

PUBLISHING PRODUCTION IN 2022 **(PUBLISHED BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS AND CONTINUING EDITIONS)**

The National Statistical Institute annually publishes data for issued books and pamphlets, continued editions (newspapers, magazines, bulletins and periodicals) and electronic publications. Source of information is the St. St. Cyril and Methodius National Library and the main indicators are in accordance with the UNESCO methodological recommendations.

Published books and pamphlets

In 2022, were published 10 544 books with a circulation of 4 605 261 and 1 284 pamphlets with a circulation of 960 368 (Table 1).

1. Published books and pamphlets in 2022

	Titles - number	Circulation - thousand
Books	10544	4605
New titles	9281	3898
Reprints	1263	707
Pamphlets	1284	960
New titles	1227	863
Reprints	57	97

With the unique identification code ISBN (International Standard Book Number) were registered 9 287 books and 1 158 pamphlets, or 88.3% of all editions, which provided an opportunity for commercial use in the country and abroad.

**Figure 1. Published titles of books and pamphlets and average circulation¹
per one book and pamphlet for the period 2015 - 2022**



In comparison with the previous year, the number of published books and pamphlets increased by 128 (1.0%) and the average circulation increased from 427 to 470, or by 9.0%.

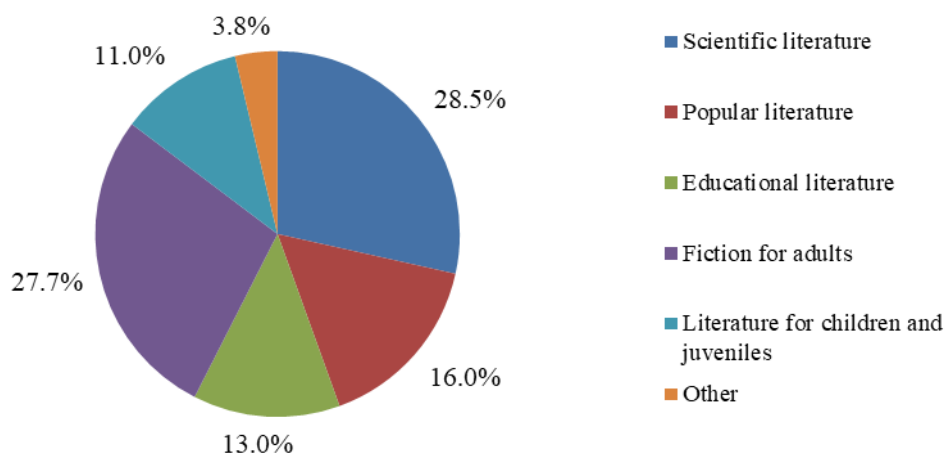
By thematic areas according to the characteristic ‘Purpose of the literature’² the distribution of editions by sections was as follows:

- Scientific literature - 3 369 titles with circulation of 459 thousand;
- Fiction for adults - 3 281 titles with circulation of 1 506 thousand;
- Popular literature - 1 891 titles with circulation of 926 thousand;
- Educational literature - 1 543 titles with circulation of 1 364 thousand;
- Literature for children and juveniles - 1 300 titles with circulation of 1 158 thousand, of which 894 titles were fiction literature for children with circulation of 684 thousand;
- Other - 444 titles with circulation of 153 thousand.

¹ The ratio of the total circulation to the number of published books and pamphlets.

² Classification group for distribution of books and pamphlets.

