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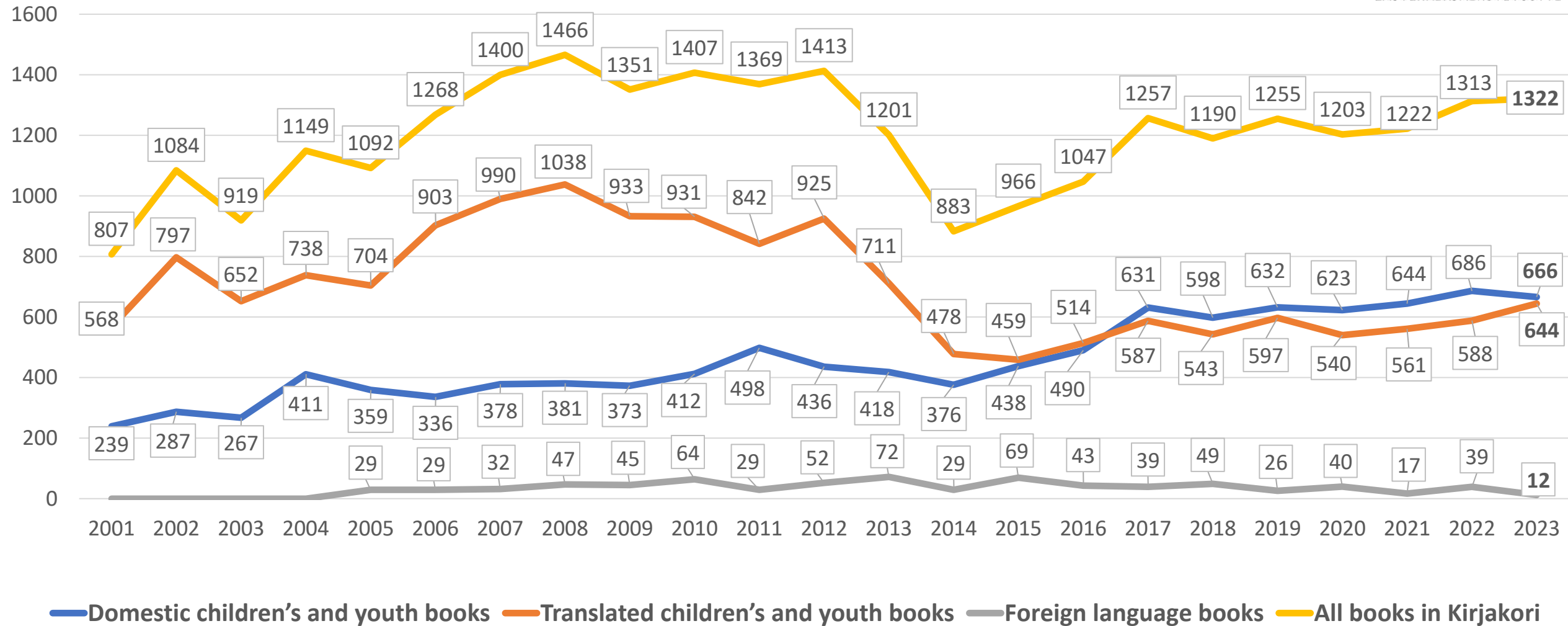
Annual statistics on Finnish  
Children's and Youth  
Literature 2023

# Annual Kirjakori statistics 2023



- 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 2023 overview and exhibition includes 1322 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 129 domestic and foreign publishers.
- The percentage of domestic books in Kirjakori is almost 51%, making it more than 50% for the seventh year in row.
- There are 27 Finnish-Swedish books written in Swedish, and six Sámi language books included in the domestic books (3 Skolt Sámi, 2 x Inari Sámi, 1 x Northern Sámi).
- There are also 23 plain language books and 4 bilingual books (2 Finnish-Swedish, 2 Finnish-Ukrainian).
- Fennica search 4.4.24: children's and youth titles 1123, comics 196, total 1319 (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 2023.

