

Kirjakori 2022
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Annual statistics on Finnish Children's and Youth Literature 2022

Annual Kirjakori statistics 2022



- The number of children's and youth books has been recorded in the Kirjakori statistics since 2001.
- The annual Kirjakori statistics overview is based on the books donated by creators and publishers.
- Kirjakori 2022 overview and exhibition includes 1313 books for children and youth.
- All categories of books are showcased in the exhibition, from picture books to chapter books and novels for young adults and new adults, as well as poetry, comics, and non-fiction.
- There are books from 142 domestic and foreign publishers.
- The percentage of domestic books in Kirjakori is almost 54%, making it more than 50% for the sixth year in row.
- There are 26 Finnish-Swedish books written in Swedish, and one Northern Sámi language book included in the domestic books.
- There are also 31 plain language books, 3 bilingual books, and 2 trilingual books, and one book that has text in Finnish, English, Arabic, Kurdish, and Persian.
- Fennica search 30.3.23: children's and youth titles 1213, comics 163, total 1376 (includes translations, new editions, e-books, and audio books).
- Estimate: There were around 1400 books published for 0–18-year-old target audiences in Finland in 2022.

Books in Kirjakori 2001–2022

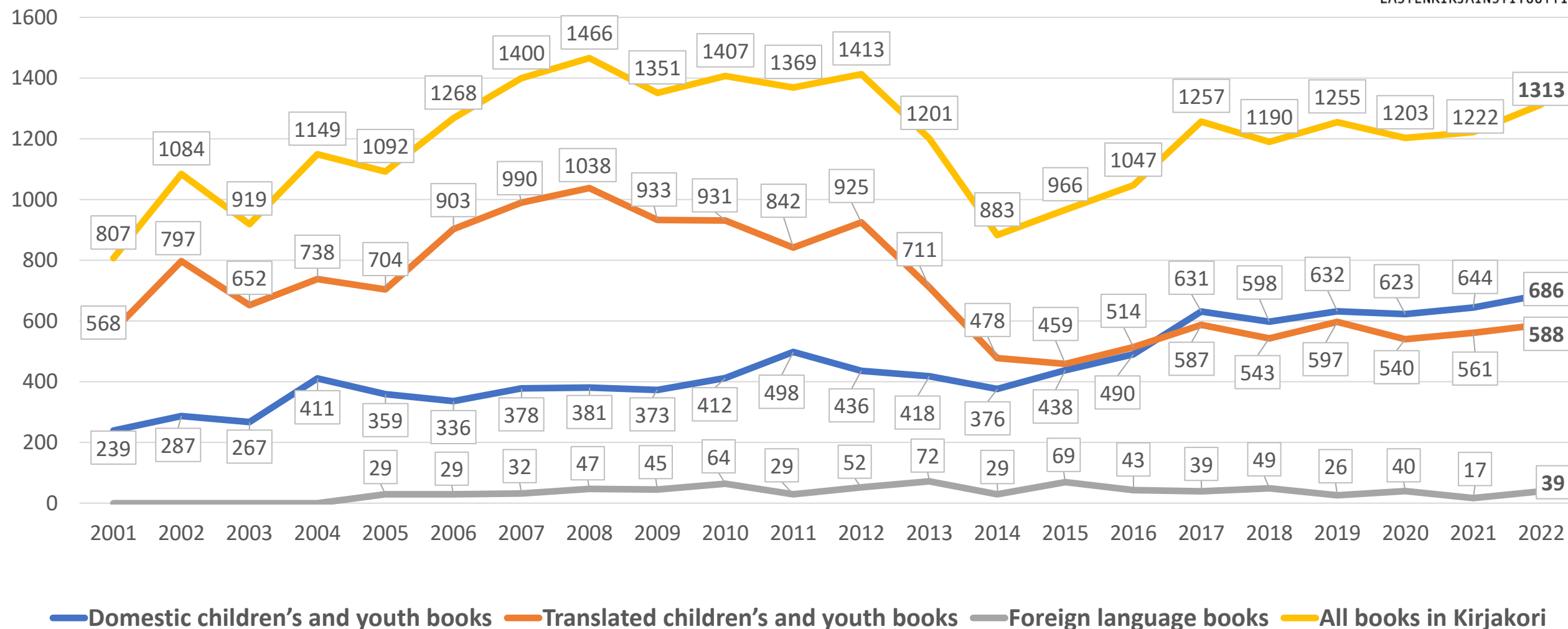


Figure 1. Books in Kirjakori 2001–2022.

N.B. Foreign language books, for example translations of Finnish creators' works into other languages, have been a separate category since 2005.
From 2014 only a selection of translated comics have been included in the library's collection.

