PUBLISHING STATISTICS OF LATVIA 2025

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FOREWORD

The collection "Publishing statistics of Latvia 2025" includes data on publishing output in Latvia (the number of publications, print runs etc.) in an aggregate form. The data on publishing are collected based on reports on publishing sent in by publishers and on legal deposit copies received by the National Library of Latvia.

The collection also includes the data on books published in 2024 if the legal deposit copies were received in 2025.

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The Index of Periodicals

SUMMARY

Printed publications

Type of publication	Titles	Print run
Books	**2 196**	**2 217 037**
Magazines	**258**	**13 942 019**
In the MMR	215	13 779 591
Not in the MMR	43	162 428
Image-based books	**200**	**382 691**
Cartographic materials	**174**	**334 782**
Newspapers	**131**	**29 990 332**
In the MMR	70	24 874 294
Not in the MMR	61	5 116 038
Doctoral thesis summaries	**91**	**1 643**
Sheet music	**21**	**3 310**
Kopā	**3 071**	**46 871 814**

E-publications

Type of publication	Titles
E-books	348
E-cartographical materials	104
E-doctoral thesis summaries	124
E-magazines	156
E-newspapers	109
E-sheet music	36

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Recorded publishers in 2025

Type of publication	Publishers
Books	420
Magazines	106
Newspapers	109

The number of publications for which the print run/circulation data are not provided

Type of publication	Titles	%
Books	40	1.4%
Magazines	17	0.6%
Newspapers	5	0.2%

The number of book titles excludes the data on image-based books
MMR – the Mass Media Register
The data on newspaper and magazine publishers includes all the publishers, regardless of whether they publish periodicals registered in the MMR or not. In the collections of statistics ‘Publishing statistics of Latvia 2017’’, ‘Publishing statistics of Latvia 2018’, and ‘Publishing statistics of Latvia 2019’ data were presented only about publishers who published newspapers registered in the MMR.

SUMMARY

BOOKS

During 2025., there were **420 book publishers** active in Latvia.

In 2025., **2196 books and brochures** (henceforth – books) were published, making up the collective print run of 2 217 037 copies (in 2024. – 2164 books, 2 131 867 copies). The average print run of books in 2025. makes up 1 010 copies (in 2024. – 972 copies).

Of all the books published, 78.5% are in Latvian (print run – 91.6% of all book copies), including 8 (or 0.5%) in Latgallian (print run – 0.2% of all book copies).
In other languages, the most books are published **in Russian** – 5.2% of the total number of books (print run – 2.0% of all book copies), and **in English** – 4.5% of the total number of books (print run – 1.5% of all book copies). The average print run of the books published in Latvian is 1 192 copies, the average print run of books published in other languages is 378 copies.

Of all the books published in 2025., 68.8% are original editions (print run – 60.8% of all book copies), of which 70,8% are original editions in Latvian (print run – 89.0% of all the copies of original editions). The average print run of original editions is 894 copies, while the average print run of translated editions – 1 262.

Of all the books published in 2025., **95.6% are first editions** (print run – 94.9% of all book copies), of which 76.6% are **first editions in Latvian** (print run – 91.3% of all the copies of first editions). The average print run of first editions is 1 001 copies, and of first editions in Latvian – 1 193 copies.

The majority (29.8%) of all the books published in 2025. are **literary fiction** (print run – 22.7% of all book copies; the average print run of literary fiction is 768 copies). Out of which 74.8% is **Latvian literary fiction** (print run – 57.8% of all literary fiction book copies; the average print run of Latvian literary fiction is 594 copies).

15,3% of the books published in 2025. are **intended for children and youth** (print run – 22.3% of all book copies; the average print run is 1 477 copies).

In 2025., there were **1.2 book copies published per capita** (in 2024. – 1.1 copy).

SUMMARY

NEWSPAPERS

During 2025., there were **109 newspaper publishers** active in Latvia.

In 2025., **131 newspapers** in 4902 issues and a print run of 29 990 332 copies were published. The print run of one issue, on average, makes up 6 118 copies.

The majority – 102 newspapers in 3 788 issues – are **in Latvian** (print run – 78.3% of all newspaper copies; the average print run of one issue – 6 197 copies). Followed by 27 newspapers in 1 105 issues **in Russian** (print run – 21.7% of all newspaper copies; the average print run of one issue – 5 895 copies).

70 newspapers in 4 341 issues and a print run of 24 874 294 copies are **registered in the Mass Media Register**, the average print run of one issue is 5 730 copies. Of which 45 newspapers in 3 265 issues are **in Latvian** (print run – 74.2% of all newspapers registered in the MMR; the average print run of one issue is 5 653), while 24 newspapers in 1 075 issues are **in Russian** (print run – 25.8% of all newspapers registered in the MMR; the average print run of one issue is 5 968 copies).

