

# Statistics Trends

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The Recording Industry in Japan 2022



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3.The categories of digital music sales have been changed since 2017.

# Overview of Production of Recordings and Digital Music Sales in 2021

In 2021, the effects of the coronavirus pandemic continued, and the production value and volume remained almost unchanged from the previous year. The total production value of recorded music (audio and music videos) remained the same as the previous year at 193.6 billion yen, while unit production posted a year-on-year increase of 3% to 151.03 million units. On the other hand, sales of digital music increased 14% from the previous year to 89.5 billion yen, marking the eighth consecutive year-on-year increase. As a result, the production value of recorded music and digital music sales increased by 4% to 283.2 billion yen for the first time in three years. The proportion of digital music sales exceeded 30% of the total market for the first time since calculations began in 2005.

## Audio Recordings

In terms of audio recordings, unit production remained the same from the previous year at 159.9 million units, and value declined 1% to 128 billion yen. Specifically, unit production of CD albums remained the same at 71.11 million units, and value declined 2% to 94.2 billion yen. CD single unit production decreased by 1% to 32.44 million units and value declined 5% to 29 billion yen. Vinyl discs saw a significant increase with unit production of vinyl discs up by 74% to 1.91 million units, and value increased 84% to 3.9 billion yen, with unit production exceeding 1 million units for the fifth consecutive year, and value exceeding 3 billion yen for the first time since 1999 (3.6 billion yen).

## Music Videos

Production of music videos and value both increased, with unit production posting 11% year-on-year increase to 45.04 million units, and value increased to 65.6 billion yen, up by 2% on the previous year. Specifically, unit production of music DVDs remained the same at 26.94 million units and value decreased 1% to 30.1 billion yen. On the other hand, unit production and value of music Blu-ray Discs increased 32% to 18.1 million units and 5% to 35.5 billion yen respectively, the first time to exceed 18 million units since calculations began in 2007, and the second consecutive year-on-year increase.

## Digital Music

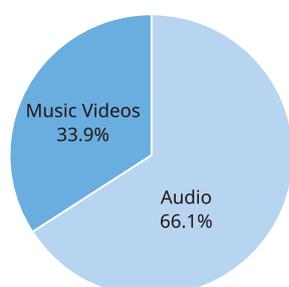
Digital music sales increased 14% to 89.5 billion yen on a value basis, marking the first time to exceed 80 billion yen since 2010 (86 billion yen) and the fourth consecutive double-digit growth and eighth consecutive year-on-year increase. Specifically, download sales on both unit and value basis declined 19% to 60.53 million downloads and 21% to 14.1 billion yen, respectively. On the other hand, sales of streams increased 26% year-on-year to 74.4 billion yen and for the first time ever, achieved an 80% share of the overall digital music market by value category.

(Thousands of units/Billions of yen)

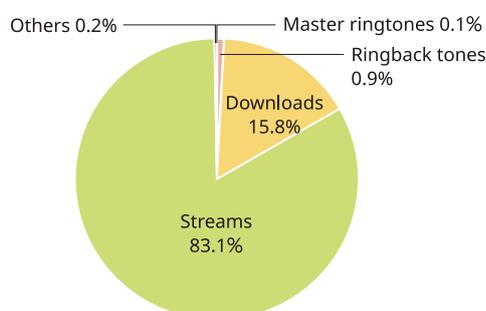
	Units	vs. prev. yr	Value	vs. prev. yr
Audio	105,994	100%	128.0	99%
Music Videos	45,038	111%	65.6	102%
Recorded Music (Total of Audio/Music Videos)	151,032	103%	193.6	100%
Digital Music	72,826	80%	89.5	114%
Total of Recorded Music and Digital Music	—	—	283.2	104%

## Composition of Recorded Music and Digital Music — Value Basis

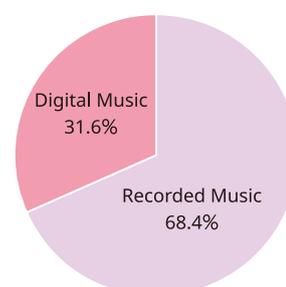
■ Composition of Recorded Music by Format in 2021 — Value Basis



■ Composition of Digital Music by Format in 2021 — Value Basis



■ Composition of Recorded Music and Digital Music in 2021 — Value Basis



# Overview of Production of Recordings and Digital Music Sales in 2021

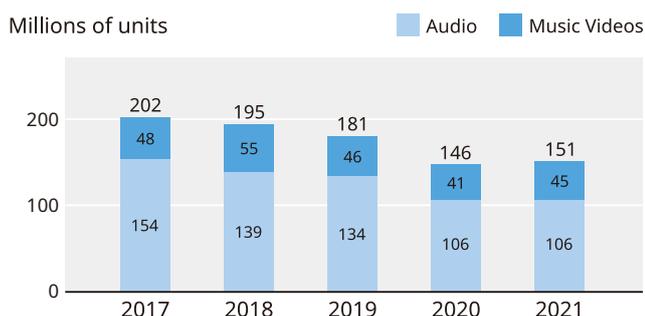
## ■ Production of Recorded Music in 2021

(Thousands of units/Millions of yen)

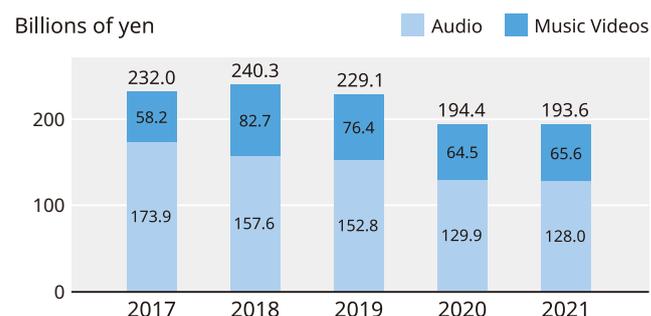
Item		Units	Share	vs. prev. yr	Value	Share	vs. prev. yr
Audio	CDs	103,552	69	100%	123,255	64	97%
	Vinyl Discs	1,907	1	174%	3,900	2	184%
	Cassettes	141	0	48%	137	0	65%
	Others	395	0	113%	700	0	115%
	Total	105,994	70	100%	127,992	66	99%
Music Videos	DVDs	26,936	18	100%	30,128	16	99%
	Blu-ray Discs	18,102	12	132%	35,518	18	105%
	Tapes and Others	0	0	—	0	0	—
	Total	45,038	30	111%	65,646	34	102%
Recorded Music (Total of Audio/Music Videos)		151,032	100	103%	193,638	100	100%

**N.B.** 1. The current year's statistics are compiled results of the member companies of RIAJ. The figures also include OEM sales by RIAJ members for non-RIAJ members.  
2. Figures are rounded, hence the possible difference between breakdown and total.  
3. Others in Audio: Total number of SACDs, DVDs-Audio, DVDs-Music and MDs

## ■ Recorded Music - Unit Basis



## ■ Recorded Music - Value Basis



## ■ Vinyl Discs - Unit Basis



## ■ Vinyl Discs - Value Basis



## Digital Music Sales in 2021

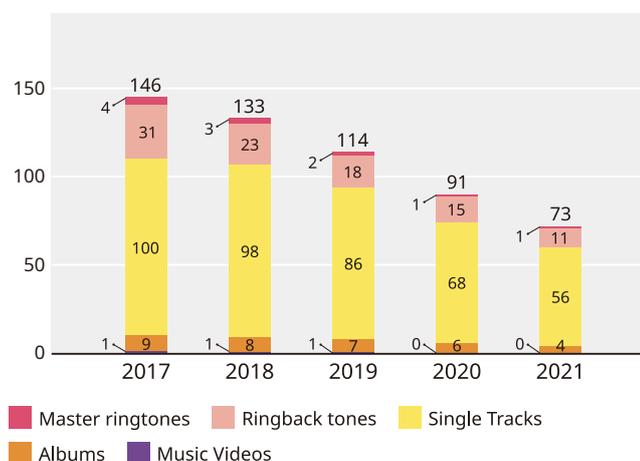
(Thousands of units/Millions of yen)

	Units	Share	vs. prev. yr	Value	Share	vs. prev. yr
Master ringtones	810	1.1%	60%	90	0.1%	60%
Ringback tones	11,491	15.8%	76%	776	0.9%	76%
Downloads	60,525	83.1%	81%	14,120	15.8%	79%
Streams	—	—	—	74,381	83.1%	126%
Others	—	—	—	171	0.2%	68%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>89,538</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>114%</b>

- N.B.** 1. Figures represent digital music sales revenue derived from direct, license or consignment sales by RIAJ member companies.  
 2. Figures are rounded, hence the possible difference between breakdown and total.  
 3. Units: Number of downloads; Value: Net income by RIAJ member companies

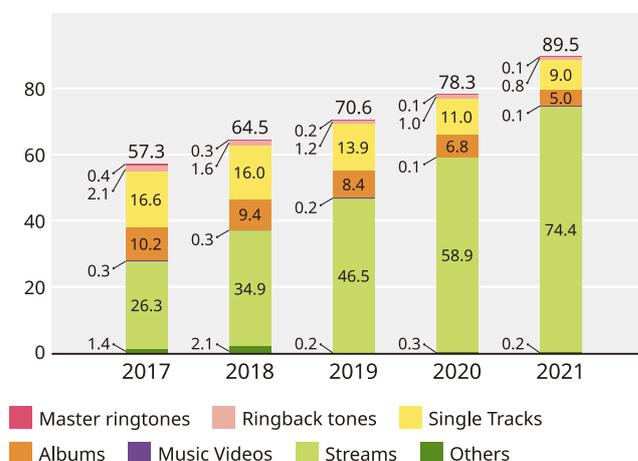
## Digital Music - Unit Basis

Millions of units



## Digital Music - Value Basis

Billions of yen



- N.B.** 1. Figures for Streams are the sum of Subscriptions and Ad-Supported.

## Recorded Music Production and Digital Music Sales

Billions of yen



- N.B.** 1. Recorded Music based on production, Digital Music based on sales.  
 2. Others: Master Ringtones, Ringback Tones, Other Digital Music Contents(~2016), Others (2017~).  
 3. The categories of Digital Music sales have been changed since 2017. Subscriptions and Other Digital Music Contents were categories until 2016.

# Statistics for Recorded Music

## Detailed Breakdown of Recorded Music Production in 2021

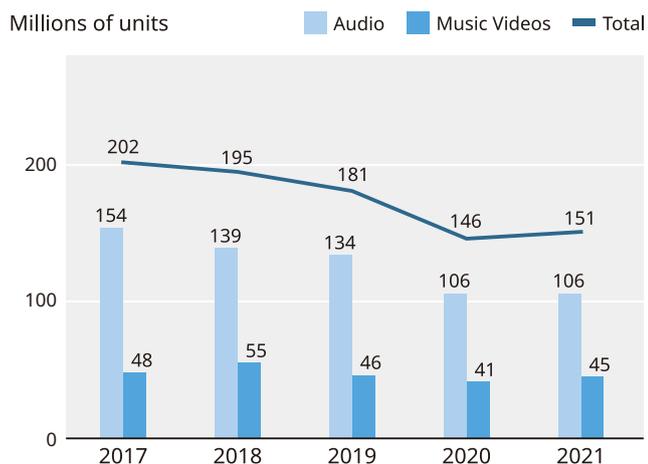
(Thousands of units/Millions of yen)

Item		Units	Share	vs. prev. yr	Value	Share	vs. prev. yr	
Audio	3" CD Singles	D.	9	0	35%	6	0	36%
		I.	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
		T.	9	0	34%	6	0	35%
	5" CD Singles	D.	31,336	30	98%	28,072	22	94%
		I.	1,094	1	147%	945	1	153%
		T.	32,430	31	99%	29,016	23	95%
	Singles Total	D.	31,345	30	98%	28,078	22	94%
		I.	1,094	1	147%	945	1	153%
		T.	32,439	31	99%	29,023	23	95%
	5" CD Albums	D.	59,168	56	97%	82,001	64	95%
		I.	11,945	11	113%	12,232	10	120%
		T.	71,113	67	100%	94,233	74	98%
	CD Total	D.	90,513	85	98%	110,079	86	95%
		I.	13,039	12	116%	13,176	10	122%
		T.	103,552	98	100%	123,255	96	97%
	Vinyl Discs	D.	1,276	1	191%	2,605	2	195%
		I.	630	1	148%	1,295	1	166%
		T.	1,907	2	174%	3,900	3	184%
	Cassettes	D.	135	0	48%	130	0	65%
		I.	6	0	63%	7	0	58%
		T.	141	0	48%	137	0	65%
Others	D.	141	0	165%	229	0	166%	
	I.	254	0	96%	471	0	101%	
	T.	395	0	113%	700	1	115%	
Total	D.	92,066	87	98%	113,042	88	96%	
	I.	13,928	13	116%	14,950	12	124%	
	T.	105,994	100	100%	127,992	100	99%	
Music Videos	DVDs	D.	26,620	59	100%	29,756	45	100%
		I.	315	1	68%	372	1	44%
		T.	26,936	60	100%	30,128	46	99%
	Blu-ray Discs	D.	17,633	39	134%	34,717	53	105%
		I.	469	1	91%	801	1	87%
		T.	18,102	40	132%	35,518	54	105%
	Tapes and Others	T.	0	0	—	0	0	—
	Total	D.	44,254	98	112%	64,473	98	103%
I.		784	2	80%	1,173	2	66%	
T.		45,038	100	111%	65,646	100	102%	
Recorded Music (Total of Audio/ Music Videos)	Audio		105,994	70	100%	127,992	66	99%
	Music Videos		45,038	30	111%	65,646	34	102%
	Total	D.	136,319	90	102%	177,516	92	98%
		I.	14,712	10	113%	16,123	8	117%
Videos (inc. Music Videos)	DVDs		42,122	59	87%	55,248	41	95%
	Blu-ray Discs		28,945	41	127%	78,194	59	121%
	Tapes and Others		0	0	—	0	0	—
	Total		71,066	100	100%	133,442	100	109%
Audio/Videos	Total of Audio		105,994	60	100%	127,992	49	99%
	Total of Videos		71,066	40	100%	133,442	51	109%
	Total		177,061	100	100%	261,434	100	104%

