ITALY

Question			Notes and sources used				
1. Number of compulsory school aged pupils (including those with SEN)	Public Sector 6,721,798		Private Sector 556,220		Total	Academic Year of Reference	Source: General Directorate for Informatics and Statistics – Ministry of Education, University and Research.
	Primary *	Secondary **	Primary *	Secondary **			Available from: http://www.istruzione.it/web/
	2,573,147 *	1,678,059 2,470,592 Total 4,148,651	254,417	109,444 192,359 Total 301,803	7,278,018	7,278,018 2010/2011	istruzione/disabilita * The data here covers Primary schools only. This applies to all questions. In addition there are 1,001,818 pupils in preprimary education in the public sector and 686,022 in the private sector. ** Secondary data includes post-primary education (called 'lower secondary education') and pre-diploma education and training (called 'upper secondary education'). Students in Universities and Academies are excluded.
2. Number of	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of Reference	Source: General Directorate for Informatics and Statistics – Ministry of Education, University and Research
compulsory school aged	179,009		10,554				
pupils who have SEN (in all	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			Available on: http://www.istruzione.it/
educational settings)	74,034	104,975	5,165	5,389	189,563	2010/2011	web/istruzione/disabilita * In addition there are 14,409 pupils in mainstream pre-primary education in the public sector and 6,384 in the private sector.
3. Pupils with	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of Reference	Source: General Directorate for Informatics and Statistics – Ministry of Education, University and Research
SEN in segregated	1,835		-				
special schools	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			Additional information: MIUR, L'handicap e la
	1,278	557	-	-	1,835 *	2010/2011	scuola, i dati dell'integrazione – 1999/2000; OECD Special Education Needs, Statistics and Indicators, 2000; ISTAT – Disabilità in cifre.
							* In Italy there are 71 special schools (out of

							the mainstream education). Data from MIUR, OECD, ISTAT all indicate that there are around 1.6 special schools per 100,000 students of compulsory school age. Of the 71 special schools/care centres only 0.30% are private, so the available approximate data of the number of pupils attending private segregated/special settings has been included within public sector data. Due to the small number of institutes/separate special schools/ segregated educational centres throughout the country, the data provided is approximate without any distinction between primary and secondary public and private sectors. The approximate data includes the number of pupils attending state and private schools, rehabilitation centres and institutes of care separated from the mainstream and regular courses of education. The total figure includes pupils receiving short and long term periods of rehabilitation. According to the law in force, any form of rehabilitation, therapy, hospitalisation and care that could include aspects of teaching and learning are seen as a transient state for the pupil with SEN or a parallel activity of education, offered in rare cases in order to better support access and the right to education within the pupil's local mainstream school.
4. Pupils with SEN in	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of	* The Italian Law in force does not foresee any possibility to create a special/
segregated	O Constant		O Constitution			Reference	segregated/separated class within a mainstream school. Pupils have to be included
special classes in mainstream	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	0.4	0040/004	in regular classes without any discrimination,
schools	0	0	0	0	0 *	2010/2011	differentiation or any form of segregation.

5. Pupils with SEN in fully inclusive settings	Public Sector 177,174		Private Sector 10,554		Total	Academic Year of Reference	Source: General Directorate for Informatics and Statistics – Ministry of Education, University and Research.	
								Primary
		72,756	57,795	5,165	3,363	187,728	2010/2011	
		46,623		2,026				
		Total: 104,418		Total: 5,389				
6. Compulsory age phase	From 6 to 16 years old.							
7. Clarification of Public - Private sector education	Public schools are funded by the State. The internal school staff (teachers, headmasters and administrative assistants) are selected by national public examination and paid for by the State. Private schools are funded only by private sectors as parents, associations, charities, etc. The school staff is selected and paid by the school management. To have an 'official recognition', any private school/institute has to accept the enrolment of pupils with SEN. All kinds of schools have to follow the national guidelines on education and they are periodically visited by Ministerial Supervisors.							
8. Legal definition of SEN	The Law No. 104, dated 5/2/1992 sets out who is a person with disabilities: a 'person with disabilities' is anyone who presents a physical, psychological, sensory impairment, permanent or progressive, that causes a learning, social, working difficulty and that causes a situation of disadvantage or social marginalisation. The Presidential Decree dated on 19.5.2006 established that the Medical Commission in charge for delivery the certificate of disability has to refer to the International Indicators OMS – ICF.							