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Publishing Activity Statistics. Year 2007

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Publishing activity diversified during the year 2007. More titles were published, but with smaller print runs. Thus, **the average print run stood at 3,111 copies per title**, with a drop of 19.4% as compared with the year 2006.

The total number of titles published was 226.9 million, with a decrease of 11.3% as compared with the previous year.

By **subject category**, literature was worth noting (*Literature, history and literary criticism*), accounting for 43.0% of the total copies published. The largest print runs were also found in Literature (5,040 copies per title) and in Philology and languages (4,861).

The **number of titles published** increased 10.0% during the year 2007, reaching 72,914 books and leaflets, representing the highest figure in recent years. This figure mainly encompasses first editions (63,439 titles) and further editions (4,475 titles).

For the purposes of these statistics, re-prints are not included as titles, although they increased to 15,065, and would have accounted for 17.2% of the total published.

Evolution of the number of titles and copies published

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Titles (thousands)	55.8	59.17	62.0	62.5	66.8	72.0	60.5	63.6	66.3	72.9
Copies (millions)	236.8	239.5	233.1	218.6	228.6	238.7	213.6	281.0	255.7	226.9

Differentiating between books and leaflets, the number of books published increased 11.7%, reaching 63,397 titles. On the other hand, the number of leaflets decreased 0.2%, standing at 9,517 titles.

By **subject category**, according to the UNESCO classification, more than one quarter of the titles published belonged to *Literature, history and literary criticism*.

Following some way behind were those titles dedicated to *Law, public administration, social work and care, insurance* (7.0% of the total titles), *History, biography* (5.8%), *Plastic and graphic arts, photography* (5.7%) and *Medical, health sciences* (5.6%).

The publishing of textbooks grew 7.0%, while the publishing of children's books decreased 2.6%.

Most publishing was carried out by private companies. Public publishing companies were responsible for 13.4% of the titles published in 2007.

Considering the number of pages, **the most common size was between 101 and 200 pages**, as was the case the previous year. Three out of every 10 titles had this number of pages in 2007.

Nevertheless, in the categories relating to Law or to History and Biography, the volumes were considerably larger, consisting of between 301 and 500 pages.

In children's books, 62.0% of the titles were published in leaflet format (5 to 48 pages).

Number of titles and copies 2007

	Total titles	Total copies (millions)	Interannual variation of copies
TOTAL	72,914	226.9	-11.3
General Interest	2,778	5.7	2.3
Philosophy, psychology	3,236	10.7	12.8
Religion, theology	2,809	7.6	-40.5
Social sciences (Sociology, political science, economics...)	14,940	22.8	3.1
Pure sciences (Mathematics, Natural Sciences)	3,889	12.0	-11.1
Applied sciences (medicine, engineering, technology,...)	9,461	22.2	-26.6
Arts	8,081	21.2	-4.7
Philology	2,368	11.5	7.8
Literature	19,371	97.6	-9.0
Geography and history	5,981	15.4	-28.9

Madrid and Cataluña led publishing activity in 2007

The **Autonomous Communities** with the greatest publishing activity during the year 2007 were Comunidad de Madrid (with 25,521 titles published) and Cataluña (with 18,570). They were followed by Andalucía (with 6,985 titles published), Comunitat Valenciana (with 3,734), Castilla y León (2,997), País Vasco (2,767) and Galicia (2,364).

Considering the number of copies, Comunidad de Madrid (96.7 million copies) and Cataluña (81 million) accounted for 78.0% of the publishing activity.

78.6% of the titles and 82.9% of the copies were published in Castilian

By language of publication, Castilian represented 78.6% of the total titles and 82.9% of the copies published.

10.4% of the titles were published in Catalan, Valencian and Balearic, 2.0% in Galician and 1.5% in Basque.

Number of titles and number of copies, by language of publication 2007

	Total	Castilian	Catalan, Valencian and Balearic	Galician	Basque	Other languages
Titles	72,914	57,299	7,558	1,472	1,102	5,483
Percentage	100.0	78.6	10.4	2.0	1.5	7.5
Copies (millions)	226.9	188.1	18.3	2.9	2.1	15.5
Percentage	100.0	82.9	8.1	1.3	0.9	6.8

English represented 48.3% of the titles published in one single foreign language, with an increase of 12.7% as compared with the year 2006. Portuguese followed, with 16.4%. These two languages accounted for 1.8% and 0.6% of the total published, respectively.

Translated titles reached 13.3% of publishing activity, those translated from English once again worth noting, as they comprised the majority of the total translated titles, specifically, 59.6%.

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Methodological note

The Book Publishing Production Statistics are carried out annually in accordance with the standards set out in the Revised recommendation on the international standardisation 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, as well as the print materials available to the public in Spain originating from foreign publishers.

The analysis unit is 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 or 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 is taken directly from the books registered in the Copyright Section of the Acquisitions Department of the National Library, as well as from the accompanying documentation: Copyright number application form, and for books subject to ISBN (International Standard Book Number) registration, the corresponding application card.