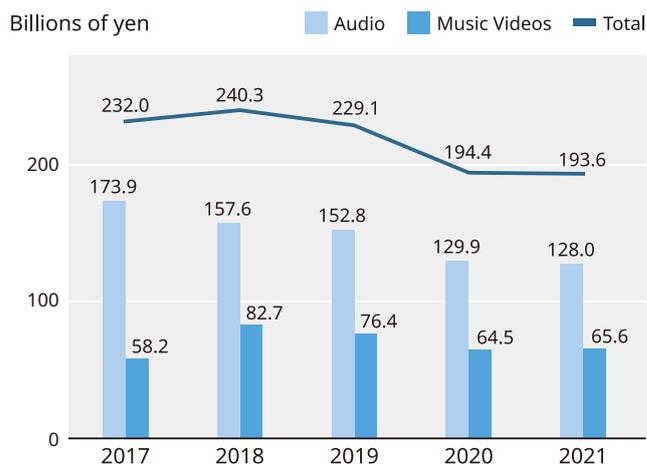
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**Abbreviations** D. Domestic Repertoire I. International Repertoire T. Total

### Total Recorded Music — Production on Unit Basis



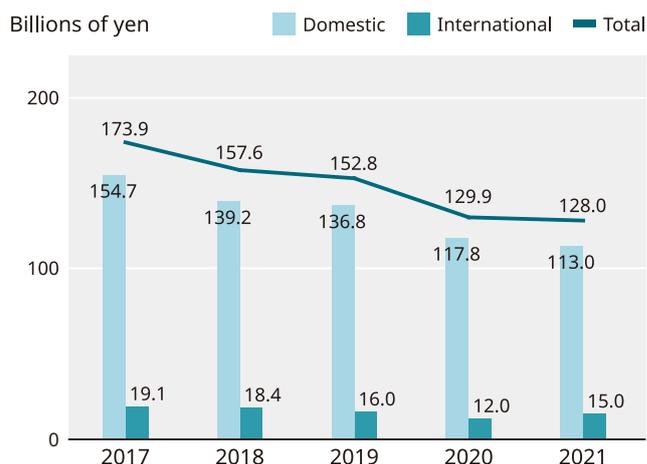
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### Total Audio Recordings — Production on Unit Basis



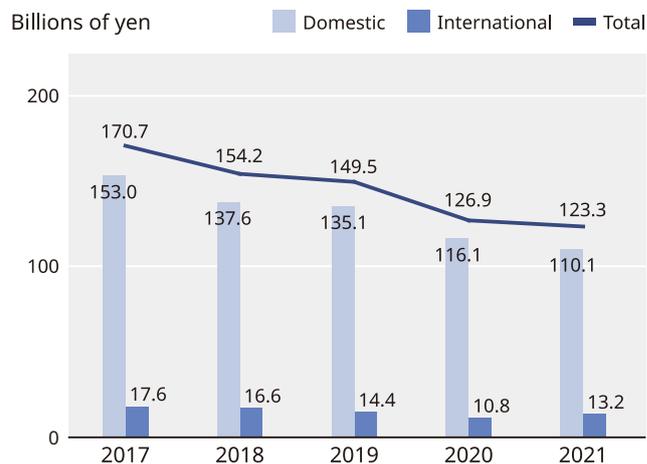
### Total Audio Recordings — Production on Value Basis



### Total CDs — Production on Unit Basis



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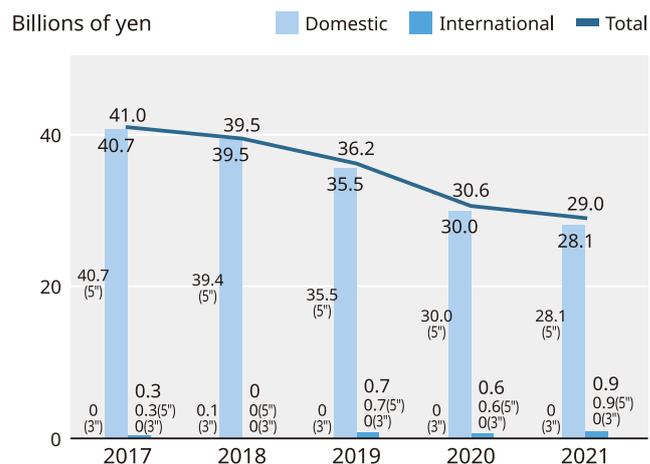


# Statistics for Recorded Music

## CD Singles — Production on Unit Basis



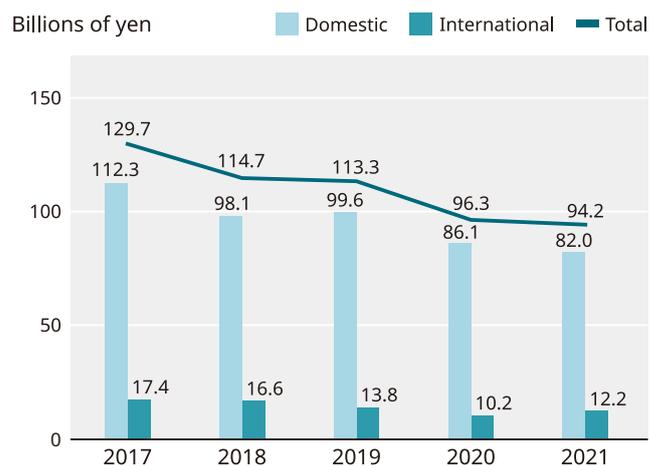
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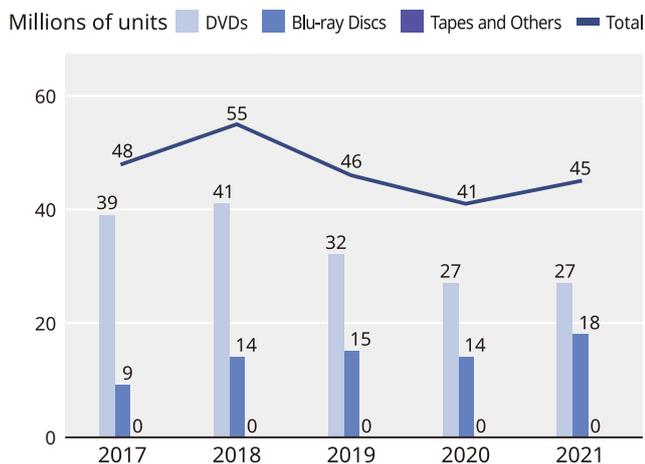
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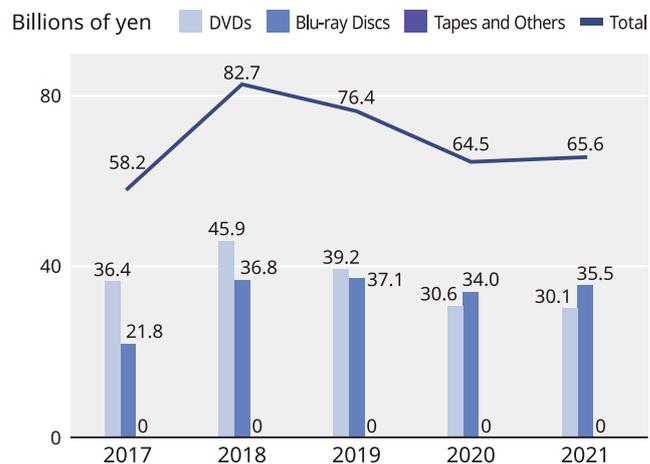
## 5" CD Albums — Production on Value Basis



## Music Videos — Production on Unit Basis



## Music Videos — Production on Value Basis



## Recorded Music - Production on Unit Basis

(Thousands of units)

	SPs	Discs						Tapes			Others	Total
		7"		10"/12"		CDs		Cartridges	Cassettes	Open Reels		
		33rpm	45rpm	33rpm	45rpm	3" Singles	5"					
1929	10,483											10,483
1930	14,400											14,400
1931	16,895											16,895
1932	17,016											17,016
1933	24,675											24,675
1934	25,731											25,731
1935	28,927											28,927
1936	29,638											29,638
1937	26,409											26,409
1938	19,634											19,634
1939	24,385											24,385
1940	20,928											20,928
1941	19,714											19,714
1942	17,085											17,085
'43-'45	Unknown											Unknown
1946	6,420											6,420
1947	8,847											8,847
1948	11,962											11,962
1949	16,860											16,860
1950	11,828											11,828
1951	14,904											14,904
1952	17,806											17,806
1953	19,357				52							19,409
1954	15,896		455	209								16,560
1955	12,781		1,172	547								14,500
1956	11,540		2,379	1,019								14,938
1957	9,877		3,889	1,821								15,587
1958	8,520		5,417	3,264								17,201
1959	5,536		8,726	5,127								19,389
1960	3,078	73	13,530	7,323								24,004
1961	1,976	765	19,428	10,653								32,822
1962	584	2,765	26,927	13,462								43,738
1963	25	6,606	39,234	13,730								59,595
1964		9,012	50,954	13,847								73,813
1965		14,693	61,887	14,354								90,934
1966		15,285	63,063	16,142								94,490
1967		15,686	65,338	18,863	213							100,100
1968		16,968	75,489	27,757	217			5,529	631	171		126,762
1969		16,712	78,473	38,332	55			12,394	1,250	206		147,422
1970		11,749	71,704	50,095	7			18,338	3,790	192		155,875
1971		10,453	81,414	58,443	1			14,844	5,837	279		171,271
1972		8,004	82,909	61,137	0			13,535	6,770	239		172,594
1973		6,997	86,744	78,520	0			15,606	10,591	242		198,700
1974		6,735	91,166	83,758	0			12,790	11,154	111		205,714
1975		6,307	86,399	84,665	0			12,160	14,090	44		203,665
1976		5,548	99,543	94,599	62			11,388	20,187	14		231,341
1977		5,896	85,759	92,189	219			9,055	25,612	15		218,745
1978		4,801	98,283	93,012	132			11,699	34,855	6		242,788
1979		4,036	106,302	88,346	120			15,087	46,220	2		260,113
1980		5,188	99,172	90,504	79			22,858	57,107	0		274,908
1981		2,756	84,929	80,383	466			26,152	60,627			255,313
1982		2,451	76,285	73,022	158			36,489	61,115			249,520
1983		2,569	76,649	69,049	469			33,113	64,618			246,467
1984		1,149	69,979	66,708	1,503		6,365	21,973	60,917			228,595
1985		1,180	60,959	58,057	4,320		20,638	13,826	60,694			219,673
1986		1,415	59,152	42,751	2,732		45,120	8,355	62,517			222,041
1987		818	45,432	25,996	1,749		64,992	5,893	68,925			213,804
1988		564	26,855	10,935	1,109	25,557	89,980	3,415	76,074			234,490
1989		910	6,770	2,182	194	47,094	143,424	1,666	72,301			274,542
1990		224	1,382	703	23	61,820	169,129	672	56,541			290,494
1991		9	87	885	1	88,776	210,497	254	44,579			345,087
1992		14	17	982	1	110,559	222,671	47	38,853			373,142
1993		0	76	766	0	153,795	227,756	4	35,333			417,730
1994				620		138,271	241,699	0	29,860			410,450
1995				534		164,581	275,369		25,031			465,515
1996				944		166,294	282,556		22,512			472,305
1997				1,034		167,827	289,313		22,534			480,706
1998				1,186		154,260	302,913		21,818			480,177
							Singles	Albums				
1999				2,985		86,333	61,145	276,279		17,608		444,351

# Statistics for Recorded Music

(Thousands of units)

	Discs								Tapes			Others	Total
	SPs	7"		10"/12"		3" Singles	CDs		Cartridges	Cassettes	Open Reels		
		33rpm	45rpm	33rpm	45rpm		5"						
							Singles	Albums					
2000			1,914			33,124	104,601	276,327		17,174			433,140
2001			1,297			9,788	99,605	259,233		15,160	Music Videos		385,083
2002			697			7,967	74,793	245,919		12,972	14,909	968	358,224
2003			580			20,815	67,323	227,129		11,733	32,183	807	360,570
2004			894			15,363	66,473	220,420		8,999	34,772	531	347,451
2005			306			1,943	62,745	237,116		7,425	43,267	418	353,219
2006			248			1,693	65,861	222,698		6,665	49,137	476	346,778
2007			324			371	61,324	198,646		5,557	51,846	594	318,662
2008			212			239	53,488	188,724		4,586	55,742	498	303,490
2009			102			155	44,742	165,162		3,777	59,164	391	273,492
2010			105			107	50,503	155,929		2,866	46,475	369	256,354
2011			210			3,152	59,247	134,164		2,104	60,174	635	259,685
2012			453			51	64,807	150,311		1,800	72,632	609	290,663
2013			268			44	60,556	128,137		1,387	56,857	453	247,702
2014			401			30	55,428	114,925		1,071	53,680	455	225,989
2015			662			38	55,106	112,696		800	54,070	348	223,719
2016			799			78	54,493	104,652		700	51,794	467	212,983
2017			1,063			42	50,461	101,791		571	48,078	443	202,449
2018			1,116			63	48,553	88,652		441	55,297	509	194,631
2019			1,219			43	43,318	88,964		336	46,371	422	180,673
2020			1,095			26	32,613	71,293		291	40,669	349	146,335
2021			1,907			9	32,430	71,113		141	45,038	395	151,032

- N.B.** 1. 7" and 10"/12" analog recordings were consolidated in 1994.  
 2. Others: Total number of SACDs, DVDs-Audio, DVDs-Music and MDs

## Recorded Music - Production on Value Basis

(Millions of yen)

