LIBRARIES AND SKILLS in Italy

LIBRARIES IN ITALY

7.3 MILLION ADULTS USE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY in Italy each year

43% of public library users in Italy took part in educational activities at the library.

THERE ARE 6042 PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ITALY

65% of them offer internet access.

45% of Italian public libraries offer e-book lending services

24% of public libraries in Italy offer information literacy courses

800,000 adults per year use a computer in the library.

SKILLS IN ITALY

Italy ranks 25 on the EU’s Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI)

8% of Italian adults participate in life-long learning activities

29.5% of Italian employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the rights skills

% ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS

Europe: 20% Italy: 28%

% ADULTS WITH LOW NUMERACY SKILLS

Europe: 24% Italy: 32%

HOW GOOD ARE THE ITALIANS ONLINE?

Information drawn from: European Commission Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2016; European Commission Education and Training Monitor 2016; OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC); TNS Global Survey Measuring perceptions of the benefits of ICT in public libraries in the EU; the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA) and the Italian Library Association (Associazione Italiana Biblioteche).

Millions of people access the Internet for the first time in a public library.

Did You Know?

Population: 60.7 million
One library per 10,046 inhabitants