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RESIDENT POPULATION DENSITY

people per square kilometre, 1997

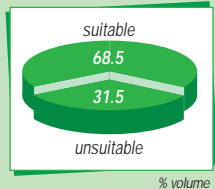


North: Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige, Bolzano-Bozen, Trento, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Liguria, Emilia-Romagna

Centre: Tuscany, Umbria, The Marches, Latium

South: Abruzzo, Molise, Campania, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Sicily, Sardinia

COASTAL WATERS SUITABLE FOR BATHING IN 1997



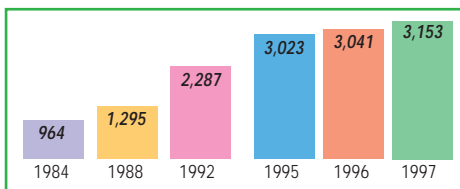
Beaches not suitable for bathing due to:

- water pollution assessed by analysis (2.6%)
- water not sampled or no information available (13.6%)
- rivers and streams flowing into the sea (3.8%)
- harbours, airports, military zones or sea parks nearby (11.6%)

TERRITORIAL SURFACE DEFINED BY HEIGHT AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

hectares, 1997

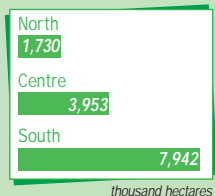
	Mountain	Hill	Plain	Total
North	5,531,815	2,272,878	4,187,322	11,992,015
Centre	1,576,048	3,723,862	535,516	5,835,426
South	3,503,136	6,548,277	2,255,249	12,306,662
Italy	10,610,999	12,545,017	6,978,087	30,134,103



PROTECTED AREAS

thousand hectares, sea not included, 1984-1997

SURFACE PRONE TO EARTHQUAKES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IN 1996



key points

Solid urban waste and separately-collected amounts are in kilograms per person; density of parks and gardens as % of urban area; cars per 100 people; kilometres of cycle-tracks per 100 square kilometres of urban area

MOTOR VEHICLES BY TYPE OF FUEL IN 1995

Petrol	25,751,378
Diesel	3,137,340
Liquid gas	1,074,906
Methane	243,984
Electrically powered	166

Between 1985-1995 number of motor vehicles rose from 22,494,641 to 30,207,774 (or 34.3%). Rise due to petrol (34%) and liquid gas (about 46%) vehicles. Number of methane and electrically-powered vehicles fell. Ratio of people to motor vehicles fell from 2.5 to 1.9. In the South there are 2.2 people per vehicle with 1.8 in North and Centre. In the South there are more diesel vehicles (45.6% of national total) than petrol (31%)

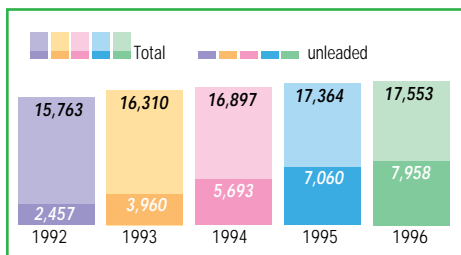
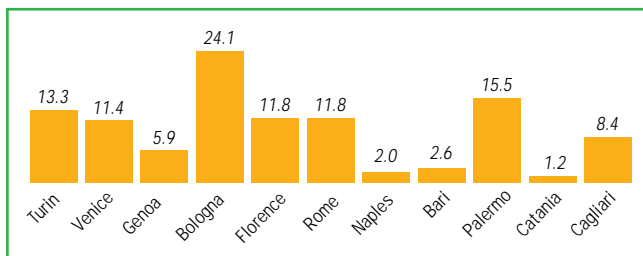
ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS OF MAJOR URBAN AREAS

1996

	Waste			Public parks and gardens		
	solid urban waste (SUW)	separately-collected amounts	separately-collected amounts/SUW	density of parks and gardens	cars	kilometres of cycle-tracks
Turin	430.5	31.2	7.2	10.1	62.2	25.4
Milan	504.6	62.2	12.3	nd	66.3	16.4
Venice	567.5	36.9	6.5	0.8	41.0	-
Genoa	451.7	30.0	6.6	1.8	47.7	12.3
Bologna	495.9	25.2	5.1	6.8	58.6	14.9
Florence	515.3	35.3	6.8	4.5	59.5	10.7
Rome	497.0	8.5	1.7	2.6	65.8	1.3
Naples	521.3	0.8	0.2	1.8	60.6	-
Bari	509.4	5.4	1.1	0.8	50.1	-
Palermo	546.3	4.1	0.8	6.7	54.8	-
Catania	580.4	3.1	0.5	0.2	58.5	-
Cagliari	528.2	2.0	0.4	1.9	67.7	-

URBAN PARKS AND GARDENS

square metres per person, 1996



PETROL SALES

thousand tonnes sold (amount sold to public bodies not included), 1992-1996

source: Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Artisans; Oil Bulletin

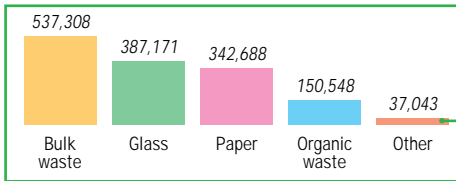
SOLID URBAN WASTE COLLECTION BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

tonnes, 1995

	Non-separately-collected amounts	Separately-collected amounts	Total	% separately-collected amounts
North	8,473,329	1,165,588	9,638,917	12.1
Centre	4,433,882	231,733	4,665,615	5.0
South	6,280,209	57,436	6,337,645	0.9
Italy	19,187,420	1,454,757	20,642,177	7.0

SEPARATELY-COLLECTED AMOUNTS OF SOLID URBAN WASTE

tonnes, 1995



Plastics	32,079
Batteries	1,792
Aluminium	1,653
Drugs	1,519

CONCERN EXPRESSED ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL AND TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS BY REGION

per 100 households in the same area, 1997

	Dirty streets	Parking difficulties	Traffic	Air pollution	Noise	Crime
Piedmont	22.0	37.6	47.4	42.4	39.9	32.2
Valle d'Aosta	15.3	28.9	35.2	30.4	28.5	13.6
Lombardy	31.2	41.0	51.7	52.2	40.8	33.5
Trentino-A. Adige	13.2	32.2	41.8	31.3	27.9	13.7
Bolzano-Bozen	16.8	37.5	45.2	40.4	33.7	13.2
Trento	9.8	27.3	38.7	23.1	22.7	14.2
Veneto	19.6	25.3	46.5	30.2	30.2	24.8
Friuli-V. Giulia	17.2	30.2	41.9	32.7	31.2	17.5
Liguria	38.7	53.5	53.1	38.8	43.5	33.8
Emilia-Romagna	14.4	28.1	43.8	38.4	32.5	21.6
Tuscany	29.5	37.7	48.7	38.1	36.4	25.2
Umbria	19.6	25.9	42.8	32.1	33.2	23.1
The Marches	18.7	29.1	37.1	25.8	30.9	11.0
Latium	37.3	52.0	58.3	51.7	46.3	37.7
Abruzzo	22.8	24.2	33.3	21.1	27.7	15.3
Molise	15.2	22.4	22.1	12.6	21.8	10.6
Campania	32.1	46.7	47.4	41.1	45.9	47.9
Apulia	22.6	40.6	51.8	37.4	44.5	33.8
Basilicata	24.3	27.6	23.8	14.7	18.9	12.0
Calabria	28.4	34.8	36.3	18.8	31.7	21.1
Sicily	22.3	34.4	43.0	27.6	39.2	24.0
Sardinia	19.0	32.1	41.9	23.1	34.1	21.2
Italy	26.1	37.9	47.3	38.5	38.4	29.3

Solid urban waste:

- domestic waste from dwellings
- bulk non-hazardous waste from other than dwellings, similar to urban waste in type and quantity
- waste from street cleaning
- all types of litter from streets, public areas or private areas for public use, lake shores, river banks or sea beaches
- vegetable waste from green areas such as gardens, parks and cemeteries
- waste from cemetery activities

About 453 kilograms of waste per person collected in 1995

key points

Resident population: people of Italian citizenship and non-Italians usually resident in Italy and enrolled in commune registry offices. Registry offices are the source of population estimates and changes. Population changes result from natural changes (births and deaths) and migration (enrolments minus changes of residence – within Italy or abroad)

