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Publishing Activity Statistics
Year 2012

In Spain 69,668 titles are published in 2012

Three out of ten publications correspond to Literature

With the entry into force of the Law 23/2011 of 29 of July, the main depositor subject of the titles in the Legal Deposit of the National Library is the publisher. This implies a change in the Publishing Activity Statistics.

Therefore, **as of 2012 the Statistics takes into account all titles published in Spain**, independently of where they have been published, **while up to 2011 only the titles published in Spain were taken into account.**

During 2012, 69,668 titles were deposited in the National Library, from which 60,219 were books and 9.449 leaflets.

In order to properly interpret the performance of the titles published we have to take into account the mentioned methodological change. However, it is estimated that it had little influence in the total computation of 2012.

Performance of the number of titles published in Spain

2003-2012 Series

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Titles (thousands)	72.1	60.5	63.6	66.3	72.9	86.3	74.5	76.2	74.2	69.7
Annual Performance (%)		-16.1	5.1	4.3	10.0	18.4	-13.7	2.3	-2.6	-6.2

In 2012, out of the total number of titles published in Spain, 97.5% were first editions and 2.5% re-editions.

The most common size of the titles stood at between 101 and 200 pages (27.8% of the total).

A total of 1,876 textbooks were published. In turn, children's publications reached 5,070 titles.

Titles by subject

Most of the titles corresponded to the subject *Literature* (31.1%). Following this, with 17.1% of the total, stood *Social sciences, Education, Economics...*

Number of titles by subject. Year 2012 (*)

	Total titles
TOTAL	69,668
General interest	2,224
Philosophy, psychology	3,385
Religion, theology	2,445
Social Sciences (Education, Economics, Law...)	11,910
Pure science (Mathematics, Natural Sciences)	3,786
Applied sciences (Medicine, Engineering, Technology,...)	10,863
Arts (Plastic and graphic arts, Music, Sports,...)	6,457
Philology	1,928
Literature	21,684
Geography and History	4,986

(*) Simplified UNESCO classification

Editorial production by language of publication

With regards to the titles published in the different national languages, Castilian represented 78.6% of the total titles, Catalan and Valencian represented 9.7%, Galician 1.9% and Basque 1.2%.

Titles by language of publication. Year 2012

	Total	Castilian	Catalan and Valencian	Galician	Basque	Other language:
Titles	69,668	54,784	6,747	1,322	837	5,978
Percentage	100	78.6	9.7	1.9	1.2	8.6

45.9% of the titles published in Illes Balears were published in Catalan and Valencian. This percentage reached 28.3% in Cataluña and 18.7% in Comunitat Valenciana.

In turn, 45.0% of the titles from Galicia were published in Galician. 29.7% of the publications of País Vasco and 6.0% of the publications of Comunidad Foral de Navarra were published in Basque.

The highest percentages of titles in all national languages were recorded for *Literature*.

The greatest differences occurred among languages in children's publications, reaching 5.3% of the total in publications in Castilian, 18.0% in Catalan and in Valencian, 16.6% in Galician and 27.6% in Basque.

Titles in foreign languages accounted for 4.9% of the total number of titles published. Of note were books in English (with 67.3% of the total), in French (14.4%) and in Portuguese (7.0%). Translated titles reached 14.1% of publishing activity. The translated to English was 49.6% of the total.

Publishing activity by Autonomous Community

The Autonomous Communities with the greatest publishing activity during the year 2012 were Comunidad de Madrid (with 22,858 published titles, 32.8% of the total) and Cataluña (with 18,767 titles, that is, 26.9%).

Published titles by Autonomous Communities. Year 2012

	Total titles
TOTAL	69,668
Andalucía	8,903
Aragón	1,573
Asturias, Principado de	1,019
Balears, Illes	565
Canarias	748
Cantabria	470
Castilla y León	2,432
Castilla-La Mancha	870
Cataluña	18,767
Comunitat Valenciana	3,677
Extremadura	794
Galicia	2,660
Madrid, Comunidad de	22,858
Murcia, Región de	635
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	1,187
País Vasco	2,247
Rioja, La	231
Ceuta	7
Melilla	25

In Comunidad de Madrid 44.2% of the textbooks were published, 60.1% of the copies in English and 49.8% of the total in other foreign languages.

In Cataluña a trend towards *Literature* was observed (44.3% of the total titles) and in children's publications (publishing 43.2% of this type of publication).

Children's publications

Children's publications represented 7.3% of the titles published in 2012. This type of publication is worth noting due to its lower number of pages. In fact, 65.2% of the total were leaflets (5 to 49 pages).

By subject category, *Literature* registered 81.0% of the total.

More than half (57.2%) of the children's publications were published in Castilian and almost a quarter (24.0%) in Catalan and Valencian.

24.2% were translated books, being English the most translated language (41.7%).

Textbooks

The publications of textbooks represented 2.7% of the total number of titles published during 2012.

The most common size stood at between 201 and 300 pages (44.1% of the total).

A quarter of the titles (25.1%) had *Natural Sciences* as a subject. And a fifth part (21.3%), foreign languages.

56.3% of the publications of textbooks were published in Castilian and 26.9% in Catalan and Valencian.

Official publications

9.1% of the titles published in 2012 were official publications.

The most common size was between 101 and 200 pages.

By language, seven out of ten official publications were published in Castilian.

Methodological note

The Book Publishing Production Statistics are carried out annually in accordance with the norms set out in the Revised recommendation on the international normalisation of statistics relating to the production and distribution of books, newspapers and other periodical publications, approved by the UNESCO General Conference in November 1985.

The objective of these Statistics is to obtain information on the number and characteristics of books and leaflets, that is, on the non-periodical print publications published in the country.

The analysis unit are books and leaflets. Books are differentiated from leaflets by the number of pages, which cannot be fewer than 49 in the case of books, and not fewer than 5 nor more than 48 in the case of leaflets. The reference period is the calendar year.

The primary data used for the preparation of these statistics are taken directly from the books registered in the Copyright Section of the Acquisitions Department of the National Library.

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