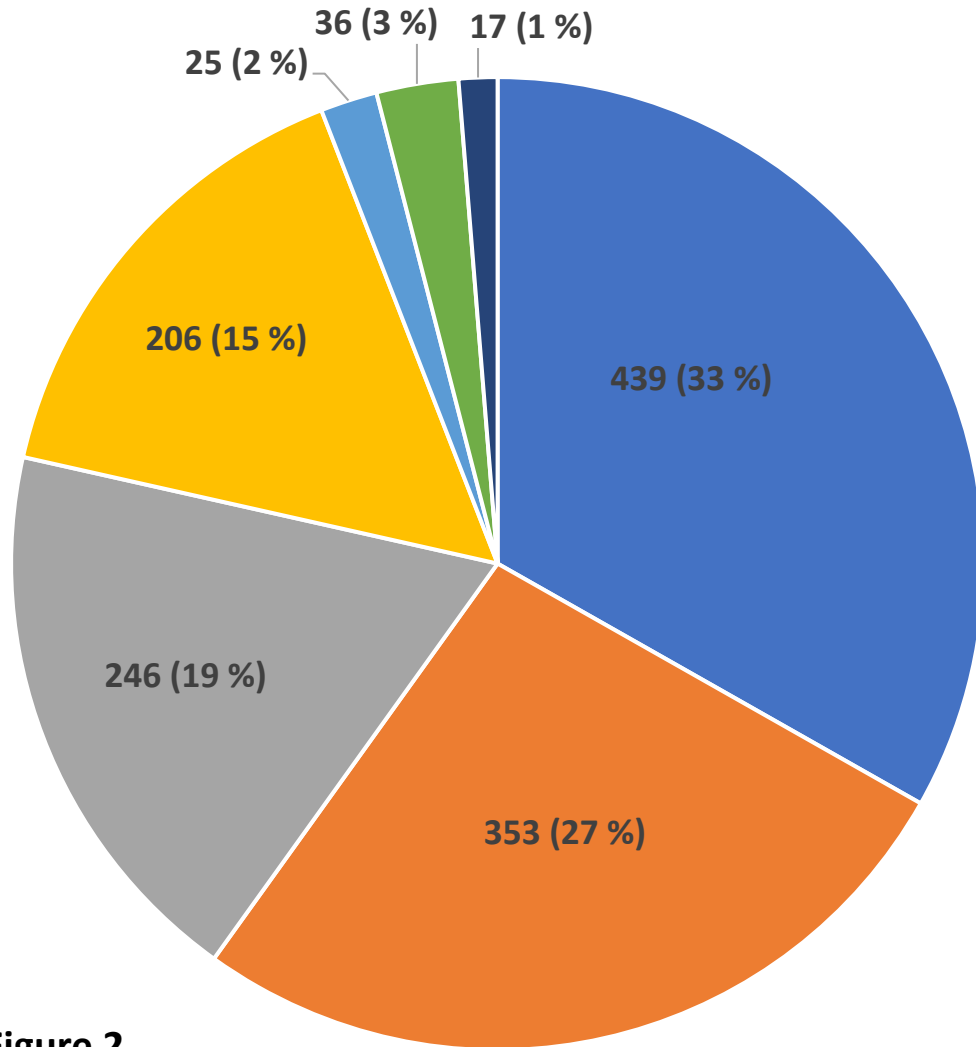
# Books in Kirjakori 2001–2023



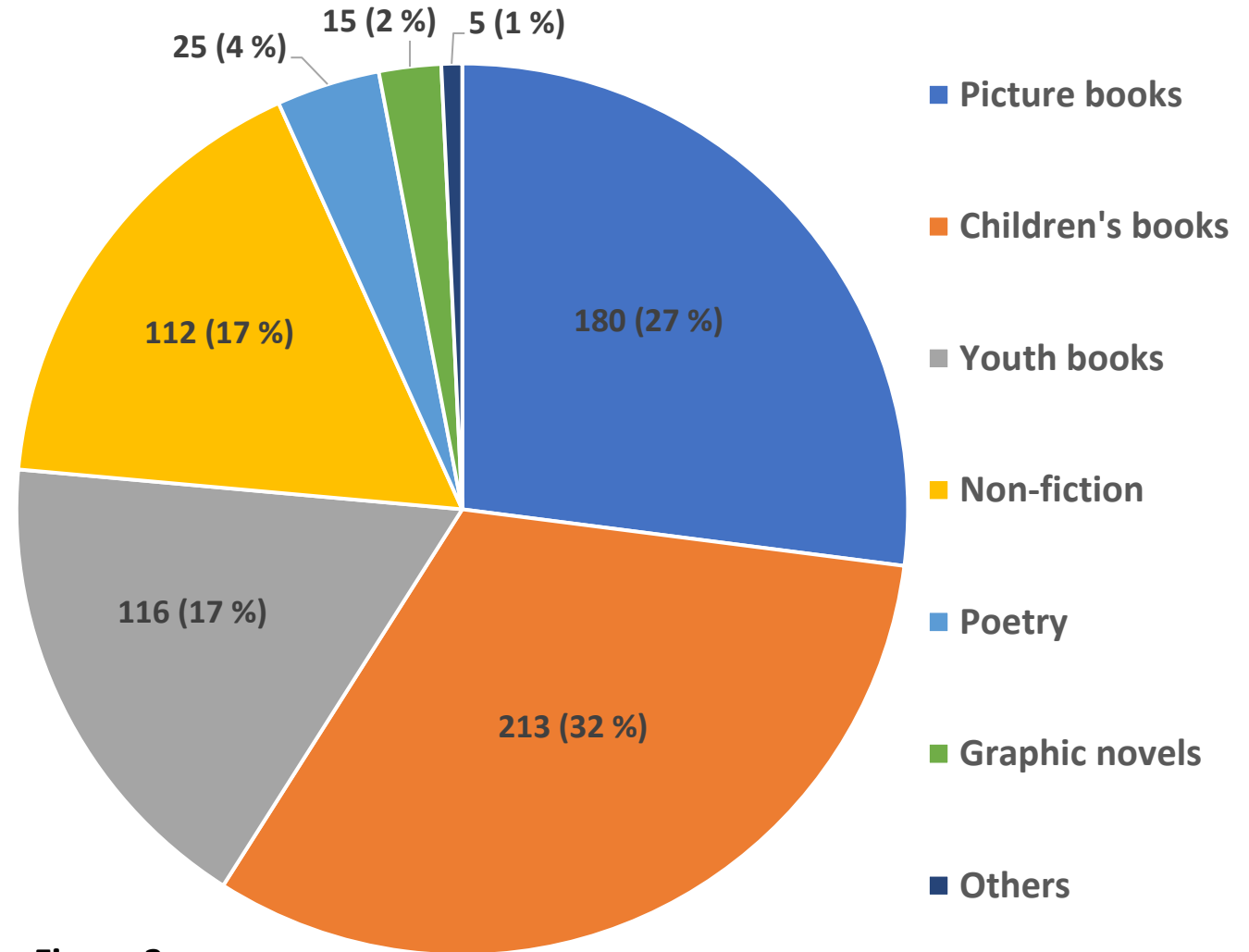
**Figure 1.** Books in Kirjakori 2001–2023.