HEIGHT OF PEOPLE BORN IN 1976 AND INCLUDED IN THE MILITARY CALL-UP LISTS

Regions	Height
Piedmont	174.72
Valle d'Aosta	175.44
Lombardy	174.88
Trentino-A. Adige	176.95
Bolzano-Bozen	177.09
Trento	176.42
Veneto	176.83
Friuli-V. Giulia	177.93
Liguria	174.77
Emilia-Romagna	175.37
Tuscany	175.52
Umbria	174.98
The Marches	174.78
Latium	174.95
Abruzzo	174.05
Molise	172.97
Campania	172.95
Apulia	173.11
Basilicata	173.33
Calabria	171.84
Sicily	172.22
Sardinia	170.87
ITALY	174.42

centimetres

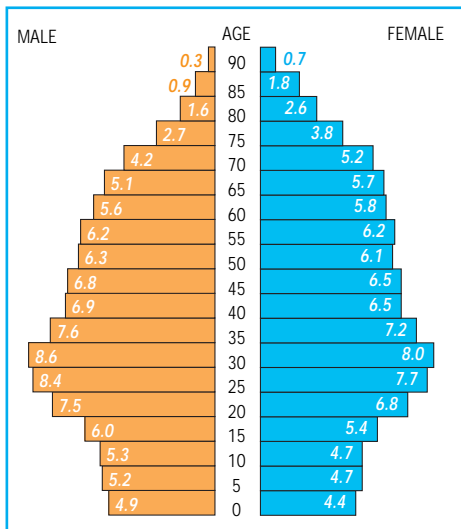
RESIDENT POPULATION BY SEX AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

1997

	Male	Female	Total	Capital of the province
North	12,381,732	13,185,298	25,567,030	7,440,285
Centre	5,339,347	5,713,258	11,052,605	4,727,464
South	10,229,513	10,714,206	20,943,719	5,278,584
Italy	27,950,592	29,612,762	57,563,354	17,446,333

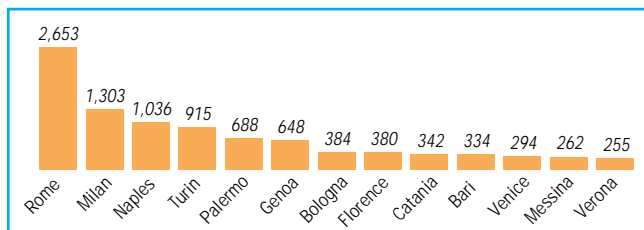
STRUCTURE OF RESIDENT POPULATION BY SEX AND AGE

% volume, 1997



RESIDENT POPULATION LIVING IN BIG CITIES*

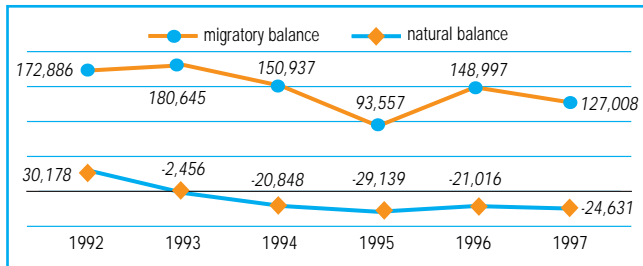
thousand people, 1997



* over 250,000 residents

RESIDENT POPULATION BALANCES

1992-1997



Natural change: resident population births and deaths within the national territory over the year

Migration: registry office enrolment and striking-off of resident population in the national territory over the year. Striking-off might be due to movement to another Italian commune or going abroad

Natural balance: birth surplus or deficit with reference to deaths

Migratory balance: registry enrolment surplus or deficit with reference to striking-off

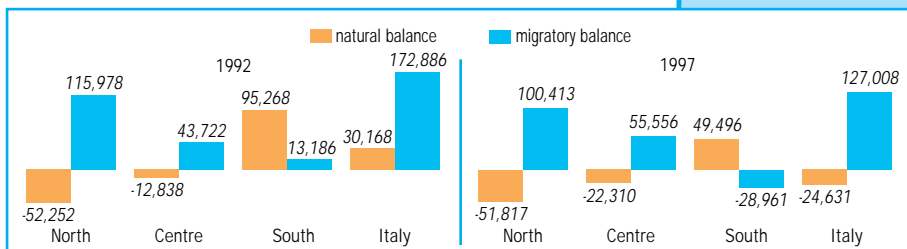
RESIDENT POPULATION CHANGES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

1997

	North	Centre	South	Italy
NATURAL CHANGE				
Live births	218,013	92,307	229,728	540,048
Deaths	269,830	114,617	180,232	564,679
Balance	-51,817	-22,310	49,496	-24,631
MIGRATION				
Enrolment	726,693	261,832	400,459	1,388,984
<i>from another commune</i>	639,973	212,690	363,578	1,216,241
<i>from abroad</i>	86,720	49,142	36,881	172,743
Striking-off	626,280	206,276	429,420	1,261,976
<i>to another commune</i>	603,790	199,148	405,630	1,208,568
<i>going abroad</i>	22,490	7,128	23,790	53,408
Balance	100,413	55,556	-28,961	127,008

RESIDENT POPULATION BALANCES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

1992 and 1997



key points

FORECAST OF RESIDENT POPULATION ON 1 JANUARY

2000	57,455,737
2010	57,494,517
2020	55,939,123
2050	45,997,387

Present population: those actually living in Italy as official residents or without residence

Live births per 1,000 inhabitants: ratio of live births per 1,000 in reference year to average present population

Deaths per 1,000 inhabitants: ratio of deaths per 1,000 in reference year to average present population

Ageing ratio: ratio of population aged 65 and over per 100 to population up to 14

Dependency ratio: ratio of non-active population (up to 14 and 65 and over) per 100 to active population (15-64)

Life expectancy at birth: average years a baby expected to live

NATURAL CHANGES IN PRESENT POPULATION

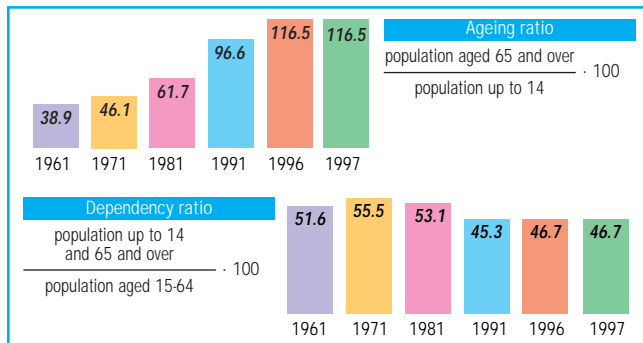
1980-1997

	Live births		Deaths		Balance	
	thousands	per 1,000 inhabitants	thousands	per 1,000 inhabitants	thousands	per 1,000 inhabitants
1980	640	11.3	554	9.8	86	1.5
1990	569	10.0	544	9.3	25	0.6
1991	563	9.9	554	9.8	9	0.1
1992	568	10.0	547	9.6	21	0.4
1993	549	9.6	552	9.7	-3	-0.1
1994	533	9.4	556	9.7	-23	-0.3
1995	526	9.2	547*	9.5*	-22	-0.3
1996*	526	9.2	547	9.5	-21	-0.3
1997*	529	9.2	553	9.6	-24	-0.4

* provisional data

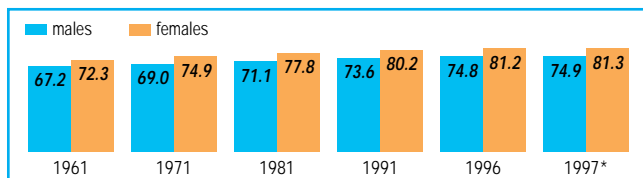
DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

1961-1997



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

1961-1997



* estimated data

MARRIAGES

1961-1997

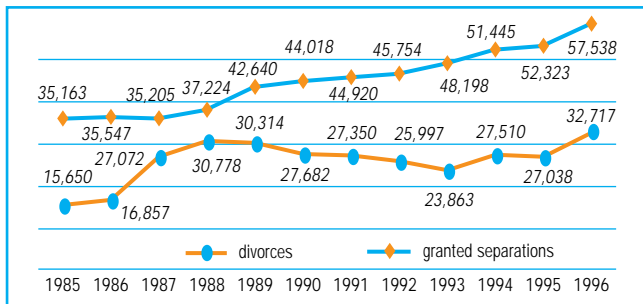
	Number	Per 1,000 inhabitants	Civil marriages (%)	With at least one foreign partner (%)
1961	397,461	7.9	1.6	-
1971	404,464	7.5	3.9	-
1981	316,953	5.6	12.7	-
1991	312,061	5.5	17.5	-
1992	312,348	5.5	18.2	3.2
1993	302,230	5.3	17.9	3.3
1994	291,607	5.1	19.1	3.8
1995	290,009	5.1	20.0	4.3
1996*	272,049	4.7	20.4	-
1997*	273,111	4.7	20.8	-

