

Thematic Atlas



The **Atlas of Italian social statistics** is the group's first joint initiative: a *science mapping* study charting the **thematic** map (who works on what) and the **geographic** map (where) of the discipline.

The visualisations below are interactive and based on **aggregated data**: no map refers to individual people or individual publications. Sources: [Scopus](#) for publications (2000–2025) and the [Italian Ministry of University \(MUR\) staff database](#) for the list of scholars in the STAT-03/B field (faculty members and postdoctoral fellows). Details on coverage and data updates in the Methodological note.

The group in numbers

106

scholars

36

universities

2000–2025

observation period

2,605

indexed publications

931

scientific journals

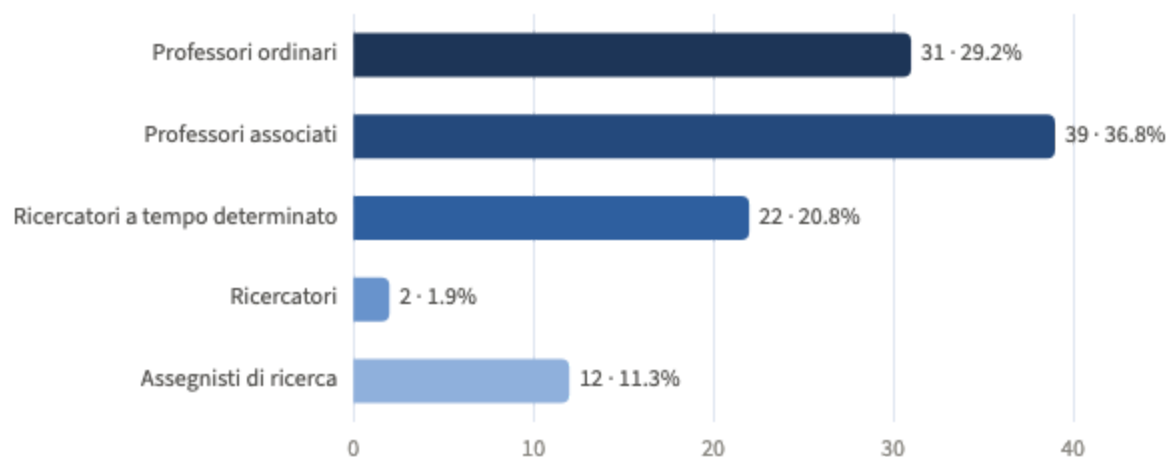
32.3%

with international
co-authors

Source: Scopus, publications 2000–2025 by the scholars of the field. Aggregated data.

Composition of the field

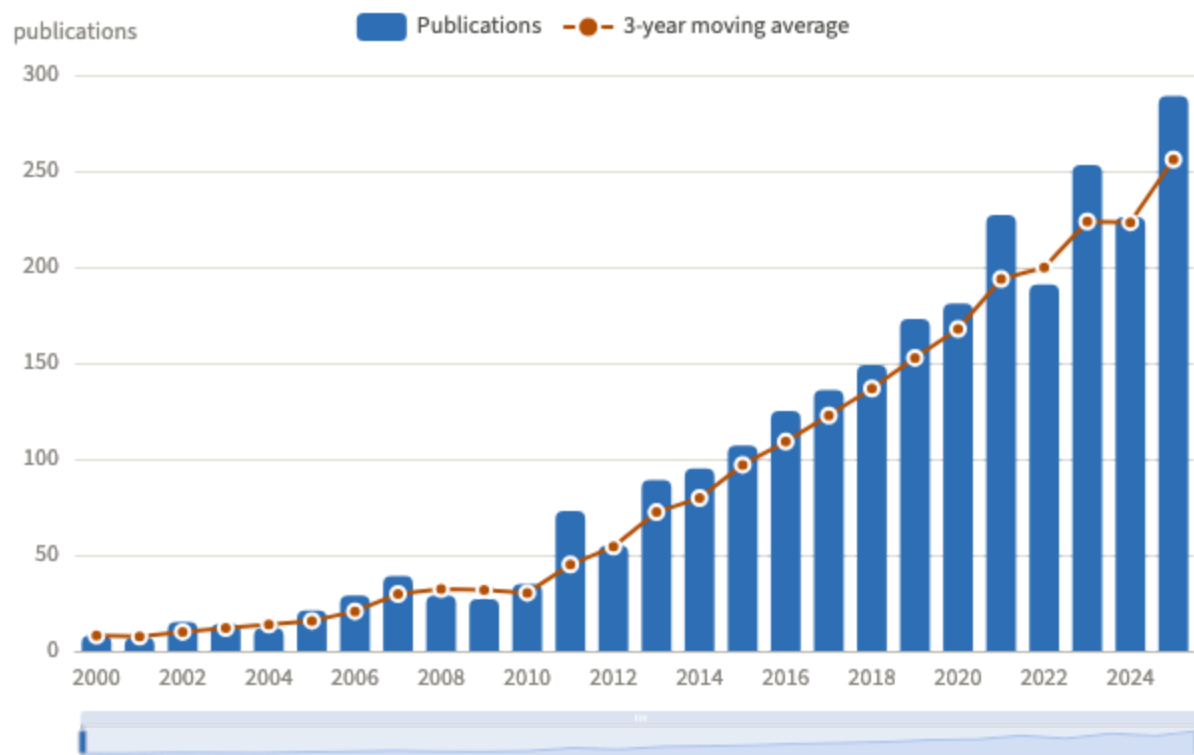
The scholars of the field by academic position: full and associate professors, researchers, and postdoctoral fellows.