	Discs							Tapes			Others	Total	
	SPs	7"		10"/12"		3" Singles	CDs		Cartridges	Cassettes			Open Reels
		33rpm	45rpm	33rpm	45rpm		5"						
1952													2,269
1953													3,016
1954													3,186
1955													3,018
1956	2,084		792	1,181									4,058
1957	1,774		1,191	2,007									4,972
1958	1,496		1,365	2,859									5,719
1959	962		1,870	4,089									6,921
1960	516	21	2,749	5,685									8,971
1961	334	206	3,789	8,233									12,562
1962	104	699	5,275	11,180									17,259
1963	4	1,760	7,722	11,433									20,919
1964		2,369	9,855	12,966									25,190
1965		4,140	12,557	12,696									29,393
1966		4,381	13,306	14,278									31,965
1967		3,983	14,009	16,413	242								34,646
1968		4,988	19,155	24,821	281								49,245
1969		5,114	20,830	34,352	73								60,369
1970		3,765	19,578	42,368	9								65,720
1971		3,249	22,498	50,829	1			30,434	4,879	352			112,242
1972		2,757	25,050	55,474	0			26,662	5,628	303			115,876
1973		2,535	29,706	75,310	0			33,475	10,007	280			151,314
1974		2,649	31,771	98,005	0			28,816	14,542	177			175,960
1975		2,533	30,159	104,442	0			26,674	20,997	78			184,883
1976		2,295	37,604	123,627	36			21,383	33,402	35			218,381
1977		2,495	34,745	126,030	269			14,334	44,723	42			222,638
1978		1,908	40,172	129,980	148			12,107	61,371	18			245,704
1979		1,659	43,753	125,884	103			14,191	76,993	6			262,589
1980		2,300	42,673	136,187	78			21,265	90,341				292,844
1981		1,191	39,766	130,652	798			24,529	91,718				288,654
1982		1,053	35,920	118,148	171			35,152	90,594				281,037
1983		1,366	36,724	114,092	500			32,290	96,691				281,663
1984		533	33,720	110,948	1,369		14,439	21,696	91,406				274,111
1985		1,150	29,425	95,910	3,761		47,931	13,708	89,453				281,337
1986		733	28,323	71,624	2,625		97,912	8,482	89,220				298,920
1987		448	21,956	45,967	1,562		139,016	6,340	96,295				311,584
1988		328	12,925	18,842	1,111	18,825	186,423	3,680	100,812				342,947
1989		400	3,107	3,349	286	29,756	257,005	1,678	87,752				383,332
1990		140	640	1,034	41	37,556	285,793	693	61,872				387,770
1991		5	38	1,441	0	53,967	345,829	259	47,714				449,252
1992		10	8	1,834	1	69,064	369,467	45	37,819				478,247
1993		0	43	1,479	0	97,710	382,754	4	31,689				513,679
1994			1,081			88,371	403,870		25,924				519,246
1995			881			100,565	450,604		21,982				574,031
1996			1,312			104,418	458,164		19,969				583,862
1997			1,369			103,891	463,187		19,573				588,019
1998			1,484			95,478	492,400		18,132				607,494
							<b>Singles</b>	<b>Albums</b>					
1999			3,575			54,077	46,850	450,369	14,680				569,551
2000			2,069			15,046	82,393	426,440	13,868				539,816
2001			1,351			3,885	76,432	409,261	12,132	<b>Music Videos</b>			503,061
2002			782			3,861	56,677	371,268	10,542	37,683	642		481,454
2003			676			3,128	51,310	333,550	9,867	56,489	1,159		456,179
2004			520			1,393	50,591	316,627	7,437	53,900	802		431,269
2005			406			424	48,431	310,945	6,322	54,973	710		422,210
2006			337			383	50,464	293,671	5,613	56,844	1,096		408,408
2007			563			156	46,788	280,230	4,506	57,823	1,046		391,113
2008			352			107	39,837	251,321	3,740	65,626	791		361,775
2009			190			58	33,999	211,914	2,943	66,883	527		316,515
2010			170			40	37,239	184,755	2,300	58,614	495		283,612
2011			336			225	43,015	165,260	1,727	70,197	1,090		281,850
2012			673			39	44,358	180,234	1,461	83,106	957		310,828
2013			408			22	42,947	153,217	1,144	72,008	723		270,468
2014			678			19	41,766	142,303	905	67,733	771		254,176
2015			1,175			23	41,665	138,422	695	71,883	586		254,449
2016			1,455			52	42,835	131,986	614	67,950	765		245,657
2017			1,916			27	40,970	129,657	482	58,195	803		232,048
2018			2,077			98	39,411	114,690	382	82,726	952		240,337
2019			2,146			30	36,210	113,308	318	76,357	761		229,129
2020			2,117			18	30,622	96,298	210	64,529	607		194,400
2021			3,900			6	29,016	94,233	137	65,646	700		193,638

**N.B.** 1. Producers' sales prices including tax from 1969 and prices excluding consumption tax from 1989  
2. 7" and 10"/12" analog recordings were consolidated in 1994.  
3. Others: Total number of SACDs, DVDs-Audio, DVDs-Music and MDs

# Statistics for Digital Music

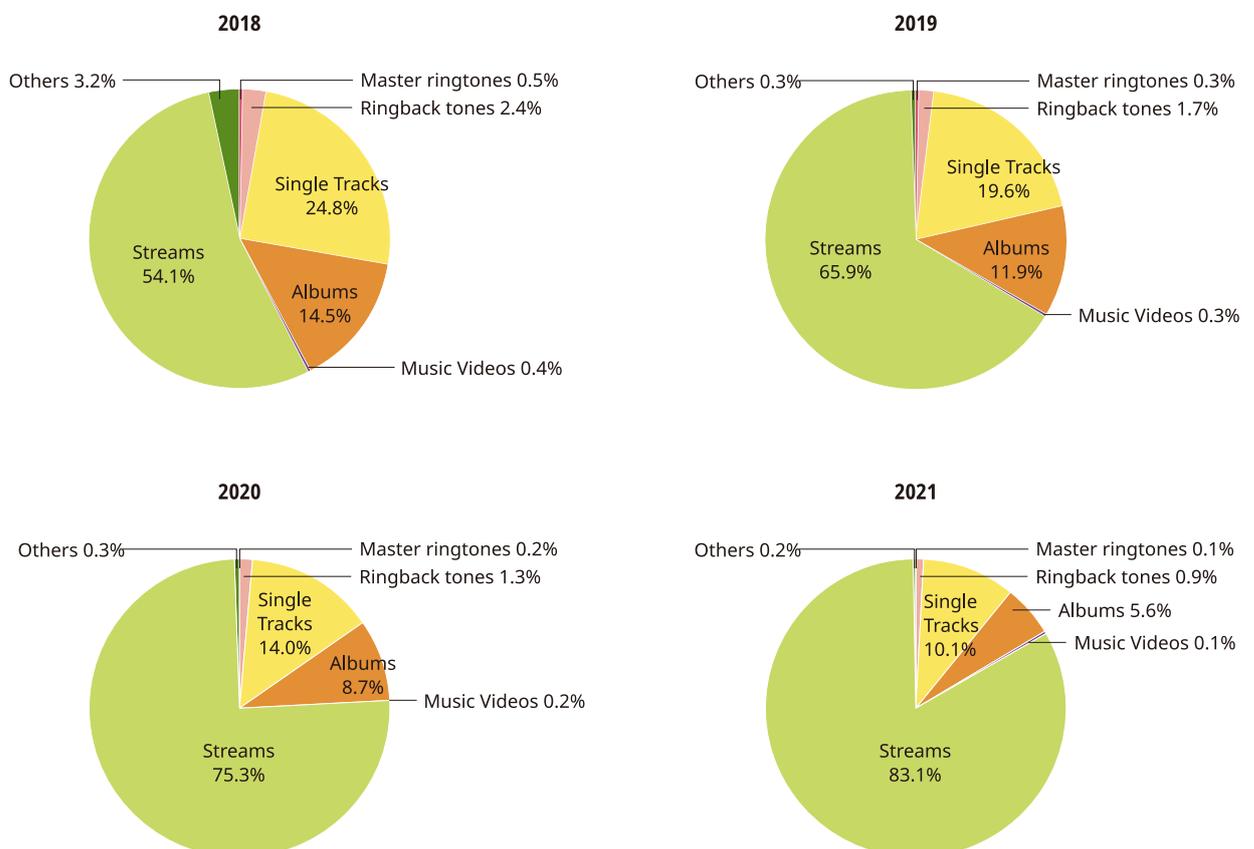
## Detailed Breakdown of Digital Music Sales in 2021

(Thousands of units/Millions of yen)

		Format	Units	vs. prev. yr	Value	vs. prev. yr
Master ringtones			810	60%	90	60%
Ringback tones			11,491	76%	776	76%
Downloads	Single Tracks	PC / Smartphone	55,639	82%	8,975	82%
		Feature Phone	178	64%	38	61%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>55,818</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>9,013</b>	<b>82%</b>
	Albums	PC / Smartphone	4,350	74%	4,996	74%
		Feature Phone	0	0%	0	0%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>74%</b>
	Music Videos	PC / Smartphone	355	82%	110	81%
		Feature Phone	3	50%	1	50%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Total Downloads</b>			<b>60,525</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>14,120</b>	<b>79%</b>
Streams	Subscription Audio		—	—	63,794	126%
	Subscription Music Videos		—	—	2,890	150%
	Ad-Supported Audio		—	—	2,612	108%
	Ad-Supported Music Videos		—	—	5,085	131%
	<b>Total Streams</b>			<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>74,381</b>
Others			—	—	171	68%
<b>Total</b>			<b>72,826</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>89,538</b>	<b>114%</b>

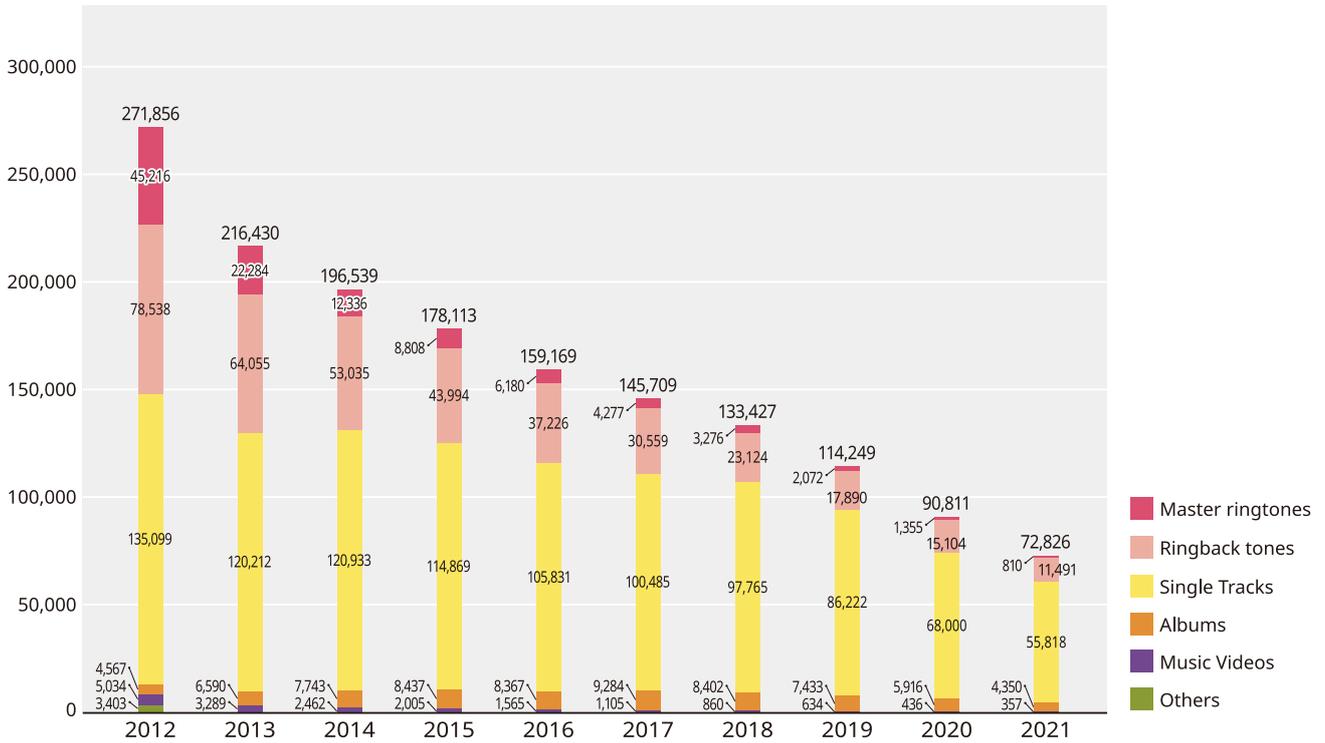
**N.B.** 1. Figures represent digital music sales revenue derived from direct, license or consignment sales by RIAJ member companies.  
2. Units: Number of downloads; Value: Net income by RIAJ member companies