* provisional data

Definition of household:
group of people living in the same residence and related or connected by marriage, kinship, affinity, adoption, guardianship or sentiment. Can be single member. Domestic staff usually living in the residence are a separate household unless connected as above

SEPARATIONS AND DIVORCES

1985-1996



AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER WOMAN

1984	1.48
1985	1.45
1986	1.37
1994	1.22
1995	1.18
1996*	1.21

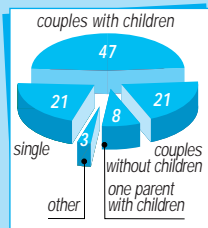
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HOUSEHOLDS BY NUMBER OF MEMBERS

% volume, 1961-1997

	Censuses				Current surveys	
	1961	1971	1981	1991	1995-96	1997
1	10.6	12.9	17.9	20.6	20.5	21.3
2	19.6	22.0	23.6	24.7	26.3	26.4
3	22.4	22.4	22.1	22.2	23.2	23.6
4	20.4	21.2	21.5	21.2	21.8	21.1
5	12.6	11.8	9.5	7.9	6.5	6.1
6 and over	14.4	9.7	5.4	3.4	1.7	1.6
Total (thousands)	13,747	15,981	18,632	19,909	20,855	21,193
Average size	3.63	3.35	3.01	2.80	2.81	2.69

MAIN HOUSEHOLD TYPES IN 1997



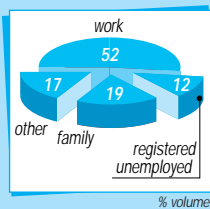
% volume

key points

Foreigners' permits to stay and enrolments in a registry office:

permits to stay refer to foreigners lawfully present in Italy, holding a valid permit to stay. Minors are an exception - they do not usually have their own permit as they are recorded in their parents' papers. The registry office source records foreigners, including minors, enrolled in the registry office of their commune of residence; so it can be assumed they are the most stable element of the migratory phenomenon. Data refer to 1 January of each year

PERMITS TO STAY BY REASON IN 1997

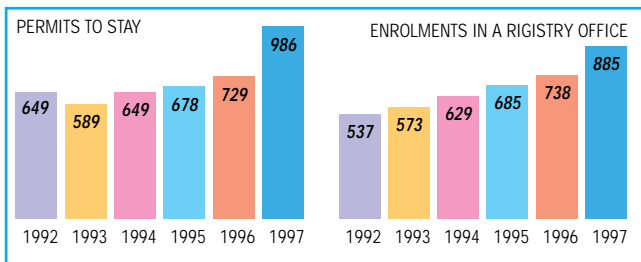


FOREIGN MINORS ENROLLED IN ITALIAN SCHOOLS

1992-93	31,653
1993-94	33,123
1994-95	44,394
1995-96	50,334

FOREIGNERS WITH PERMIT TO STAY AND ENROLLED IN A REGISTRY OFFICE

thousand people, 1992-1997



FOREIGN RESIDENTS PER GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

1993 and 1997

	1993		1997		1997/93 change %
	total	%	total	%	
North	286,707	50.0	451,915	51.1	57.6
Centre	179,363	31.3	274,894	31.1	53.3
South	107,188	18.7	157,746	17.8	47.2
Italy	573,258	100.0	884,555	100.0	54.3

LARGEST FOREIGN COMMUNITIES

first 15 countries of origin by number of permits to stay, 1997

	1997		1997/96	1997/92
	permits	females (%)	change %	change %
Morocco	115,026	20.6	41.6	38.1
former - Yugoslavia	74,761	36.1	1.7	179.7
Albania	66,608	27.1	120.7	167.7
Philippines	56,209	67.2	56.1	54.8
USA	44,873	66.9	0.1	8.1
Tunisia	40,002	17.2	30.4	-3.7
China	31,615	43.7	95.2	100.4
Senegal	31,543	5.2	51.5	30.4
Germany	30,772	58.9	1.8	16.7
Romania	26,894	51.7	89.2	226.0
Sri Lanka	23,652	38.2	47.7	95.2
Egypt	23,547	17.3	51.6	27.5
Poland	23,163	64.3	66.0	90.8
France	22,172	61.6	5.6	33.3
Peru	21,934	69.9	174.1	336.8

LABOUR FORCE BY STATUS AND SEX

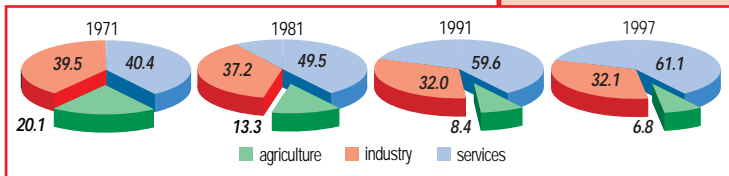
thousand people, 1993-1997

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
MEN					
Employed	13,332	13,057	12,933	12,901	12,858
Job-seekers	1,098	1,251	1,311	1,335	1,348
unemployed	491	593	597	594	607
first job-seekers	518	552	599	629	633
other	90	105	115	111	108
Total labour force	14,430	14,307	14,244	14,236	14,206
WOMEN					
Employed	7,135	7,063	7,077	7,187	7,229
Job-seekers	1,237	1,310	1,414	1,428	1,457
unemployed	354	390	408	417	424
first job-seekers	487	497	551	575	592
other	396	424	455	437	440
Total labour force	8,371	8,373	8,491	8,615	8,685
TOTAL					
Employed	20,467	20,119	20,009	20,088	20,087
Job-seekers	2,335	2,561	2,724	2,763	2,805
unemployed	845	984	1,005	1,011	1,032
first job-seekers	1,005	1,049	1,150	1,204	1,225
other	485	530	570	548	549
Total labour force	22,801	22,680	22,733	22,851	22,891

Labour force survey: quarterly sample survey (January, April, July and October) of the main aggregates of employment. Average figures from the four surveys are calculated at end of each year. 200,000 people interviewed from about 1,400 communes in all the Italian provinces. All households members present and resident in Italy (and enrolled in commune registry offices) are the reference population. People living communally not included: in charitable institutions, homes for orphans and the homeless, religious institutions, armed forces barracks

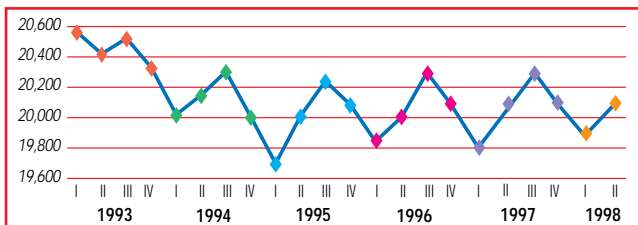
EMPLOYED BY PRODUCTION SECTOR

% volume, 1971-1997



EMPLOYED

thousand people, January 1993 - April 1998



Employed: people aged 15 and over included if:
■ are employed
■ are not employed but, in the reference week, have worked

key points

Job seekers:

people aged 15 or over included if:

- their status is other than employed
- have not worked in the reference week
- have looked for job at least once in the 30 days before the survey
- are looking for a job
- are immediately available for work

Labour force:

employed and people looking for a job

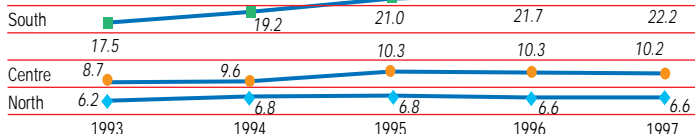
Activity rate:

ratio of people in the labour force to all people aged 15 and over

LABOUR INDICATORS BY SEX

%, 1993-1997

	Activity rate	Employment rate	Unemployment rate	Long term unemployment rate
MALES				
1993	63.1	58.3	7.6	4.4
1994	62.1	56.7	8.7	5.4
1995	61.7	56.0	9.2	5.9
1996	61.5	55.7	9.4	6.2
1997	61.3	55.4	9.5	6.5
FEMALES				
1993	33.9	28.9	14.8	9.0
1994	33.7	28.4	15.6	10.2
1995	34.1	28.5	16.7	11.0
1996	34.6	28.9	16.6	11.2
1997	34.8	29.0	16.8	11.4
TOTAL				
1993	47.9	43.0	10.2	6.1
1994	47.4	42.0	11.3	7.1
1995	47.4	41.7	12.0	7.8
1996	47.6	41.8	12.1	8.1
1997	47.5	41.7	12.3	8.3