► Data table — composition by position

Scientific output over time

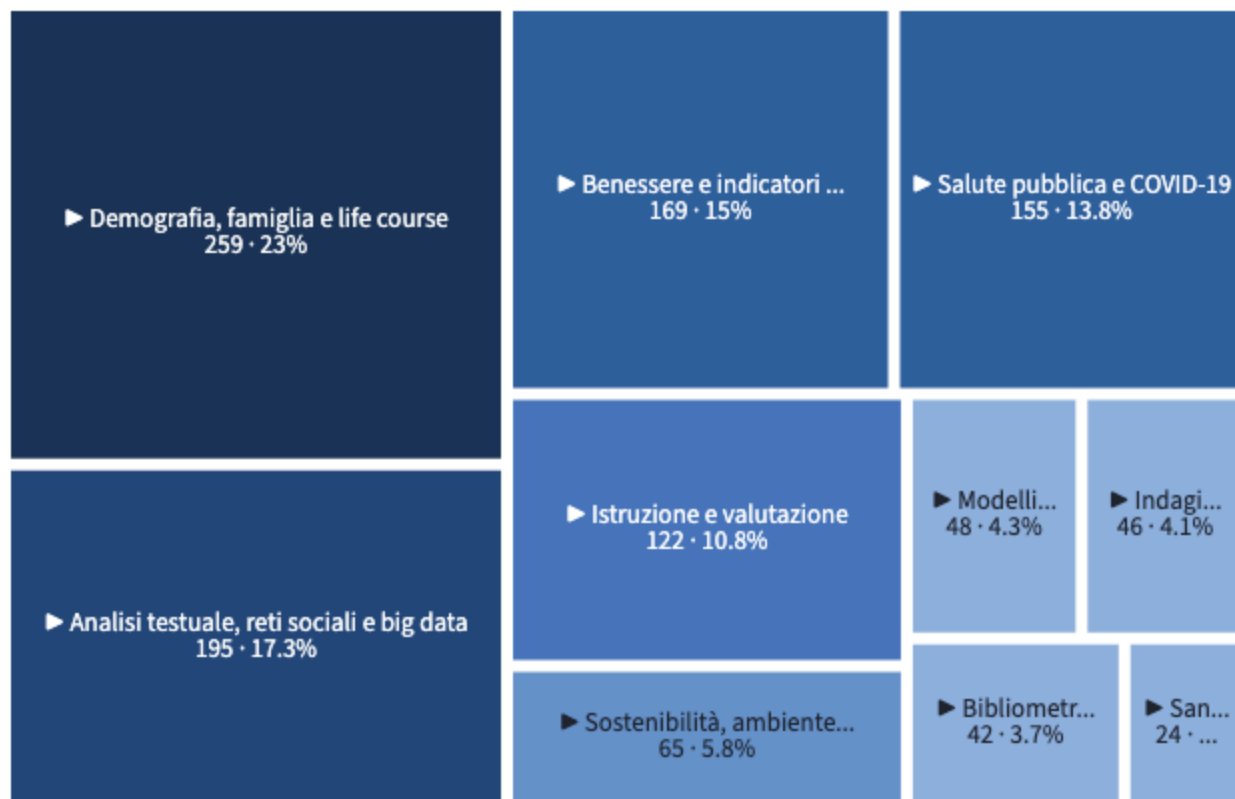
Annual publications of the field, with a three-year moving average. The slider below the chart narrows the time window.