## Composition of Digital Music by Format - Value Basis



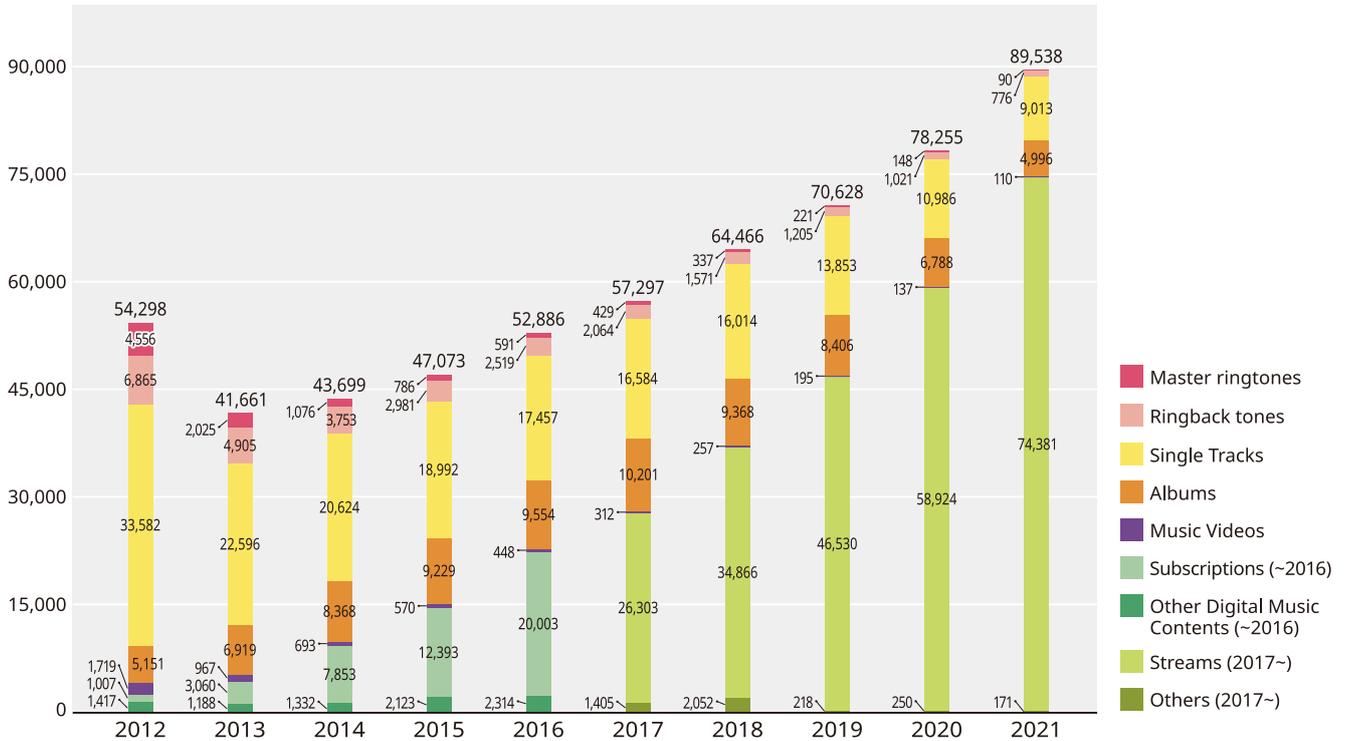
## Digital Music - Sales on Unit Basis

Thousands of units



## Digital Music - Sales on Value Basis

Millions of yen

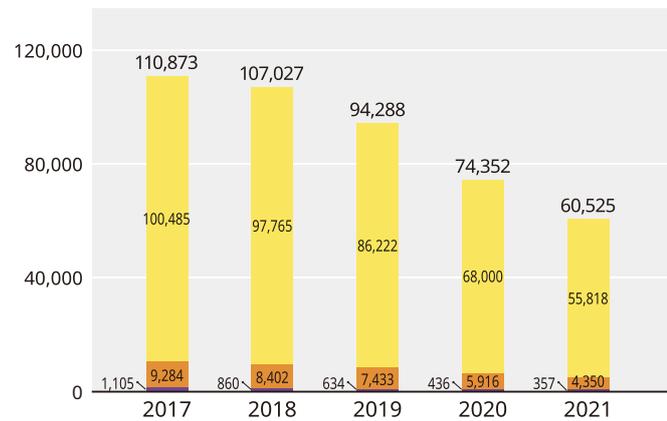


- N.B.** 1. The categories of digital music sales have been changed since 2017. Subscriptions and Other Digital Music Contents were categories until 2016.  
 2. Figures for Streams are the sum of Subscriptions and Ad-Supported.

# Statistics for Digital Music

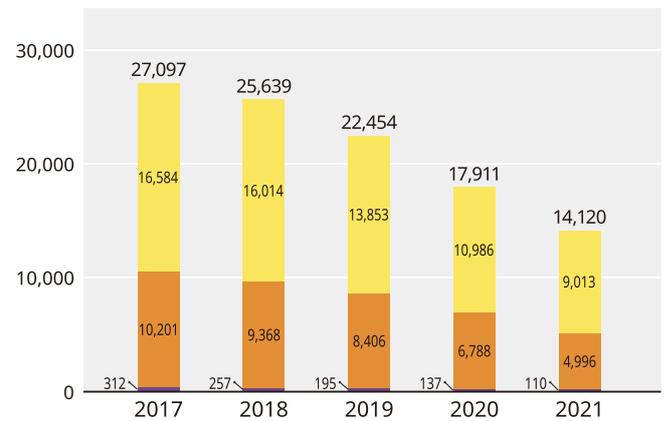
## Downloads - Sales on Unit Basis

Thousands of units



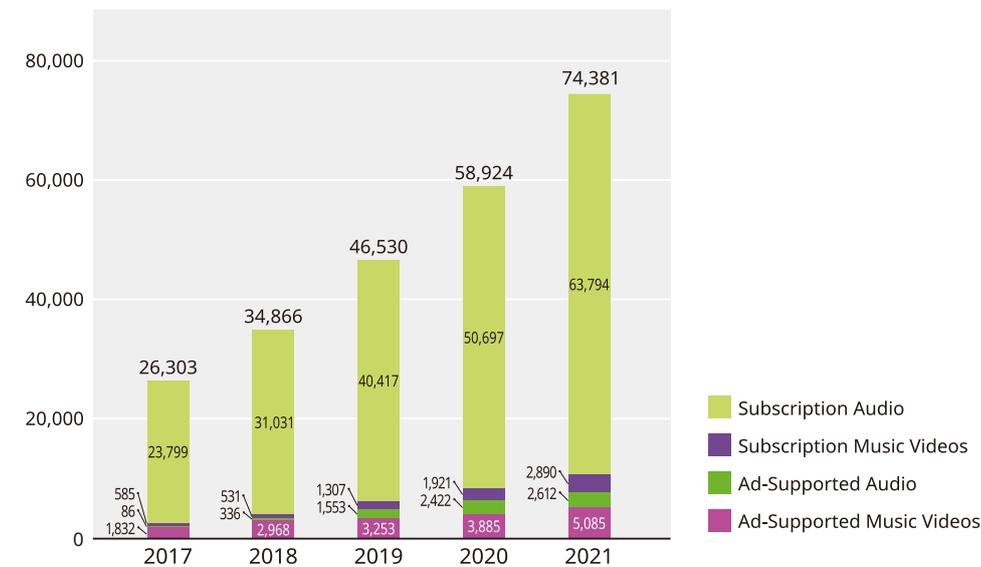
## Downloads - Sales on Value Basis

Millions of yen



## Streams - Sales on Value Basis

Millions of yen



## Digital Music Sales - Unit and Value Basis

(Thousands of units/Millions of yen)

		Master ringtones	Ringback tones	Single Tracks		Albums	Music Videos		Subscriptions				Others	Total
				PC / Smartphone	Feature Phone		PC / Smartphone	Feature Phone	Subscriptions		Other Digital Music Contents			
									PC / Smartphone	Feature Phone				
2005	Units	196,244	23,418	9,001	22,650	366	—	—	—	—	—	16,222	267,901	
	Value	20,769	1,234	1,383	7,171	452	—	—	46	—	—	3,229	34,283	
2006	Units	226,753	45,602	22,369	55,824	1,114	—	—	—	—	—	16,400	368,063	
	Value	24,609	2,688	3,524	17,952	1,364	—	—	119	—	—	3,223	53,478	
2007	Units	223,922	86,638	28,644	111,085	1,488	829	9,097	—	—	—	3,293	464,996	
	Value	24,857	6,143	3,959	34,376	1,746	207	2,039	454	423	—	1,283	75,487	
2008	Units	182,498	101,030	38,105	142,269	2,154	1,574	9,669	—	—	—	1,890	479,188	
	Value	20,249	8,509	5,872	47,629	2,668	461	2,867	811	402	—	1,080	90,547	
2009	Units	157,081	112,021	42,511	142,896	2,488	1,748	7,976	—	—	—	1,503	468,223	
	Value	16,426	9,801	6,540	49,447	3,099	543	2,892	702	381	—	1,150	90,982	
2010	Units	131,247	113,302	44,617	137,836	2,819	2,024	7,414	—	—	—	2,199	441,457	
	Value	13,299	10,082	6,295	47,590	3,246	567	2,843	380	354	—	1,334	85,990	
2011	Units	87,268	99,490	54,955	108,849	3,357	2,700	6,150	—	—	—	4,516	367,285	
	Value	8,708	8,754	8,112	37,378	3,758	697	2,423	359	259	—	1,513	71,961	
2012	Units	45,216	78,538	70,148	64,951	4,567	2,354	2,680	—	—	—	3,403	271,856	
	Value	4,556	6,865	12,191	21,392	5,151	643	1,076	526	481	—	1,417	54,298	
2013	Units	22,284	64,055	91,634	28,578	6,590	2,260	1,029	—	—	—	—	216,430	
	Value	2,025	4,905	14,846	7,751	6,919	608	358	2,725	335	—	1,188	41,661	
2014	Units	12,366	53,035	109,035	11,899	7,743	2,029	433	—	—	—	—	196,539	
	Value	1,076	3,753	17,487	3,137	8,368	548	145	7,847	5	—	1,332	43,699	
2015	Units	8,808	43,994	108,848	6,021	8,437	1,776	228	—	—	—	—	178,113	
	Value	786	2,981	17,438	1,554	9,229	496	74	12,388	4	—	2,123	47,073	
2016	Units	6,180	37,226	102,296	3,535	8,367	1,440	126	—	—	—	—	159,169	
	Value	591	2,519	16,538	919	9,554	406	42	19,998	5	—	2,314	52,886	
		Master ringtones	Ringback tones	Downloads					Streams				Others	Total
				Single Tracks		Albums	Music Videos		Subscriptions		Ad-Supported			
				PC / Smartphone	Feature Phone		PC / Smartphone	Feature Phone	Audio	Music Videos	Audio	Music Videos		
2017	Units	4,277	30,559	99,285	1,199	9,284	1,071	35	—	—	—	—	—	145,709
	Value	429	2,064	16,283	302	10,201	301	12	23,799	585	86	1,832	1,405	57,297
2018	Units	3,276	23,124	97,169	596	8,402	841	20	—	—	—	—	—	133,427
	Value	337	1,571	15,865	149	9,368	250	7	31,031	531	336	2,968	2,052	64,466
2019	Units	2,072	17,890	85,828	394	7,433	622	11	—	—	—	—	—	114,249
	Value	221	1,205	13,760	92	8,406	191	4	40,417	1,307	1,553	3,253	218	70,628
2020	Units	1,355	15,104	67,723	277	5,916	430	5	—	—	—	—	—	90,811
	Value	148	1,021	10,925	62	6,788	135	2	50,697	1,921	2,422	3,885	250	78,255
2021	Units	810	11,491	55,639	178	4,350	355	3	—	—	—	—	—	72,826
	Value	90	776	8,975	38	4,996	110	1	63,794	2,890	2,612	5,085	171	89,538

**N.B.** Figures for Albums are the sum of PC and smartphones and feature phones.

# Statistics for Newly Released Recordings

## Breakdown by Genre and Format in 2021

### ■ Audio

(Titles)

Genre	3" CD Singles	5" CDs		CD Total	Vinyl Discs	Cassettes		Total	
		Singles	Albums			Singles	Albums		
Domestic	Enka	0	388	374	762	4	5	0	771
	Pop/Kayokyoku	2	1,425	3,390	4,817	489	9	4	5,319
	Light Music	0	1	99	100	0	0	0	100
	Screen	0	0	356	356	14	0	0	370
	Traditional	0	1	64	65	0	0	0	65
	Kids	0	7	117	124	0	0	0	124
	Anime	0	312	286	598	17	0	0	615
	Classical	0	0	74	74	4	0	0	78
	Karaoke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Others	0	40	139	179	0	0	0	179
	Domestic Total	2	2,174	4,899	7,075	528	14	4	7,621
	(29%)	(97%)	(121%)	(112%)	(208%)	(15%)	(67%)	(114%)	
International	Rock/Pop/Dance	0	17	792	809	159	0	3	971
	Jazz/Fusion	0	0	459	459	83	0	0	542
	Additional Genre	0	28	381	409	126	0	0	535
	Screen	0	0	66	66	4	0	0	70
	Classical	0	0	651	651	0	0	0	651
	Others	0	0	22	22	0	0	0	22
	International Total	0	45	2,371	2,416	372	0	3	2,791
	(—)	(115%)	(127%)	(127%)	(600%)	(0%)	(300%)	(142%)	
Grand Total		2	2,219	7,270	9,491	900	14	7	10,412
		(29%)	(97%)	(123%)	(115%)	(285%)	(14%)	(100%)	(120%)

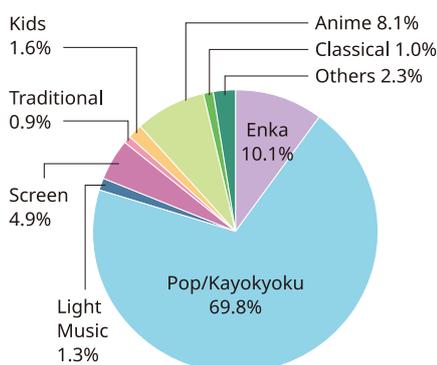
### ■ Music Videos

Genre	Discs		Tapes	Others	Total
	DVDs	Blu-ray Discs	VHSs	HD DVDs	
Domestic	392	464	0	0	856
International	69	71	0	0	140
Karaoke	27	0	0	0	27
Total	488	535	0	0	1,023
	(75%)	(100%)	(—)	(—)	(86%)

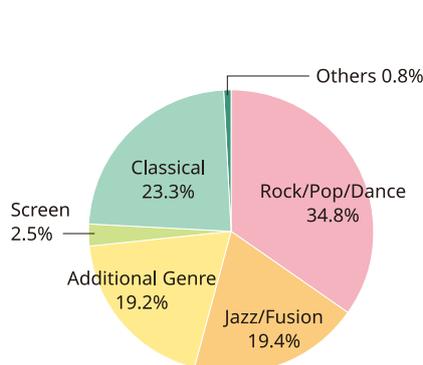
- N.B.** 1. Total number of newly released recordings in 2021  
 2. The current year's results are compiled results of the member companies of RIAJ. The figures also include OEM sales by RIAJ members for non-RIAJ members.  
 3. Figures in parentheses: Percentage change compared with previous year

## Newly Released Audio Recordings

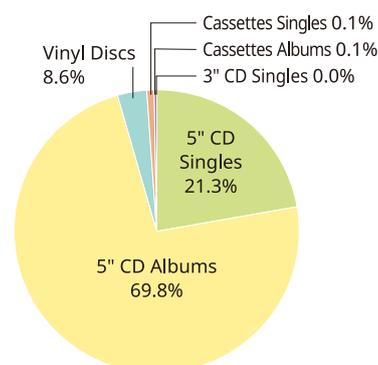
### ■ Composition by Genre (Domestic)