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

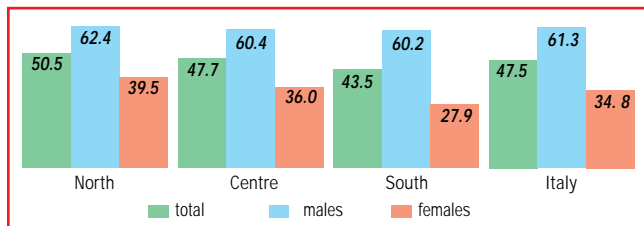
%, 1993-1997

Employment rate:

ratio of employed to all people aged 15 and over

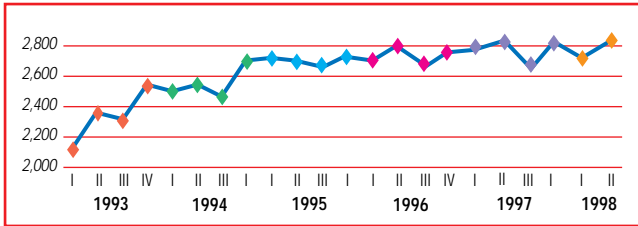
ACTIVITY RATE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND SEX

%, 1997



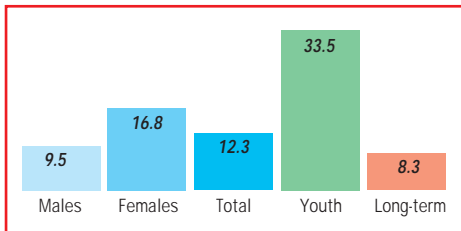
JOB SEEKERS

thousand people, January 1993 - April 1998



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

%, 1997



YOUTH LABOUR INDICATORS BY SEX

%, 1993-1997

	Activity rate	Employment rate	Unemployment rate
MALES			
1993	43.3	31.9	26.5
1994	42.3	30.0	29.1
1995	41.5	29.2	29.8
1996	40.8	28.8	29.4
1997	40.7	28.9	29.0
FEMALES			
1993	35.9	23.2	35.4
1994	34.5	21.9	36.5
1995	34.3	20.9	39.0
1996	33.8	20.5	39.4
1997	33.5	20.4	39.2
TOTAL			
1993	39.7	27.6	30.4
1994	38.5	26.0	32.4
1995	38.0	25.1	33.9
1996	37.4	24.7	33.8
1997	37.1	24.7	33.5

Unemployment rate:
ratio of people looking for a job to the labour force (who sought one in the 30 days before the survey) to the labour force

Long-term unemployment rate:
ratio of people unemployed 12 months and over to the labour force

Youth activity rate:
ratio of people 15-24 in the labour force to all in same age group

Youth employment rate:
ratio of people 15-24 and employed to all in same age group

Youth unemployment rate:
ratio of people 15-24 seeking a job to the labour force in same age group

EMPLOYED BY STATUS IN 1997

Employed

14,354

Self-employed

5,733

thousand people

key points

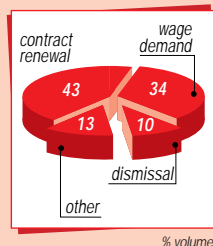
Non-EU foreigners integration into work: Act no 943/86 and related measures regulate the integration of non-EU foreigners into the Italian labour market, with the following possibilities:

- direct registration on the list of unemployed of foreigners present in Italy
- employing resident foreigners
- work permits for people still resident abroad

Figures on non-Community people registered on the list of the unemployed are annual averages, whereas figures on those currently employed are the total amount

Labour disputes: temporary stoppages of work resulting from disputes between employers and employees. Reasons for strikes are not necessarily connected with employer-employee relationships

HOURS LOST THROUGH LABOUR DISPUTES BY CAUSE IN 1997



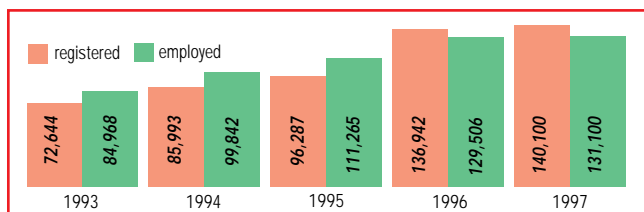
EMPLOYED BY WORKING HOURS, ACTIVITY AND SEX

thousand people, average 1997

	Men	Women	Total	% volume
TOTAL EMPLOYED				
Full-time	12,449	6,271	18,720	93.2
Part-time	408	958	1,366	6.8
EMPLOYEES				
Permanent job	8,144	5,040	13,184	91.8
Temporary job	640	530	1,170	8.2

NON-EU RESIDENTS REGISTERED ON THE LIST OF THE UNEMPLOYED OR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED

1993-1997



ENTERPRISES WITH PARTICULAR WORK PATTERNS BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

%, 1996

	Regularly	At intervals	Never
SHIFTS			
10-49	16.0	5.1	78.9
50-499	48.5	7.8	43.7
500 and over	79.2	6.2	14.6
SATURDAY WORK			
10-49	18.4	35.2	46.4
50-499	28.3	42.6	29.1
500 and over	41.3	35.9	22.9
OVERTIME			
10-49	16.3	53.0	30.7
50-499	24.6	63.7	11.7
500 and over	30.2	66.7	3.0
TELEWORKING			
10-49	0.2	0.2	99.7
50-499	0.3	0.4	99.3
500 and over	0.5	0.5	98.9

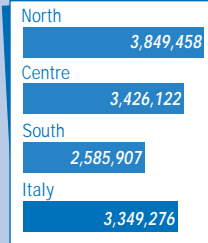
AVERAGE MONTHLY CONSUMPTION BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE AND CATEGORY

% volume, 1996

	Food	Clothing	Hous- ing	Trans- port	Leisure and enter- tainment	Other
Single, aged <35	12.8	6.8	30.7	20.3	8.2	21.2
Single, aged 35-64	17.2	6.1	35.3	16.0	6.0	19.4
Single, aged >65	22.4	4.7	45.5	6.4	3.9	17.1
Couple without children with rp aged <35	15.4	5.9	31.4	22.8	6.4	18.1
Couple without children with rp aged 35-64	19.6	6.1	33.4	18.4	4.8	17.7
Couple without children with rp aged >65	25.5	5.0	39.2	10.6	4.0	15.7
Couple with 1 child	20.0	6.7	30.1	19.2	6.4	17.6
Couple with 2 children	21.6	7.0	27.9	18.2	7.3	18.0
Couple with 3 or more children	23.8	7.3	26.3	18.0	6.8	17.8
One parent with at least 1 child as minor	23.4	7.4	29.3	15.8	7.7	16.4
One parent with adult children	20.7	6.2	32.7	16.3	6.8	17.3
Other	22.3	6.2	28.6	20.0	6.2	16.7
Household total	21.1	6.5	31.0	17.5	6.3	17.6

rp = reference person

AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD SPENDING BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IN 1996



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CONSUMER DURABLES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

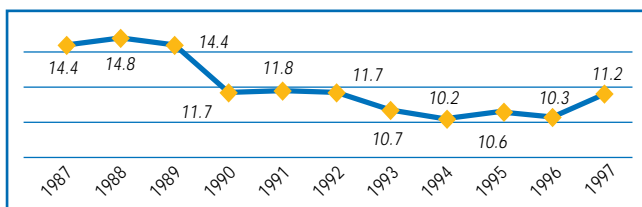
per 100 households, 1996

	North	Centre	South	Italy
Refrigerator	97.9	97.9	98.3	98.0
Washing machine	94.7	95.1	93.4	94.3
Dishwasher	30.1	24.0	13.3	23.3
TV	96.9	97.3	97.2	97.1
Typewriter	17.0	14.4	10.1	14.2
Video-recorder	55.7	57.6	43.3	52.0
Personal computer	14.3	11.8	7.5	11.6
Mobile telephone	10.2	12.3	6.8	9.5
Car	80.1	81.5	78.3	79.8
Motor-cycle, scooter, moped	24.9	27.1	15.7	22.3

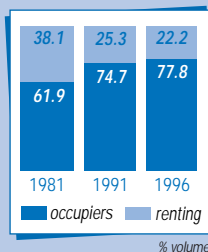
Poverty rate: % families below the poverty line. A two-person family is 'poor' when consumption equals average national consumption per head. Poverty line obtained by adjusting the poverty threshold of the two-person family to different household sizes (from 1 to 6 and over members). Distribution of poverty can be estimated by comparing household consumption with the poverty line

HOUSEHOLD POVERTY RATE

%, 1987-1997



FAMILIES BY HOME OCCUPANCY



% volume

key points

National Health Service: comprises public hospitals and private hospitals (except private hospitals for rehabilitation as for decreed by art. 26, Act no 833/78)

Hospitalisation rate: ratio of in-patients to average resident population, per 1,000