► Data table — output by year

Research themes

The themes of Italian social statistics emerge from the analysis of publication keywords: words that frequently occur together outline the main research strands of the discipline, editorially curated. The area of each tile is proportional to the number of publications; click a theme to open its keywords. Strictly clinical publications, to which the field contributes methodologically, are not included in the thematic maps (details in the Methodological note).



Click a theme to see its most frequent keywords; the breadcrumb below returns to the theme view. Base: 1,125 publications classified by theme.

► Data table — publications by theme

How themes have changed

Demografia, famiglia e life course



Benessere e indicatori compositi



Analisi testuale, reti sociali e big data



Salute pubblica e COVID-19



Istruzione e valutazione



Sostenibilità, ambiente e povertà



Modelli per dati ordinali e sod...



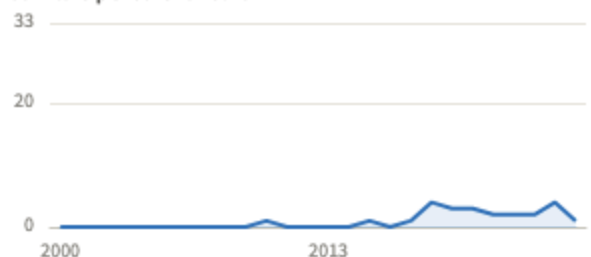
Bibliometria e science mapping



Indagini sociali e capitale umano



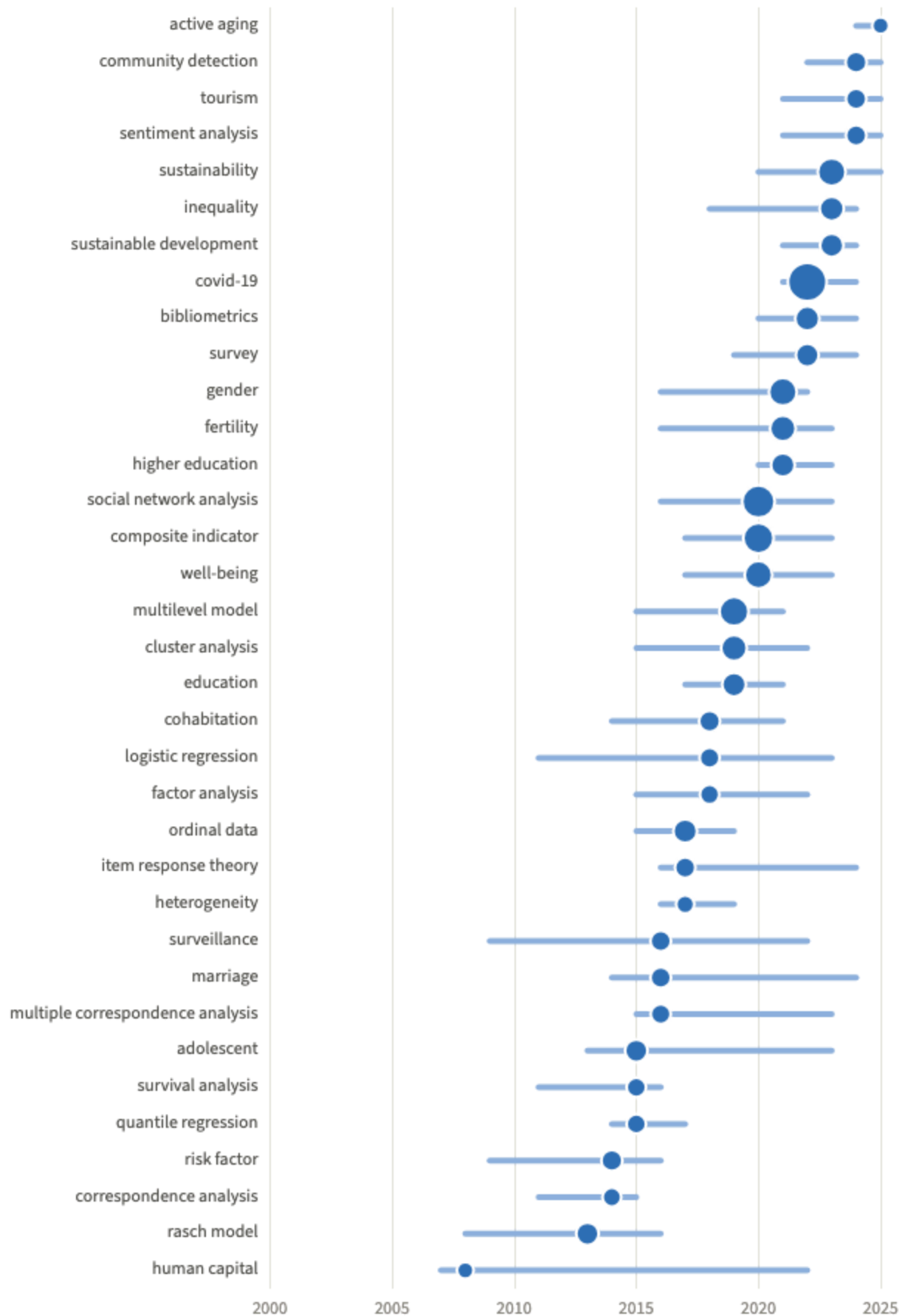
Sanità e percorsi di cura



Small multiples on a shared scale: publications per year for each theme.

Trend topics

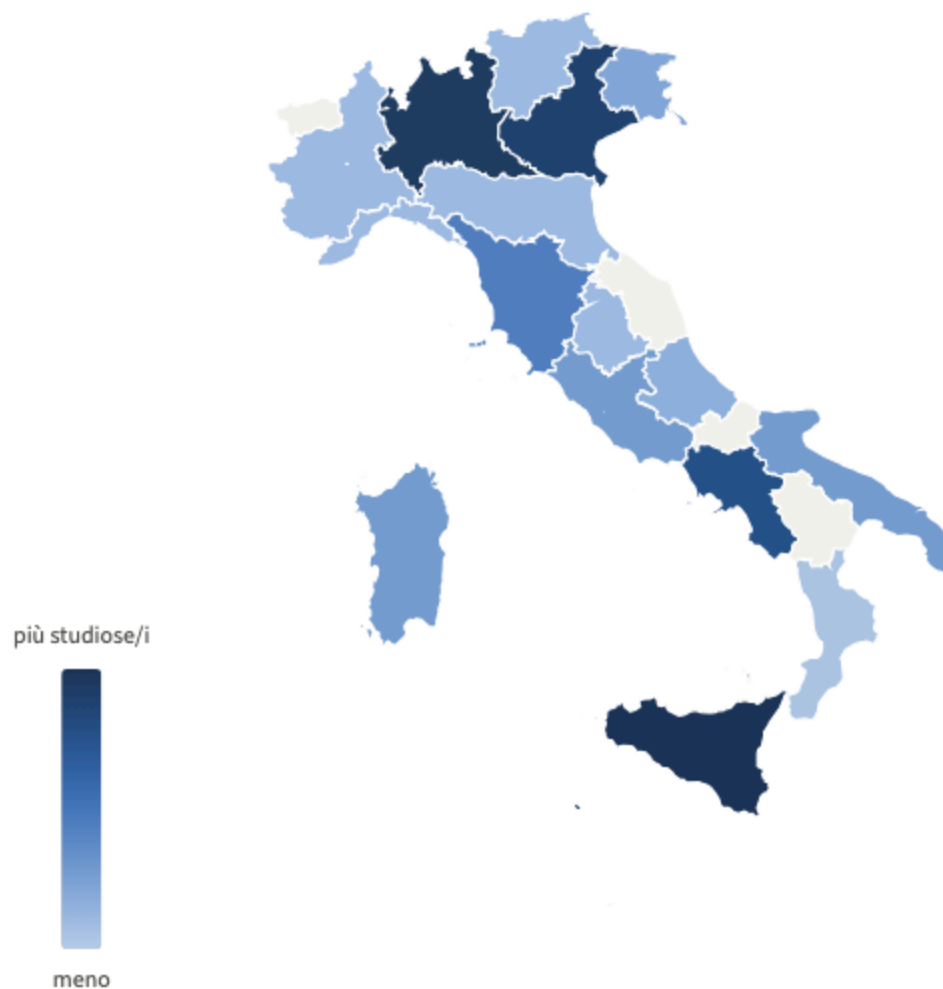
The most distinctive keywords of each period: the position of the bubble marks the median year of use, its size the number of publications, and the segment the interquartile range.



