

Project MUSE
Highlights Report



Exceptional Scholarship. **Connected Community.**

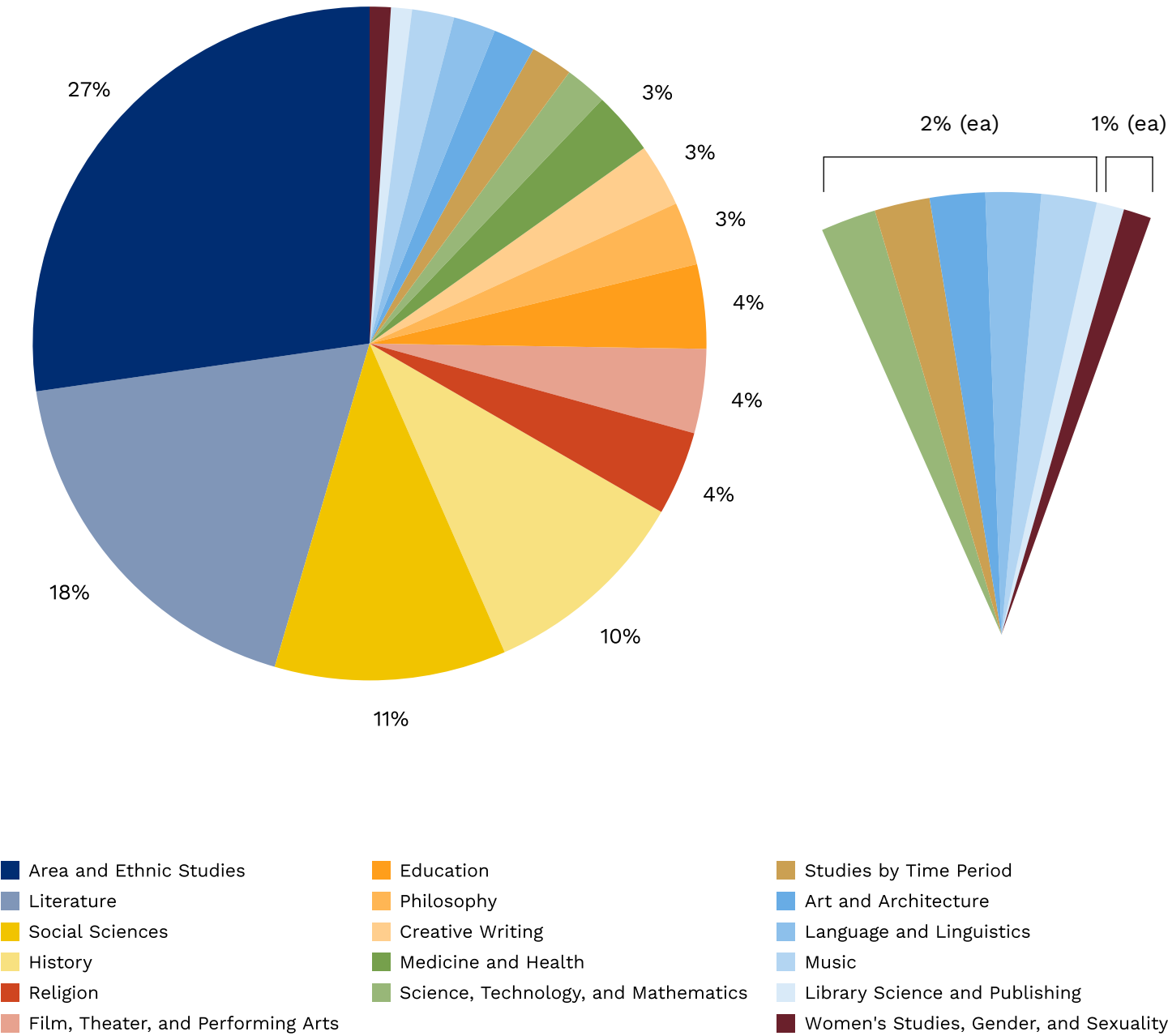
For more than 30 years, Project MUSE has connected scholars, librarians, publishers, and students with exceptional humanities and social sciences research. Working in partnership with mission-driven publishers and libraries around the world, we support the discovery and use of scholarship while strengthening a sustainable nonprofit scholarly ecosystem. As part of Johns Hopkins University Press, Project MUSE reinvests revenue into nonprofit publishing, helping scholarship reach the communities that rely on it.