In 2025., there were **16.1 newspaper copy published per capita** (in 2024. – 15.3 copies).

MAGAZINES

During 2025., there were **106 magazine publishers** active in Latvia.

In 2025., **258 magazines** in 2 140 issues and the print run of 13 942 019 copies were published. The print run of one issue, on average, makes up 6 515 copies.

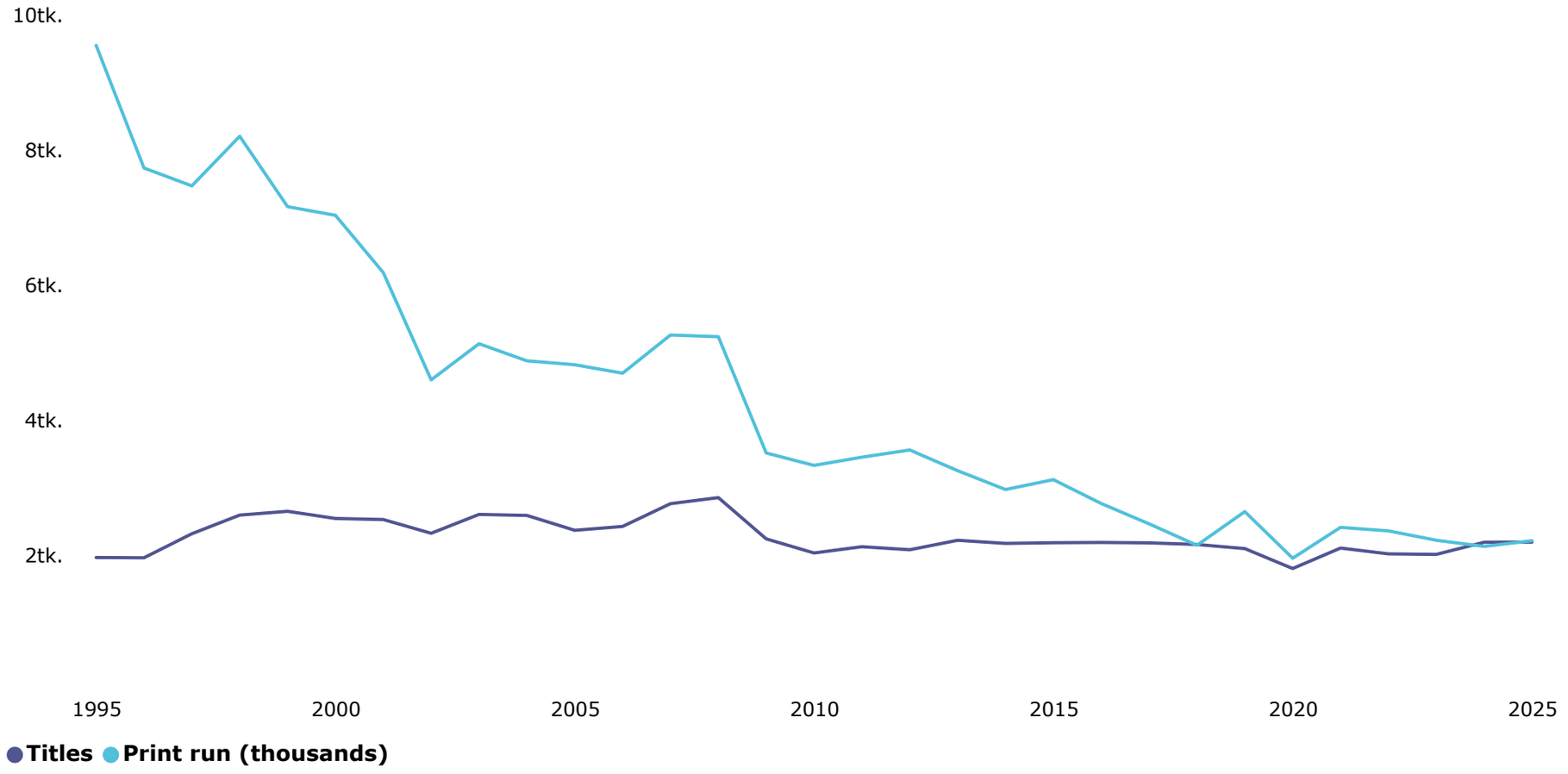
The majority – 200 newspapers in 1845 issues – are **in Latvian** (print run – 91.0% of all magazine copies; the average print run of one issue – 6 515 copies). Followed by 29 magazines in 202 issues **in Russian** (print run – 6.8% of all magazine copies; the average print run of one issue – 4 715 copies) and 17 magazines in 48 issues **in English** (print run – 1.6% of all magazine copies; the average print run of one issue – 4 554).