Categories in children's and youth literature

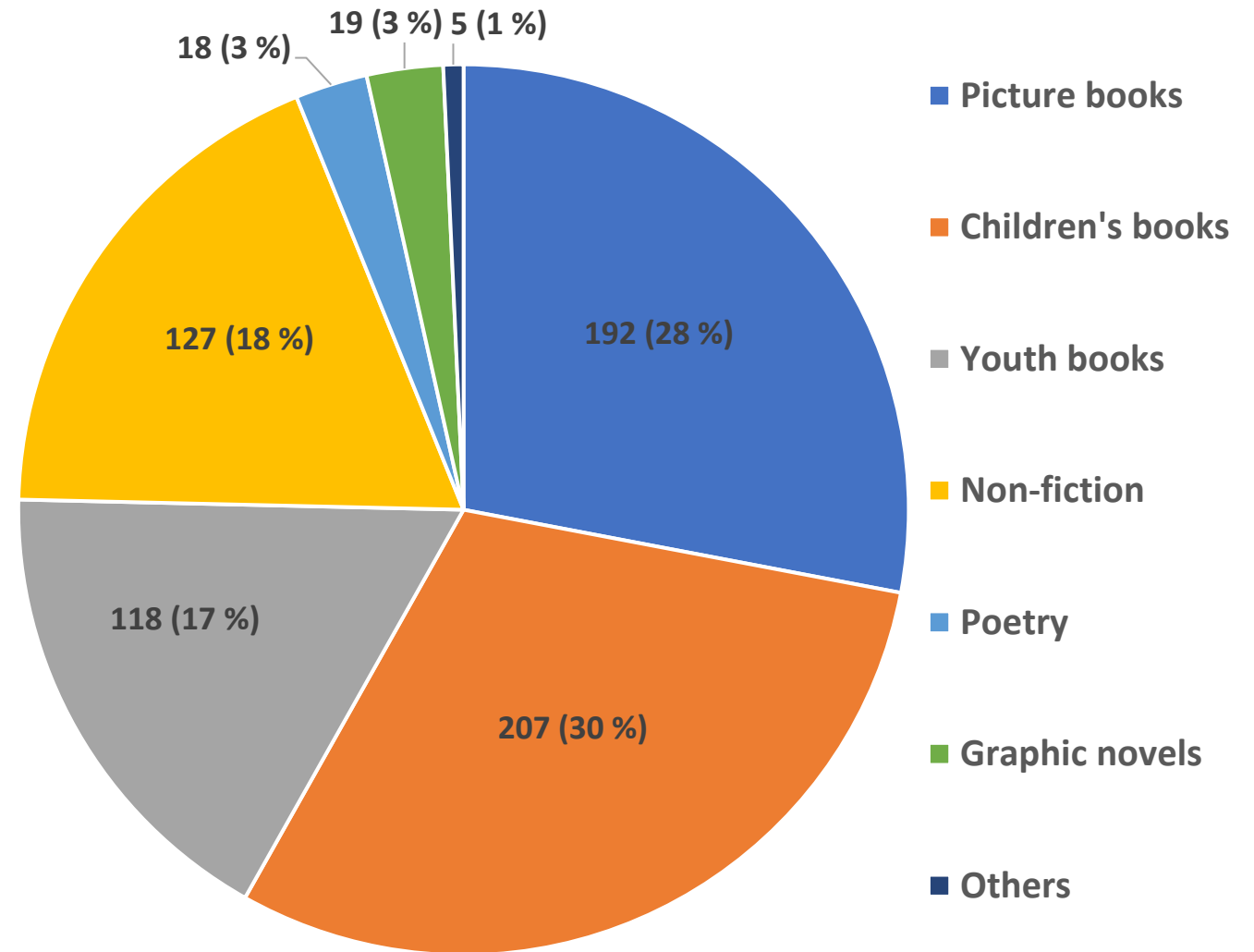
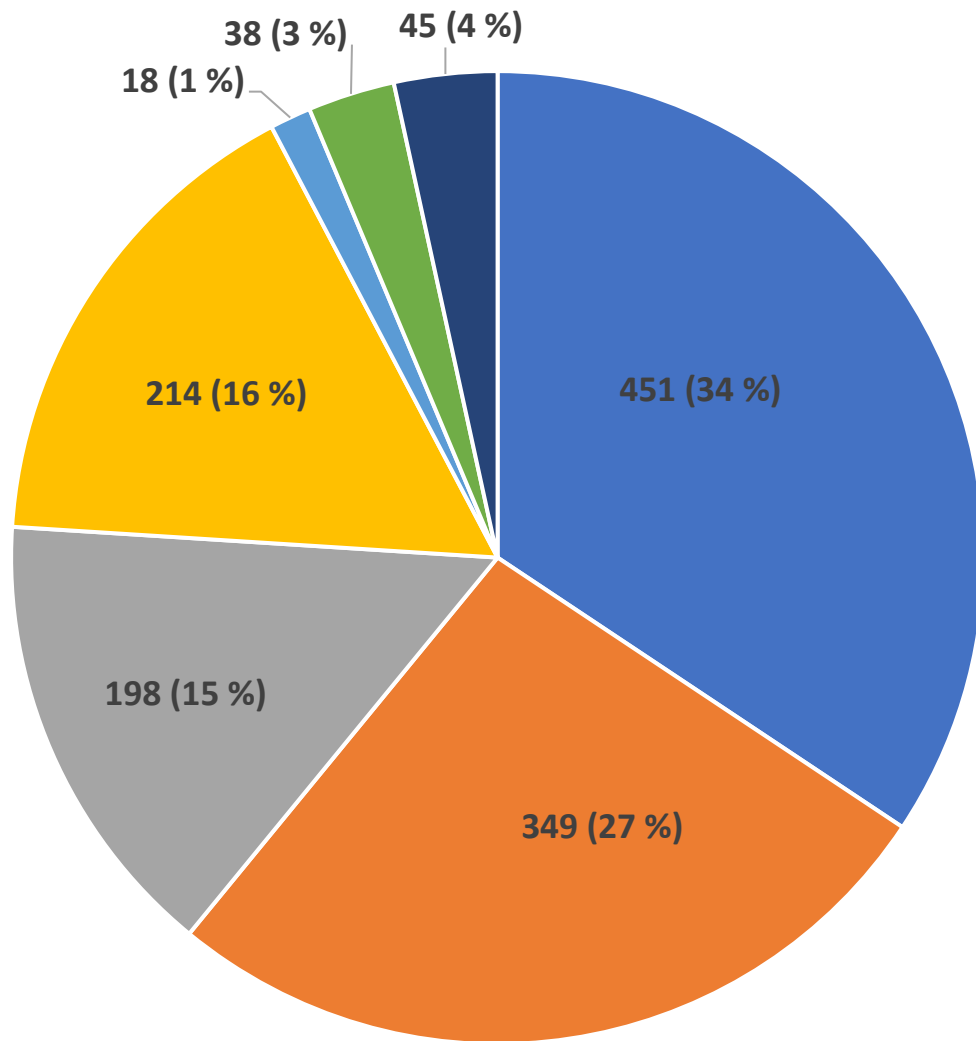