By the Numbers

JOURNALS

Project MUSE continues to expand access to exceptional humanities and social sciences scholarship. In 2025, nearly 850 peer-reviewed journals were available through MUSE, representing a 16% increase over the past five years.

JOURNAL DISCIPLINES:



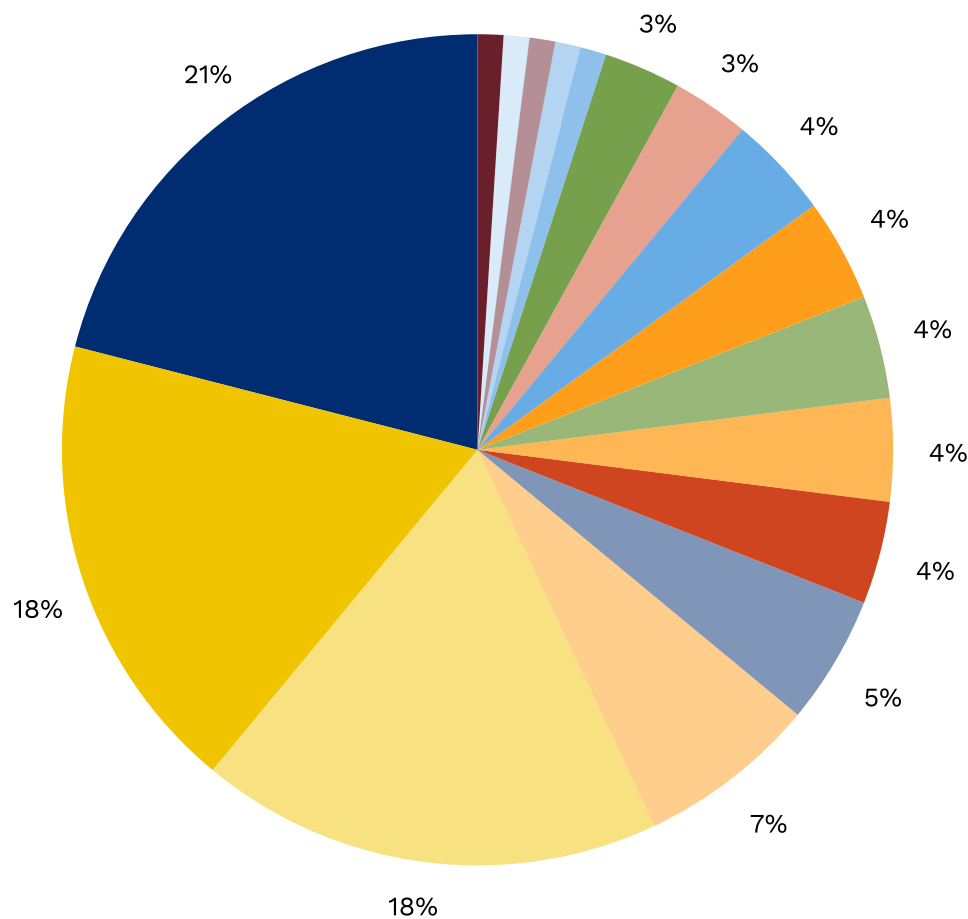
JOURNALS SNAPSHOT

- **Nearly 850** journals available across Project MUSE
- **16% increase** in journals available over past 5 years

BOOKS

Project MUSE now hosts more than 117,000 books available for purchase through multiple business models, representing a 67% increase over the past five years. This includes more than 9,000 Spanish-language books from more than 400 Latin American and US university presses. Other top categories of titles include: social sciences (especially law and political science), history, and creative writing.