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 (1322 books).



**Figure 3.**  
Domestic children's and youth literature by category (666 books).

# Categories in domestic children's and youth literature 2018–2023

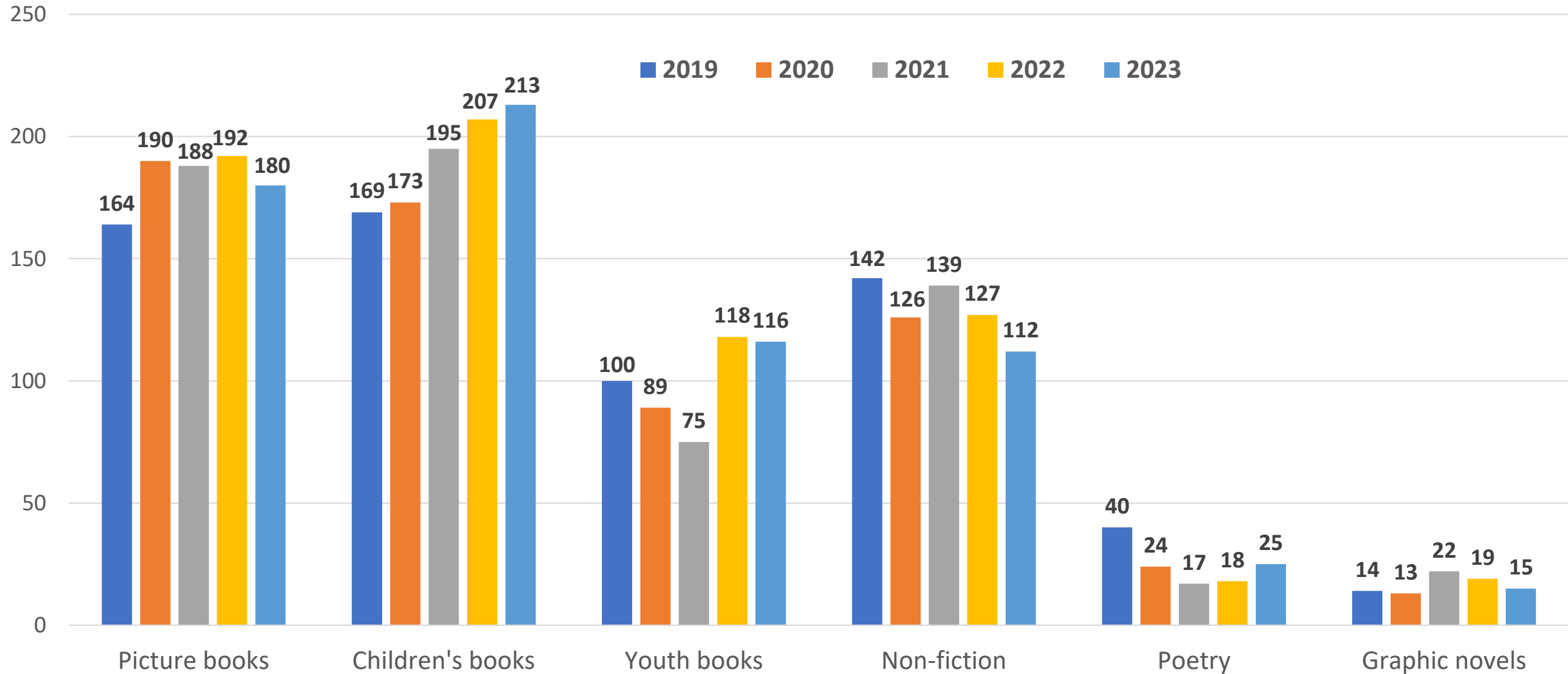
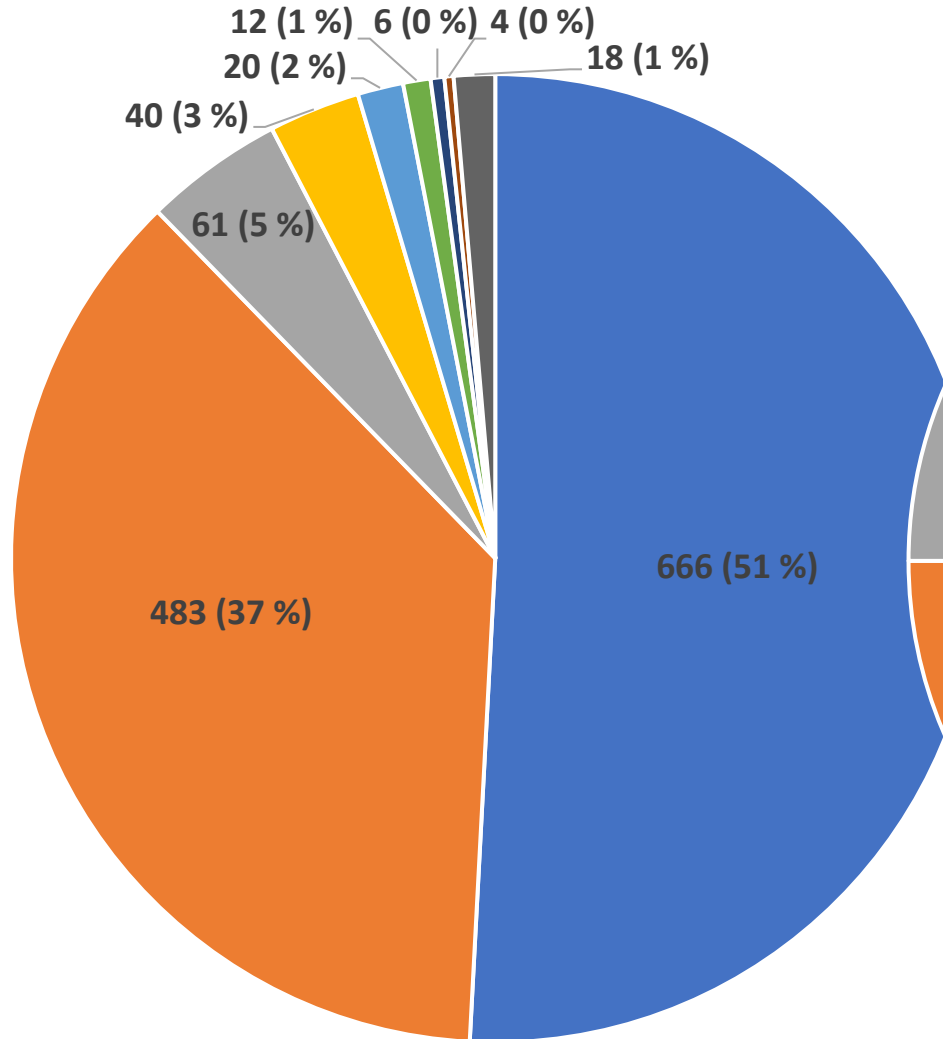
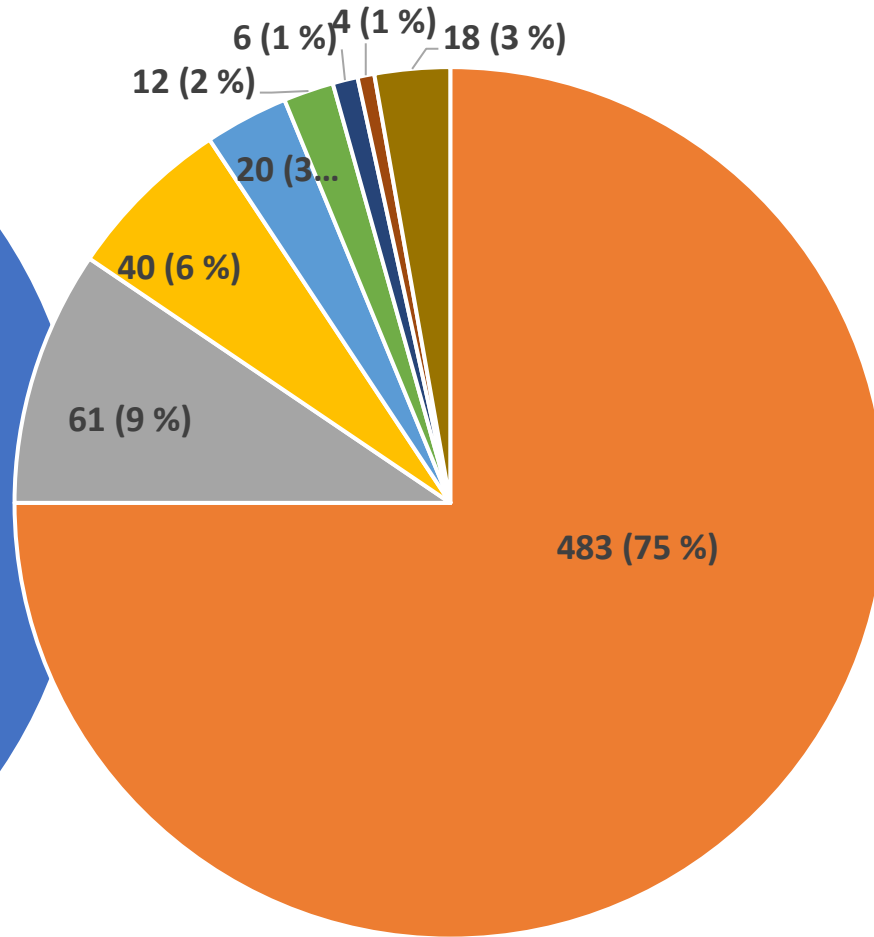


Figure 4. Domestic children's and youth literature by category 2018–2023.