215 magazines in 2 013 issues and a print run of 13 779 591 copies are **registered in the Mass Media Register**, the average print run of one issue is 6 845 copies. Of which 173 magazines in 1 771 issues are **in Latvian** (print run – 91.1% of all the magazines registered in the MMR; the average print run of one issue is 7 086 copies), while 27 magazines in 177 issues are **in Russian** (print run – 6.8% of all the magazines registered in the MMR; the average print run of one issue is 5 299 copies) and 10 magazines in 34 issues are **in English** (print run 1.5% of all the magazines refistered in the MMR; the average print run of one issue ir 6 234 copies).
In 2025., there were **7.5 magazine copies published per capita** (in 2024. – 6.7 copies).

BOOKS BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION

TITLES AND PRINT RUN

Excluding the data on image-based books



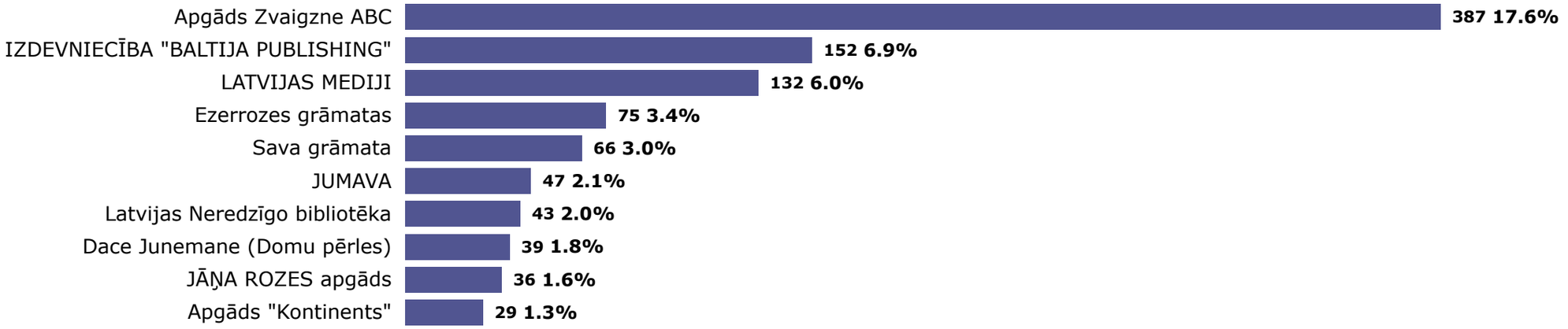
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Year	Titles	Print run (thousands)
1995	1 968	9 549
1996	1 964	7 733
1997	2 320	7 469
1998	2 596	8 203
1999	2 652	7 161
2000	2 546	7 033
2001	2 530	6 185
2002	2 327	4 597
2003	2 606	5 132
2004	2 591	4 879
2005	2 371	4 821
2006	2 428	4 696
2007	2 765	5 261
2008	2 855	5 236
2009	2 244	3 515
2010	2 035	3 331
2011	2 128	3 453
2012	2 083	3 559
2013	2 223	3 253
2014	2 177	2 974
2015	2 187	3 120
2016	2 191	2 767
2017	2 185	2 466
2018	2 161	2 149
2019	2 100	2 647
2020	1 805	1 957
2021	2 108	2 414
2022	2 022	2 362
2023	2 014	2 223
2024	2 194	2 132
2025	2 196	2 217

