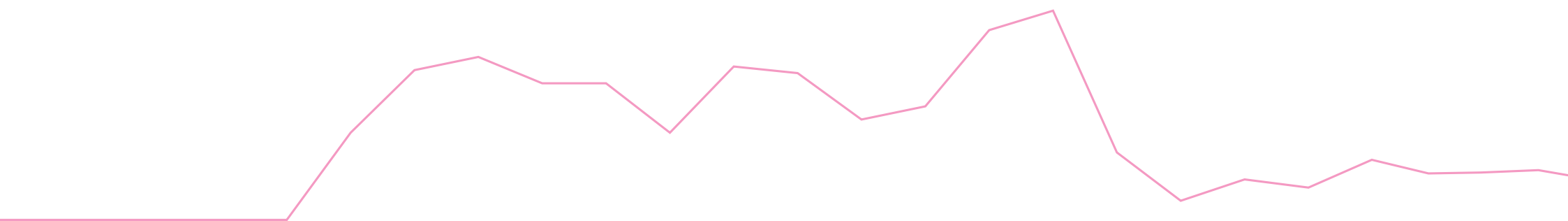


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FOREWORD

Collection 'Publishing statistics of Latvia 2024' includes data on publishing output in Latvia (the number of publications, print runs etc.) in aggregate form.

The data on publishing are collected based on reports on publishing sent in by publishers and on legal deposit copies (<https://likumi.lv/ta/id/136682>) received by the National Library of Latvia.

The collection also includes the data on books published in 2023 if the legal deposit copies were received in 2024.

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SUMMARY

Type of publication

Books*	2 194	2 131 867
Newspapers	163	28 601 867
incl. registered in the MMR**	80	22 937 955
incl. not registered in the MMR	83	5 663 912
Magazines	265	12 445 526
incl. registered in the MMR	219	12 255 812
incl. not registered in the MMR	46	189 714
Image-based books	273	474 231
Cartographic materials	129	246 854
Sheet music	31	9 590
Thesis summaries	89	–
E-books	431	–
E-newspapers	120	–
E-magazines	184	–
E-sheet music	91	–
E-cartographic materials	136	–
E-thesis summaries	140	–

Recorded in 2024:

446 book publishers
(3,6 per cent of them have not provided the data on print runs)

121 newspaper publishers***
(5,0 per cent of them have not provided the data on print runs)

111 publishers of magazines***
(5,4 per cent of them have not provided the data on print runs)

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

	Titles	%
Books	20	0,9%
Newspapers	9	5,5%
Magazines	17	6,4%

*Excluding the data on image-based books

** MMR - the Mass Media Register

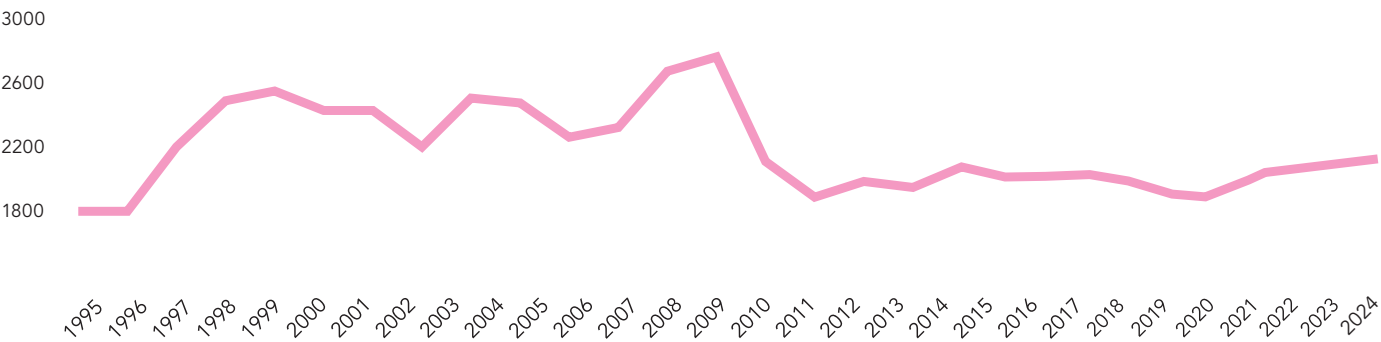
*** Data about all journal, magazine, and newspaper publishers are included regardless of whether they publish newspapers registered in the MMR or not. In the collections of statistics 'Publishing statistics of Latvia 2017', 'Publishing statistics of Latvia 2018', and 'Publishing statistics of Latvia 2019' data were presented only about publishers who published newspapers registered in the MMR.

