

Territory, population and environment



The province of Torino is the second in size in Piedmont after Cuneo in terms of surface area: nearly half of the 6,829 square kilometres of the province is mountainous and the rest is equally distributed between hills and plains. The province is instead the first in Italy in terms of number of towns: 315, three-quarters of which are located on the hills or in the mountains.

The population on 31 December 2008 was 2,280,990, specifically 52% women and 42% resident in the city of Torino. This was a +0.6% increase with respect to the previous year and mainly determined by a foreigners, the growth rate of whom is higher than that of the Italian population during the year: foreign residents increased by +12.4%, reaching a total of 165 thousand individuals, 8.1% of the total population. The most numerous are romanians, who alone account for approximately 40% of the foreign population and whose community has grown by +16.7% during the past year.

The province has excellent attraction potentials and is competitive also in terms of infrastructures. Despite a minor decline in number of passengers and flights in 2008 - due to the waning of the effects of the Olympics in 2006, year in which airport traffic reached its peak -

Caselle airport has experienced an increase of passengers of over 20% (3.4 million in 2008) and of international flights of 7%, with 208 destinations during the past year.

Among the numbers that clearly describe the "health" of the province of Torino and its environment, some of the most significant are definitely those related to rubbish sorting, which reached 49.1% in 2008, totally 571 thousand tons of waste, with a +5.2% growth with respect to the previous year. Over 60% was organic material and paper. The number of electricity generating plants using renewable sources was also on the rise: during the first semester of 2008, there were 80 plants running in the province of Torino, in view of 66 of the same period of 2007, and 30 were being planned (29 the year before). This is respectively 32% and 34% of those being built or planned in Piedmont.