For each keyword: the bubble marks the median year of use (size = number of publications), the segment spans the first to third quartile; hover over a bubble to see the distribution by year. Clinical terms are excluded.

The geography of themes

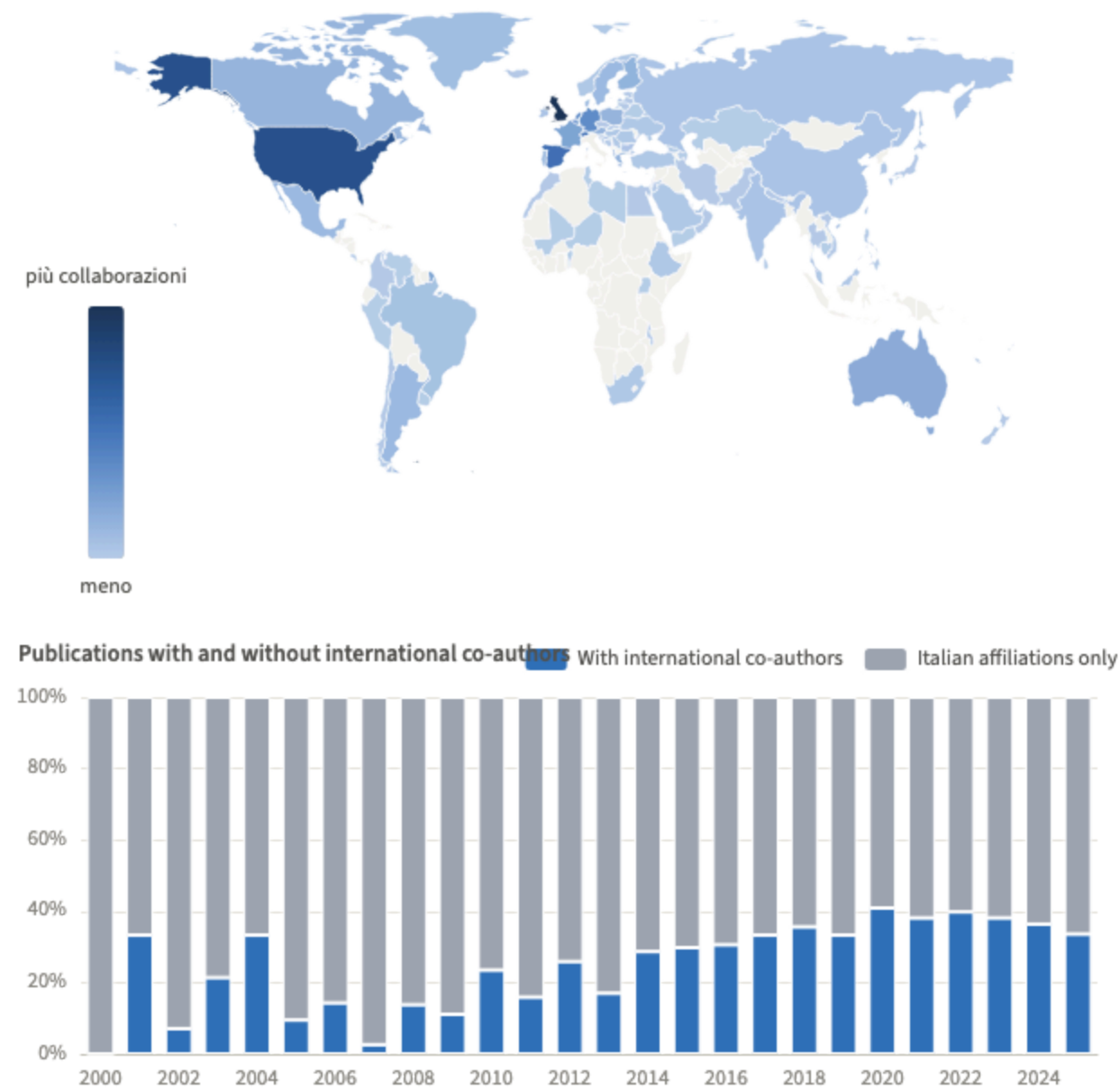
Where social statistics is practised in Italy: regions by number of scholars, with universities and the regional thematic profile on hover.



