



*Editorial*

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### **1. Journal summary**

The Editorial Office of Urban Resilience and Sustainability would like to extend its sincere gratitude to all authors, reviewers, and advisory board and editorial board members for their valuable contributions to the journal in 2025. Thanks to these collective efforts, the journal has made meaningful progress over the past year, and we look forward to an even more productive and impactful in 2026.

In 2025, we received 43 manuscripts, after careful and professional review, 20 of them were accepted and published. These published papers include 12 research articles, 3 theory articles, 3 review papers, and 2 editorials. The acceptance rate of our journal in 2025 was 46.51%, and publication time (from submission to online) was 72 days, reflecting our commitment to publishing high-quality manuscripts that meet the journal's scientific and technological standards. The authors of the published manuscripts come from 11 countries worldwide. The sources of submissions indicate a significant increase in international collaboration in Urban Resilience and Sustainability research. The journal has now established a notable presence in the academic publishing market.

After the renewal, the Urban Resilience and Sustainability editorial board has 29 members now, including 4 new members who joined in 2025. It is also actively expanding its editorial board to include several outstanding scholars, and we expect that more outstanding scholars will join the editorial board in the future. One of the important strategies for attracting high quality and high impact papers to our journal has been the call for special issues. In 2025, 2 special issues were established, and we hope that these focused topics will attract more high-quality manuscript submissions.

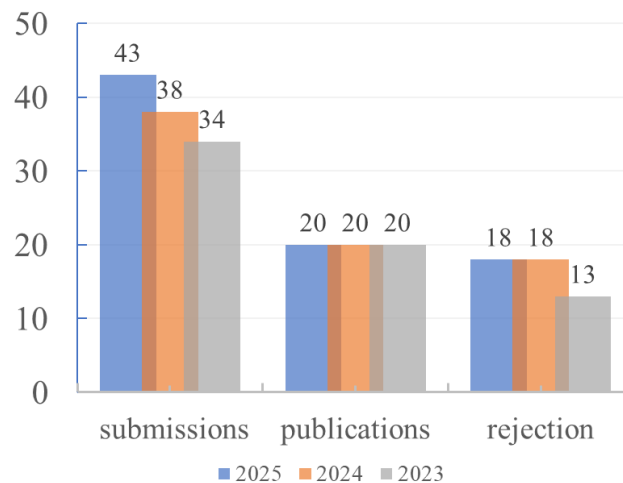
## 2. Manuscript processing

### 2.1. Manuscript statistics

In 2025, *Urban Resilience and Sustainability* published 4 issues, with a total of 20 articles released online. The categories of the published articles are shown in Table 1. The published papers include 12 research articles, 3 theory articles, 3 review papers, and 2 editorials. The journal received 43 submissions (Figure 1). Compared with the previous two years, the number of submissions in 2025 increased slightly. In 2026, we expect to receive more high-quality submissions and place greater emphasis on improving the quality of the papers.

**Table 1.** Category of published articles.

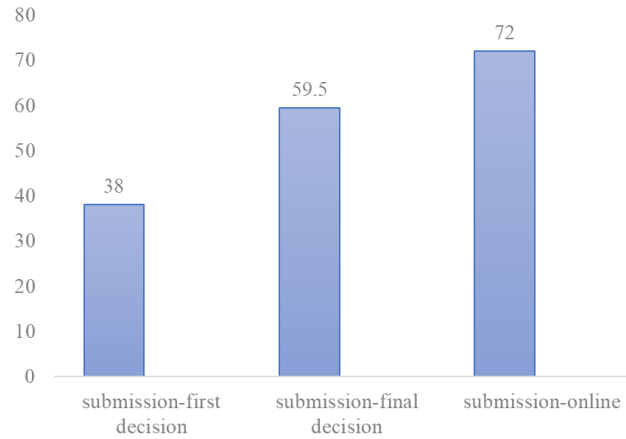
Type	Number
Research article	12
Review	3
Research article	3
Editorial	2