BOOK PUBLISHERS

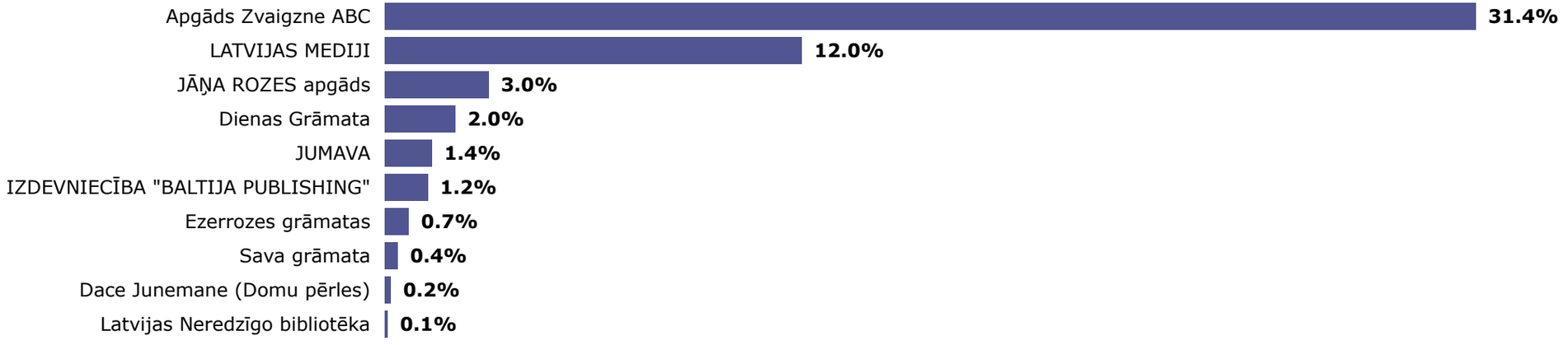
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MAJOR BOOK PUBLISHERS BY THE NUMBER OF BOOKS PUBLISHED



45.8% (1 006)
of total number of book titles

MAJOR BOOK PUBLISHERS BY PRINT RUN



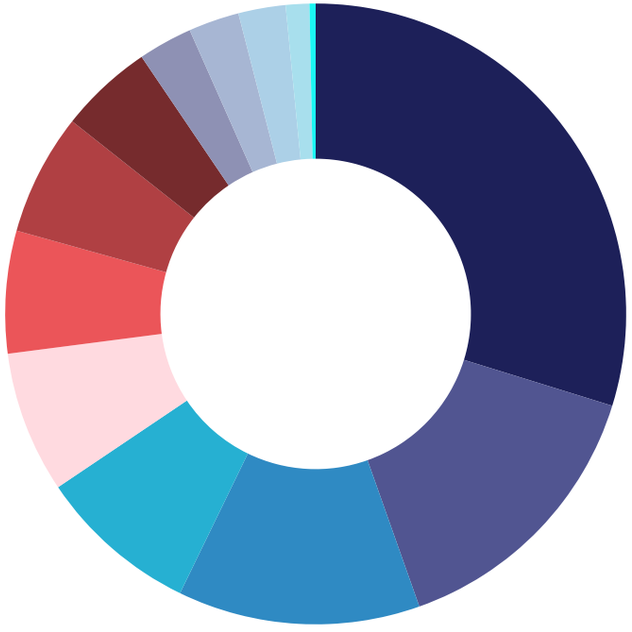
61.5% (1 362 733)
of total print run of books