Figure 2. All children's and youth literature by category (1313 books). **Figure 3.** Domestic children's and youth literature by category (686 books).

Categories in domestic children's and youth literature 2018–2022

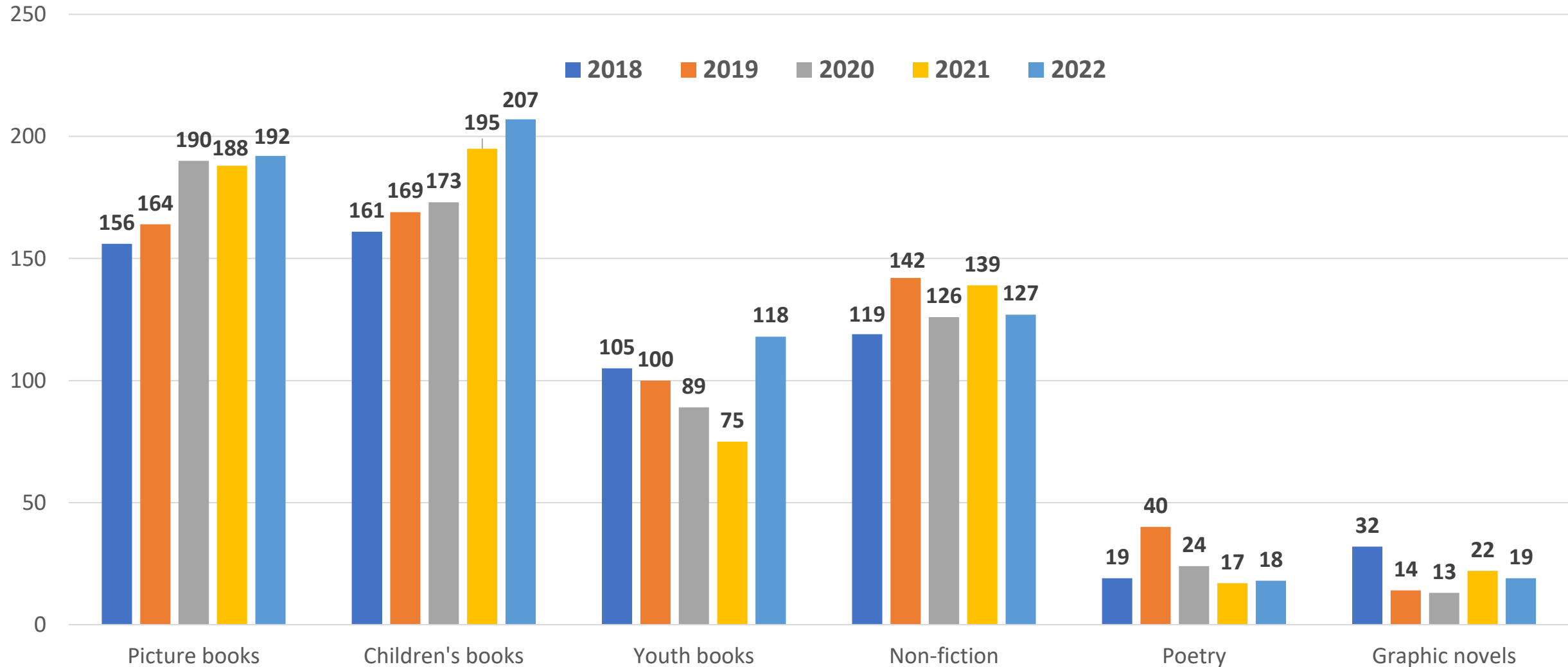


Figure 4. Domestic children's and youth literature by category 2018–2022.

Children's and youth books by original language

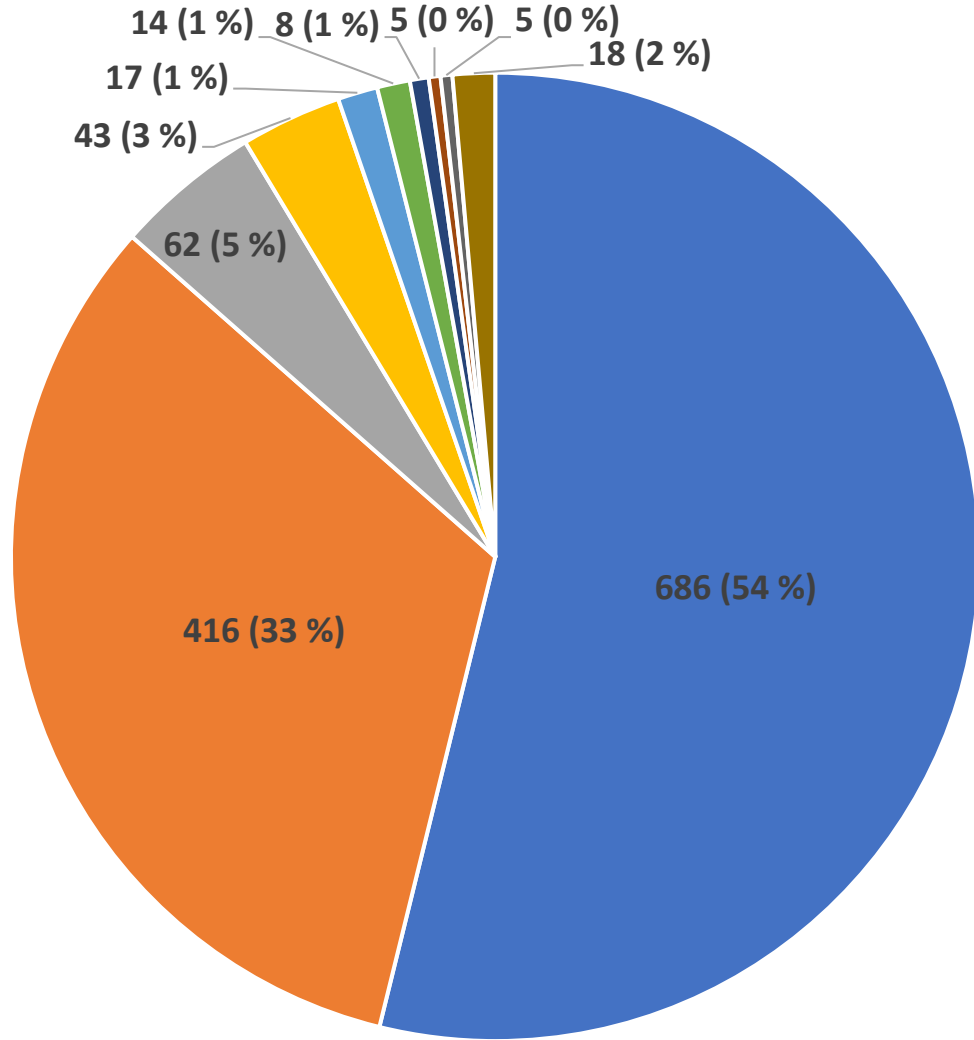


Figure 5. Children's and youth books by original language (1274 books, no foreign language books).