# Children's and youth books by original language



**Figure 5.** Children's and youth books by original language (1310 books, no foreign language books).

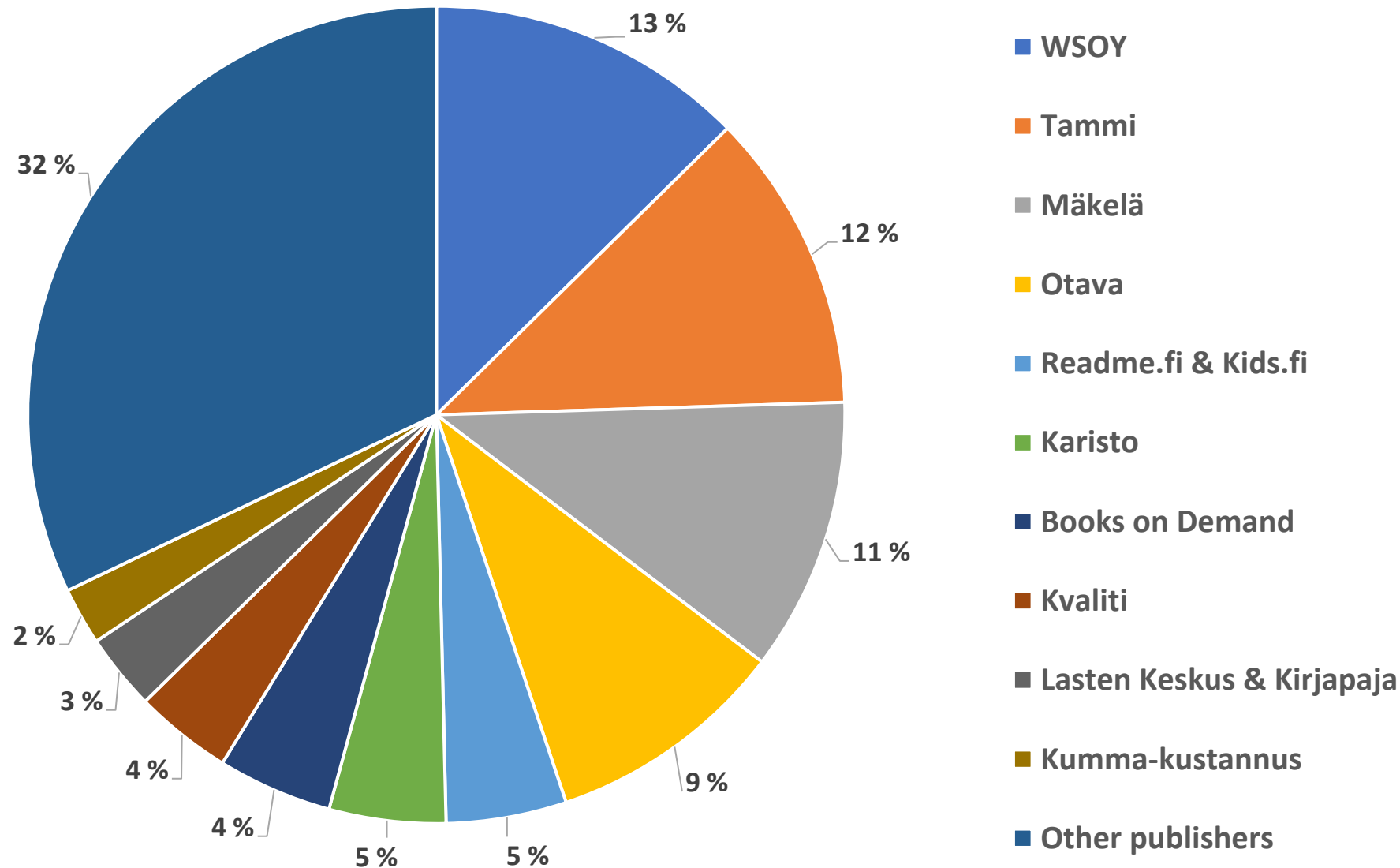


**Figure 6.** Children's and youth books by original language (644 books, no domestic or foreign language books).

- Domestic
- English
- Swedish
- German
- French
- Norwegian
- Danish
- Lithuanian
- Other

Other languages: Czech, Dutch, Estonian, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, Polish, Slovenian, Spanish, Ukrainian.

# Publishers of children's and youth books



Kirjakori 2023 includes books from 129 domestic and foreign publishers. In Kirjakori 2022 there were books from 142 publishers.