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BOOKS BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION

Excluding the data on image-based books

Year	Titles	Print run	Printed sheets of paper
1995	1 968	9 549	112 299
1996	1 964	7 733	77 861
1997	2 320	7 469	83 830
1998	2 596	8 203	86 883
1999	2 652	7 161	76 880
2000	2 546	7 033	73 720
2001	2 530	6 185	70 920
2002	2 327	4 597	61 502
2003	2 606	5 132	59 844
2004	2 591	4 879	59 444
2005	2 371	4 821	61 770
2006	2 428	4 696	58 418
2007	2 765	5 261	67 976
2008	2 855	5 236	70 794
2009	2 244	3 515	42 676
2010	2 035	3 331	40 763
2011	2 128	3 453	44 198
2012	2 083	3 559	43 928
2013	2 223	3 253	39 580
2014	2 177	2 974	38 852
2015	2 187	3 120	38 582
2016	2 191	2 767	37 512
2017	2 185	2 466	31 529
2018	2 161	2 149	32 202
2019	2 100	2 647	34 441
2020	1 805	1 957	29 208
2021	2 108	2 414	34 378
2022	2 022	2 362	31 423
2023	2 014	2 223	28 878
2024	2 194	2 132	31 506



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BOOK PUBLISHERS

Excluding the data on image-based books

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MAJOR BOOK PUBLISHERS BY NUMBER OF BOOKS PUBLISHED

Publisher	Titles	%*	
1. Apgāds Zvaigzne ABC	376	17,1%	
2. IZDEVNIECĪBA "BALTIJA PUBLISHING"	135	6,2%	
3. LATVIJAS MEDIJI	119	5,4%	
4. Ezerrozes grāmatas	74	3,4%	
5. Latvijas Neredzīgo bibliotēka	64	2,9%	
6. Sava grāmata	64	2,9%	
7. Dace Junemane (Domu pērles)	44	2,0%	
8. JĀŅA ROZES apgāds	39	1,8%	
9. JUMAVA	38	1,7%	
10. Apgāds "Kontinents"	36	1,6%	
Total	989	45,1%	
Total number of book titles	2 194		

MAJOR BOOK PUBLISHERS BY PRINT RUN

Publisher	%**	
1. Apgāds Zvaigzne ABC	30,0%	
2. LATVIJAS MEDIJI	10,6%	
3. Lielvārds	3,6%	
4. JĀŅA ROZES apgāds	3,3%	
5. V-Media	2,9%	
6. Latviešu valodas aģentūra	2,7%	
7. EGMONT LATVIJA	2,4%	
8. Apgāds "Kontinents"	1,8%	
9. Dienas Grāmata	1,8%	
10. MADRIS	1,7%	
Total	60,8%	
Total print run of books	2 131 867	

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* Of the total annual number of titles

** Of the total annual print run

BOOKS

BY SUBJECT

Excluding the data on image-based books

NUMBER OF BOOK TITLES BY SUBJECT, 2022-2024 (%)

Category	2022	2023	2024
Science literature	6,4%	5,2%	7,6%
Popular science literature*	4,5%	5,3%	4,1%
Official literature	0,8%	0%**	0,3%
Professional / Trade literature	7,0%	4,5%	6,7%
Educational literature	1,7%	1,6%	1,6%
Primary and secondary school educational literature	2,0%	3,1%	3,2%
Teachers' guides and resources	1,0%	1,2%	1,0%
Reference literature	20,4%	20,2%	17,6%
Religious literature	4,3%	6,5%	4,3%
Memoirs / Documentary prose	6,1%	7,0%	7,4%
Fiction***	31,3%	27,6%	29,7%
Children's fiction	10,9%	13,9%	13,6%
Children's popular science	3,7%	3,9%	2,8%

NUMBER OF BOOK TITLES AND PRINT RUNS BY SUBJECT, 2024

Category	Titles	Print run
Science literature	166	46 225
Popular science literature*	91	115 310
Official literature	7	2 430
Professional / Trade literature	147	30 265
Educational literature	35	55 497
Educational literature for primary and secondary schools	70	209 680
Teachers' guides and resources	22	15 351
Reference literature	387	440 952
Religious literature	94	56 258
Memoirs / Documentary prose	163	153 908
Fiction***	651	486 127
Children's fiction	299	409 975
Children's popular science	62	109 889
Total	2 194	2 131 867