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BOOKS BY SUBJECT

Excluding the data on image-based books

NUMBER OF BOOKS AND PRINT RUN BY SUBJECT

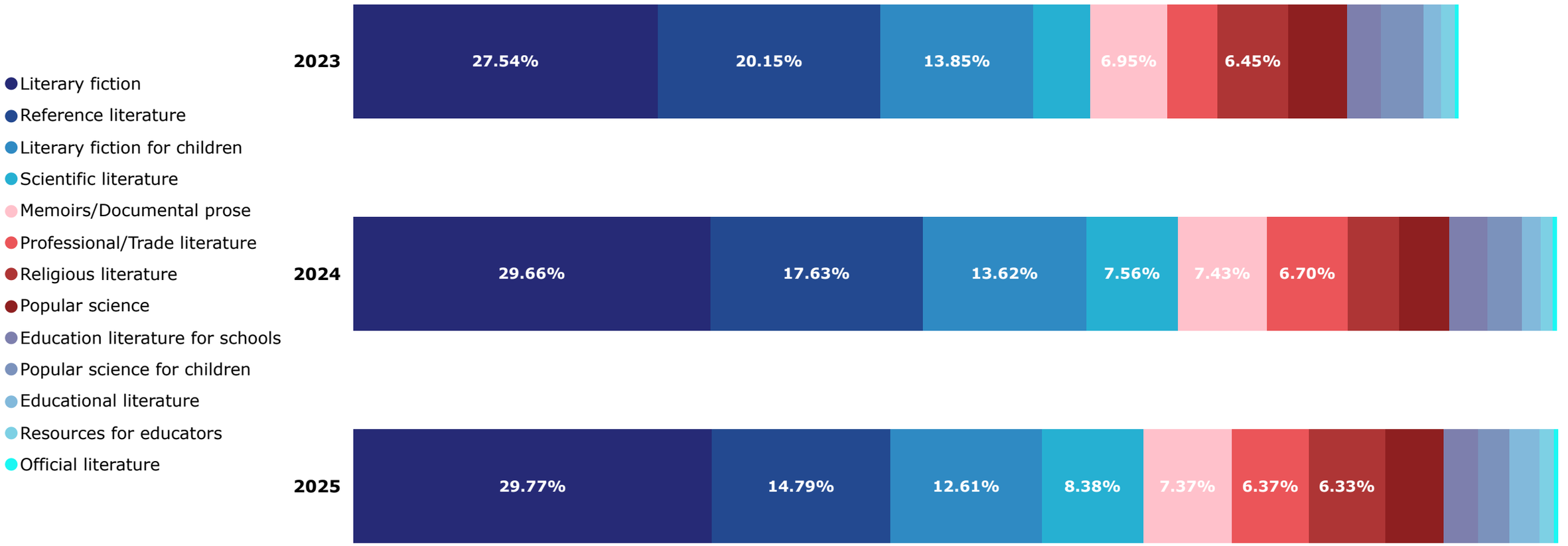


Category	Titles	%	Print run
Literary fiction	654	29.8%	502 310
Reference literature	325	14.8%	465 948
Literary fiction for children	277	12.6%	380 868
Scientific literature	184	8.4%	47 693
Memoirs/Documental prose	162	7.4%	130 855
Professional/Trade literature	140	6.4%	32 467
Religious literature	139	6.3%	59 285
Popular science	107	4.9%	112 450
Education literature for schools	62	2.8%	261 419
Popular science for children	58	2.6%	113 774
Educational literature	54	2.5%	83 811
Resources for educators	27	1.2%	22 520
Official literature	7	0.3%	3 637
Total	**2 196**	**100.0%**	**2 217 037**

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Excluding the data on image-based books

COMPARISON OF BOOK SUBJECTS BY YEAR % (BOOK TITLES 2023-2025)



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ORIGINAL, TRANSLATED, FIRST AND REISSUED EDITIONS

	Titles	%	Print run	%
Original issues	1 507	68.6%	1 347 778	60.8%
Translations	689	31.4%	869 259	39.2%
Total	**2 196**	**100.0%**	**2 217 037**	**100.0%**

	Titles	%	Print run	%
First editions	2 100	95.6%	2 102 948	94.9%
Reissued editions	96	4.4%	114 089	5.1%
Total	**2 196**	**100.0%**	**2 217 037**	**100.0%**

Year	Original titles	Translated titles
2023	70.8%	29.2%
2024	69.0%	31.0%
2025	68.6%	31.4%

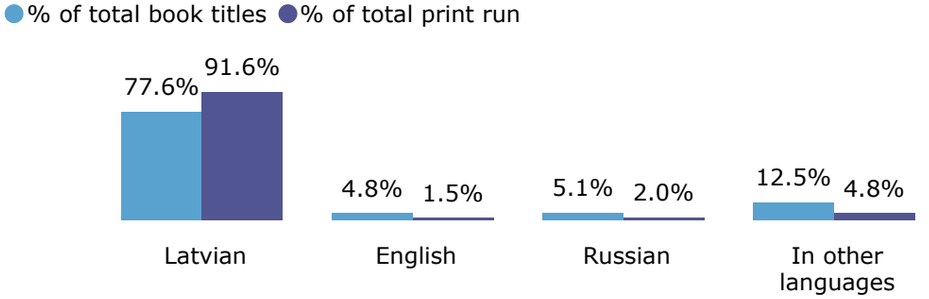
Year	Original titles	Translated titles
2023	64.2%	35.8%
2024	59.9%	40.1%
2025	60.8%	39.2%

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BOOKS BY LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION

Language	Titles	Print run
Latvian	**1 704**	**2 031 109**
	1 696	2 026 941
incl. Latgallian	8	4 168
English	**105**	**33 487**
Russian	**111**	**44 398**
In other languages	**274**	**106 793**
Dictionaries	**2**	**1 250**
Total	**2 196**	**2 217 037**

TITLES AND PRINT RUN, %



COMPARISON OF BOOK TITLES AND PRINT RUN 2023-2025

	Titles				Print run			
Year ▲	Latvian	English	Russian	In other languages	Latvian	English	Russian	In other languages
2023	80.9%	4.7%	6.8%	7.6%	91.2%	1.3%	2.8%	4.7%
2024	77.7%	4.2%	5.5%	12.6%	92.1%	1.2%	2.5%	4.2%
2025	77.6%	4.8%	5.1%	12.5%	91.6%	1.5%	2.0%	4.8%

