

Statistics for 2005

Israel Publishing Statistics 2005

The Hebrew Book Week 2006 took place in Israel on June 7-17. On the occasion of this event the National Library reported annual data about books published in Israel during 2005. The National Library is the legal deposit library of Israel, and receives, according to the "Books Law", two copies of each book, journal, cassette or disk published in Israel. The publications are catalogued in the [Library's catalogue](#) and the [Israel Union List](#).

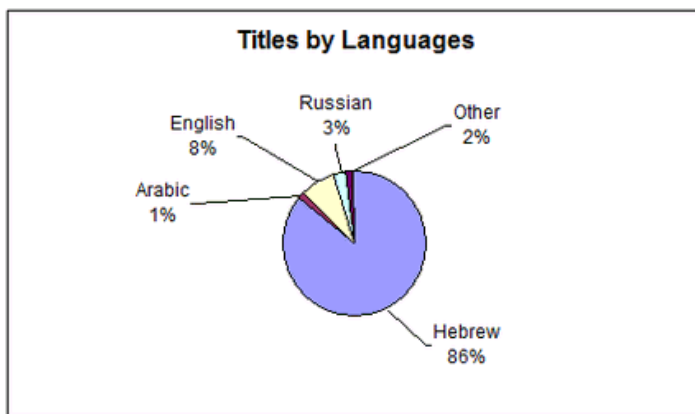
New Titles and Current Periodicals

During the previous year **8,405** new Israeli titles were registered by the Legal Deposit Department: **6,840** books, **915** new periodicals, and **650** non-print titles, such as CDs and cassettes. In addition, **12,874** issues of current periodicals were received. The Library's catalogue is the most comprehensive in Israel, and includes the vast majority of the titles published in Israel.

Hebrew and Other Languages

Most of the books are in Hebrew: **5,788** titles. The next common languages are English: **567** titles and Russian: **183** titles. This year **92** new Arabic titles were recorded. The rise in the number of Arabic books is due to strengthening ties between the National Library and publishers who publish in Arabic. The National Library assumes that the number of Arabic titles published in Israel is greater than what is recorded in the Library, and will continue to make an effort in the coming years to locate and record them. **39** French titles were recorded in Israel last year, **21** in German and **18** in Spanish. **11** Yiddish titles were recorded, **5** in Ladino, and **2** in Georgian. A few books were published in other languages, such as Polish, Czech, Italian and Chinese.

Most of the Hebrew books, about **88%**, were originally written in Hebrew, and about **12%** were translated into Hebrew.



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From the 6,840 books is as follows:

Children Books and Text Books

About **460** books for children and youth were deposited in the library – about **7%** of the total number of books received. In addition, **225** text books were deposited – about **3%** of the total number of books received.

Type of Publishing

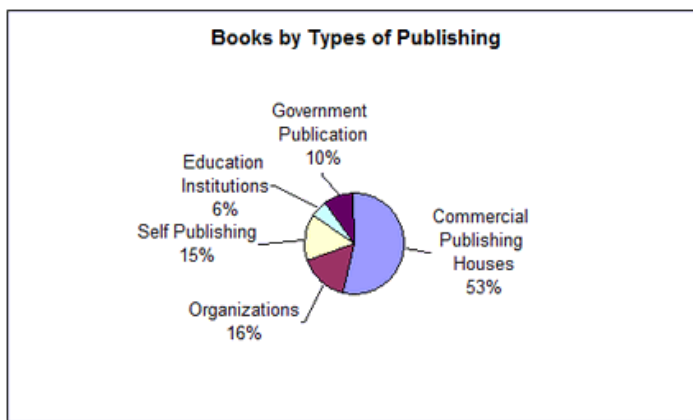
53% of the books were published by commercial publishing houses.

10% of the books were published by the government and governmental institutions.

6% of the books were published by educational institutions – universities, colleges and schools.

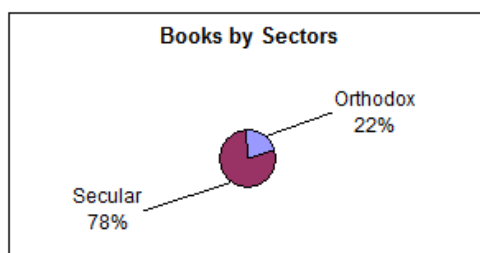
15% of the books were published by associations, foundations, museums, community centers and other organizations.

16% of the books were self-published by authors.



Sectors

The orthodox and ultra-orthodox sector was responsible for 22% of the total titles that were published in Israel in 2004.

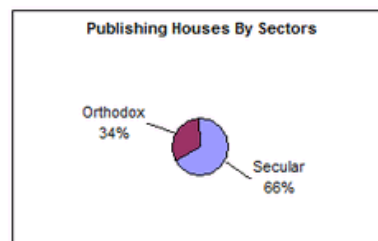


Israeli Publishers

The National Library's Legal Deposit Department maintains an extensive listing of [Israeli publishers](#), including many minor publishers who issue only a few books a year. The information recorded includes address, telephone, and fax number of each publisher. The database includes **1,448** active publishers and organizations, which engage in publishing.

930 are commercial publishing houses, and **518** are non-commercial.

489 publishers published for the orthodox sector, and **5** for non-Jewish religious communities.



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