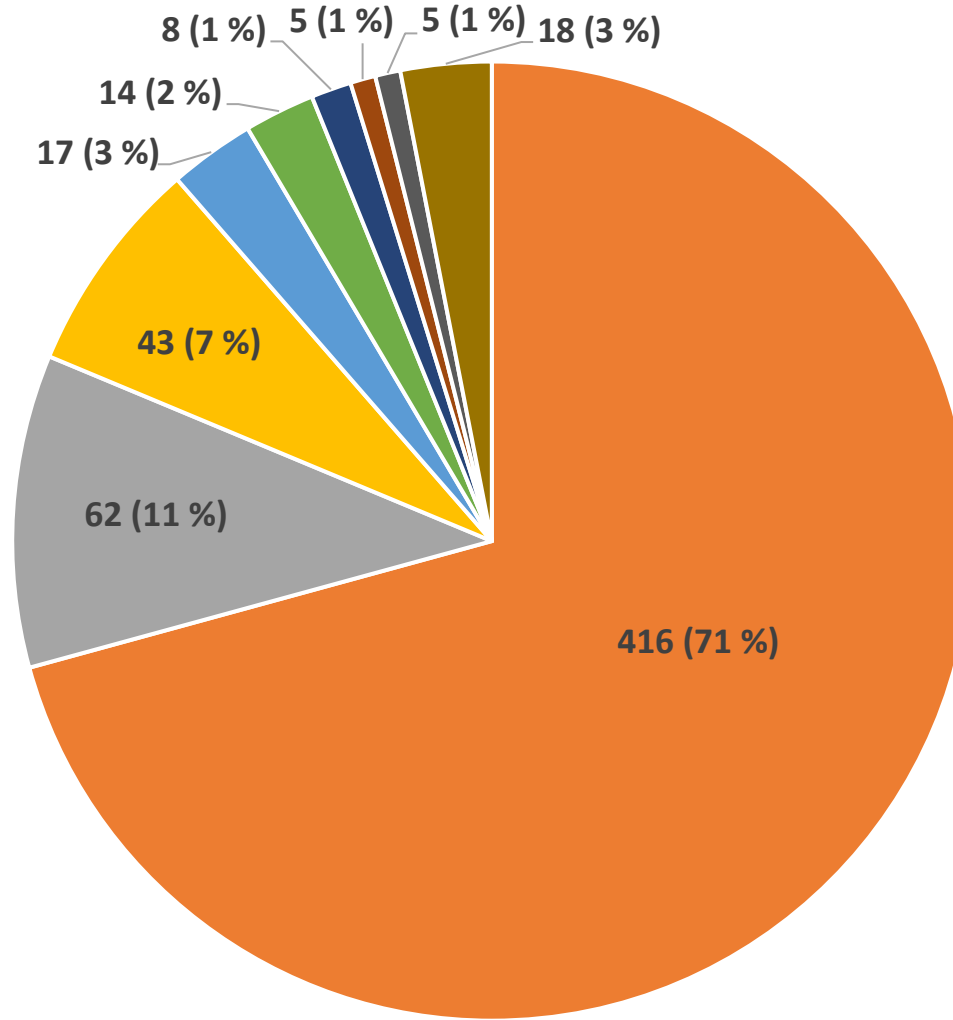
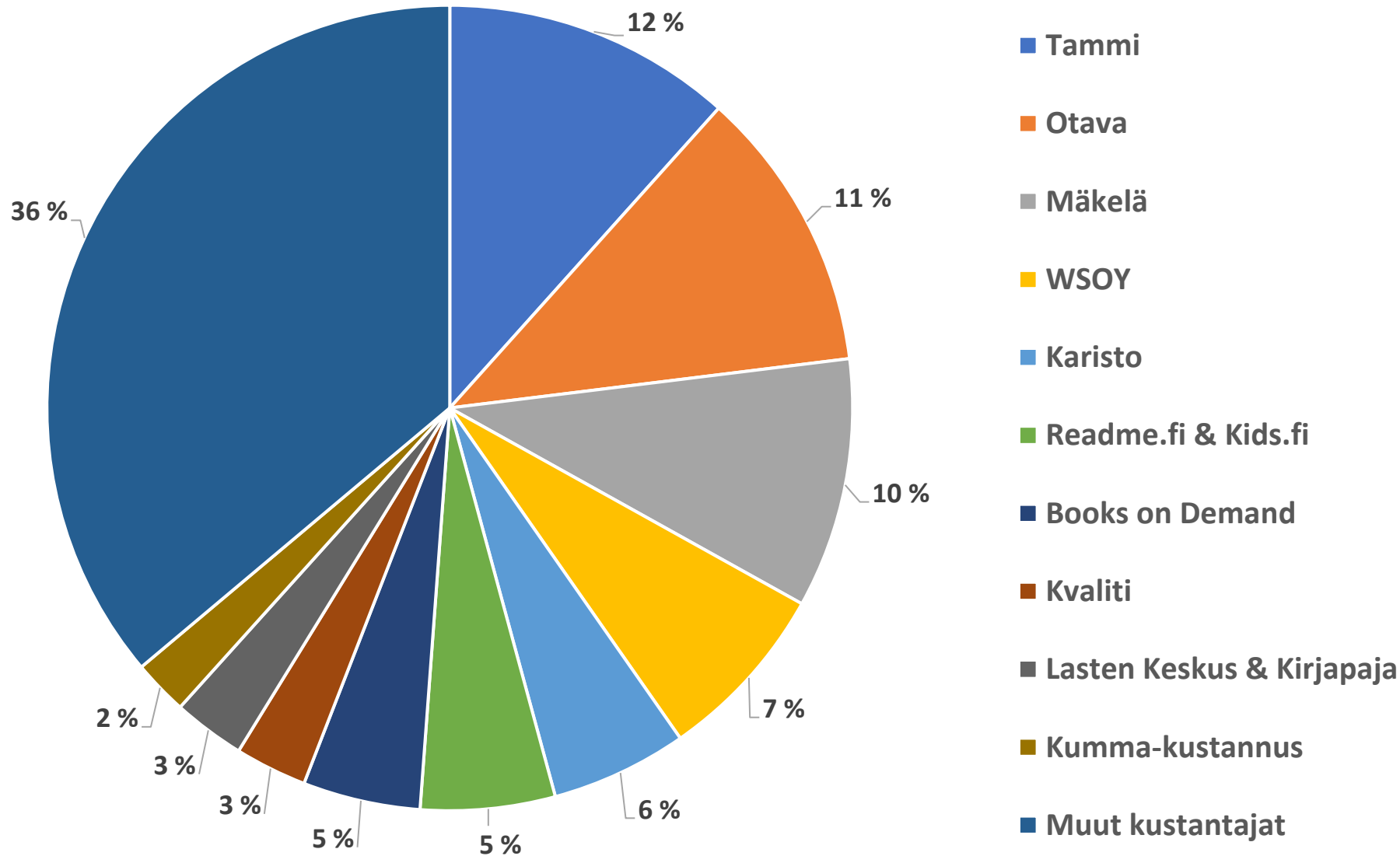