Average length of hospitalisation: ratio of hospital stays to in-patients number

STRUCTURE AND SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

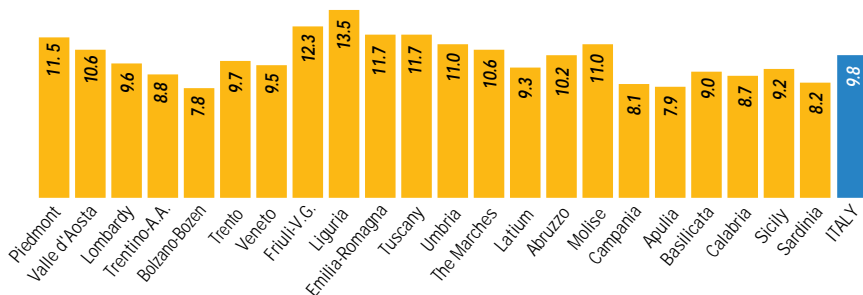
1996*

	Beds		In-patients		Hospital stays	
	number	per 1,000 inhabitants	number	hospitalisation rate	number	average length of hospitalisation
North	150,658	5.9	4,476,029	175.6	40,009,899	8.9
Centre	70,260	6.4	1,877,681	170.6	18,771,530	10.0
South	105,170	5.0	3,487,543	166.8	26,106,309	7.5
Italy	326,088	5.7	9,841,253	171.5	84,887,738	8.6

*provisional data

DEATH RATE BY REGION

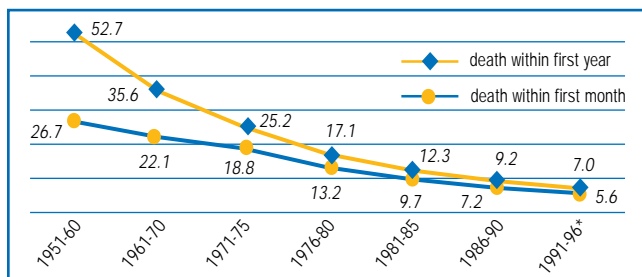
per 1,000 inhabitants, 1997



Death rate: ratio of annual deaths to average resident population, per 1,000

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

per 1,000 live birth, 1951-1996



* data on death within first year are provisional for 1995 and 1996; those on death within first month are for 1990-1994

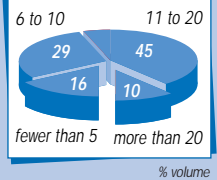
SMOKERS AND NON-SMOKERS AGED 14 AND OVER BY SEX

1980-1996, % volume*

	1980	1983	1986-87	1991	1993	1994	1995	1996
MEN								
Smokers	54.3	45.6	40.8	37.8	35.1	34.1	33.9	34.9
Former-smokers	9.9	13.5	14.9	21.0	26.5	26.6	27.4	26.9
Never smoked	35.7	40.9	43.4	41.2	36.9	38.1	37.4	37.0
WOMEN								
Smokers	16.7	17.7	17.4	17.8	16.4	16.7	17.2	17.9
Former-smokers	1.4	2.3	3.4	6.4	12.4	13.0	13.1	12.2
Never smoked	81.9	80.0	78.0	75.9	69.4	69.0	68.5	69.1
TOTAL								
Smokers	34.9	31.1	28.6	27.4	25.4	25.1	25.3	26.1
Former-smokers	5.5	7.7	8.9	13.4	19.2	19.6	20.0	19.3
Never smoked	59.6	61.2	61.4	59.2	53.7	54.1	53.5	53.7

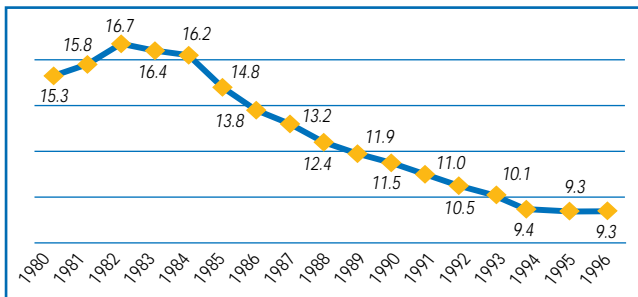
* due to non-response some totals are not 100

SMOKERS BY NUMBER OF CIGARETTES SMOKED IN 1996



INDUCED ABORTIONS

per 1,000 resident women aged 15-49, 1980-1996



Induced abortions: there have been different trends since Act no 194/78 made these legal in Italy. After initial growth (to 230,000 abortions in 1983) a fall set in – to 136,000 abortions in 1994, 134,000 in 1995 and 129,000 in 1996

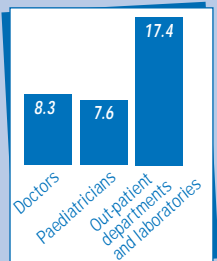
DRUG CONSUMERS* BY AGE

thousand persons, 1996

	Consumption	Source		Availability	
		doctor's prescription	non-prescription	already at home	bought specially
from 3 to 14	1,449	1,183	176	433	671
from 15 to 34	2,887	2,083	595	1,066	1,202
from 35 to 64	7,739	6,744	757	2,421	2,670
65 and over	6,724	6,484	119	2,244	1,387
Total	18,799	16,494	1,647	6,164	5,930

* in the two days preceding the interview

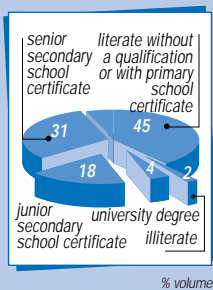
SOME HEALTH SERVICE INDICATORS IN 1996



doctors per 10,000 residents; paediatricians per 10,000 resident children up to age 13; out-patient departments and laboratories per 100,000 residents

key points

POPULATION AGED 6 OR OVER BY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL IN 1991



% volume

School system:
divided into six levels:

- kindergarten
- primary
- junior secondary
- senior secondary
- post-secondary
- university

Schooling rate:
ratio of enrolled to population aged 14-18, per 100

FIRST-YEAR ENROLLED AT UNIVERSITY PER 100 SECONDARY SCHOOL-LEAVERS

1992-93	71.8
1993-94	73.4
1994-95	68.6
1995-96	68.4
1996-97	67.7

data refer to first-year enrolled on degree or diploma courses

SCHOOLS, CLASSES, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS BY TYPE OF SCHOOL

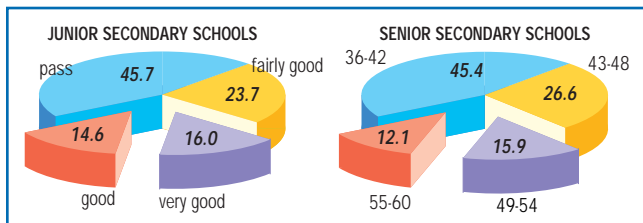
school-year 1996-97

	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior secondary	Senior secondary
Schools	26,047	20,006	9,215	7,875
Classes	66,072	159,715	91,916	123,833
Students	1,580,414	2,801,407	1,893,476	2,644,291
% females	48.0	48.2	47.4	49.7
% of state school-enrolled	56.4	92.7	94.7	93.1
First-year enrolled	-	545,003	607,919	632,848
Student passing final exams	-	549,717	620,173	490,723
per 100 examined	-	99.5	99.5	94.8
Teachers	117,125	262,246	210,965	315,920*
Students per teacher	13.6	10.7	8.8	85*

*school-year 1995-96

RESULTS OF JUNIOR AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMS

% volume, school-year 1995-96



SCHOOLING RATE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL BY SEX

%, school-years 1986-87 - 1996-97

	1986-87	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Male	58.4	72.5	76.1	78.5	79.9
Female	60.5	76.7	79.1	81.5	82.9
Total	59.4	75.3	77.6	80.0	81.4

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION

%, 1986-1996

	1986	1993	1994	1995	1996
% of total public expenditure	10.1	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9
% of GDP	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.7

FIRST-YEAR ENROLLED ON DIPLOMA COURSES BY COURSE AND SEX

academic year 1997-98*

	Number	% volume		% change in school year 96-97		
		male	female	male	female	total
Scientific	1,255	79.4	20.6	-2.1	-7.8	-3.3
Chemical and pharmaceutical	442	41.9	58.1	6.9	110.7	49.8
Geo-biological	37	37.8	62.2	-	-	-
Medical	7,244	23.7	76.3	14.5	11.5	12.2
Engineering	4,649	89.0	11.0	-8.3	-5.5	-8.0
Architecture	372	54.6	45.4	6.3	-1.7	2.5
Agrarian	711	64.4	35.6	-15.8	-16.8	-16.2
Economics and statistics	5,487	50.4	49.6	-5.7	-3.4	-4.6
Socio-political	1,672	11.8	88.2	-27.6	-3.3	-7.0
Legal	725	42.6	57.4	11.2	33.3	22.9
Literary	663	23.2	76.8	6.2	29.2	23.0
Language	320	7.8	92.2	-67.1	-29.3	-35.1
Teacher training	126	11.1	88.9	-12.5	100.0	75.0
Physical training	4,028	56.1	43.9	13.3	2.3	8.2
Total	27,731	48.5	51.5	-1.6	4.9	1.6