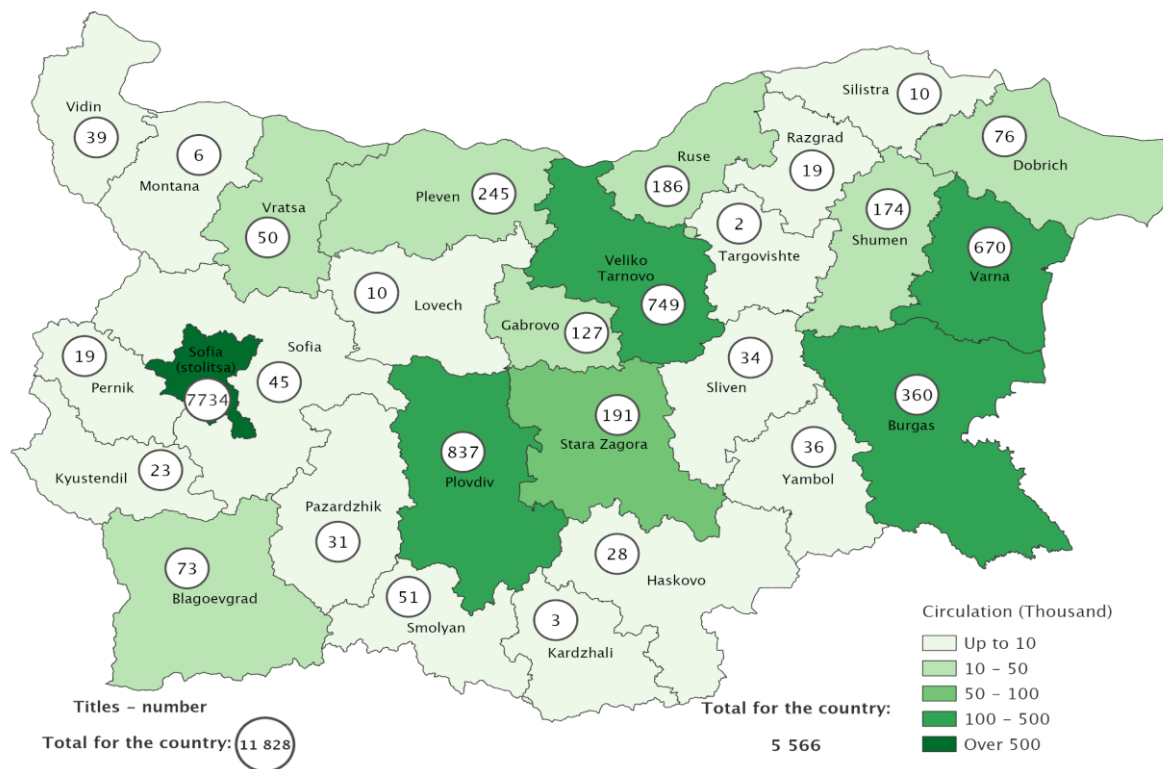
Figure 2. Books and pamphlets published, by thematic areas according to the characteristic ‘Purpose of the literature’ in 2022



The titles published in the original language in which they had been written (including in Bulgarian) were 9 232, or 78.0% of the total number of published books and pamphlets. The titles of translated publications were 2 596, with a circulation of 2 038 thousand. More than half of them were translated from English (56.8%), followed by the editions translated from Russian - 6.4%, German - 5.7%, and French - 5.5%.

The highest number of books and pamphlets being published was in Sofia (stolitsa) district - 7 734, followed by Plovdiv (837) and Varna (670) districts.

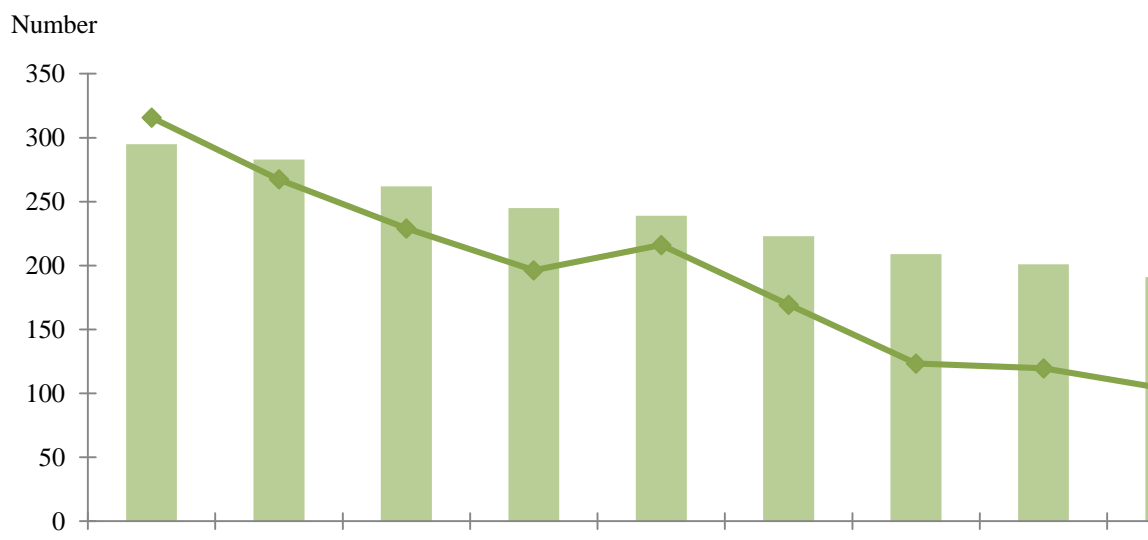
Figure 3. Books and pamphlets published (titles and circulation) by districts, in 2022