10 publishers published around 68% of the books in Kirjakori 2023.

**Figure 7.** 10 biggest publishers by the number of titles in Kirjakori 2023.

# Picture books 2001–2023

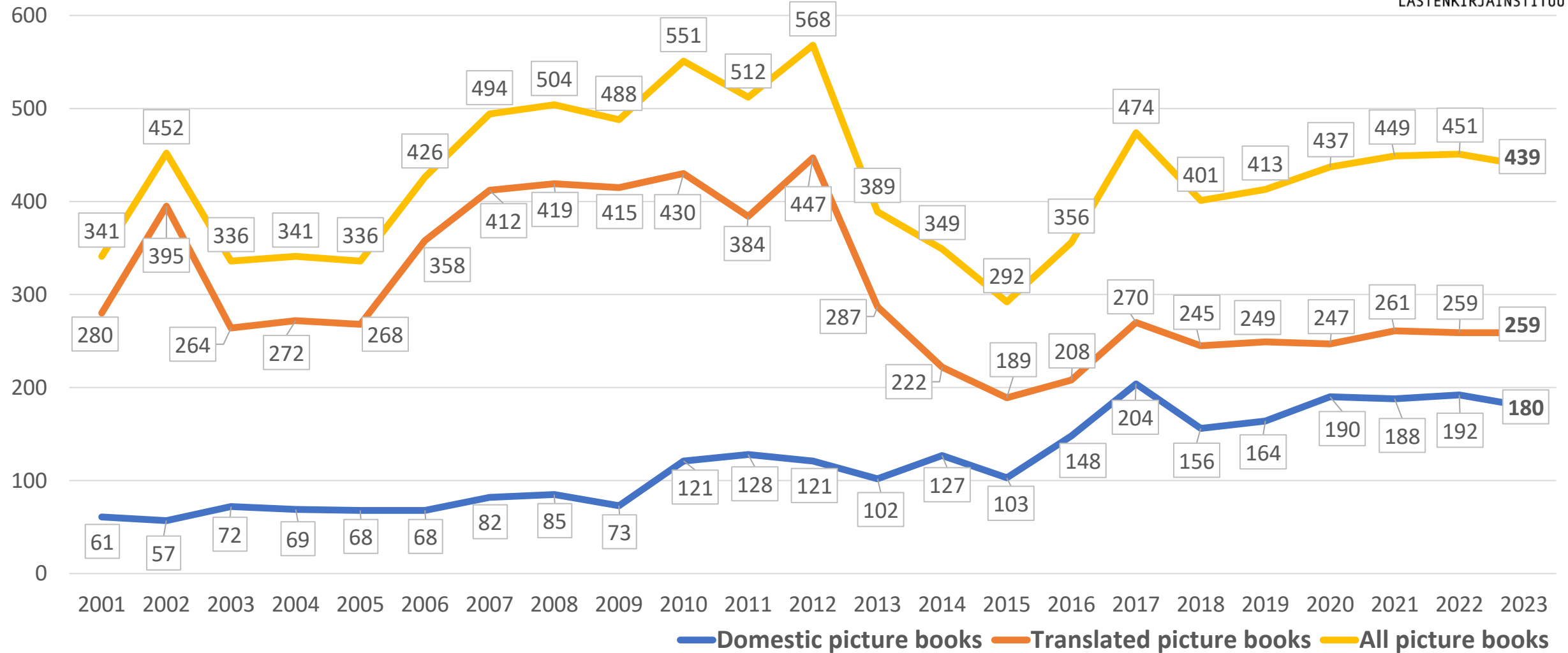


Figure 8. Domestic and translated picture books 2001–2023.