Il colore indica il numero di studiosi/i per regione (sede MUR dell'ateneo); il passaggio del mouse mostra atenei e profilo tematico regionale. I temi si riferiscono alle pubblicazioni con almeno un/una studioso/a della regione.

International collaborations

The countries of co-authors of the field’s publications and the evolution of the share of works with at least one international co-author.



► Data table — co-author countries (top 20)

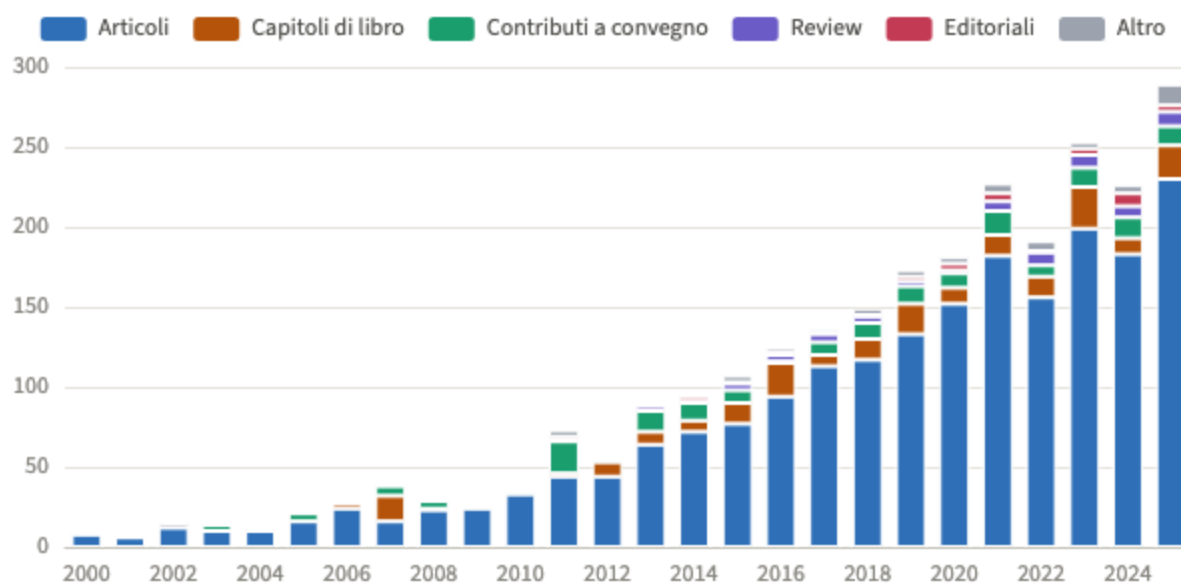
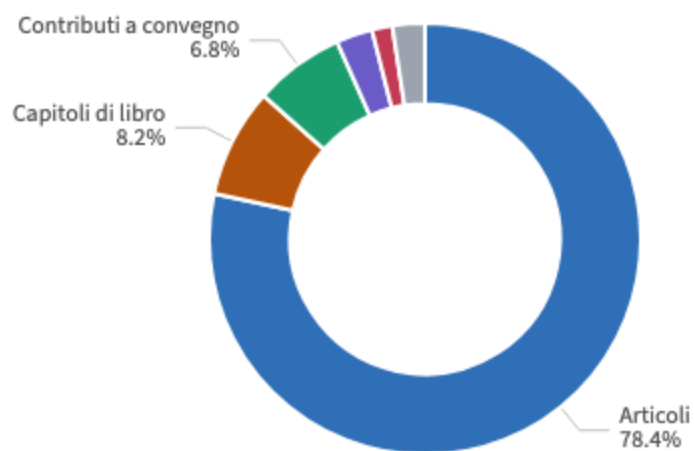
Journals

