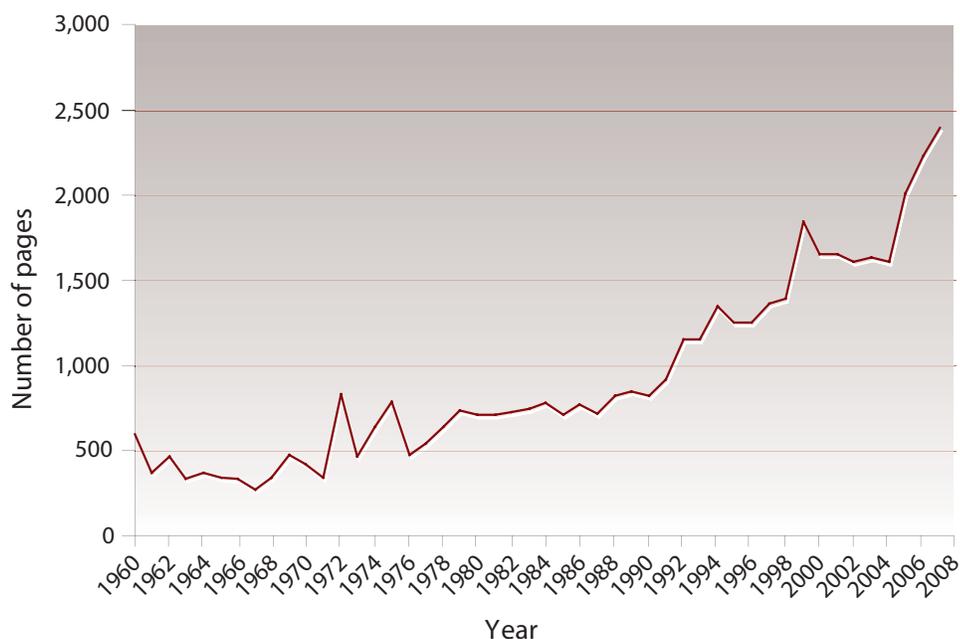


# EPILEPSIA – STATISTICS 1

Publishing scientific journals has become a rapidly growing and competitive field. By 2006, there were over 2,000 publishers involved in medicine, 1.2 million articles published annually, 16,000 periodical journals in science, medicine and technology, and a sophisticated online system for indexing, abstracting and distributing articles (driven by freely available indexing systems such as PubMed, Medline and the Web of Science). There are three main reasons for this growth: the commendable increase in worldwide research activity; the increased importance placed on publishing research for career promotion; and profits from medical publishing, not least those derived from advertising and inflation in journal subscription costs. *Epilepsia* has sought to survive in this competitive field and has achieved the position of premiere epilepsy journal. A few statistics are of interest:

- Editorial page number: In recent years the size of the journal has increased greatly. The third series was published as a single annual volume. The initial 4 series issues were published initially four times a year and in 1984 six times a year, and from 1996 twelve times a year. The journal began to exceed 1000 editorial pages in 1992. In the last 10 years, the number of editorial pages has more than doubled – to its current level of about 2,500 (excluding supplements).



(The expansion in editorial pages 4<sup>th</sup> series 1959–2009)