Figure 6. Children's and youth books by original language (588 books, no domestic or foreign language books).

- Domestic
- English
- Swedish
- German
- French
- Norwegian
- Danish
- Spanish
- Japanese
- Other

Other languages:
Czech, Dutch, Estonian,
Hungarian, Italian, Latvian,
Lithuanian, Polish, and
Ukrainian.

Publishers of children's and youth books



Kirjakori 2022 includes books from 142 domestic and foreign publishers. In Kirjakori 2021 there were books from 145 publishers.

10 publishers published around 64% of the books in Kirjakori 2022.

Figure 7. 10 biggest publishers by the number of titles in Kirjakori 2022.

Picture books 2001–2022

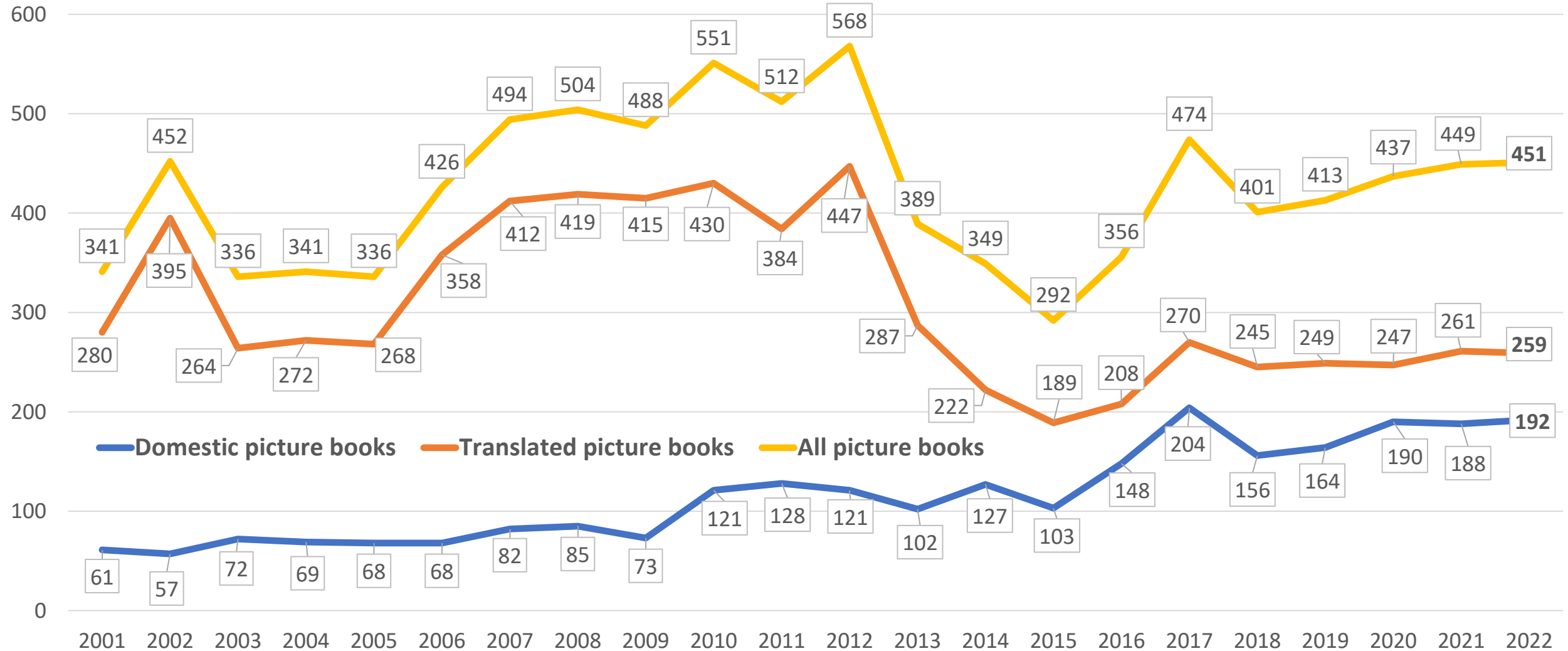


Figure 8. Domestic and translated picture books 2001–2022.

Children's books 2001–2022

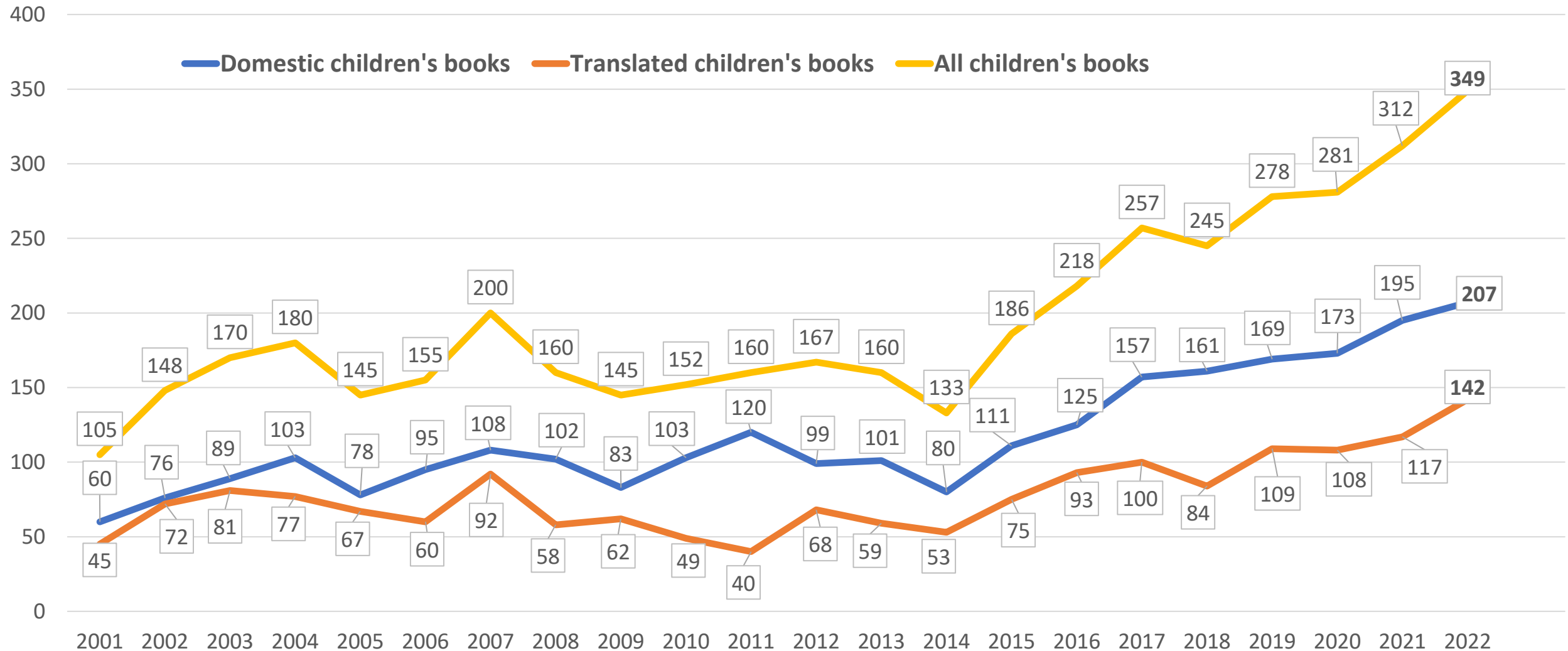


Figure 9. Domestic and translated children's books 2001–2022.