* provisional data; source: Ministry of University, Scientific and Technological Research

University system:

- divided into three levels
- university diploma (2-3 years courses)
- university degree (4-6 years courses)
- post-graduate degree (2-5 years) and doctorate (3-4 years)

NON-CURRENT STUDENTS PER 100 STUDENT

1992-93	31.5
1993-94	30.6
1994-95	32.9
1995-96	34.4
1996-97	38.6

Non current students are those who, after 4-6 years, haven't yet obtained a degree. Data refer only to students enrolled on degree courses

FIRST-YEAR ENROLLED ON DEGREE COURSES BY COURSE AND SEX

academic year 1997-98*

	Number	% volume		% change in school year 96-97			Abandoned per 100 first-year enrolled
		male	female	male	female	total	
Scientific	8,331	65.1	34.9	-14.6	-7.2	-12.2	33.3
Chemical and pharmaceutical	10,444	37.0	63.0	-5.5	-3.9	-4.5	19.3
Geo-biological	14,933	42.0	58.0	-0.2	0.3	0.1	31.8
Medical	7,815	45.6	54.4	-6.5	-14.2	-10.9	3.8
Engineering	32,364	82.8	17.2	-5.9	0.2	-4.9	29.3
Architecture	8,374	48.9	51.1	0.9	5.0	2.9	11.8
Agrarian	7,920	57.9	42.1	-12.2	-12.0	-12.1	26.5
Economics and statistics	39,857	55.4	44.6	-8.8	-13.7	-11.1	24.7
Socio-political	30,545	46.1	53.9	-11.4	-6.9	-9.0	30.7
Legal	49,897	43.8	56.2	-12.6	-11.8	-12.2	24.2
Literary	32,205	31.6	68.4	-2.8	3.1	1.2	21.9
Language	17,704	16.8	83.2	11.0	7.1	7.7	28.0
Teacher training	18,198	11.2	88.8	-5.1	3.8	2.7	23.2
Psychology	10,723	20.7	79.3	23.6	42.4	38.1	18.0
Total	289,310	44.9	55.1	-7.5	-2.7	-4.9	25.0

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Abandoned in first year students enrolled in 1995-96 academic year not enrolled the following academic year

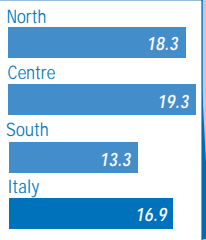
key points

Antiques and art institutions: data refer to public institutions open all year. Museums, galleries, monuments and ruins are included. The source is the Ministry of Cultural and Environmental Assets

Publishing activity: data are from publishers and refer to books of at least five pages, printed during the reference year

Periodicals: annual survey by Istat. Data provided by Chamber of commerce statistical offices. 'Other' includes fortnightly, monthly etc periodicals

FAMILIES WITH A PC AT HOME IN 1997



% volume

PCs and the Internet: 17% of Italian households have a PC and 2.3% can access the Internet (2.6% in the North, 3.3% in the Centre and 4.0% in the South)

THEATRE, CINEMA AND MUSEUMS

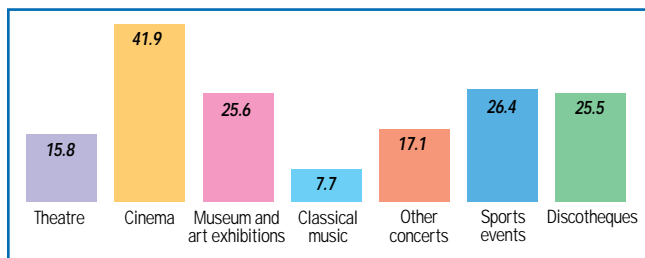
1992-1996

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
THEATRE AND MUSIC					
Performances	110,043	111,268	116,174	118,871	122,961
Tickets sold*	27,761	28,090	27,362	30,650	32,318
CINEMAS					
Cinemas	3,522	3,567	3,617	3,816	4,004
Tickets sold*	83,562	92,213	98,246	90,714	96,512
ANTIQUES AND ART INSTITUTIONS					
Insitutions	290	296	311	310	330
Visitors*	21,503	21,399	23,848	24,718	25,030

* thousands

ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC PERFORMANCES AND CULTURAL EVENTS

per 100 aged 6 and over, 1996



BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

1992-1996

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
PUBLISHING ACTIVITY					
Books published	42,007	43,757	46,676	49,080	51,134
Total printed*	223,656	251,066	289,097	289,241	278,825
DAILY NEWSPAPERS					
Number	125	130	120	113	115
Circulation*	2,369,607	2,307,399	2,381,839	2,263,276	2,203,488
WEEKLIES					
Number	643	633	621	624	569
Circulation*	1,051,385	1,066,591	954,851	921,229	917,571
OTHER					
Number	9,604	9,490	9,515	9,663	9,938
Circulation*	615,664	553,305	569,253	529,013	631,859

* thousand copies

GDP, FOREIGN TRADE, CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

billion lire, 1994-1997

	1994	1995	1996	1997
CURRENT PRICES				
Gross domestic product	1,638,666	1,772,254	1,872,635	1,950,680
Imports of goods and service	319,148	392,795	377,984	420,419
Total	1,957,814	2,165,049	2,250,619	2,371,099
Final domestic consumption	1,313,706	1,397,088	1,477,454	1,546,792
Gross investment	282,508	323,199	319,438	342,107
Exports of goods and services	361,600	444,762	453,727	482,200
1990 PRICES				
Gross domestic product	1,346,267	1,385,860	1,395,018	1,416,055
Imports of goods and services	269,951	295,949	289,953	324,183
Total	1,616,218	1,681,809	1,684,971	1,740,238
Final domestic consumption	1,069,126	1,082,212	1,089,755	1,108,275
Gross investment	238,745	255,330	251,647	266,618
Export of goods and services	308,347	344,267	343,569	365,345

VALUE-ADDED AT FACTOR COST BY BRANCH

% volume, 1994-1997

	1994	1995	1996	1997
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.3
Industry	29.3	29.5	28.9	28.7
<i>of which without construction</i>	23.8	24.2	23.6	23.5
Market services	53.0	53.5	53.7	53.8
<i>of which trade, recovery, repair, hotels and catering</i>	19.3	19.7	19.6	19.5
Non-market services	14.2	13.6	13.9	14.1
Total *	1,546,819	1,664,830	1,756,237	1,818,490

* billion lire at current prices

Gross domestic product (GDP) at market prices: the final result of the production of units resident in the country - total production of goods and services minus intermediate consumption plus VAT and indirect taxes on imports

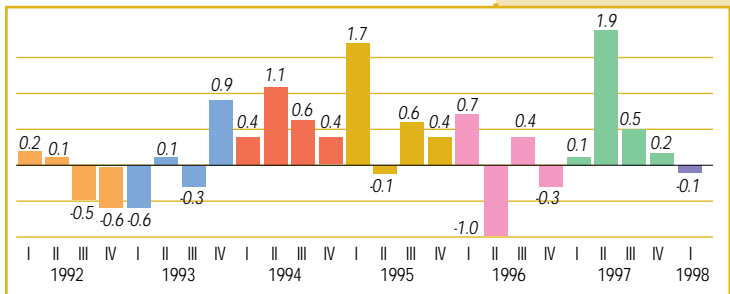
Value added: overall production minus goods and services used in the production process. Can be calculated at factor cost (production valued at manufacturers' prices minus goods and intermediate services) or at market prices (adding indirect taxes on production to the amount calculated as above, VAT not included)

Short-term changes: % changes from previous period (month, quarter, year)

Trend changes: % changes from same period of previous year

GDP AT 1990 PRICES, SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED

short-term % changes, 1992-1997



key points

Net deficit:
the economic account balance resulting from income and expenses of public administration - the sum of the current balance plus the capital account balance

Primary surplus:
net deficit minus interest paid

Government debt:
the amount of public administration liabilities (EU definition).
Figures shown calculated according to methodological criteria defined in EC Regulation no 3605/93

Long-term interest rate:
calculated using benchmark treasury bonds (reference bonds) yield - bonds should have ten-year residual maturity. Central Banks supply bond yields to the European Monetary Institute. Ten-year treasury bonds are used in Italy

Public administration:
the sector comprising institutional bodies producing non-market services for the community as well as redistributing public income and wealth. Compulsory payments made by units from other sectors are their main resources