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* Excluding the data on children's popular science books

** Less than 0,5%

*** Excluding the data on children's fiction books

ORIGINAL, TRANSLATED, FIRST AND REVISED EDITIONS

Excluding the data on image-based books

ORIGINAL AND TRANSLATED EDITIONS OF BOOKS

	Titles		Print run	
		%		%
Original editions	1 514	69,0%	1 276 851	59,9%
Translations	680	31,0%	855 016	40,1%
Total	2 194		2 131 867	

FOR COMPARISON: ORIGINAL AND TRANSLATED EDITIONS OF BOOKS, 2022-2024 (%)

	2022	2023	2024
Original editions	73,4%	70,8%	69,0%
Translations	26,6%	29,2%	31,0%

FOR COMPARISON: PRINT RUNS OF ORIGINAL AND TRANSLATED EDITIONS OF BOOKS, 2022-2024 (%)

	2022	2023	2024
Original editions	67,5%	64,2%	59,9%
Translations	32,5%	35,8%	40,1%

FIRST AND REVISED EDITIONS OF BOOKS

	Titles		Print run	
		%		%
First editions	2 117	96,5%	2 043 704	95,9%
Including:				
Original editions	1 477	69,8%	1 236 338	60,5%
Translations	640	30,2%	807 366	39,5%
Revised editions	77	3,5%	88 163	4,1%
Including:				
Original editions	37	48,1%	40 513	46,0%
Translations	40	51,9%	47 650	54,0%
Total	2 194		2 131 867	

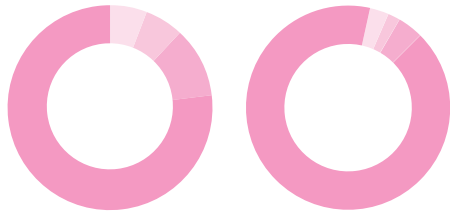
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BOOKS BY LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION

Excluding the data on image-based books

NUMBER OF BOOK TITLES AND PRINT RUNS BY LANGUAGE (%)

Language	Titles, % *	Print run, % **
Latvian	77,7%	92,1%
English	4,2%	1,2%
Russian	5,5%	2,5%
Other	12,6%	4,2%



ORIGINAL EDITIONS AND TRANSLATIONS OF BOOKS BY LANGUAGE

Language	Titles	Print run	Printed sheets of paper
Latvian	1 704	1 963 234	28 757 421
Original editions	1 056	1 126 014	15 437 823
incl. Latgalian written language	10	4 203	43 170
incl. Livonian language	0	0	0
Translations	648	837 220	13 319 598
Other	490	168 633	2 748 987
Original editions	458	150 837	2 494 280
Translations	32	17 796	254 707
Dictionaries	0	0	0
Total	2 194	2 131 867	31 506 408
Original editions	1 514	1 276 851	17 932 103
Translations	680	855 016	13 574 305

FOR COMPARISON: BOOK TITLES BY LANGUAGE, 2022-2024 (%)

Language	2022	2023	2024
Latvian	79,3%	80,9%	77,7%
English	5,1%	4,7%	4,2%
Russian	5,3%	6,8%	5,5%
Other	10,3%	7,6%	12,6%

FOR COMPARISON: PRINT RUNS OF BOOKS BY LANGUAGE, 2022-2024 (%)

Language	2022	2023	2024
Latvian	92%	91,2%	92,1%
English	1%	1,3%	1,2%
Russian	2%	2,8%	2,5%
Other	5%	4,7%	4,2%

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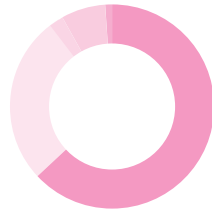
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** Of the total annual print run

FICTION

FICTION TITLES BY LITERARY GENRE

Literary genre	Titles	Titles (%)*
Prose	672	70,7%
Poetry	212	22,3%
Drama	8	0,8%
Mixed forms	53	5,6%
Folklore	5	0,5%
Total	950	43,3%



FOR COMPARISON: FICTION TITLES BY LITERARY GENRE, 2022-2024 (%)

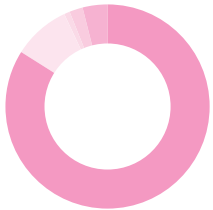
Literary genre	2022	2023	2024
Prose	67,3%	69,4%	70,7%
Poetry	24,6%	21,5%	22,3%
Drama	0,4%	0,7%	0,8%
Mixed forms	5,8%	5,8%	5,6%
Folklore	2,0%	2,6%	0,5%