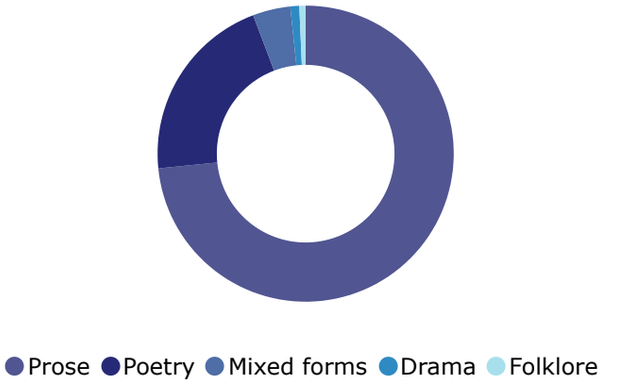
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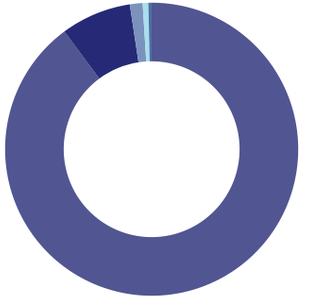
LITERARY FICTION

Literary genre	Titles	%	Print run	%
Prose	672	72.2%	793 516	87.0%
Poetry	203	21.8%	68 593	10.6%
Mixed forms	40	4.3%	12 404	1.6%
Drama	10	1.1%	3 185	0.7%
Folklore	6	0.6%	5 480	0.2%
Total	**931**	**100.0%**	**883 178**	**100.0%**

TITLES



PRINT RUN



COMPARISON OF BOOK TITLES BY LITERARY GENRE 2023-2025

Year	Prose	Poetry	Mixed forms	Drama	Folklore
2023	69.4%	21.5%	5.8%	0.7%	2.6%
2024	70.7%	22.3%	5.6%	0.8%	0.5%
2025	72.2%	21.8%	4.3%	1.1%	0.6%

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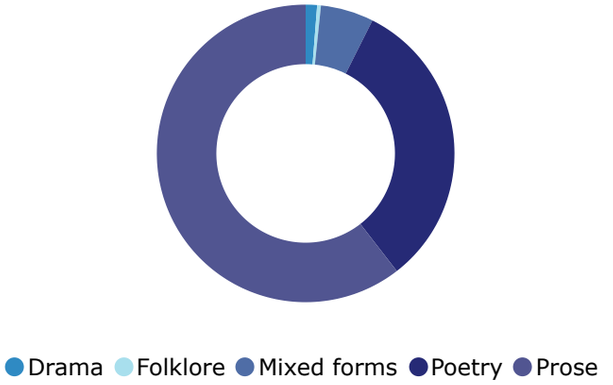
LITERARY FICTION

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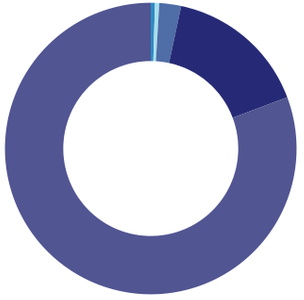
LATVIAN LITERARY FICTION*

Literary genre	Titles	% of all literary ficiton titles	Print run	% of all literary fiction print run
Prose	294	28.3%	233 790	31.3%
Poetry	156	20.5%	45 919	8.3%
Mixed forms	28	3.0%	7 397	1.3%
Drama	6	0.6%	1 585	0.3%
Folklore	2	0.1%	1 600	0.0%
Total	**486**	**52.5%**	**290 291**	**41.3%**

TITLES



PRINT RUN



	Literary fiction	Latvian literary fiction	Literary fiction for children	Latvian literary fiction for children
Titles	931	486	277	117
% of all book titles	43%	22%	13%	5%
Print run	883 178	339 795	380 868	121 437
% of annual book print run	40%	15%	17%	5%

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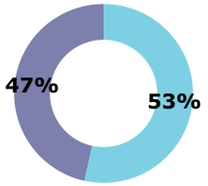
NEWSPAPERS

BY LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION AND TYPE

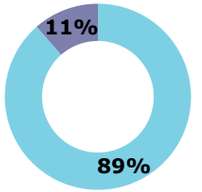
MMR status	Titles	Issues	Annual circulation
In the MMR	70	4 341	24 874 294
Not in the MMR	61	561	5 116 038
Total	**131**	**4 902**	**29 990 332**

Language	Titles	Issues	Annual circulation
Latvian	**102**	**3 788**	**23 472 781**
Not in the MMR	57	523	5 014 438
In the MMR	45	3 265	18 458 343
Russian	**27**	**1 105**	**6 514 351**
In the MMR	24	1 075	6 415 951
Not in the MMR	3	30	98 400
In other languages	**2**	**9**	**3 200**
In the MMR	1	1	0
Not in the MMR	1	8	3 200
Total	**131**	**4 902**	**29 990 332**