Youth books 2001–2022



Figure 10. Domestic and translated youth books 2001–2022.

Non-fiction 2001–2022

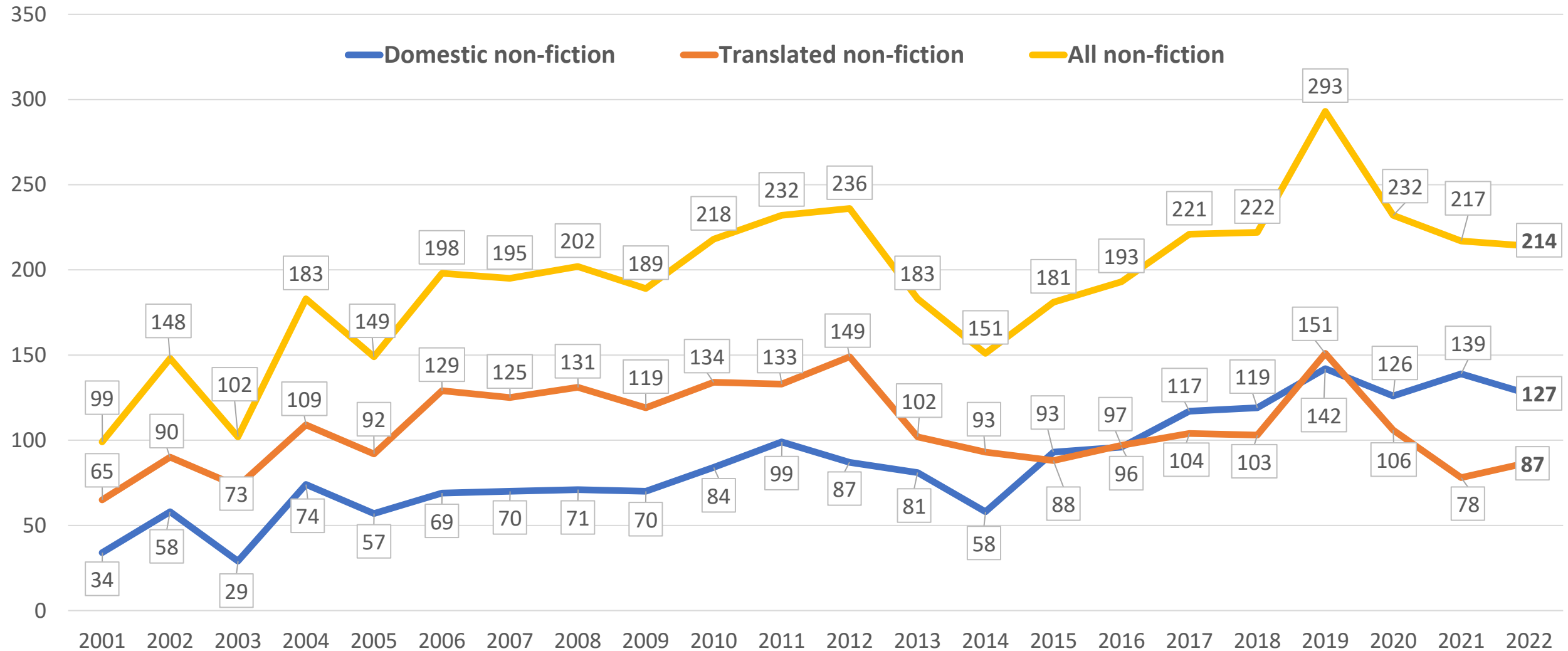


Figure 11. Domestic and translated non-fiction 2001–2022.

Kirjakori statistics: last five years

Table 1. Kirjakori statistics 2018–2022.

KIRJAKORI STATISTICS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
PICTURE BOOKS					
Domestic picture books	156	164	190	188	192
Translated picture books	245	249	247	261	259
TOTAL	401	413	437	449	451
CHILDREN'S BOOKS					
Domestic children's books	161	169	173	195	207
Translated children's books	84	109	108	117	142
TOTAL	245	278	281	312	349
YOUTH BOOKS					
Domestic youth books	105	100	89	75	118
Translated youth books	90	76	67	91	80
TOTAL	195	176	156	166	198
POETRY					
Domestic poetry	19	40	24	17	18
Translated poetry	2	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	21	40	25	17	18
COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS					
Domestic comics and graphic novels	32	14	13	22	19
Translated comics and graphics novels	19	12	11	14	19
TOTAL	51	26	24	36	38
NON-FICTION					
Domestic non-fiction	119	142	126	139	127
Translated non-fiction	103	151	106	78	87
TOTAL	222	293	232	217	214
OTHER (ABC books, plays, joke books)	6	3	8	8	6
FOREIGN LANGUAGE BOOKS	49	26	40	17	39
TOTAL	1190	1255	1203	1222	1313

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