BOOK DISCIPLINES:



- Area and Ethnic Studies

■ Social Sciences

■ History

■ Creative Writing

■ Literature

■ Religion
- Philosophy

■ Science, Technology, and Mathematics

■ Education

■ Art and Architecture

■ Film, Theater, and Performing Arts
- Medicine and Health

■ Language and Linguistics

■ Music

■ Misc

■ Library Science and Publishing

■ Women's Studies, Gender, and Sexuality

BOOKS SNAPSHOT

- **117,000 books** available on Project MUSE
- **67% increase** over the past 5 years
- **9,000+** Spanish-language books

A commitment to Open Access

In 2025, publishers and libraries partnered with Project MUSE to bring important new open access content to the world during the first year of our Subscribe to Open program. More than 100 journals participated. In 2026, 92% of participating libraries renewed their commitment, demonstrating continued support for sustainable open access publishing.

In 2025, Project MUSE launched an open access project with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, bringing the most comprehensive resource on Nazi camps and ghettos to the world. The resource launched with the first 4 of a planned 7-volume series.

Project MUSE now boasts more than 17,500 journal issues and 7,700 books available open access, sharing important scholarship with the world.



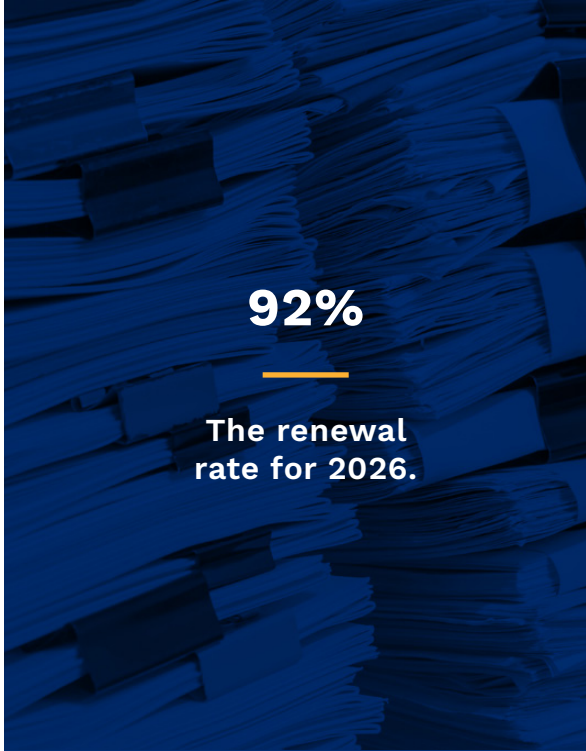
7,700+ BOOKS
17,500+ JOURNAL ISSUES

The amount of content available open access on Project MUSE.



OVER 100

The number of journals that participated in Subscribe to Open for 2025.



92%

The renewal rate for 2026.

Supporting discovery across the scholarly community

Project MUSE connects scholars, publishers, and libraries around the world through nearly 850 journals and more than 117,000 books, supporting research in 97% of the world’s countries. This global reach has contributed to a 6,000% increase in content usage across countries in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. With a growing international community of publisher partners, Project MUSE continues to broaden access to humanities and social sciences scholarship across borders, disciplines, and languages.

OVER 4,250

The number of libraries across the world that have accessed Project MUSE.

42.6% GROWTH

The increase in the number of publishers partnering with Project MUSE over the past five years.