# Children's books 2001–2023

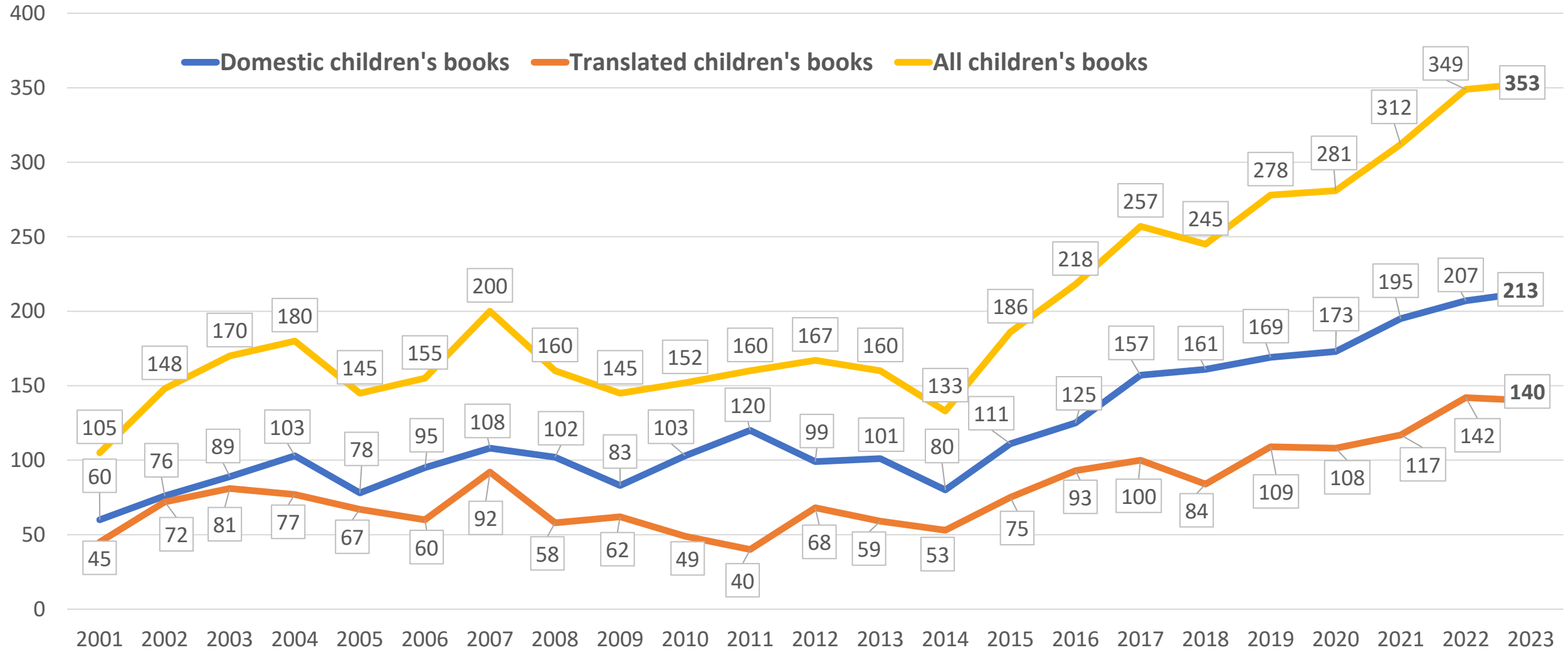


Figure 9. Domestic and translated children's books 2001–2022.

# Youth books 2001–2023

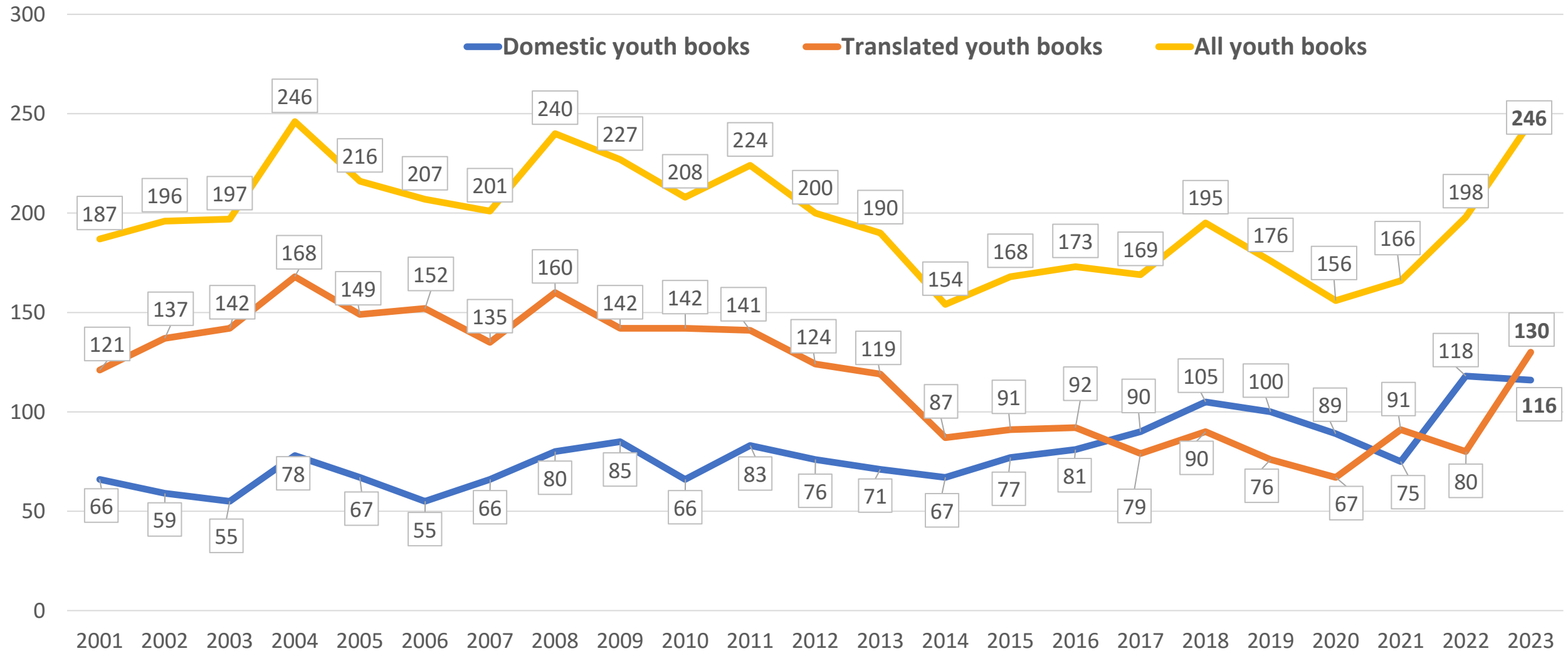


Figure 10. Domestic and translated youth books 2001–2023.