### ■ Composition by Genre (International)

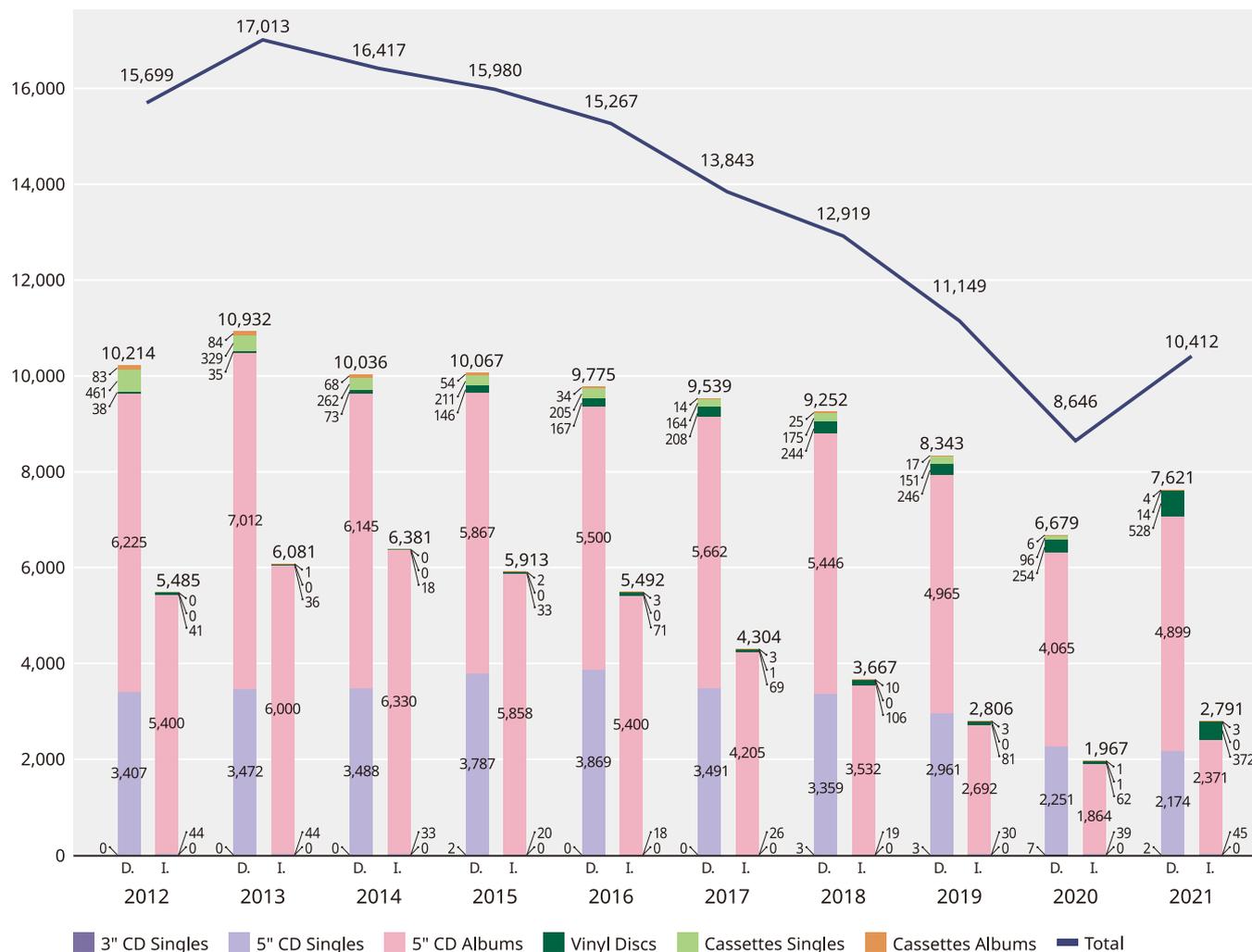


### ■ Composition by Format



## Newly Released Audio Recordings (2012-2021)

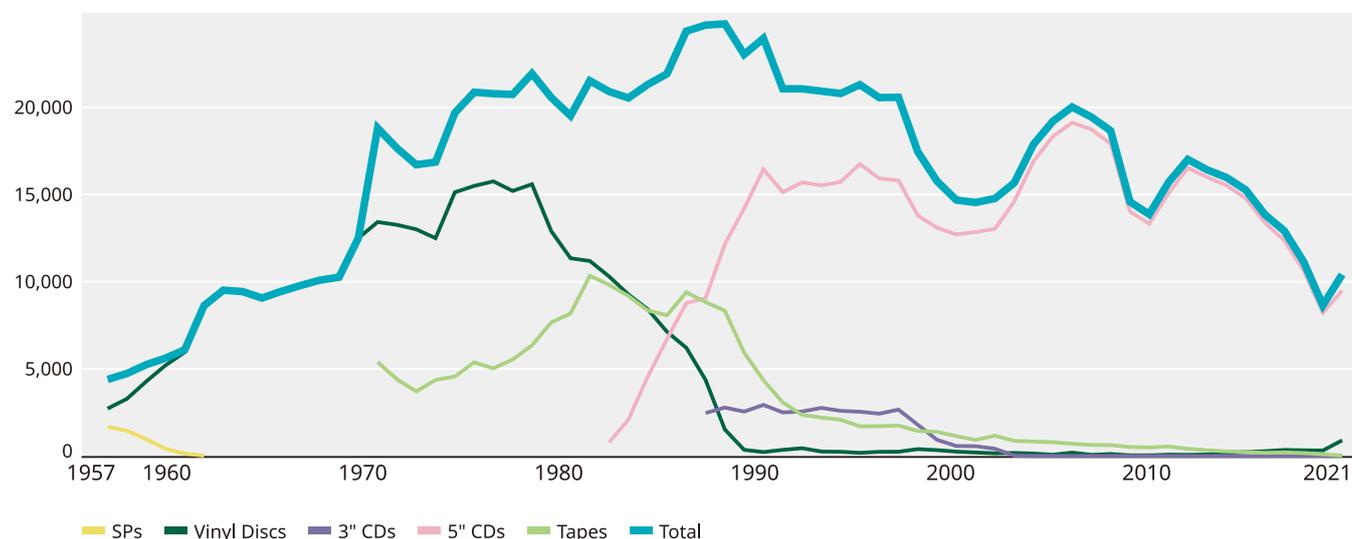
Titles



Abbreviations D. Domestic Repertoire I. International Repertoire

## Newly Released Audio Recordings by Format (1957-2021)

Titles



N.B. 1. Tapes: Cassettes + Cartridges + Open Reels  
2. Vinyl Discs: 7" and 10"/12"

# Statistics for Newly Released Recordings

## Newly Released Audio Recordings by Format (1957-2021)

	Discs					Tapes			Total
	SPs	7"	10"/12"	3" CD Singles	5" CDs	Cassettes	Cartridges	Open Reels	
1957	1,673	1,651	1,070						4,394
1958	1,451	1,789	1,493						4,733
1959	964	2,074	2,202						5,240
1960	414	2,433	2,769						5,616
1961	139	2,475	3,483						6,097
1962	15	3,425	5,187						8,627
1963		4,231	5,281						9,512
1964		5,053	4,379						9,432
1965		4,954	4,111						9,065
1966		5,414	4,030						9,444
1967		5,416	4,366						9,782
1968		5,382	4,704						10,086
1969		4,807	5,451						10,258
1970		5,159	7,346						12,505
1971		5,006	8,415			2,162	2,933	295	18,811
1972		4,378	8,884			1,834	2,353	211	17,660
1973		3,818	9,186			1,767	1,781	157	16,709
1974		3,286	9,210			2,437	1,821	106	16,860
1975		3,930	11,198			2,720	1,816	23	19,687
1976		4,042	11,452			3,614	1,746	15	20,869
1977		4,681	11,075			3,891	1,110	26	20,783
1978		4,021	11,185			4,607	915	15	20,743
1979		4,233	11,358			5,526	818	3	21,938
1980		4,049	8,851			6,393	1,270	1	20,564
1981		3,224	8,119			6,504	1,672		19,519
1982		3,224	7,965			7,674	2,667		21,530
1983		3,246	7,052		788	7,277	2,543		20,906
1984		2,761	6,503		2,097	7,047	2,133		20,541
1985		2,668	5,750		4,546	6,504	1,845		21,313
1986		2,535	4,593		6,719	6,768	1,310		21,925
1987		2,547	3,661		8,772	7,872	1,520		24,372
1988		2,066	2,299	2,468	9,053	7,671	1,164		24,721
1989		993	528	2,780	12,155	7,691	642		24,789
1990		155	198	2,549	14,203	5,655	276		23,036
1991			229	2,933	16,451	4,188	160		23,961
1992		4	350	2,502	15,135	3,049	24		21,064
1993	MDs	9	439	2,556	15,697	2,362		DCCs	21,063
1994	177	258		2,761	15,527	2,142		65	20,930
1995	159	245		2,592	15,722	2,015		64	20,797
					Singles	Albums			
1996	117	183		2,540	371	16,385	1,702	2	21,300
1997	252	242		2,431	428	15,497	1,710		20,560
1998	119	248		2,659	599	15,208	1,746		20,579
1999	33	396		1,795	1,225	12,573	1,436		17,458
2000	17	338		929	1,760	11,333	1,388		15,765
2001	1	253		575	1,904	10,808	1,141		14,682
2002		188		557	1,677	10,734	923		14,079
2003		157		419	2,094	10,933	1,165		14,768
2004		177		21	2,581	12,019	870		15,668
2005		144		3	2,769	14,136	833		17,885
2006		74		3	2,954	15,377	793		19,201
2007		195		1	2,977	16,146	704		20,023
2008		68		1	2,917	15,823	636		19,445
2009	1	117			2,860	15,054	629		18,661
2010		42			2,718	11,305	518		14,583
2011		41			2,945	10,382	495		13,863
2012		79			3,451	11,625	544		15,699
2013		71			3,516	13,012	414		17,013
2014		91			3,521	12,475	330		16,417
2015		179		2	3,807	11,725	267		15,980
2016		238			3,887	10,900	242		15,267
2017		277			3,517	9,867	182		13,843
2018		350		3	3,378	8,978	210		12,919
2019		327		3	2,991	7,657	171		11,149
2020		316		7	2,290	5,929	104		8,646
2021		900		2	2,219	7,270	21		10,412

N.B. 1. 7" and 10"/12" analog recordings were consolidated in 1994.

# Statistics for Catalogue Listings

## Breakdown by Genre and Format in 2021

### ■ Audio

(Titles)

Genre	3" CD Singles	5" CDs		CD Total	MDs	Vinyl Discs	Cassettes		Total	
		Singles	Albums				Singles	Albums		
Domestic	Enka	247	7,400	5,938	13,585	0	12	3,211	1,465	18,273
	Pop/Kayokyoku	589	23,187	49,991	73,767	1	1,891	161	172	75,992
	Light Music	1	145	3,126	3,272	0	11	22	114	3,419
	Screen	1	48	2,774	2,823	0	25	0	2	2,850
	Traditional	29	249	2,657	2,935	0	3	744	868	4,550
	Kids	1	99	3,167	3,267	0	0	24	173	3,464
	Anime	7	3,464	8,072	11,543	0	27	10	280	11,860
	Classical	0	22	4,408	4,430	0	13	1	2	4,446
	Karaoke	0	20	124	144	0	0	0	0	144
	Others	6	329	4,692	5,027	0	6	3	57	5,093
<b>Domestic Total</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>34,963</b>	<b>84,949</b>	<b>120,793</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>130,091</b>	
International	Rock/Pop/Dance	5	130	20,386	20,521	0	549	1	10	21,081
	Jazz/Fusion	0	18	6,659	6,677	0	201	2	12	6,892
	Additional Genre	0	21	5,255	5,276	0	139	0	4	5,419
	Screen	0	1	760	761	0	5	0	0	766
	Classical	0	4	22,740	22,744	0	30	0	0	22,774
	Others	0	8	601	609	0	11	3	0	623
<b>International Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>56,401</b>	<b>56,588</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>57,555</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>886</b>	<b>35,145</b>	<b>141,350</b>	<b>177,381</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,923</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>187,646</b>
		(91%)	(102%)	(100%)	(101%)	(100%)	(84%)	(96%)	(99%)	(100%)

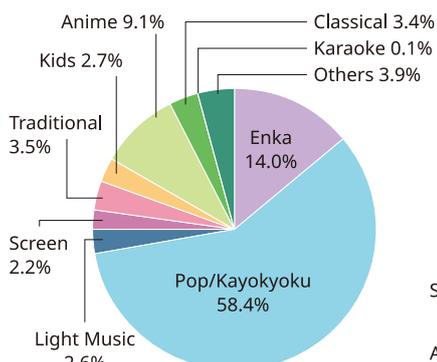
### ■ Music Videos

Genre	Discs			Tapes	Total
	DVDs	Blu-ray Discs	LDs		
Domestic	8,529	3,828	10	307	12,674
International	4,134	890	6	89	5,119
Karaoke	743	0	0	0	743
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,406</b>	<b>4,718</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>18,536</b>
	(101%)	(106%)	(100%)	(98%)	(102%)

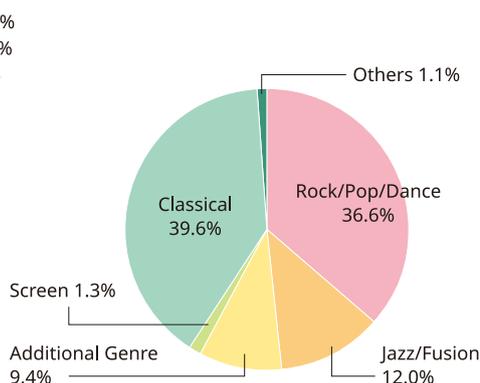
- N.B.** 1. Number of catalogues as of 2021 year-end  
 2. The current year's results are compiled results of the member companies of RIAJ. The figures also include OEM sales by RIAJ members for non-RIAJ members.  
 3. Figures in parentheses: Percentage change compared with previous year