PERFORMANCE OF THE MEMBER STATES IN RELATION TO CONVERGENCE

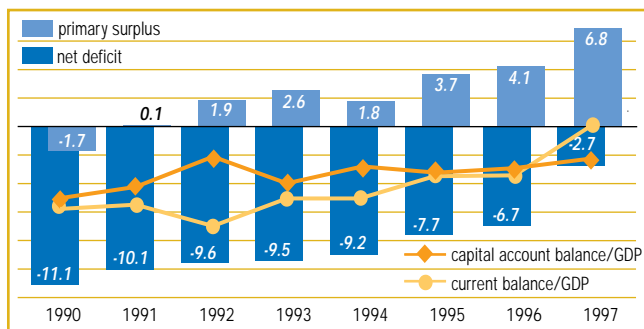
%, 1997

	Deficit/GDP ratio	Debt/GDP ratio	Inflation rate	Long-term interest rate
Austria	-2.5	66.1	1.2	5.7
Belgium	-2.1	122.2	1.5	5.8
Denmark	0.7	65.1	2.0	6.3
Finland	-0.9	55.8	1.2	6.0
France	-3.0	58.0	1.3	5.6
Germany	-2.7	61.3	1.5	5.6
Greece	-4.0	108.7	5.4	9.9
Ireland	0.9	66.3	1.2	6.3
Italy	-2.7	121.6	1.9	6.9
Luxembourg	1.7	6.7	1.4	5.6
Holland	-1.4	72.1	1.9	5.6
Portugal	-2.5	62.0	1.9	6.4
United Kingdom	-1.9	53.4	1.9	7.1
Spain	-2.6	68.8	1.9	6.4
Sweden	-0.8	76.6	1.8	6.6
REFERENCE VALUE	-3.0	60.0	2.7	8.0

source: Eurostat - DG II

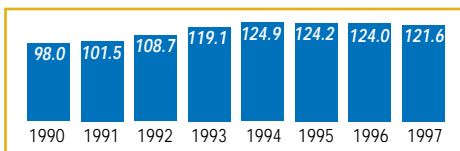
PUBLIC FINANCE BALANCES

as % of GDP, 1990-1997



PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEBT

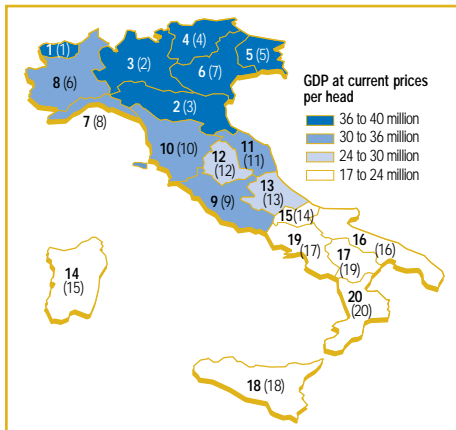
as % of GDP, 1990-1997



source: Bank of Italy

REGIONAL GDP RANKING PER HEAD

1995



data in brackets refer to 1990 positions

Geographical areas were affected differently by the positive economic trend of 1995, when GDP grew by 2.9%. In North-west and North-east GDP growth was higher than the national average (3.4% and 4.9% respectively), while in Centre and South the growth was only 2.3% and 1.1% respectively

Labour units (standard): amount of work undertaken by a full-time employee over the year. Used to measure the amount of work employed to produce goods and services

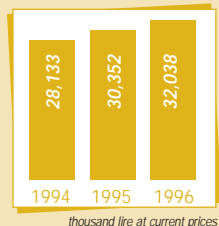
TERRITORIAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

1995

	Labour units*	GDP**	Consumption**	Investment**
Piedmont	1,881.2	119,525.8	82,309.7	20,550.0
Valle d'Aosta	57.8	3,637.0	3,071.5	1,379.5
Lombardy	3,906.4	278,914.0	186,132.7	48,199.1
Trentino-Alto Adige	455.1	27,408.4	22,433.4	6,873.4
Veneto	2,000.9	129,577.0	91,217.1	22,989.0
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	500.6	35,154.3	26,078.6	6,059.8
Liguria	640.9	45,636.2	36,115.8	7,222.7
Emilia-Romagna	1,798.5	124,015.4	88,688.7	20,032.3
Tuscany	1,503.8	91,342.7	71,639.5	15,609.0
Umbria	334.4	19,240.5	16,218.2	3,582.6
The Marches	615.0	36,472.5	30,304.2	6,044.0
Lazio	2,087.0	137,689.5	99,477.1	32,433.7
Abruzzo	471.0	26,996.7	22,856.8	4,641.6
Molise	115.1	6,003.7	5,389.6	1,419.7
Campania	1,720.4	88,731.7	85,687.2	13,198.4
Apulia	1,235.5	67,810.2	62,239.2	9,288.6
Basilicata	195.1	9,650.6	9,005.5	2,248.6
Calabria	620.6	29,380.2	32,601.3	6,144.6
Sicily	1,554.2	79,485.3	81,553.5	12,494.9
Sardinia	541.1	29,158.3	27,925.4	6,247.5
Italy	22,234.6	1,385,830.0	1,080,945.0	246,659.0
NORTH	11,241.4	763,868.1	536,047.5	133,305.8
CENTRE	4,540.2	284,745.2	217,639.0	57,669.3
SOUTH	6,453.0	337,216.7	327,258.5	55,683.9

* thousand units ** billion lire at 1990 prices

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT PER HEAD IN 1994-1996



key points

Industrial production

general index:

measure of the actual volume of industrial production, minus the building sector.
Data refer to trend changes

Seasonally-adjusted index:

Index of daily average industrial production, seasonally-adjusted.
Data refer to short-term changes

Retail sales index:

gives information on the current amount of sales, including volume and prices. Enterprises are classified according to distributive type; those operating in smaller trade outlets (less than 400 square metres) are distinguished from large shops (department stores, supermarkets etc)

Sales index:

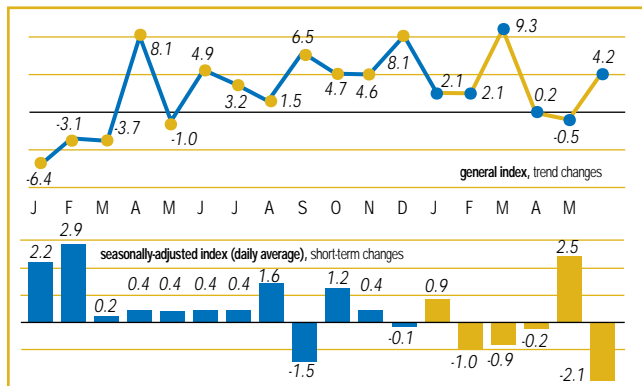
amount of sales of industrial products at current prices

Order index:

assesses the portfolio trend of industrial enterprises working on orders

GENERAL INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

% change, January 1997 - May 1998



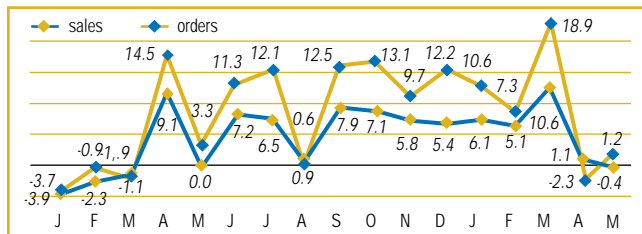
INDEX OF RETAIL SALES BY DISTRIBUTIVE TYPE

trend % changes, first quarter 1997 - first quarter 1998

	Q I 97	Q II 97	Q III 97	Q IV 97	Q I 98
FOOD					
Large shops	4.1	4.9	4.7	3.6	4.4
Smaller shops	1.8	2.8	2.7	1.2	0.8
Total	2.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	1.7
NON-FOOD					
Large shops	3.0	4.3	5.5	5.1	5.3
Smaller shops	0.7	1.9	2.8	2.8	2.3
Total	0.9	2.2	3.1	3.0	2.6

INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL SALES AND ORDERS

trend % changes, January 1997 - May 1998



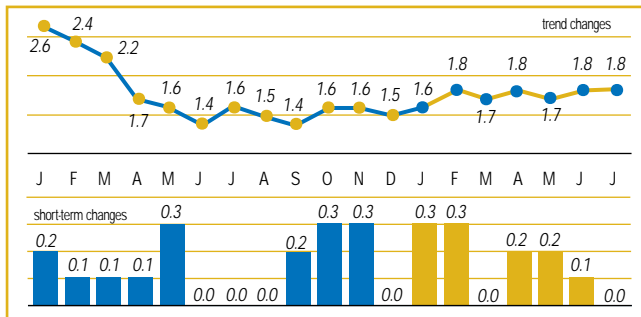
PRICE INDICES

trend % changes, 1994-1997

	1994	1995	1996	1997
MANUFACTURERS' PRICES				
General index	3.7	7.9	1.9	1.3
consumer goods	3.5	5.3	3.2	0.9
investment goods	2.9	5.0	3.6	1.8
intermediate goods	4.0	9.8	0.8	1.5
CONSUMER PRICES				
Index of households of wage and salary earners	3.9	5.4	3.9	1.7
Index of total Italian community	4.0	5.2	4.0	2.0
Harmonised EU index	-	-	-	1.9