Continuing editions being issued (newspapers and periodicals)

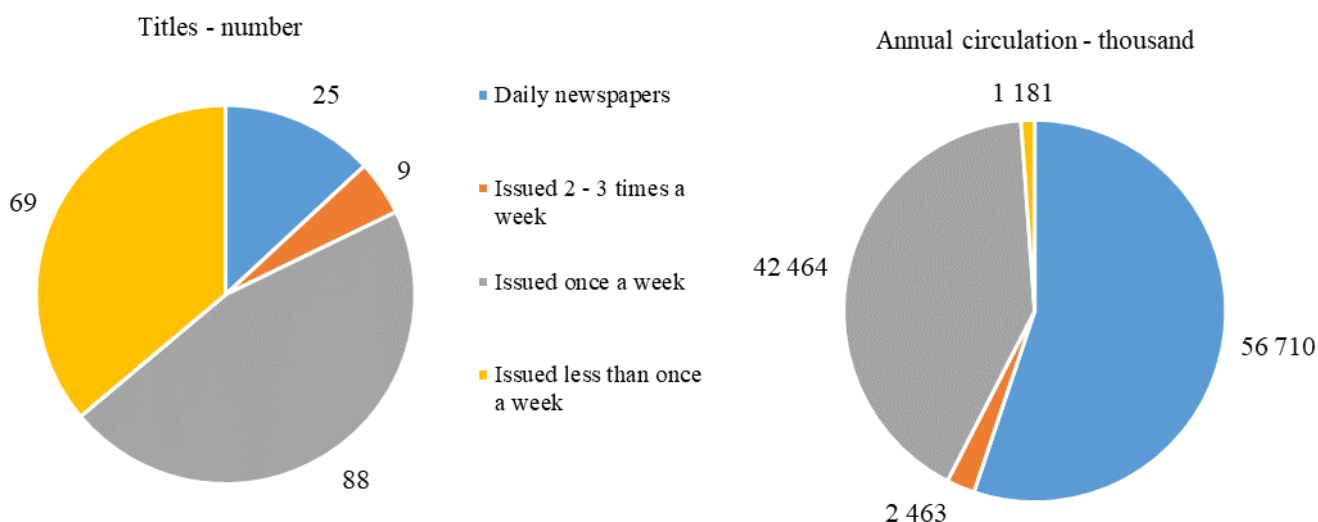
During 2022 were being published 191 newspapers with an annual circulation of 102 819 thousand, and in comparison with the previous year, the number of titles decreased by 10 (5.0%) and their circulation decreased by 16 769 thousand (14.0%) (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Published newspapers by titles and annual circulation for the period 2014 - 2022