## Audio Recording Catalogue Listings

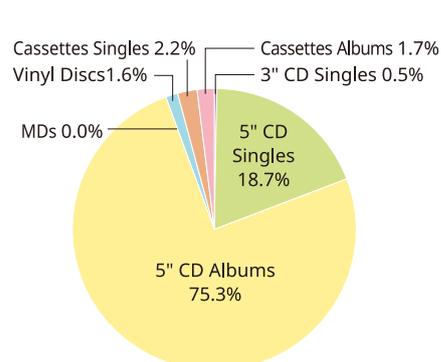
### ■ Composition by Genre (Domestic)



### ■ Composition by Genre (International)



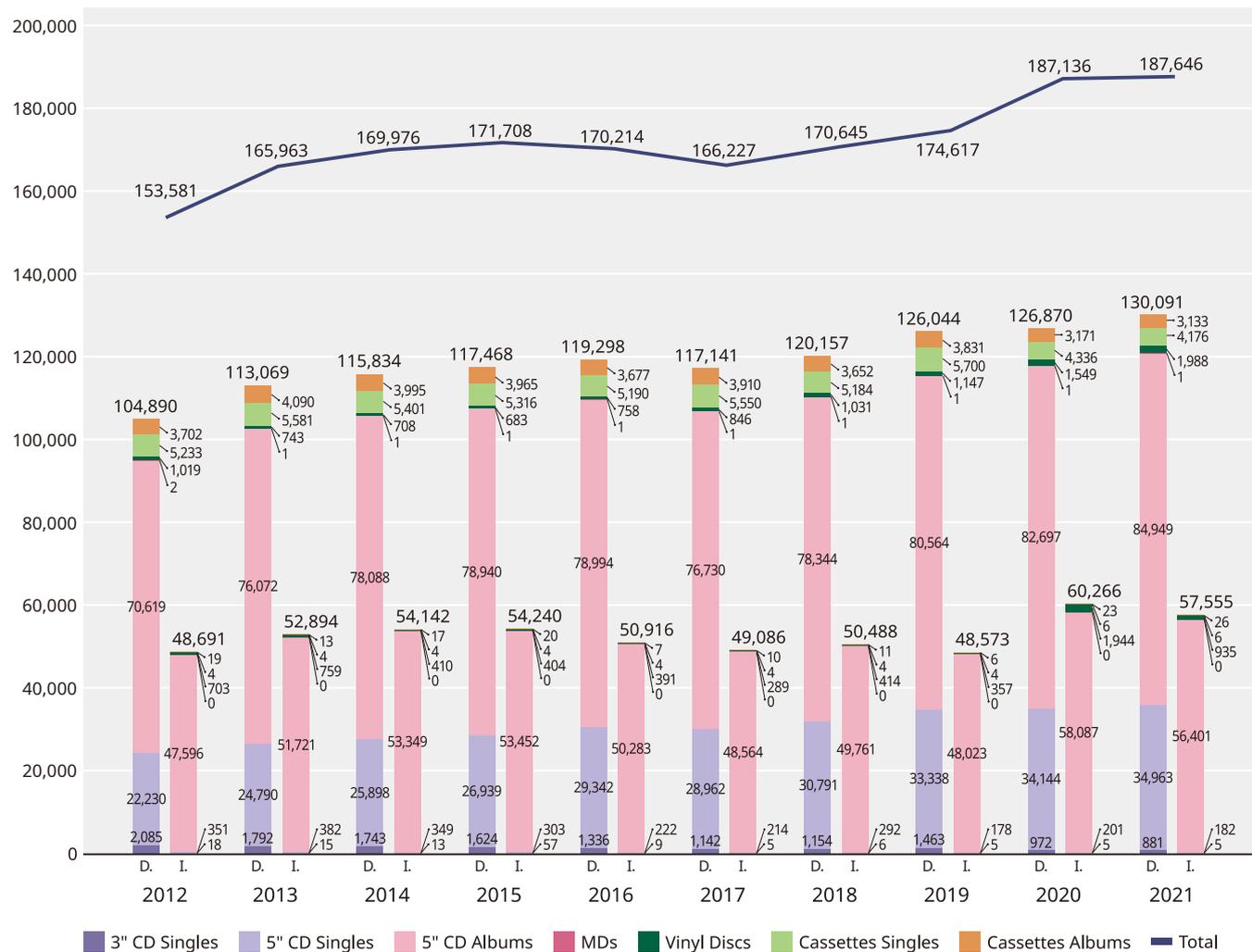
### ■ Composition by Format



# Statistics for Catalogue Listings

## Audio Recording Catalogue Listings (2012-2021)

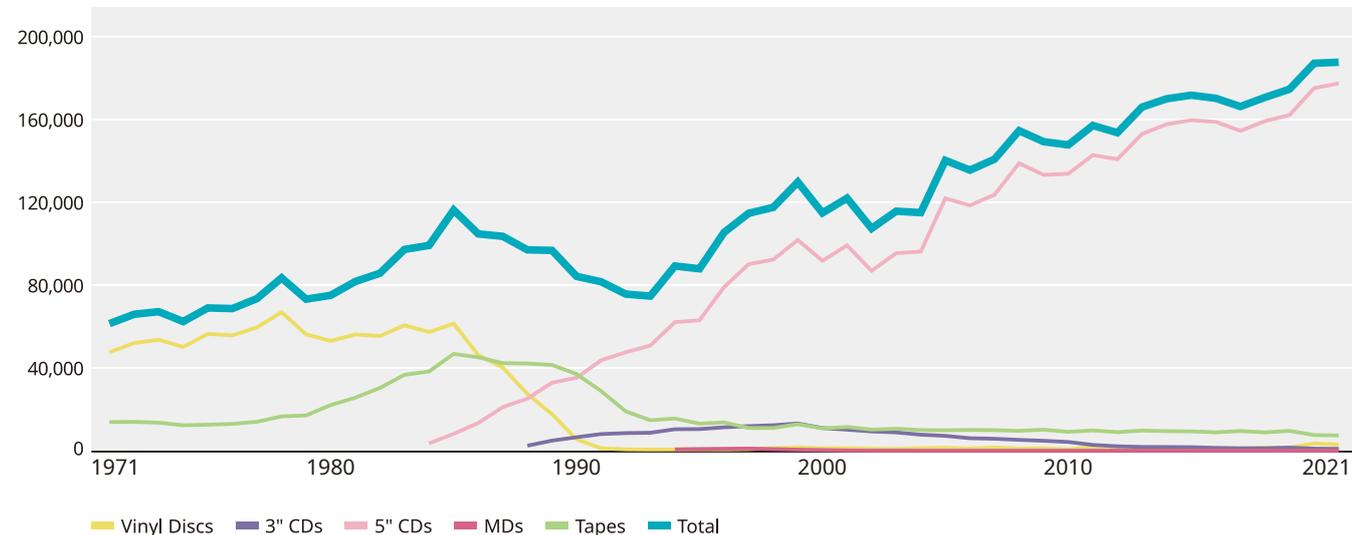
Titles



**Abbreviations** D. Domestic Repertoire I. International Repertoire

## Audio Recording Catalogue Listings by Format (1971-2021)

Titles



**N.B.** 1. Tapes: Cassettes + Cartridges + Open Reels  
2. Vinyl Discs: 7" and 10"/12"

## Audio Recording Catalogue Listings by Format (1971-2021)

(Titles)

	Discs					MDs	Tapes			Total
	7"	10"/12"	3" CD Singles	5" CDs			Cassettes	Cartridges	Open Reels	
1971	20,593	26,939					4,962	7,557	1,305	61,356
1972	19,244	32,725					5,499	6,993	1,410	65,871
1973	18,006	35,605					6,000	6,134	1,398	67,143
1974	15,596	34,502					6,064	5,158	1,048	62,368
1975	15,925	40,470					6,748	5,159	636	68,938
1976	14,627	41,087					8,206	4,205	517	68,642
1977	16,558	42,955					9,707	4,001	239	73,460
1978	17,747	49,140					12,790	3,514	255	83,446
1979	15,253	40,903					13,965	2,946	111	73,178
1980	15,052	37,960					18,771	3,176	81	75,040
1981	15,991	40,126					20,779	4,815		81,711
1982	15,915	39,478					24,014	6,292		85,699
1983	17,280	43,275					28,365	8,284		97,204
1984	15,937	41,388			3,572		28,596	9,648		99,141
1985	17,692	43,672			8,112		35,171	11,573		116,220
1986	14,813	31,414			13,360		34,223	10,893		104,703
1987	13,235	26,919			21,079		33,252	9,030		103,515
1988	11,181	16,231	2,387		25,105		35,470	6,622		96,996
1989	7,918	9,725	4,856		32,843		33,736	7,673		96,751
1990	2,524	2,961	6,494		35,185		30,504	6,510		84,178
1991	595	552	8,020		43,659		26,208	2,545		81,579
1992	182	442	8,488		47,525		18,273	713		75,623
1993	93	435	8,642		50,799		14,687	6	DCCs	74,662
1994	24	548	10,353		62,108	635	14,979	6	550	89,203
1995	11	613	10,417		62,970	801	12,481		562	87,855
1996	576		11,277		79,009	917	13,438		192	105,409
1997	741		11,866		90,066	1,038	10,874		82	114,667
1998	1,214		12,276		92,313	773	10,932		11	117,519
				Singles	Albums					
1999	1,596		13,123	2,680	99,090	488	12,778		4	129,759
2000	1,134		10,929	3,517	88,206	297	10,751			114,834
2001	1,152		10,138	4,982	94,173	89	11,436			121,970
2002	945		9,272	6,526	80,364	34	10,196			107,337
2003	857		8,816	8,001	87,384	26	10,582			115,666
2004	1,165		7,724	9,757	86,378	2	9,956			114,982
2005	1,366		7,153	12,384	109,474	2	9,843			140,222
2006	1,021		6,009	14,009	104,467	2	10,002			135,510
2007	1,521		5,749	16,751	106,884	2	9,887			140,794
2008	980		5,215	18,027	120,795		9,565			154,582
2009	1,103		4,770	18,669	114,561	3	10,127			149,233
2010	649		4,199	19,491	114,266	2	9,096			147,703
2011	1,780		2,780	23,809	118,937	6	9,758			157,070
2012	1,722		2,103	22,581	118,215	2	8,958			153,581
2013	1,502		1,807	25,172	127,793	1	9,688			165,963
2014	1,118		1,756	26,247	131,437	1	9,417			169,976
2015	1,087		1,681	27,242	132,392	1	9,305			171,708
2016	1,149		1,345	29,564	129,277	1	8,878			170,214
2017	1,135		1,147	29,176	125,294	1	9,474			166,227
2018	1,445		1,160	31,083	128,105	1	8,851			170,645
2019	1,504		1,468	33,516	128,587	1	9,541			174,617
2020	3,493		977	34,345	140,784	1	7,536			187,136
2021	2,923		886	35,145	141,350	1	7,341			187,646

**N.B.** 1. 7" and 10"/12" analog recordings were consolidated in 1994.

# Related Data

## 36th Japan Gold Disc Award 2022

D. ...Domestic I. ...International A. ...Asia

### Artist Awards

Artist of the Year Artists generating the highest net sales for works or songs released in 2021		
D.	Snow Man	Avex Entertainment Inc.
I.	The Beatles	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Best Asian Artist Among artists of the same category, the artist generating the highest net sales for works or songs released in 2021		
A.	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Best Enka/Kayokyoku Artist Among artists of the same genre, the artist generating the highest net sales for works or songs released in 2021		
	KIYOSHI HIKAWA	NIPPON COLUMBIA CO., LTD.
New Artist of the Year Artists among New Artist award winners generating the highest net sales for works or songs		
D.	Yuuri	Sony Music Labels Inc.
I.	Olivia Rodrigo	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
A.	ENHYPEN	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Best 5 New Artists Top five domestic debut artists with the highest net sales for works or songs		
D.	INI	LAPONE ENTERTAINMENT CO.,LTD.
	Ado	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
	Naniwa Danshi	J Storm Inc.
	BE:FIRST	B-ME
	Yuuri	Sony Music Labels Inc.
Best 3 New Artists Top three international debut artists with the highest net sales for works or songs		
I.	easy life	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
	Olivia Rodrigo	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
	FINNEAS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Best 3 New Artists Top three debut artists from respective Asian countries with the highest net sales for works or songs		
A.	ITZY	Warner Music Japan Inc.
	ENHYPEN	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
	TREASURE	Avex Entertainment Inc.
Best Enka/Kayokyoku New Artist Among debut artists of the same genre, the artist generating the highest net sales for works or songs		
	Sanada Naoki	TEICHIKU ENTERTAINMENT,INC.

### Album Awards

Album of the Year Albums released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)			
D.	Snow Mania S1	Snow Man	Avex Entertainment Inc.
I.	Voyage	ABBA	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
A.	BTS, THE BEST	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Best 5 Albums Top five albums released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)			
D.	8BEAT	KANJANI∞	INFINITY RECORDS
	Re:Sense	King & Prince	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
	1ST	SixTONES	Sony Music Labels Inc.
	Snow Mania S1	Snow Man	Avex Entertainment Inc.
	Time flies	Nogizaka46	Sony Music Labels Inc.
Best 3 Albums Top three albums released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)			
I.	30	Adele	Sony Music Labels Inc.
	Voyage	ABBA	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
	Let It Be <Special Edition>	The Beatles	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Best 3 Albums Top three albums released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)			
A.	SEVENTEEN 9th Mini Album 'Attacca'	SEVENTEEN	PLEDIS Entertainment
	Chaotic Wonderland	TOMORROW X TOGETHER	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
	BTS, THE BEST	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Classic Album of the Year Album released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)			
	SONGBOOK	TARO HAKASE	HATS UNLIMITED CO., LTD.
Jazz Album of the Year Album released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)			
	SILVER LINING SUITE	Hiromi The Piano Quintet	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Instrumental Album of the Year Album released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)			
	FLY! FLY! FLY!	T-SQUARE	T-SQUARE Music Entertainment Inc.