6,000%

How much content usage in countries across Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean increased over the previous year.**

97%

The amount of the world’s countries that have accessed Project MUSE.*

PROJECT MUSE GLOBAL USAGE



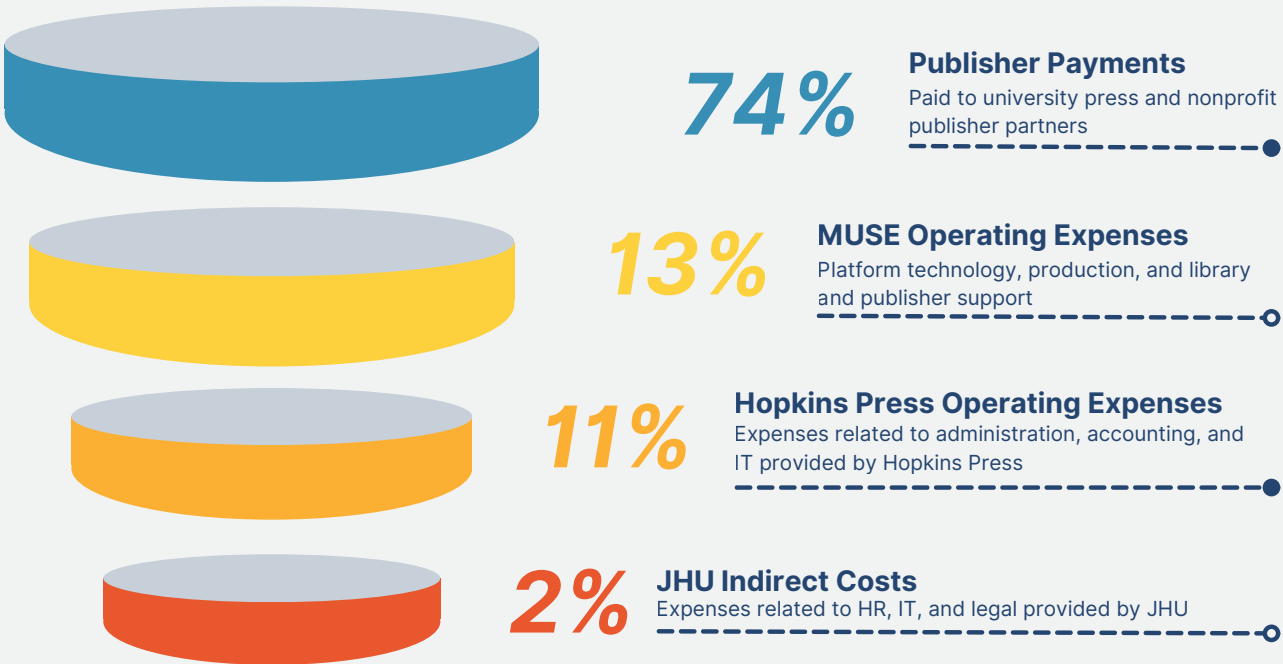
*of the 195 countries recognized by the United Nations
**based on total usage from 2020-2025. The 10 countries with most dramatic increase in usage, ranging from 6,000%-34,000% change, were in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
COUNTER-compliant statistics for January–December 2025. Comparison data from January–December 2020.

For over 30 years, Project MUSE has supported the nonprofit scholarly ecosystem

As part of Johns Hopkins University Press, Project MUSE works in partnership with libraries, publishers, and the broader scholarly community to support sustainable access to humanities and social sciences research. Revenue generated through MUSE is reinvested in nonprofit scholarly publishing and universities, helping mission-driven publishers and university presses expand the reach and impact of their work.

Every investment in Project MUSE helps strengthen the nonprofit scholarly community. By partnering with libraries and mission-driven publishers, we support the publication and discovery of exceptional humanities and social sciences scholarship. Revenue generated through MUSE is reinvested in nonprofit publishing, helping scholarly organizations expand their reach and continue serving researchers, educators, and students worldwide.

Annual Project MUSE Revenue CY2025



100% of Project MUSE revenue returns to the nonprofit scholarly ecosystem.



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