

Book Production in 2006

(Provisional data)

Introduction

The book production survey, conducted yearly by Istat since 1951, started using its present methodological and content characteristics only in 1967, in compliance with the Unesco recommendations for the international standardisation of statistics on the publishing activity.

The subject of the survey comprises publications of at least 5 pages in length, published during the year, including official Government publications or those of public bodies and the abstracts of publications. Not included in the survey are publications connected with advertising, such as catalogues, price lists, calendars, etc., and particular publications such as telephone directories, train schedules, and the like.

In recent years the analysis of the most important aspects of the publishing activity has been broadened. As in all current surveys, for book production an attempt is always made to enrich the informational content, especially on the basis of the needs for knowledge expressed by qualified users, whether Government or control bodies or associations or institutions belonging to the book world.

The survey is total, i.e. it involves all publishers, even those which have not produced books during the year surveyed. The universe of publishers is contained in a computerised archive which is updated yearly through the most appropriate sources, such as, for example, the *Publisher's Catalogue*, the *Bookshop Journal*, *Book Fair Catalogues*, etc..

The data given in this volume are to be considered provisional for the year 2006, and refer to 2,243 responding publishers, equal to 71.2% of the publishers contained in the archive. Data are available at national level and by region. Italian book production in 2006, was 55,647 books and 244 million and 159 thousand copies printed.

Final data, when available, will be published on line (<http://culturaincifre.istat.it>) and in the Istat "Year book" series (*"Annuario delle statistiche culturali"* and *"Annuario statistico italiano"*).

NOTICE

Symbols

It should also be noticed that the following symbols are used in the tables:

Line (-)	(a) when the phenomenon does not exist; (b) when it exists and is recorded but the cases did not occur;
Four points (....)	when the phenomenon exist, but data are unknown for any reason;
Two points (..)	for the numbers that do not reach half the figure of the minimum amount considered.

Provisional data and corrections

The data given in this volume are to be considered provisional and refer to 2,243 responding publishers: the values could be modified after final data collection and subsequent control.

Rounding

The data of the tables may not coincide between one and another because of the rounding off to the thousands done during data analysis; this may also happen, for the same reason, in the vertical and horizontal squaring within the same table.

Regions

NORTH	Piemonte, Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste, Lombardia, Liguria; Trentino-Alto Adige, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Emilia-Romagna;
CENTER	Toscana, Umbria, Marche, Lazio;
SOUTH	Abruzzo, Molise, Campania, Puglia, Basilicata, Calabria, Sicilia, Sardegna.