<b>Soundtrack Album of the Year</b> Album released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)		
Belle ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK	Various	Sony Music Labels Inc.
<b>Animation Album of the Year</b> Album released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)		
TV Animation "Kimetsu no Yaiba" Tanjiro Kamado Risshihen Original Soundtrack	Kimetsu no Yaiba	Aniplex Inc.
<b>Traditional Japanese Music Album of the Year</b> Album released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)		
Relaxing Erhu: Iyashi No Niko	V.A.	NIPPON COLUMBIA CO., LTD.
<b>Concept Album of the Year</b> Album released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)		
PRODUCE 101 JAPAN SEASON2	PRODUCE 101 JAPAN SEASON2	LAPONE ENTERTAINMENT CO.,LTD.

## Single Awards

<b>Single of the Year</b> Single released in 2021 with the most unit sales		
Grandeur	Snow Man	Avex Entertainment Inc.
<b>Best 5 Singles</b> Top five singles released in 2021 with the most unit sales		
Grandeur	Snow Man	Avex Entertainment Inc.
HELLO HELLO	Snow Man	Avex Entertainment Inc.
Ubu LOVE	Naniwa Danshi	J Storm Inc.
gomennefingerscrossed	Nogizaka46	Sony Music Labels Inc.
Bokuha Bokuwo Sukininaru	Nogizaka46	Sony Music Labels Inc.

## Video Awards

<b>Music Video of the Year</b> Music videos released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)		
D. ARAFES 2020 at NATIONAL STADIUM	ARASHI	J Storm Inc.
I. The Lady In The Balcony: Lockdown Sessions	Eric Clapton	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
A. BTS MAP OF THE SOUL ON:E	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
<b>Best Music Videos</b> Top three domestic music videos/international and Asian music videos released in 2021 with the most unit sales (set)		
ARAFES 2020 at NATIONAL STADIUM	ARASHI	J Storm Inc.
This is ARASHI LIVE 2020.12.31	ARASHI	J Storm Inc.
Snow Man ASIA TOUR 2D.2D.	Snow Man	Avex Entertainment Inc.

## Download Awards

<b>Song of the Year By Download</b> Songs available for download in 2021 with the largest combined digital downloads (single track)		
D. Monster	YOASOBI	Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.
I. My Universe	Coldplay X BTS	Warner Music Japan Inc.
A. Butter	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
<b>Best 5 Songs By Download</b> Top five songs available for download in 2021 with the largest combined digital downloads (single track)		
One Last Kiss	Hikaru Utada	Sony Music Labels Inc.
Cry Baby	OFFICIAL HIGE DANDISM	PONY CANYON INC.
Butter	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Monster	YOASOBI	Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.
Pale Blue	Kenshi Yonezu	Sony Music Labels Inc.

## Streaming Awards

<b>Song of the Year By Streaming</b> Songs available for streaming in 2021 with the largest total number of plays (single track)		
D. Monster	YOASOBI	Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.
I. Stay	The Kid LAROI & Justin Bieber	Sony Music Labels Inc.
A. Butter	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
<b>Best 5 Songs By Streaming</b> Top five songs available for streaming in 2021 with the largest total number of plays (single track)		
WASURENA	Awesome City Club	cutting edge
Cry Baby	OFFICIAL HIGE DANDISM	PONY CANYON INC.
Permission to Dance	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Butter	BTS	UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
Monster	YOASOBI	Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.

## Special Award

—	Aimer	Sony Music Labels Inc.
—	YOASOBI	Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.

- N.B.** 1. The above data cover the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.  
2. Best New Artist awards are for artists debuting between January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

# Related Data

## 1st - 35th Artists of the Year

D. ...Domestic I. ...International

1st 1987			11th 1997		
D.	AKINA NAKAMORI	Warner-Pioneer	D.	Namie Amuro	AVEX D.D., TOSHIBA-EMI
I.	MADONNA	Warner-Pioneer	I.	ME & MY	TOSHIBA-EMI
2nd 1988			12th 1998		
D.	REBECCA	CBS-Sony Group	D.	GLAY	PLATINUM RECORDS, POLYDOR
I.	THE BEATLES	TOSHIBA-EMI	I.	Celine Dion	Sony Music Entertainment
3rd 1989			13th 1999		
D.	BOØWY	TOSHIBA-EMI, Victor Musical Inds, Tokuma Japan	D.	B'z	ROOMS RECORDS
I.	BON JOVI	Nippon Phonogram	I.	Celine Dion	Sony Music Entertainment
4th 1990			14th 2000		
D.	Southern All Stars	Victor Musical Inds	D.	UTADA HIKARU	TOSHIBA-EMI
I.	MADONNA	Warner-Pioneer	I.	Celine Dion	Sony Music Entertainment
5th 1991			15th 2001		
D.	Yumi Matsutoya	TOSHIBA-EMI	D.	ayumi hamasaki	AVEX
I.	MADONNA	Warner-Pioneer	I.	THE BEATLES	TOSHIBA-EMI
6th 1992			16th 2002		
D.	CHAGE & ASKA	PONY CANYON	D.	ayumi hamasaki	AVEX
I.	GUNS N' ROSES	MCA Victor	I.	BACKSTREET BOYS	Zomba Records Japan
7th 1993			17th 2003		
D.	CHAGE & ASKA	PONY CANYON	D.	UTADA HIKARU	TOSHIBA-EMI
I.	MADONNA	WARNER MUSIC JAPAN	I.	AVRIL LAVIGNE	BMG FUNHOUSE
8th 1994			18th 2004		
D.	WANDS	POLYDOR, TOSHIBA-EMI, B-Gram RECORDS	D.	ayumi hamasaki	AVEX
I.	THE BEATLES	TOSHIBA-EMI	I.	TWELVE GIRLS BAND	PLATIA ENTERTAINMENT
9th 1995			19th 2005		
D.	trf	AVEX D.D.	D.	ORANGE RANGE	Sony Music Records
I.	MARIAH CAREY	Sony Music Entertainment	I.	QUEEN	TOSHIBA-EMI
10th 1996			20th 2006		
D.	trf	AVEX D.D.	D.	Koda Kumi	avex entertainment
I.	MARIAH CAREY	Sony Music Entertainment	I.	O-zone	avex entertainment

**N.B.** Company and artist names are all at the time awards were received.

21st 2007	
D.	Koda Kumi AVEX MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS
I.	Daniel Powter Warner Music Japan
22nd 2008	
D.	EXILE AVEX MARKETING
I.	AVRIL LAVIGNE BMG JAPAN
23rd 2009	
D.	EXILE avex marketing Inc.
I.	MADONNA Warner Music Japan Inc.
24th 2010	
D.	ARASHI J Storm Inc.
I.	THE BEATLES EMI Music Japan Inc.
25th 2011	
D.	ARASHI J Storm Inc.
I.	LADY GAGA UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
26th 2012	
D.	AKB48 KING RECORD CO., LTD./Defstar Records Inc./AKS Co., Ltd.
I.	LADY GAGA UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
27th 2013	
D.	AKB48 KING RECORD CO., LTD./avex group/Defstar Records Inc./AKS Co., Ltd.
I.	Che'Nelle EMI Music Japan Inc.
28th 2014	
D.	AKB48 KING RECORD CO., LTD./avex group/Defstar Records Inc./AKS Co., Ltd.
I.	ONE DIRECTION Sony Music Japan International Inc.
29th 2015	
D.	ARASHI J Storm Inc.
I.	One Direction Sony Music Labels Inc.
30th 2016	
D.	ARASHI J Storm Inc.
I.	THE BEATLES UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC

31st 2017	
D.	ARASHI J Storm Inc.
I.	Ariana Grande UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
32nd 2018	
D.	Namie Amuro Dimension Point
I.	The Beatles UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
33rd 2019	
D.	Namie Amuro Dimension Point
I.	Queen UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
34th 2020	
D.	ARASHI J Storm Inc.
I.	Queen UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC
35th 2021	
D.	ARASHI J Storm Inc.
I.	Queen UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC

# Related Data

## Certified Million-award Titles in 2021

Recorded Music	The dates indicate date of release.		Downloads	The dates indicate date of release.	
<b>Albums</b>			<b>Single Tracks</b>		
<b>▶ Million</b>			<b>▶ Million</b>		
 <p><b>BTS, THE BEST BTS</b> 2021/06/16 UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC</p>	 <p><b>Snow Mania S1 Snow Man</b> 2021/09/29 Avex Entertainment Inc.</p>	 <p><b>homura LiSA</b> 2020/10/12 Sony Music Labels Inc.</p>	 <p><b>Hakujitsu King Gnu</b> 2019/02/22 Sony Music Labels Inc.</p>		

Certification Standards Recorded Music (Albums, Singles, Music Videos), Downloads (Mastertones, Single Tracks, Albums) Common Standards

Name	Gold	Platinum	Double Platinum	Triple Platinum	Million	2 million
Standards	100,000 or more	250,000 or more	500,000 or more	750,000 or more	1 million or more	2 million or more

Standards: Recorded Music (number of units), Downloads (number of downloads)

1. Award for Double Platinum and higher for Mastertones only
2. Mastertones is a registered trademark of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.
3. Certification for each 1,000,000 after 3 million

## Certified Diamond / Platinum-award Titles in 2021

On-Demand Streams		The dates indicate date of release.			
<b>Single Tracks</b>					
<b>▶ Diamond</b>		<b>▶ Platinum</b>			
 <p><b>Into The Night YOASOBI</b> 2019/12/15 Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.</p>	 <p><b>Stand By You OFFICIAL HIGE DANDISM</b> 2018/10/01 PONY CANYON INC.</p>	 <p><b>Neko DISH//</b> 2018/06/23 Sony Music Labels Inc.</p>	 <p><b>Neko -The First Take Version DISH//</b> 2020/04/29 Sony Music Labels Inc.</p>	 <p><b>Dried Flower Yuuri</b> 2020/10/25 Sony Music Labels Inc.</p>	
 <p><b>Harujion YOASOBI</b> 2020/05/11 Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.</p>	 <p><b>Kanden Kenshi Yonezu</b> 2020/08/05 Sony Music Labels Inc.</p>	 <p><b>Hikoutei King Gnu</b> 2019/08/09 Sony Music Labels Inc.</p>	 <p><b>Walking with you Novelbright</b> 2018/10/03 Emperor Mode</p>	 <p><b>Takaneno Hanakosan back number</b> 2018/11/29 UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC</p>	

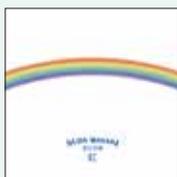
▶ Platinum



**Stand by me, Stand by you.**  
**HIRAIDAI**  
2020/09/09  
Avex Entertainment Inc.



**Tenbyou no Uta**  
**(feat. Sonoko Inoue)**  
**Mrs. GREEN APPLE**  
2018/07/31  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Niji**  
**Masaki Suda**  
2020/11/10  
Sony Music Labels Inc.



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2019/09/23  
Warner Music Japan Inc.



**Blue**  
**YOASOBI**  
2020/09/01  
Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.



**bad guy**  
**Billie Eilish**  
2019/03/29  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Usseewa**  
**Ado**  
2020/10/23  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Kaikai Kitan**  
**Eve**  
2020/10/03  
TOY'S FACTORY INC.



**Teenager Forever**  
**King Gnu**  
2019/12/20  
Sony Music Labels Inc.



**WASURENA**  
**Awesome City Club**  
2021/01/27  
Avex Entertainment Inc.



**Christmas Song**  
**back number**  
2018/11/29  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Stay Gold**  
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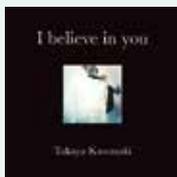
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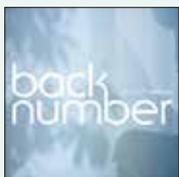
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Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.



©Flying Voice  
**I believe in you**  
**Magic Carpet**  
**Takaya Kawasaki**  
2018/11/08  
Warner Music Japan Inc.



**Happy End**  
**back number**  
2018/11/29  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



(P)&(C)BIGHIT MUSIC  
**Boy With Luv (feat. Halsey)**  
**BTS**  
2019/04/12  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Paprika**  
**Foorin**  
2018/08/13  
Sony Music Labels Inc.



**Tracing A Dream**  
**YOASOBI**  
2020/01/18  
Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.



**Lemon**  
**Kenshi Yonezu**  
2020/08/05  
Sony Music Labels Inc.



**Wataridori**  
**[Alexandros]**  
2015/05/17  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Fukakoryoku**  
**Vaundy**  
2020/01/22  
SDR



(P)&(C)BIGHIT MUSIC  
**Butter**  
**BTS**  
2021/05/21  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Encore**  
**YOASOBI**  
2021/01/06  
Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.



**Kataomoi**  
**Aimer**  
2016/09/21  
Sony Music Labels Inc.



**Evening Primrose**  
**Novelbright**  
2020/12/11  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**napori**  
**Vaundy**  
2020/05/27  
SDR



**Yokaze**  
**HENTAISHINSHI CLUB**  
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TALTO / murffin discs

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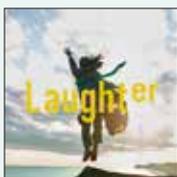
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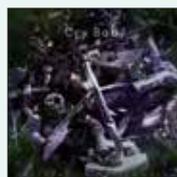
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**Laughter**  
**OFFICIAL HIGE DANDISM**  
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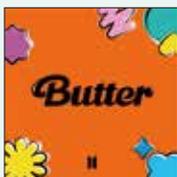
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**My Boo**  
**Shota Shimizu**  
2016/09/27  
Sony Music Labels Inc.