**Figure 1.** Number of submissions and publications in the past 3 years.

### 2.2. Manuscript processing time

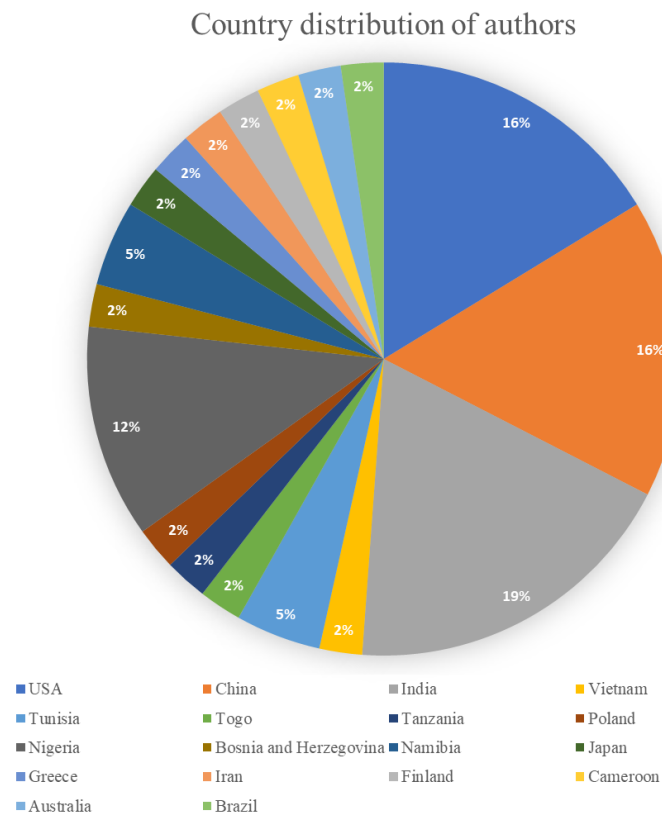
The processing time of the manuscript comprises three measurement indicators: Submission to first decision time, submission to final decision time. Figure 2 shows the changes in different indicators in 2025. As shown in Figure 2, the median submission to first decision time in 2025 is 38 days, which includes the time for editorial board members to do a brief check and for reviewers to complete the review report. The time between the first decision and the final decision largely depends on the time required for the authors to complete the revisions and for the reviewers to review them. The median submission to online time is 72 days. Overall, the processing speed of the manuscripts has improved.



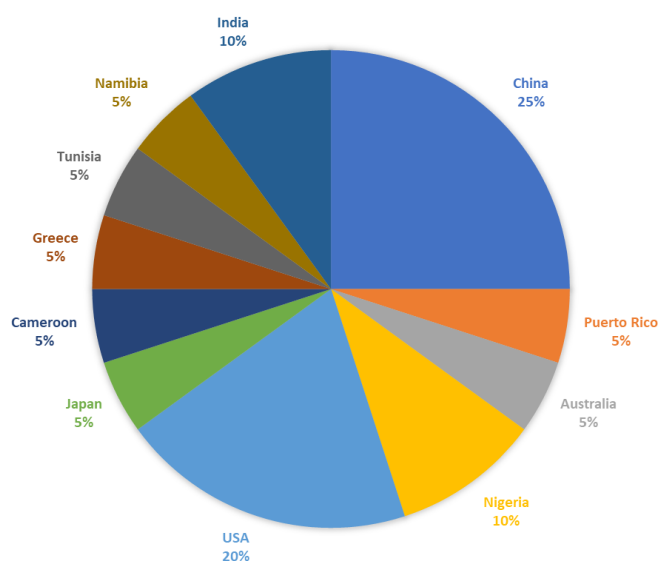
**Figure 2.** Median processing time of the manuscript.

### 2.3. Distribution of countries

The geographic distribution of the author group as a reflection of the attractiveness of the journal, is a broad and strong group that can promote citation of the journal and allow it to grow and flourish. Figure 3 shows that the majority of authors of URS online manuscripts in 2025 are from Asia, North America, and Africa, with Europe following closely behind. Figure 4 shows that approximately half of the authors of the published articles are from China and the United States.



**Figure 3.** The country of the author submitted the article.



**Figure 4.** The author's country of the published article.

#### 2.4. Articles metrics

Table 2 shows the top eight manuscripts in terms of downloads and views. Table 3 shows the top five manuscripts in terms of citations in last two years. This will be a motivation for the future promotion of journals and to help them get into the desired databases as early as possible.