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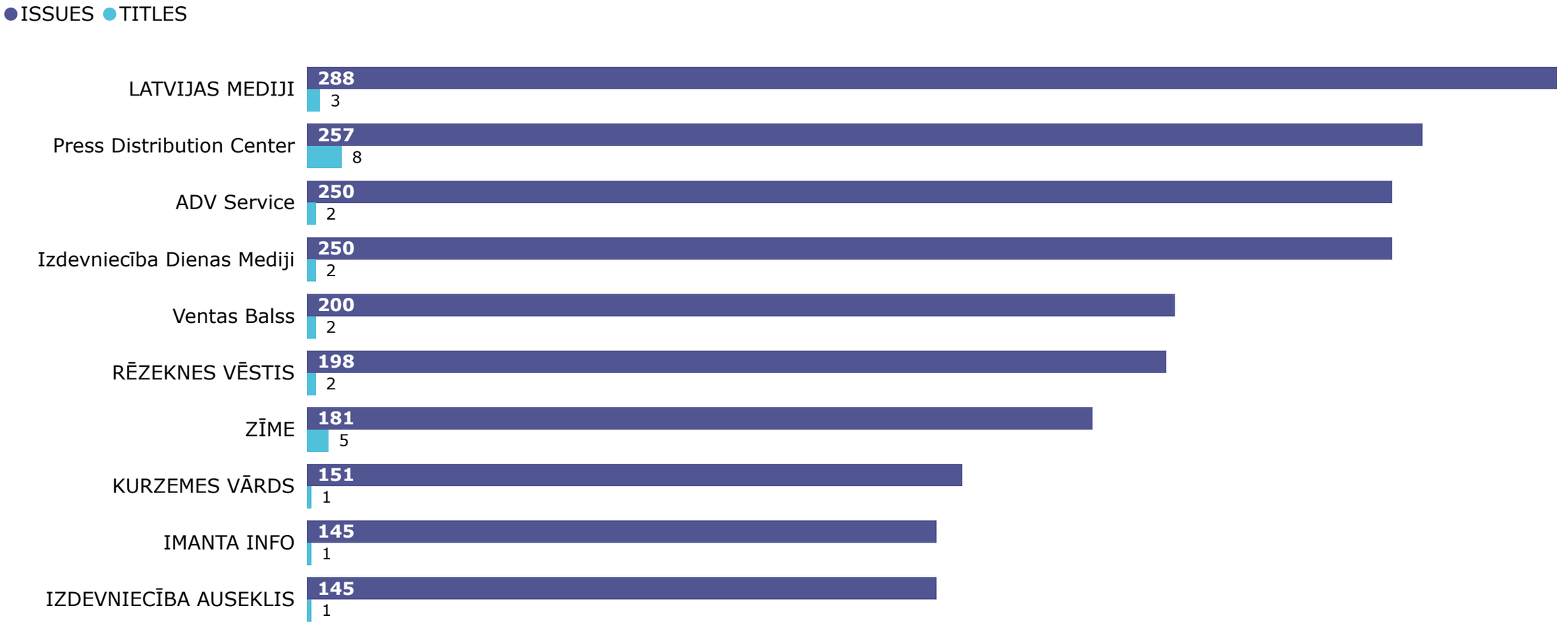
Publisher type	Titles	Issues	Annual circulation
Municipal newspapers	**44**	**470**	**4 976 918**
Not in the MMR	44	470	4 976 918
National daily newspapers	**2**	**391**	**6 865 080**
In the MMR	2	391	6 865 080
Other	**57**	**1 419**	**13 124 753**
In the MMR	40	1 328	12 985 633
Not in the MMR	17	91	139 120
Regional newspapers	**28**	**2 622**	**5 023 581**
In the MMR	28	2 622	5 023 581
Total	**131**	**4 902**	**29 990 332**

MMR – the Mass Media Register

NEWSPAPERS

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MAJOR NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS BY NUMBER OF ISSUES



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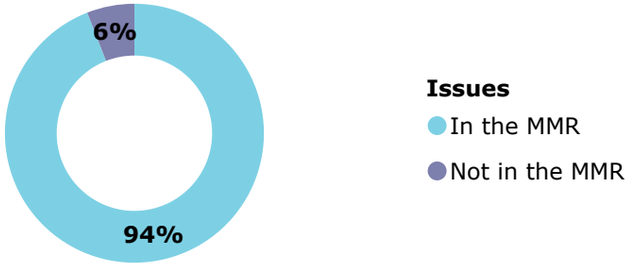
MAGAZINES