The journals where the field publishes most. The filter shows the most frequent journals for each theme.

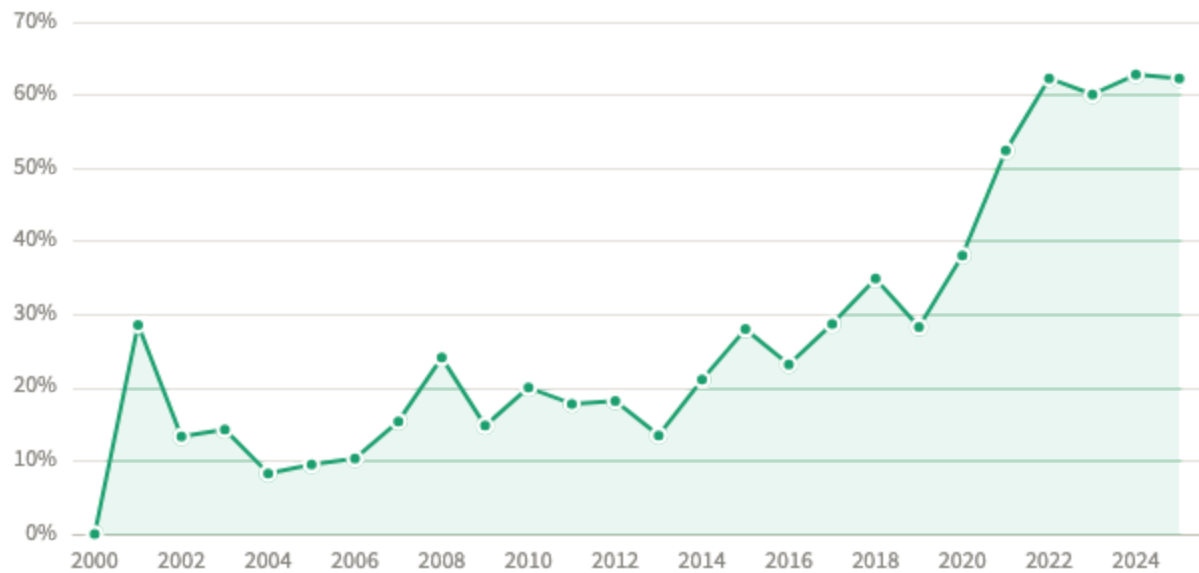


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Publication types and open access

