

LOMBARDIES

A unique territory with multiple identities

DATA AND INFOGRAPHICS

Some of the data characterising this region are shown through infographic charts; specifically the several records it holds at the national level but also in relation to the most dynamic and industrialised regions in Europe.

THE VALUES OF AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTION IN LOMBARDY

As well as being significant for the region's economy, Lombardy's agricultural food production system is one of the most important in Europe, particularly livestock production (fourth European region) and products of animal origin (second European region). There are over 50.000 active enterprises in this sector, exporting food and beverage products for around 5.2 billion Euros. The values of **quality, diversity and specialisation** are well-exemplified by the region's 31 PDO and PGI typical products; from Valtellina's bresaola and Brianza's salame, to the Garda lake's extra virgin olive oil and quartirolo Lombardo cheese, from Mantova's pears to Varese's honey. Further, **agricultural production, research, new technologies and energy production form a well-integrated system**, complemented by several biogas plants throughout the provinces.

MANUFACTURING AND ADVANCED TERTIARY SECTORS IN LOMBARDY

Another distinctive trait of Lombardy is its combination of a **wide variety of specializations**, which has led to the region's true and proper **record in manufacturing**; it is the first region in Europe for number of productive units (more than 80.000) and for personnel in the sector (around 950.000); Lombardy excels in several different divisions, from electronics to textiles, from furniture to pharmaceuticals, to high tech and medium-high tech industries.

The infographic charts also show the role of the **advanced tertiary sector**, another strong point of this region, to highlight **Lombardy's record performances in the information and communication sectors** (which vaunt over 140.000 personnel) and in activities linked to **techno-scientific professions** (Lombardy being the second region in Europe for number of employees in this sector).

And then there is the Lombardy of **Universities, research** and knowledge production; leader in the field of **human capital formation**, it can boast 13 universities and around 45.000 enrolled students, and of **innovation**, with its over 18.000 deposited patents. A world-wide pole of attraction concerning the **creativity and cultural sectors** (Lombardy's enterprises of the cultural and creative production sectors amount to around 20% of the national total), this region has always been open to the world. Other distinctive traits of Lombardy's economy and society are: **product exchanges** (export contributes 33% of the territory's GDP), **business internationalisation** (the region is home to 43% of all multinationals in Italy) and the **flow of people from around the world** (around 14 million tourists per year).