

# OBSERVATORI CATALÀ DE L'ESPORT. THE DATA OF SPORT ON THE SPOTLIGHT.

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## INTRODUCTION

The *Observatori Català de l'Esport* (OCE) is an initiative of the *Secretaria General de L'Esport* of the *Generalitat de Catalunya* and is developed by the *Institut Nacional d'Educació Física de Catalunya* (INEFC). The OCE provides information on six broad dimensions of the overall sport phenomenon: sport participation, organizations and facilities, the economy of sport, training, research and professions, international projection and legal and political framework. One of the objectives of the OCE is to **describe the evolution of the sport phenomenon in Catalonia**, with data on federated people and elite athletes in Catalonia.

## METHODOLOGY

The information on the sport phenomenon is obtained in two ways:

- ✓ **From existing sources:** surveys, yearbooks, databases.
- ✓ **From information generated by the OCE itself** on matters on which no information is available. The main method that has been used in these researches is standardized surveys.

The data presented on the federated people and elite athletes in Catalonia was obtained from databases of the *Consell Català de l'Esport* and were then analyzed by the OCE.

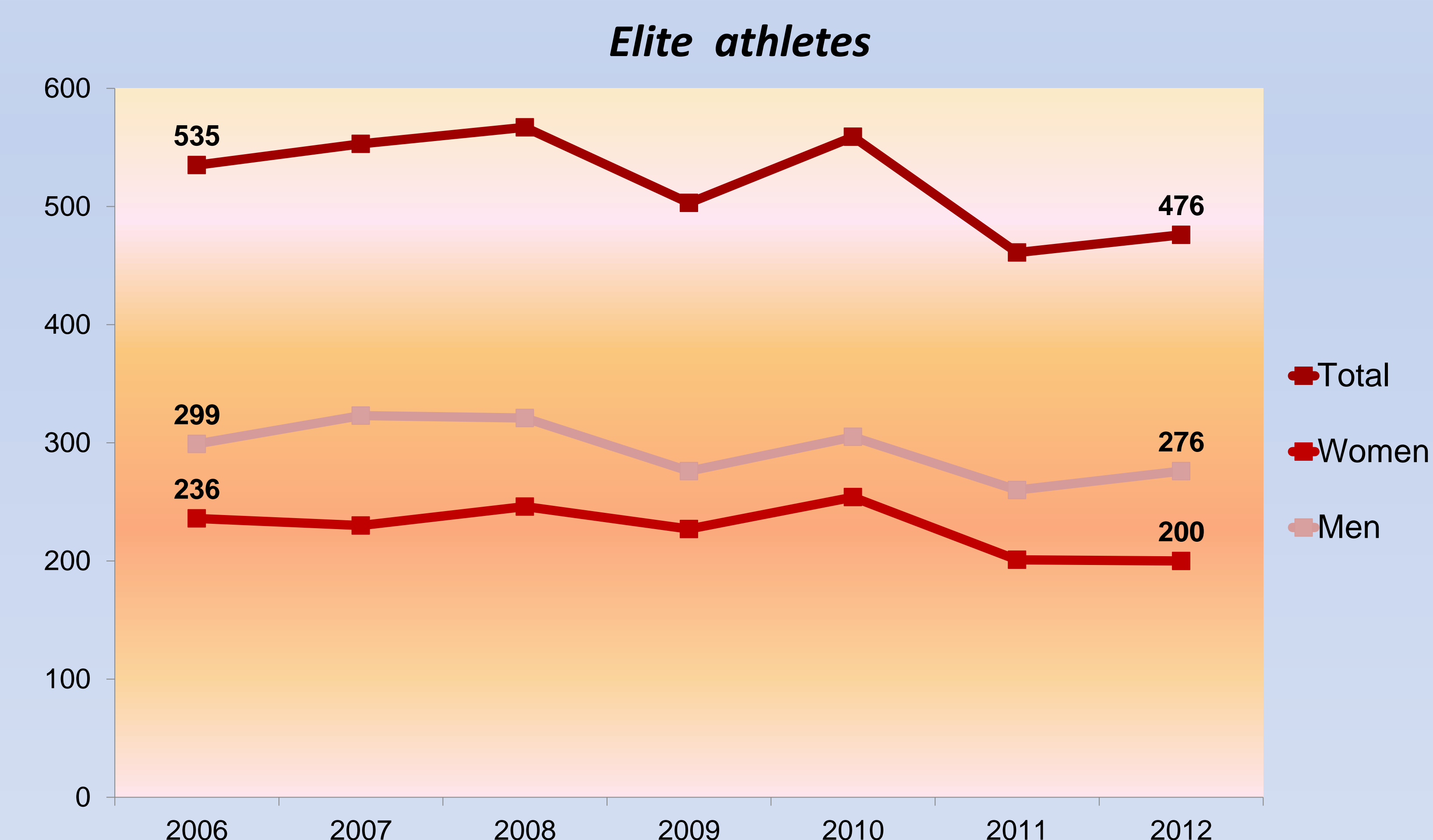
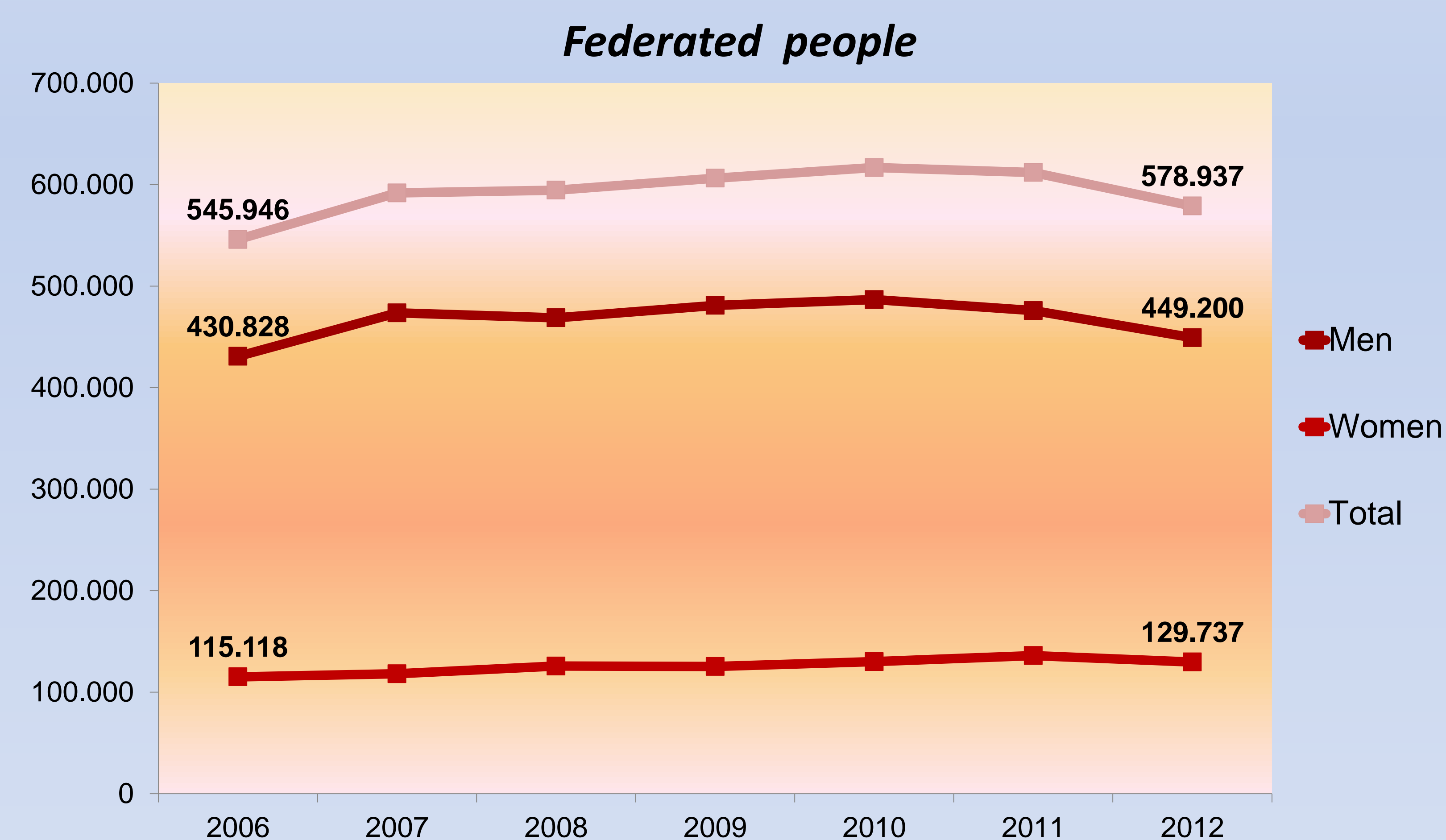
## DISCUSSION

Our results show a reduction in the number of people federated and elite athletes in the last two years. This phenomenon can be explained by the removal of subsidies to elite athletes, due to the economic crisis. Through these methods, **the Observatory aims to spread these trends that show the behavior of the different aspects analyzed in recent years in the evolution of the sport phenomenon**, and predict what direction sport will take in the future in its various aspects. Therefore, the OCE is a good tool to spread information regarding the evolution of the sport phenomenon for public and private organizations to develop their sports policies.

## RESULTS

The OCE has **206 indicators** and it has presented **22 communications** in national and international conferences, exhibiting **12 research studies** and has participated in **26 events** related to sport. In recent years the Centre has received **67 inquiries** from various public and private institutions as well as private individuals to whom they have provided different information and the website has received almost **90.000 visits** since its creation.

**The OCE has begun to develop trends**, such as the dimension of participation in sport, which discusses the evolution of federated athletes and elite athletes between 2006 - 2012: There has been a decreasing trend in the number of federated people in the last two years. In regard to elite athletes, there is a decline from 2010, and a slight increase last year, 2012.



Source: Observatori Català de l'Esport (2013) from Consell Català de l'Esport

## REFERENCES

[www.observatoridelesport.cat](http://www.observatoridelesport.cat)

