3	Restaurants						
	Total			43	124	1696	9998
	Hotel& Restaurant activities			41	121	1696	9341
	Other activities			2	3	0	658
55.4	Bars						
	Total			154	523	5948	41937
	Hotel& Restaurant activities			154	523	5948	41551
	Other activities			0	0	0	386
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(55.1, 55.2,55.5)							
	Total			11	24	199	3250
	Hotel& Restaurant activities			11	24	199	2975
	Other activities			0	0	0	275