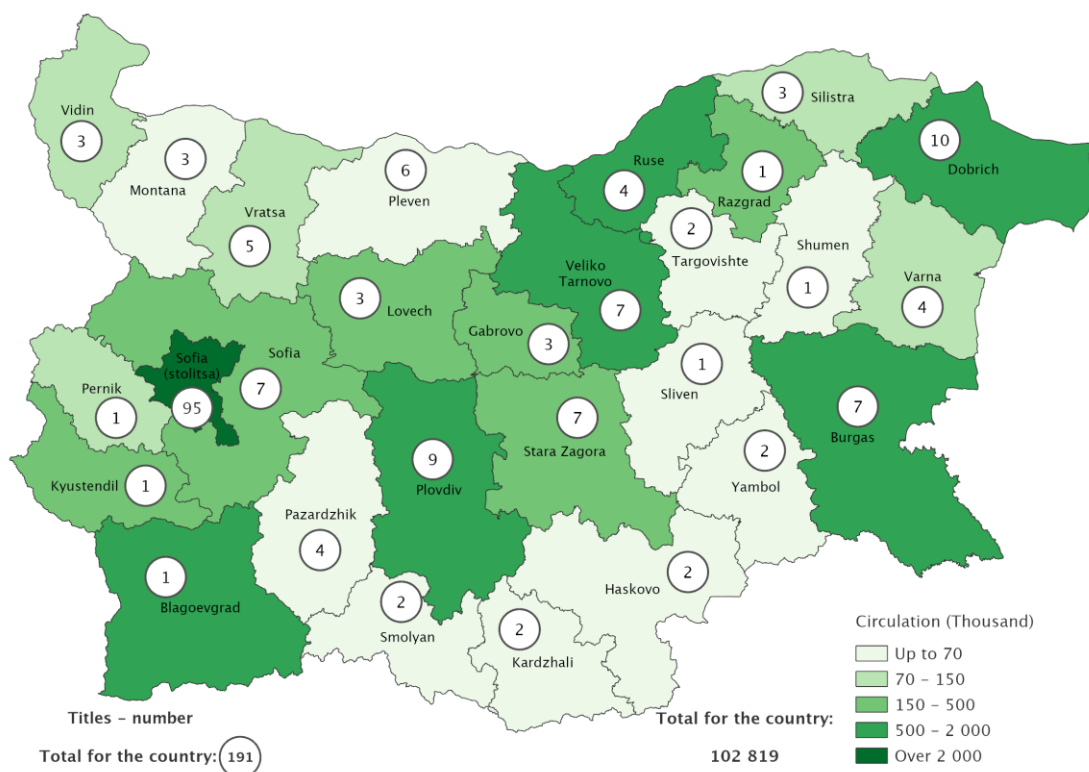
According to the periodicity, with biggest circulation were daily newspapers - 56 710 thousand (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Issued newspapers (titles and annual circulation) by periodicity in 2022



The highest number of newspapers being published was in Sofia (stolitsa) district - 90 titles, or 47.1% of all titles (Figure 6).

Figure 6. Newspapers being published (titles and circulation) by districts, in 2022



In 2022 were published 442 magazines and 61 bulletins, and in comparison with 2021, the number of magazines increased by 0.5%, and the number of bulletins - by 13.0%.

In foreign languages were being published 68 magazines and bulletins with an annual circulation of 201 thousand. The highest number were in English - 61 titles with a circulation of 151 thousand, followed by two editions in Russian and two in Turkish.

136 periodic collections with a circulation of 21 thousand were also published during the year, and compared to 2021, their number increased by 16 titles and their circulation - by 10.5%.

Methodological notes

The survey of publishing activity is annual and covers the activity of public and private publishers and editorials. Data are provided to the NSI by the 'St. St. Cyril and Methodius' National Library (all deposited publications for the year). The number of books and pamphlets do not include publications with closely departmental purpose, with temporary and advertising character and content less than four pages.

Pamphlet is a non-periodical printed publication with at least five but not more than 48 pages, published in the country and made available to the public.

Book is a non-periodical issued printed document with at least 49 pages, published in the country and made available to the public.

Title - a word or set of words, usually marked on the document, for using identification and often (but not always) distinguish it from other documents.

Volume - a physical unit of a printed document that contains fixed number of pages bound together in one and represents a whole or part of a set.

Circulation is the total number of publications, printed from a single title.

Continuing edition (serial) - document in print or non-print form, issued in successive parts, usually having numerical or chronological designations, and intended to be continued indefinitely, whatever its periodicity.

New classification group for continuing editions - 'Purpose of the literature' has been applied since 2012.

Newspaper is a publication which contains news for current events of specific or general interests, the individual parts of which are listed chronologically or numerically and appear usually at least once per week.

Magazine is a serial, which is being published under the same title at regular or irregular intervals, over an indefinite period; individual publications are consecutively numbered or dated.

Bulletin is a publication (in the form of a pamphlets or leaflet) which contains short formal and official materials (legal, information) related to the activities of the organization, which publish it.

Periodical is a publication which contains research articles, reports and others and it is published usually on behalf of the scientific institution.

Official publications - reports and annual accounts of ministries, agencies and other state institutions.

Annual circulation of the periodical is the total number of copies of all appearances of one title per one year.

Single circulation is the average circulation of circulations of all appearances of one title per year.

More information and data about publishing activities could be found at Information System INFOSTAT (https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=214) and on the NSI website: (www.nsi.bg), Section 'Culture'.