# Non-fiction 2001–2023

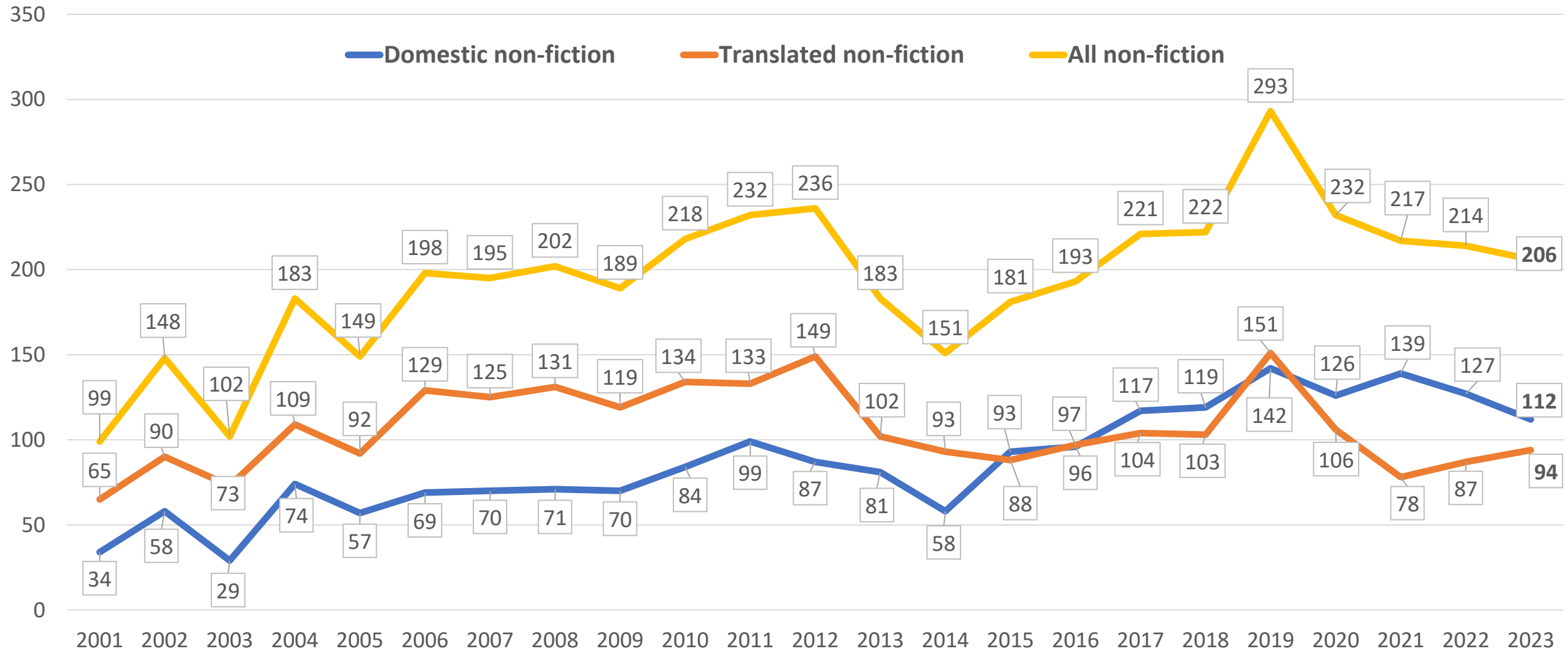


Figure 11. Domestic and translated non-fiction 2001–2023.

# Kirjakori statistics: last five years

Table 1. Kirjakori statistics 2018–2023.

KIRJAKORI STATISTICS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>PICTURE BOOKS</b>					
Domestic picture books	164	190	188	192	180
Translated picture books	249	247	261	259	259
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>439</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S BOOKS</b>					
Domestic children's books	169	173	195	207	213
Translated children's books	109	108	117	142	140
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>353</b>
<b>YOUTH BOOKS</b>					
Translated children's books	100	89	75	118	116
Translated youth books	76	67	91	80	130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>246</b>
<b>POETRY</b>					
Domestic poetry	40	24	17	18	25
Translated poetry	0	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS</b>					
Domestic comics and graphic novels	14	13	22	19	15
Translated comics and graphics novels	12	11	14	19	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>NON-FICTION</b>					
Domestic non-fiction	142	126	139	127	112
Translated non-fiction	151	106	78	87	94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>206</b>
OTHER (ABC books, plays, joke books)	3	8	8	6	5
FOREIGN LANGUAGE BOOKS	26	40	17	39	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>1203</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1313</b>	<b>1322</b>

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