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

% changes, January 1997 - June 1998



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) BY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE

trend % changes, 1994-1997

	1994	1995	1996	1997
Food and beverages	3.4	5.9	4.2	-0.1
Clothing and footwear	3.0	3.9	4.2	2.6
Housing, water, electricity and fuel	5.9	5.8	4.7	4.7
Furniture and various articles	3.2	4.5	3.8	1.6
Health services	1.1	-1.9	2.5	3.4
Transport	6.2	8.9	4.6	1.6
Culture and entertainment	2.4	4.0	2.9	0.7
Education	2.1	6.1	4.5	3.2
Hotels and catering	4.1	5.6	3.9	2.4
Other goods and services	4.4	4.8	2.9	1.7
General index	3.9	5.4	3.9	1.7

Consumer price indices: measure price changes of a basket of goods and services representing the consumption of Italians. Three indices are disseminated by Istat:

- index of households of wage and salary earners (CPI) based on a basket of 554 goods and services. Prices collected in regional capitals
- national index of the consumption of the total Italian community based on a basket of 920 products. Prices collected in provincial capitals
- harmonised EU index (HICP), calculated for the first time in 1997. Covers a basket of 63 groups of goods and services aggregated to 29 categories and divided into 12 expenditure items

Manufacturers' price index: refers to prices of industrial enterprises, excluding building enterprises. The basket of goods observed was updated in 1997 (to 1,034 items), the enterprise sample revised (now 3,680) and weighting structure updated

key points

Foreign trade: data on external trade refer to import and export amounts. Sources are customs documents for non-EU countries and data supplied by enterprises for Community states, as enterprises are subject to VAT. Goods are grouped according to the NACE-CLIO macro-branch classification

EXTERNAL TRADE IN 1997

Non-EU countries

184,260

139,559

EU Member States

221,472

214,897

■ exports
■ imports

billion lire

World economic areas: 'industrialised countries' include EU and EFTA (European Free Trade Area) countries, USA, Canada, Japan, Turkey, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. OPEC, ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) and recently-industrialised countries (Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Brazil and Argentina) are the 'developing countries'. Central and eastern European and planned-economy countries (Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea and Mongolia) are 'other countries'

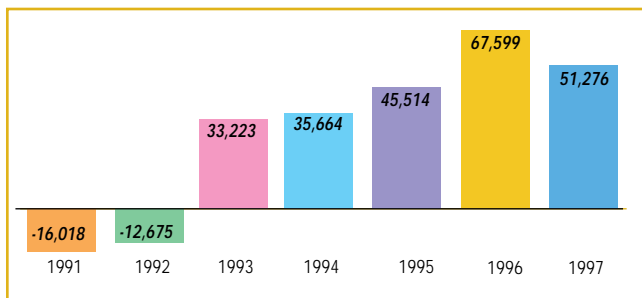
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY BRANCH

% volume, 1996 and 1997

	Imports		Exports	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	6.0	5.8	2.6	2.6
Energy	11.0	20.5	1.5	1.7
Ferrous and non-ferrous minerals	8.9	9.1	4.0	4.1
Minerals and non-metallic products	1.8	1.7	3.9	3.9
Chemicals	14.1	14.1	8.3	8.6
Engineering products	24.0	23.8	36.0	35.8
Transport facilities	11.1	12.1	10.0	9.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	7.6	7.0	4.3	4.2
Textile, leather and clothing	7.2	7.6	16.8	16.6
Wood, paper, rubber, other manufactured products	8.3	8.2	12.6	12.8
Total (billion lire at current prices)	321,286	354,456	388,885	405,732

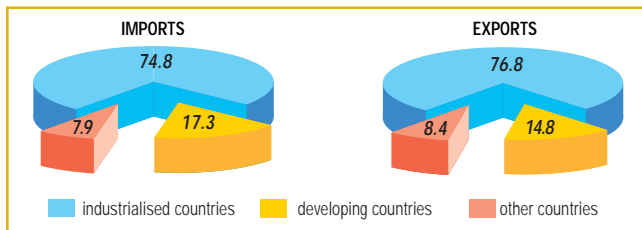
TRADE BALANCE

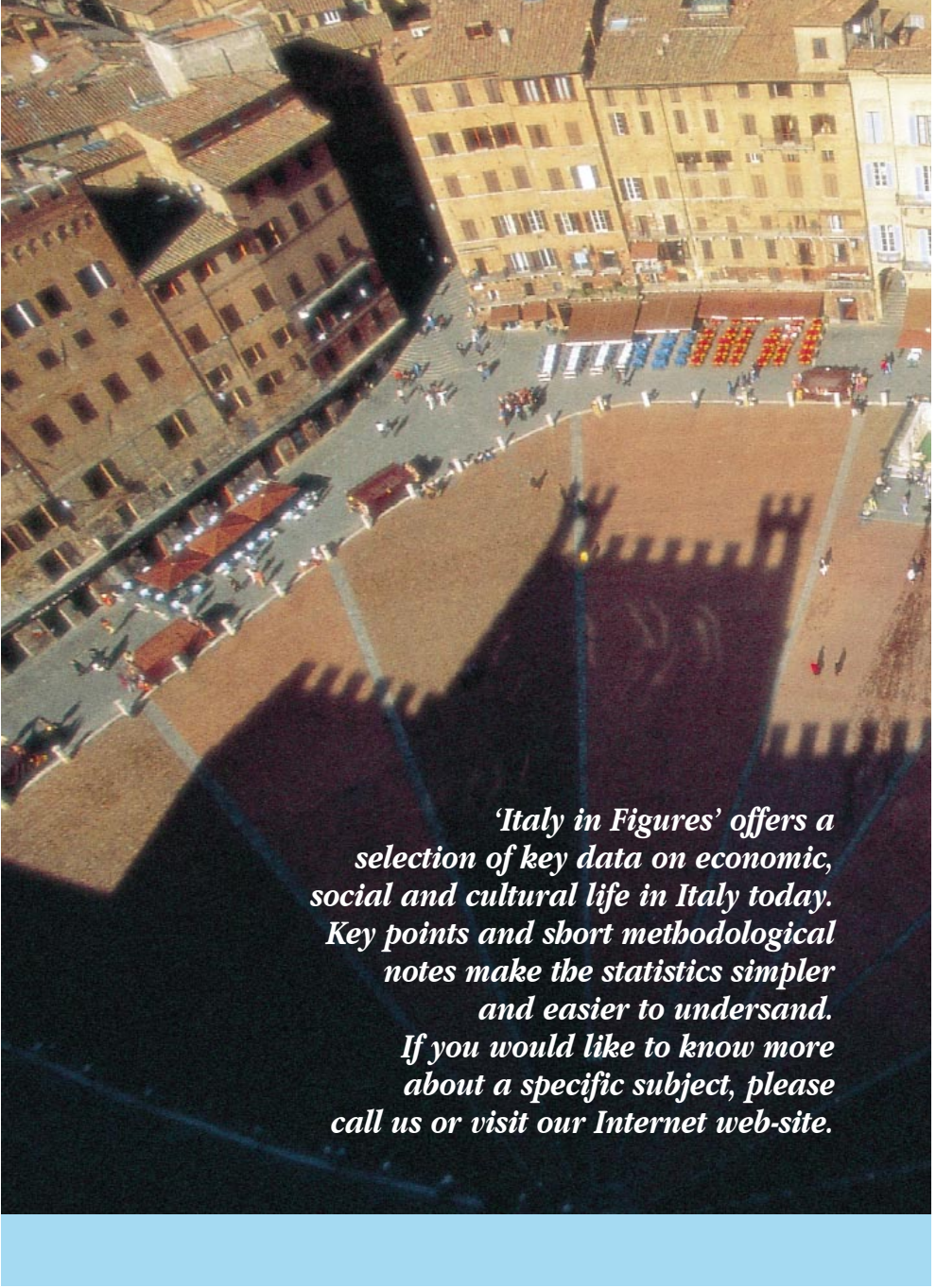
billion lire at current prices, 1991-1997



EXTERNAL TRADE BY WORLD ECONOMIC AREA

% volume, 1997





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