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Excluding the data on image-based books

PRINT RUNS OF FICTION BY LITERARY GENRE

Literary genre	Print run	Print run (%)**
Prose	785 945	87,7%
Poetry	85 016	9,5%
Drama	3 650	0,4%
Mixed forms	14 891	1,7%
Folklore	6 600	0,7%
Total	896 102	42,0%



FOR COMPARISON: PRINT RUNS OF FICTION BY LITERARY GENRE, 2022-2024 (%)

Literary genre	2022	2023	2024
Prose	83,0%	82,2%	87,7%
Poetry	8,9%	8,5%	9,5%
Drama	0,4%	0,6%	0,4%
Mixed forms	2,5%	1,3%	1,7%
Folklore	5,2%	7,3%	0,7%

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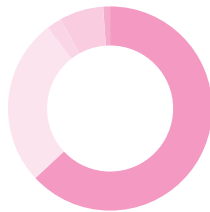
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FICTION

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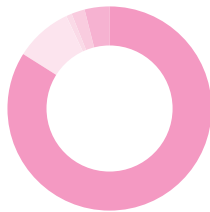
LATVIAN FICTION TITLES BY LITERARY GENRE

Literary genre	Titles	Titles (%)*
Prose	282	29,7%
Poetry	181	19,1%
Drama	5	0,5%
Mixed forms	37	3,9%
Folklore	4	0,4%
Total	509	53,6%



PRINT RUNS OF LATVIAN FICTION BY LITERARY GENRE

Literary genre	Print run	Print run (%)**
Prose	276 783	30,9%
Poetry	64 866	7,2%
Drama	1 650	0,2%
Mixed forms	13 252	1,5%
Folklore	5 400	0,6%
Total	361 951	40,4%



TITLES AND PRINT RUNS OF LATVIAN AND OTHER NATIONAL FICTION PUBLICATIONS

	Fiction	Latvian fiction	Children's fiction	Latvian children's fiction
Titles	950	509	299	121
Titles (% of total annual number of titles)	43,3%	23,2%	13,6%	5,5%
Print run	896 102	361 951	409 975	132 405
Print run (% of total annual print run)	42,0%	17,0%	19,2%	6,2%

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* Of the total annual number of titles
** Of the total annual print run

NEWSPAPERS

NEWSPAPERS BY LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION

Language	Titles	Issues	Annual print run
Latvian	123	4 056	20 970 147
incl. registered in the MMR*	50	3 472	15 474 947
incl. not registered in the MMR	73	584	5 495 200
English	1	1	unknown
incl. registered in the MMR	0	0	0
incl. not registered in the MMR	1	1	unknown
Russian	36	1 239	7 529 720
incl. registered in the MMR	28	1 188	7 361 008
incl. not registered in the MMR	8	51	168 712
Other	3	12	102 000
incl. registered in the MMR	2	11	102 000
incl. not registered in the MMR	1	1	unknown
Total	163	5 308	28 601 867
incl. registered in the MMR	80	4 671	22 937 955
incl. not registered in the MMR	83	637	5 663 912

TYPES OF NEWSPAPERS

Publisher	Titles	Issues	Annual print run
National daily newspapers	2	404	2 895 020
incl. registered in the MMR	2	404	2 895 020
incl. not registered in the MMR	0	0	0
Regional newspapers	31	2 832	6 052 537
incl. registered in the MMR	31	2 832	6 052 537
incl. not registered in the MMR	0	0	0
Municipal newspapers	47	497	5 257 330
incl. registered in the MMR	0	0	0
incl. not registered in the MMR	47	497	5 257 330
Other newspapers	83	1 575	14 396 980
incl. registered in the MMR	47	1 435	13 990 398
incl. not registered in the MMR	36	140	406 582
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MAJOR NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS BY NUMBER OF ISSUES

Publisher	Issues	Titles	
LATVIJAS MEDIJI	303	3	
Press Distribution Center	268	11	
Izdevniecība Dienas Mediji	256	2	
ADV Service	249	3	
ZĪME	232	6	
Ventas Balss	204	2	
KURZEMES VĀRDS	203	1	
RĒZEKNES VĒSTIS	196	2	
IMANTA INFO	147	1	
IZDEVNIECĪBA AUSEKLIS	147	1	