**Table 2.** The top 8 articles with highest viewed in last 2 years.

No.	Title	Viewed
1	Circular economy in Singapore: waste management, food and agriculture, energy, and transportation	14632
2	Land use change, policy dynamics and urban governance: A case study of urban village redevelopment in Shenzhen	8077
3	Revitalization of cultural heritage in the digital era: A case study in Taiwan	7061
4	Rural public space design in China's western regions: Territorial landscape aesthetics and sustainable development from a tourism perspective	5697
5	Erasing roots: The impact of urban development on historical memory and identity in San Juan	5435
6	Sociodemographic factors associated with informal sector activities in selected urban areas of Nigeria	5249
7	A preliminary analysis of the relationship between special economic zones (SEZs) and land usage. Highlight accessibility between logistical nodes and transportation systems	5184
8	Construction quality control of concrete structures in architectural engineering—A case in Shanghai, China	5115

**Table 3.** The top 5 articles with highest citations in last 2 years.

No.	Title	Citations
1	Land use change, policy dynamics and urban governance: A case study of urban village redevelopment in Shenzhen	5
2	Distributed energy systems: A potential solution for equitable electricity access	4
3	Rural public space design in China's western regions: Territorial landscape aesthetics and sustainable development from a tourism perspective	4
4	Assessing sustainability of coastal tourism based special economic zone (SEZ) in Indonesia: The case of Tanjung Lesung Coastal Area, Banten Province, Indonesia	3
5	Circular economy in Singapore: waste management, food and agriculture, energy, and transportation	2

### 2.5. Special issues

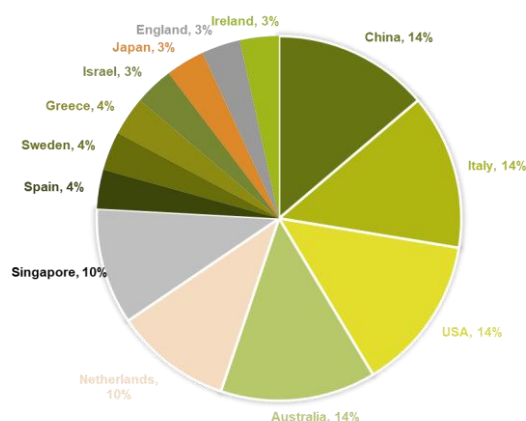
In 2025, Urban Resilience and Sustainability launched two special issues to collect and summarize frontier and hot topics. To date, as shown in Table 4, one special issue has published more than 4 articles.

**Table 4.** Special issues in 2025.

Special issues	Link	Online
Urban Resilience in a Global Perspective: Drivers, Patterns, and Pathways	<a href="https://www.aimspress.com/urs/article/6987/special-articles">https://www.aimspress.com/urs/article/6987/special-articles</a>	4
Urban atmospheres in the context of sustainable and resilient cities	<a href="https://www.aimspress.com/urs/article/6783/special-articles">https://www.aimspress.com/urs/article/6783/special-articles</a>	1

### 2.6. Editorial Board members

The journal's Editorial Board currently consists of 29 senior experts from 13 countries, representing a diverse range of research experience and expertise. More than half of our EB members are from China, Italy, USA, and Australia (Figure 5). In terms of editorial service, most members contributed a lot to our journal. We will continue to invite dedicated experts and researchers to further renew and strengthen the Editorial Board in 2026.



**Figure 5.** Country distribution of editorial board members.

### 3. Summary and perspective

#### 3.1. Summary

We received more than 43 manuscript submissions and published 20 papers in 2025. In the past year, with the friendly support of the guest editors, we successfully established 2 special issues. We sincerely thank all the members of the editorial board, guest editors, and reviewers for the time they have invested, the efforts they have made, and the valuable professional knowledge they have provided, Urban resilience and sustainability is experiencing continuous and stable development. Meanwhile, the journal has received greater attention.

#### 3.2. Plan in 2026

In 2026, *Urban Resilience and Sustainability* will continue to focus on enhancing academic quality and international influence. Given that this journal is still in its nascent stage, what needs to be paid attention to in the following development: 1. Increase the publicizing of journals to further absorb the high-quality papers; 2. Improve the processing speed of manuscripts and strictly control the quality of manuscripts; 3. Strengthen the planning, collection and promotion of special issues, focusing on cutting-edge research areas to enhance the journal's reputation and appeal; 4. Apply to be included in more authoritative academic databases to increase international exposure and citation opportunities; 5. Expand the editorial board and introduce more outstanding scholars in the field of urban resilience to improve the rigor and efficiency of peer review.



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