

The report found that Italy was the third fastest growing country for property searches in May. Searches for Property In Italy rose by 23 per cent, only beaten by searches for Property In Thailand (up 24 per cent) and Poland (up 248 per cent). This follows an encouraging rise in the number of Italian Property searches in both March and April.

The fastest growing Italian region was Abruzzo with searches up almost half (48 per cent) on April's figures. Abruzzo was 102nd in the overall chart, making it the fifth most popular Italian region for property searches.

Tuscany is the most popular region at 47th in the chart, followed by Lombardy and Campania, a region which saw searches up 46 per cent in May.

There were also an increased number of searches for Property In Calabria – up 25 per cent on April's figures.

Increasing number of property searches on mobile devices

Recent figures have also shown that more and more people are searching for Property In Italy, the UK and in other countries on mobile devices. On one particular day in June 2011, Rightmove recorded that over one in five property searches were performed on mobile devices.

For only the second day on record, over 20 per cent of all searches for property were conducted on either a smart phone, iPhone or via an iPad.

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