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1 Introduction

This statistic has been carried out annually in accordance with the regulations given by UNESCO in the "Revised recommendation on the international standardisation of statistics relative to the production and distribution of books, newspapers and other periodical publications", approved by the general conference in November 1985.

The Law 23/2011, of 29th July, on Legal Deposit introduces a change in order to adapt the publishing world to the new reality. This change is based in the new role given to the publisher: the presence of the publisher as the main depositor subject (as compared with the presence of the printer, as it used to be before the above said law). This implies a modification in the statistics scope, due to the fact that it is now addressed exclusively to **publications published in Spain**, independently of where they were printed (in previous editions the research was focused on the total of publications printed in Spain, even if their origin was a foreign editorial).

In order to interpret correctly the performance of the series of titles edited, it has to be taken into account the said methodological change. Even though it is possible that it had a limited incidence in the total for 2012.

In 2012, due to the adaptation to the statistics methodological changes, information on reprints, printed copies and average print run is not included.

2 Scope

The book production statistic deals with non-periodical publications published in the country and made available to the public except for the following publications:

- Publications published for publicity, catalogue and prospectus purposes,
- Ephemeral publications: timetables, tariffs, performance programs, statutes,
- Musical works (music) and cartographic production in general, except atlases

3 Analysis units

The analysis units are books and leaflets. A **book** is considered to be any non-periodical printed publication that has at least 49 pages, without counting the cover, printed and published in the country and made available to the public. A **leaflet** is understood to be a publication of the same type that has at last 5 to 48 pages.

4 Main concepts

This statistic uses the following main concepts:

4.1 TITLE

A title is a term used to designate a printed publication as a whole both if it consists of one or various volumes.

4.2 FIRST EDITION

First publication of a text by a specific editorial in a specific collection and in a determined format.

4.3 RE-EDITION

A re-edition is understood to be that which is distinguished from the previous ones by some modifications introduced into the content or presentation.

5 Classification characteristics

5.1 CATEGORY OF SUBJECTS

The statistical data relative to book production are classified in accordance with the 25 subject categories, based on the universal decimal classification (U.D.C.) in the UNESCO recommendation. The figures in brackets correspond to the C.D.U.

1. Generalities (0)
2. Philosophy, psychology (1)
3. Religion, theology (2)
4. Sociology, statistics (30-31)
5. Political sciences, economic sciences (32-33)
6. Law, public administration, social work and care, insurance (34.351-354.36)
7. Art and military science (355-359)
8. Education, training, entertainment (37)
9. Trade, communications, transport, tourism (38)

10. Ethnography, cultural anthropology (customs, folklore, habits, tradition) (39)
11. Mathematics (51)
12. Natural sciences (52-59)
13. Medical, health sciences (61)
14. Engineering, technology, industries, trades (62, 66-69)
15. Agriculture, forestry, livestock, hunting, and fishing (63)
16. Domestic science (64)
17. Management, administration and organisation (65)
18. Conditioning of land, town planning, architecture (70-72)
19. Plastic and graphic arts, photography (73-77)
20. Music, performance arts, theatre, movies and cinema (78, 791-792)
21. Toys and sports (793-799)
22. Philology, languages, linguistics (81)
23. Literature, history and literary criticism (82)
24. Geography (91)
25. History, biography (92-99)

Some books like a) textbooks, b) children's publications, c) official publications already classified in the twenty five categories from previous subjects. They also feature independently as additional publication categories.

5.2 PUBLISHING

Titles are classified by order of edition into:

- First editions.
- Re editions.

5.3 LANGUAGE

The set of publications is classified by publication language, while translations are classified by original text language.

5.4 PRICE

The book titles are classified into intervals according to the unitary price of each copy.

5.5 NUMBER OF PAGES

Publications are classified by the number of pages into intervals.

5.6 PLACE OF PUBLISHING

This refers to the province where the publications were published

6 Elaboration of the statistics

The primary data used for the elaboration of this statistic is taken directly from the books registered in the Copyright Section of the Acquisitions Department of the National Library during that year, regardless of the year they were printed, as well as from the accompanying documentation; copyright number application form, and for books subject to ISBN (International Standard Book Number) registration, from the relevant application card.

The publication consists of 15 tables. In the first ones it is covered the evolution of book publishing production. The rest of the tables cover data corresponding to the statistic for the current year. Information is presented on the titles of works published in Spain, classified by categories of subject, publication language, number of pages, original language of translation and place of publishing.