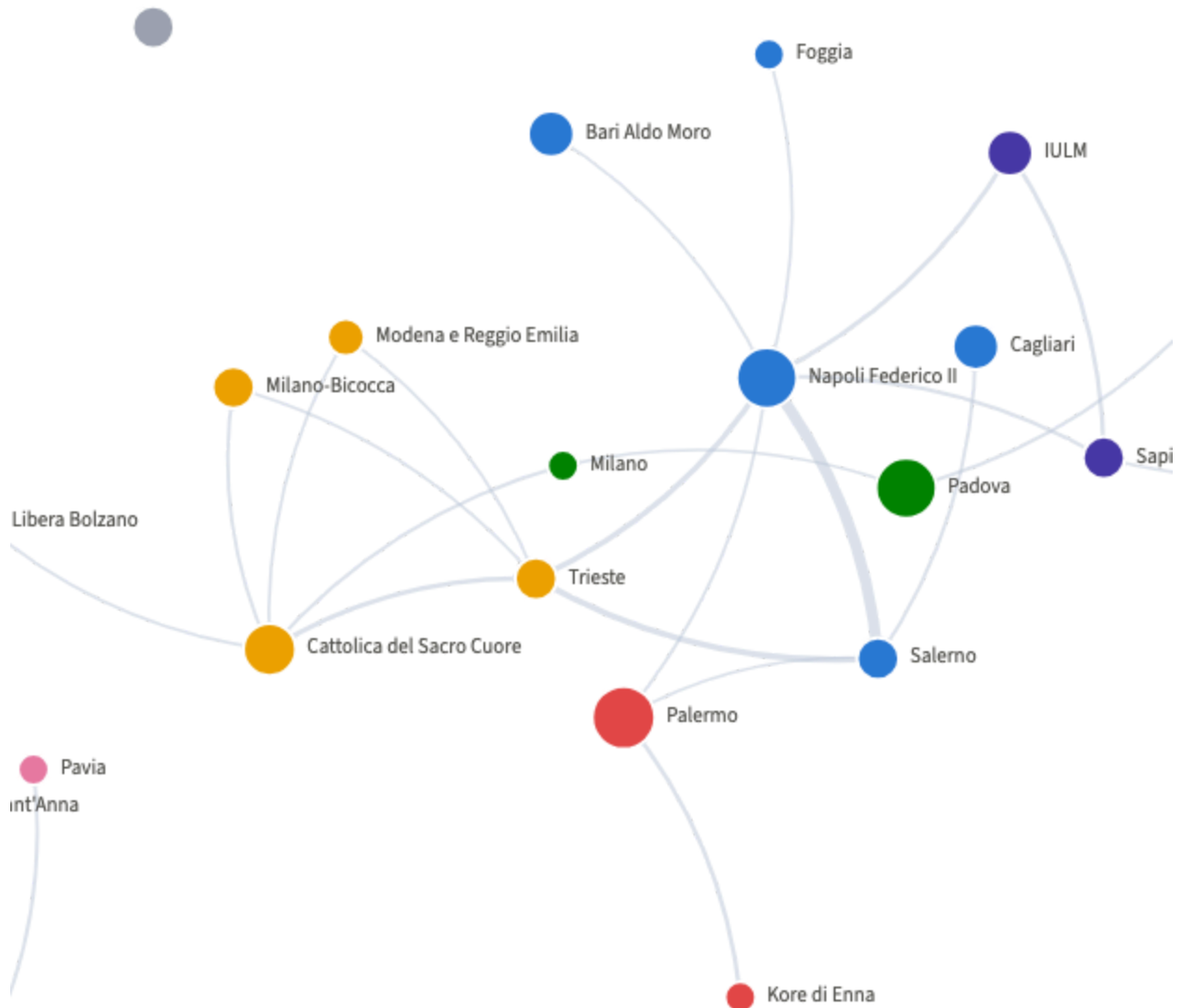


► Data table — document types



► Data table — open access by year

The network of collaborations across Italian universities



Coautoraggi tra atenei (dimensione del nodo = studiosi/i della sede; per riservatezza compaiono solo i legami con almeno 3 pubblicazioni congiunte; in grigio gli atenei senza legami sopra soglia). I colori indicano le comunità di collaborazione individuate con l'algoritmo di Louvain.

Methodological note

The Atlas is built with [bibliometrix](#) from the publications indexed in Scopus (2000–2025) of the scholars of the STAT-03/B field — faculty members and postdoctoral fellows — identified through the [MUR staff database](#). Scopus does not cover the field's entire scientific output — many monographs and contributions in Italian are not indexed — so the figures should be read as a snapshot of internationally indexed production.

Themes derive from the analysis of co-occurrences between author keywords (normalised and mapped to uniform forms; Louvain clustering on the co-occurrence

network) with editorially curated labels; strictly clinical publications are counted in the totals but excluded from the thematic maps. All visualisations report aggregated data only: individual authors or individual publications cannot be traced. Every chart also offers its data as a table.

Data extraction: July 2026; the Atlas is regenerated periodically. To report errors or omissions, please write to the group through the [Contact](#) page.

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