(P)&(C)BIGHIT MUSIC  
**DNA**  
**BTS**  
2017/09/18  
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(P)&(C)BIGHIT MUSIC  
**Permission to Dance**  
**BTS**  
2021/07/09  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Kirari**  
**Fujii Kaze**  
2021/05/03  
UNIVERSAL MUSIC LLC



**Closer (feat. Halsey)**  
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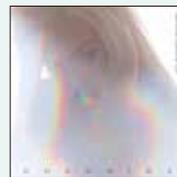
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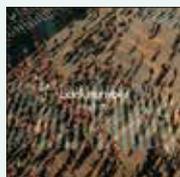
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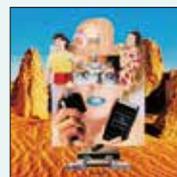
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**Film out**  
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**blueberry nights**  
**macaroni empitsu**  
2019/02/13  
TALTO / murffin discs



**Peter Pan**  
**Yuuri**  
2020/08/09  
Sony Music Labels Inc.



**Shutter**  
**Yuuri**  
2021/07/07  
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**No Regret**  
**wacci**  
2018/08/22  
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### Certification Standards On-Demand Streams (Single Tracks)

Name	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Standards	30 million or more	50 million or more	100 million or more	500 million or more

Standards: Number of on-demand streams

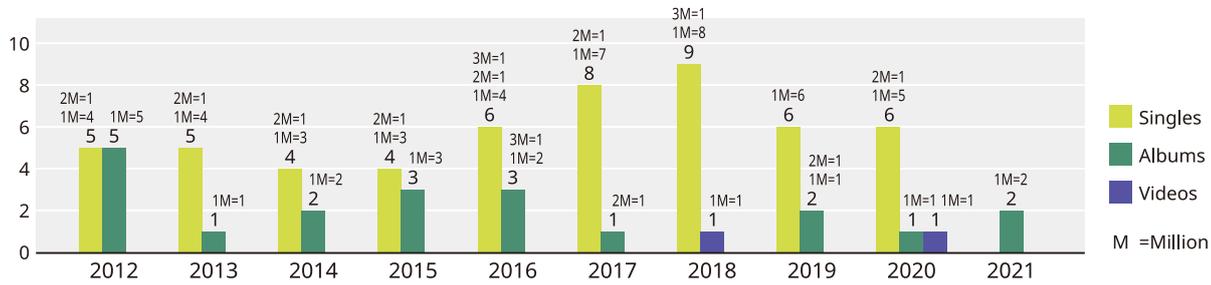
1. Volume is the cumulative number of on-demand streams calculated by RIAJ based on data provided by GfK Japan (GfK Insight Japan Co., Ltd.).  
2. Music streaming services that count towards the total are: Amazon Music Unlimited, Apple Music, AWA, KKBOX, LINE MUSIC, Rakuten Music, Spotify, TOWER RECORDS MUSIC

The cumulative number of streams for the following services (now ended) are also included in the total.  
d music, Google Play Music, HMVmusic powered by KKBOX, RecMusic

## Number of Certified Titles

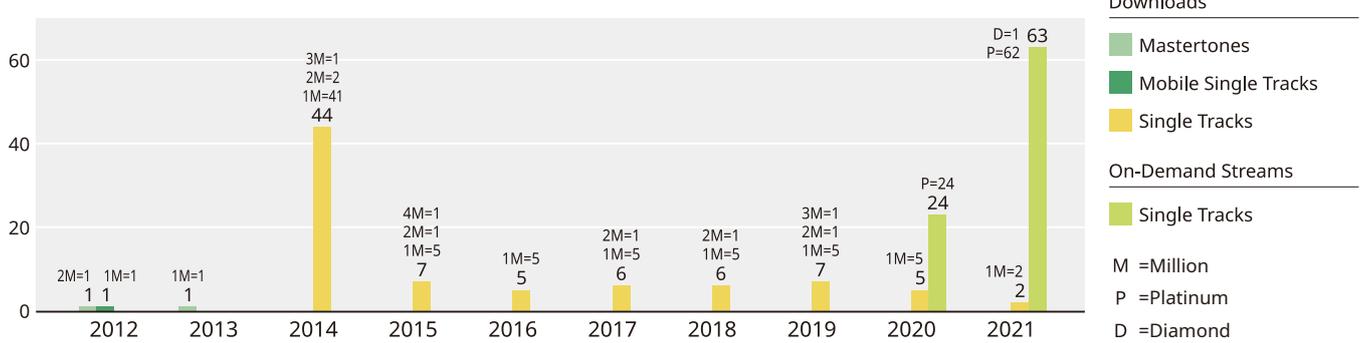
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Number of titles



### Digital Music

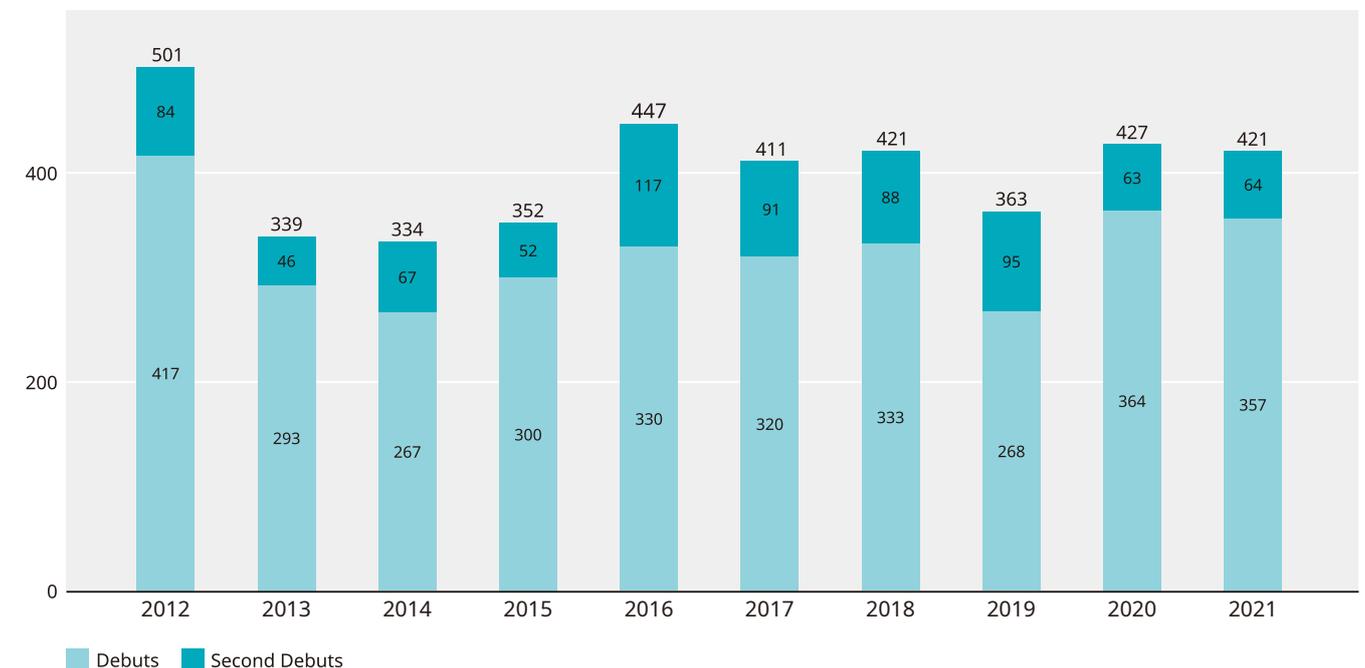
Number of titles



- N.B.**
1. Number of titles certified in the years indicated above (including those released prior to these years)
  2. Certification began for downloads from 2006, and for on-demand streams from 2020.
  3. Mastertones and Mobile Single Tracks are registered trademarks of Sony Music Entertainment (Japan) Inc.
  4. From January 2014, the Mobile Single Tracks and PC Downloads (Single Tracks) categories were integrated.

## Number of Domestic Debut Artists

Artists

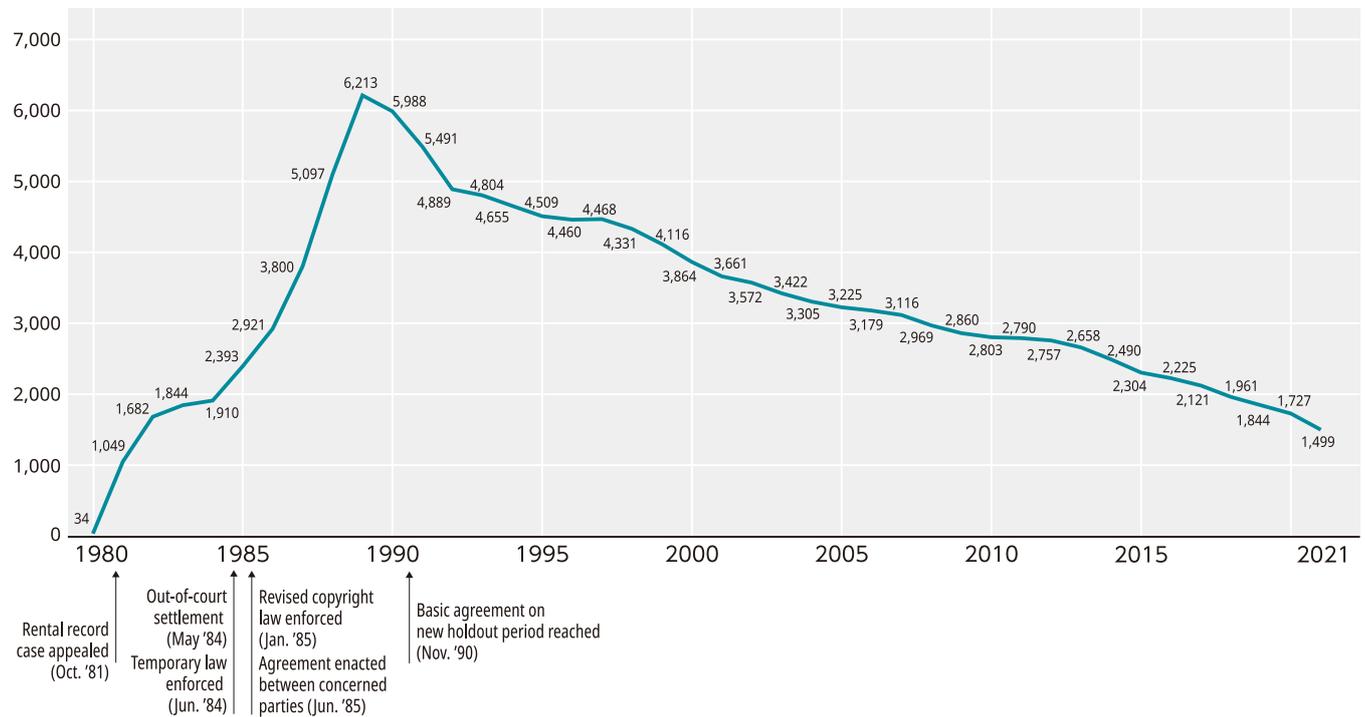


- N.B.** Group is counted as one artist.

## Related Data

### Number of Record Rental Shops

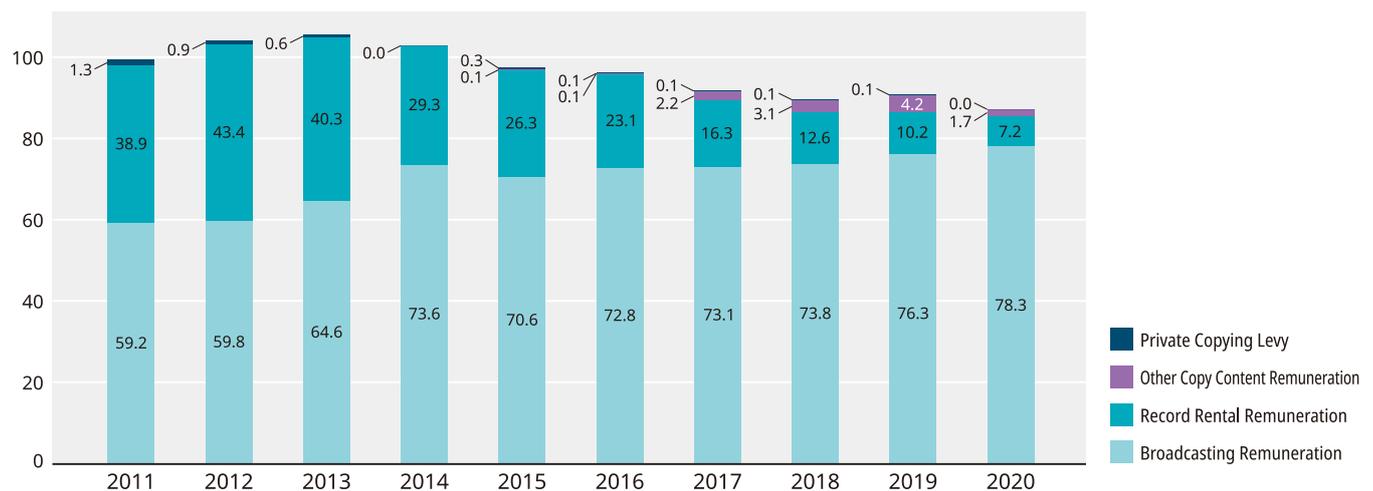
Shops



**N.B.** Number of shops is based on figures at each year-end.

### Amount Collected for Sound Recordings and Others

Hundred millions of yen



(Hundred millions of yen)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Broadcasting Remuneration	59.2	59.8	64.6	73.6	70.6	72.8	73.1	73.8	76.3	78.3
Record Rental Remuneration	38.9	43.4	40.3	29.3	26.3	23.1	16.3	12.6	10.2	7.2
Other Copy Content Remuneration	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	2.2	3.1	4.2	1.7
Private Copying Levy	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

**N.B.** 1. The years shown above are fiscal years (April to March).

2. Broadcasting Remuneration includes royalties on copies for broadcasting use and licensing fees for making transmittable.

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NIPPON CROWN Co., Ltd.  
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Sony Music Labels Inc.  
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Warner Music Japan Inc.  
VAP, Inc.  
Being, Inc.  
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FOR LIFE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, INC.  
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Village Again Association co., ltd.  
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Warner Bros. Japan LLC  
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KISS Entertainment Inc.  
croix Co.,Ltd.  
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Kino Music co., ltd  
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MENT RECORDING Inc.  
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Bellwood Records Co., Ltd.  
Sony Music Entertainment (Japan), Inc.  
Sony Music Solutions Inc.  
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Sony Music Artists Inc.  
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JIJI INC.

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