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MAGAZINES

MAGAZINES BY LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION

Language	Titles	Issues	Annual print run
Latvian	205	2 040	11 362 613
incl. registered in the MMR*	179	1 968	11 219 488
incl. not registered in the MMR	26	72	143 125
English	21	63	249 100
incl. registered in the MMR	11	35	240 900
incl. not registered in the MMR	10	28	8 200
Russian	27	234	750 014
incl. registered in the MMR	24	204	714 284
incl. not registered in the MMR	3	30	35 730
Other	12	49	83 799
incl. registered in the MMR	5	35	81 140
incl. not registered in the MMR	7	14	2 659
Total	265	2 386	12 445 526
incl. registered in the MMR	219	2 242	12 255 812
incl. not registered in the MMR	46	144	189 714

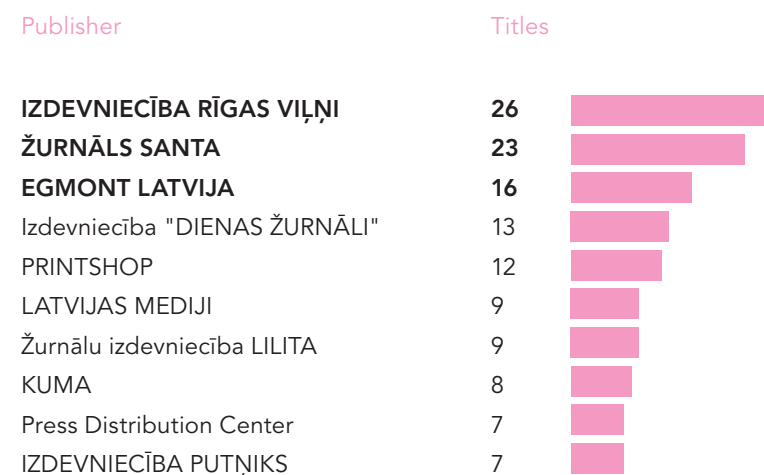
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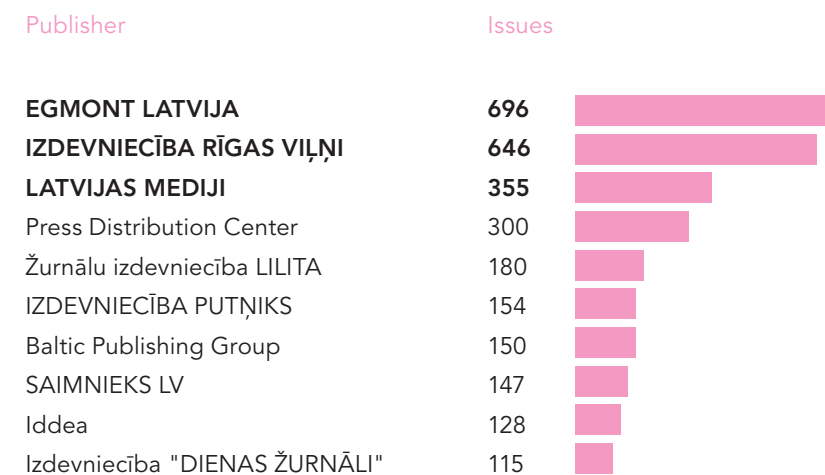
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MAJOR PUBLISHERS OF MAGAZINES BY NUMBER OF TITLES



MAJOR PUBLISHERS OF MAGAZINES BY NUMBER OF ISSUES



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OTHER TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS

	Titles	Print run	
Image-based books	273	474 231	
Thesis summaries	89	–	
Cartographic materials	129	246 854	
Sheet music	31	9 590	
E-books	431	–	
E-newspapers	120	–	
E-journals and magazines	184	–	
E-sheet music	91	–	
E-cartographic materials	136	–	
E-thesis summaries	140	–	

IMAGE-BASED BOOKS

IMAGE-BASED BOOK TITLES BY GENERAL CATEGORY

Category	Titles
Practical, personal development books for children (incl. children's colouring books)	242
Colouring books for adults	5
Comics. Graphic novels	16
Exhibition catalogues, art albums	10
Total	273

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THESIS SUMMARIES

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TITLES OF THESIS SUMMARIES BY INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION

Academic institution	Titles
University of Latvia	38
Rīga Stradiņš University	19
Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies	15
Daugavpils University	6
Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences	3
RISEBA University of Applied Sciences	2
Art Academy of Latvia	2
Transport and Telecommunication Institute	2
Latvian Academy of Sport Education	1
University of Liepāja	1
Total	89

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