BY LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION AND TYPE

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Language	Titles	Issues	Annual circulation
Latvian	**200**	**1 845**	**12 688 097**
In the MMR	173	1 771	12 549 438
Not in the MMR	27	74	138 659
Russian	**29**	**202**	**952 453**
In the MMR	27	177	937 893
Not in the MMR	2	25	14 560
English	**17**	**48**	**218 580**
In the MMR	10	34	211 950
Not in the MMR	7	14	6 630
In other languages	**12**	**45**	**82 889**
In the MMR	5	31	80 310
Not in the MMR	7	14	2 579
Total	**258**	**2 140**	**13 942 019**





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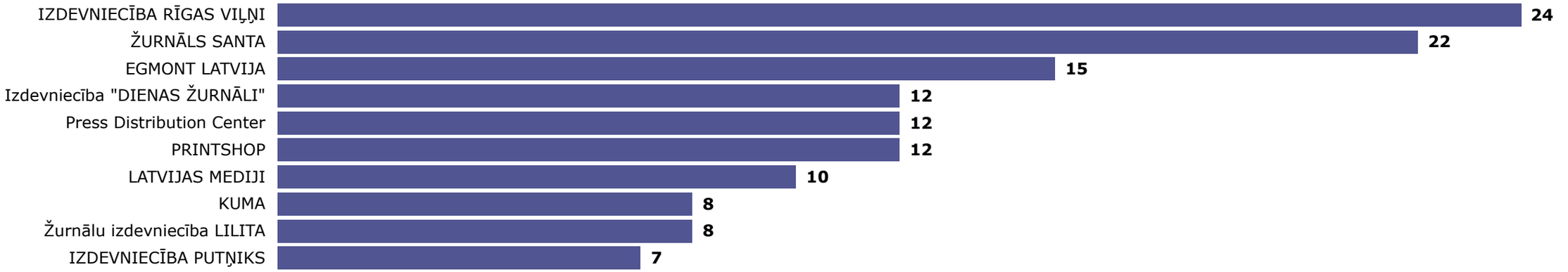
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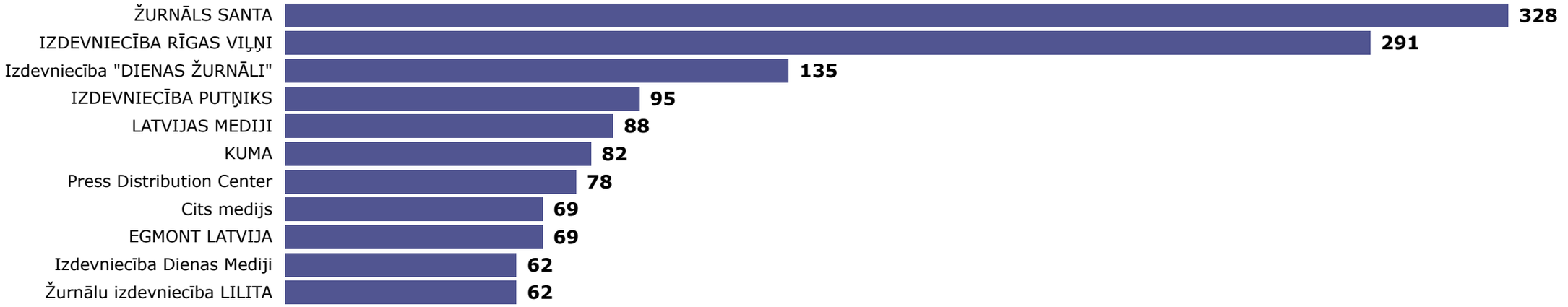
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MAJOR PUBLISHERS OF MAGAZINES

BY TITLES



BY ISSUES



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OTHER TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS

PRINTED PUBLICATIONS

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IMAGE-BASED BOOKS

Category	Titles
Colouring books for adults	4
Comics. Graphic novels	19
Exhibition catalogues, art albums	1
Practical, personal development books for children (incl. children's colouring books)	176
Total	**200**

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DOCTORAL THESIS SUMMARIES

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BY INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION

Academic institution	Titles
Latvijas Universitāte	35
Rīgas Stradiņa universitāte	26
Biznesa augstskola Turība	9
Transporta un sakaru institūts	7
Latvijas Biozinātņu un tehnoloģiju universitāte	6
Daugavpils Universitāte	5
Latvijas Mākslas akadēmija	2
Latvijas Kultūras akadēmija	1
Total	**91**

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