

**Report of the Editors of JEEA  
Delivered to ExComm, June 2026**

**Refers Primarily to Papers Submitted to JEEA in 2025**

**1. Editorial Team**

<b>Editor</b>	<b>Start of first term</b>	<b>End of current term</b>
Matthias Doepke	January 2024	December 2027 (R)
Pierre Dubois	January 2021	December 2026
Jonas Hjort	January 2023	December 2028
Thierry Mayer	January 2024	December 2027 (R)
Jessica Pan	February 2026	January 2030 (R)
Christopher Roth	January 2024	December 2027 (R)
Vasiliki Skreta	May 2021	April 2027
Romain Wacziarg	September 2021	September 2027
Maia Güell (Data Editor)	February 2024	January 2028 (R)

Andrea Weber stepped down as Co-Editor (February 2026). Jessica Pan (National University of Singapore) joined the team as new Co-Editor. Jonas Hjort has renewed his term.

The JEEA's first Data Editor, Maia Güell, was appointed in February 2024. She has diligently set up the infrastructure needed to carry out the replication of all accepted empirical and experimental papers, a process which began for papers accepted as of March 2024. This represents the culmination of a process by which JEEA participates in a growing movement by leading journals toward full replication of accepted papers prior to publication, further showcasing JEEA's role at the forefront of the credibility revolution in empirical economics. JEEA participates in a consortium of data editors from leading economics journals, to coordinate on best practices for the profession.

With her dedicated team of replicators she has applied the new replication policy to around **141** replication packages, and has already successfully completed the replication of a total of **124** conditionally accepted papers, with replication packages now published at the open-source repository Zenodo. In keeping with the highest standards of transparency and rigor, we have implemented strict policies around requests for exemptions from our data disclosure and replication rules.

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## 2. New Initiatives in 2025-2026

Two major new initiatives were launched by the editors of the JEEA in 2025.

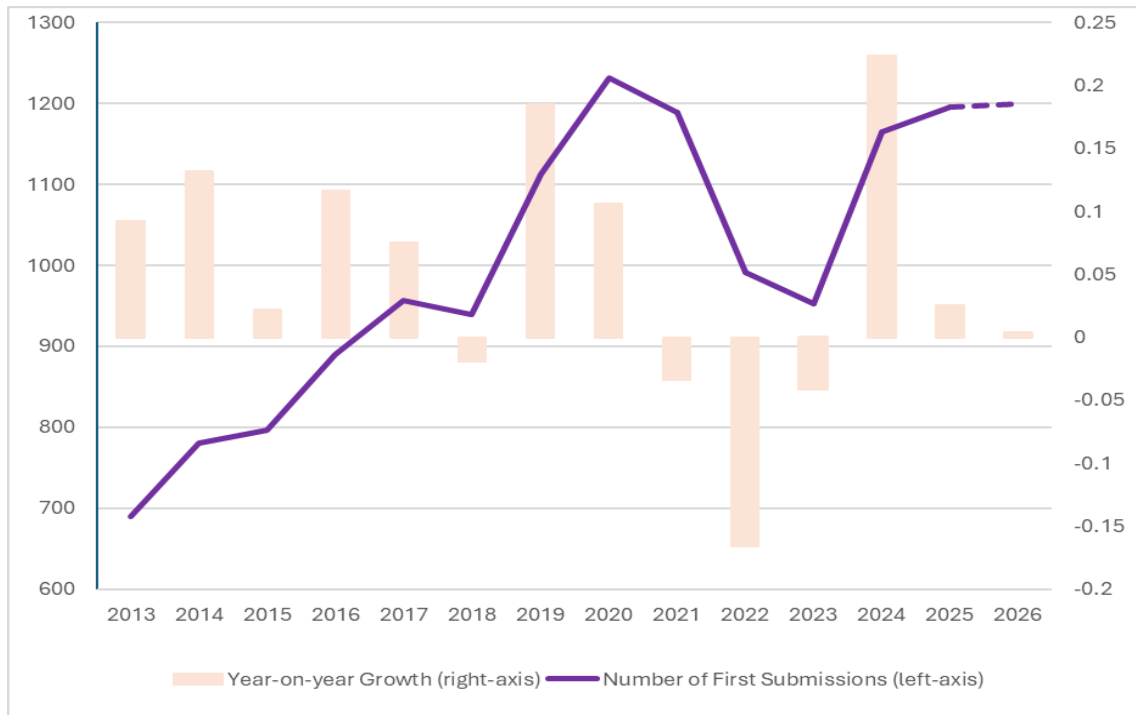
Firstly, we implemented the recommendations of the [report](#) from the Improving the Publication Process in Economics. In 2024 the JEEA Managing Editor participated in the extensive deliberations of the Committee on Improving the Publication Process in Economics, along with several editors of leading journals in economics (all the main society journals plus the QJE). This led to a report recommending some reforms to the publication process. Over 2025, the editors of the JEEA met several times to discuss these proposals and agreed to implement virtually all of them. This process entailed changing the guidelines to authors and letter templates sent to JEEA referees to reflect recommendations from the committee to improve both the efficiency and the fairness of the economics publication process. The JEEA was already implementing some, but not all, of the committee's directions, so the number of changes we implemented in 2025 was substantial. One component of the reform referred to issuing clear expectations on the use of AI by authors and referees. A new [statement](#) of AI policy has been added to the JEEA submission guidelines. The JEEA guidelines to submitting authors were edited to reflect these and many other changes. Further steps to which the JEEA editors have agreed, such as participating in a "journal information center" to provide harmonized information to potential authors about editorial statistics, are still under active implementation by the editors of the leading journal and is likely to result in a website being created to report statistics on editorial effectiveness statistics across participating journals.

Second, we are actively preparing for more widespread use of AI in the editorial process. In tandem with journals such as the AER, Econometrica, and JPE, the JEEA has recently entered into a trial period with Ben Golub's Refine.ink, an AI based generator of very detailed paper evaluations. We were granted 100 free reviews, to conduct explorations on the use of this resource in our editorial process. Editors expect to use this toward the end of the editorial process (e.g. to offer the service to authors at the conditional acceptance stage, in addition to regular referee reports) or earlier in the process, even at the stage of pre-screening possible desk rejections. We will report back next year on the results of this experiment. We will continue to consider integrating such technologies into our processes as the AI landscape continues to shift rapidly.

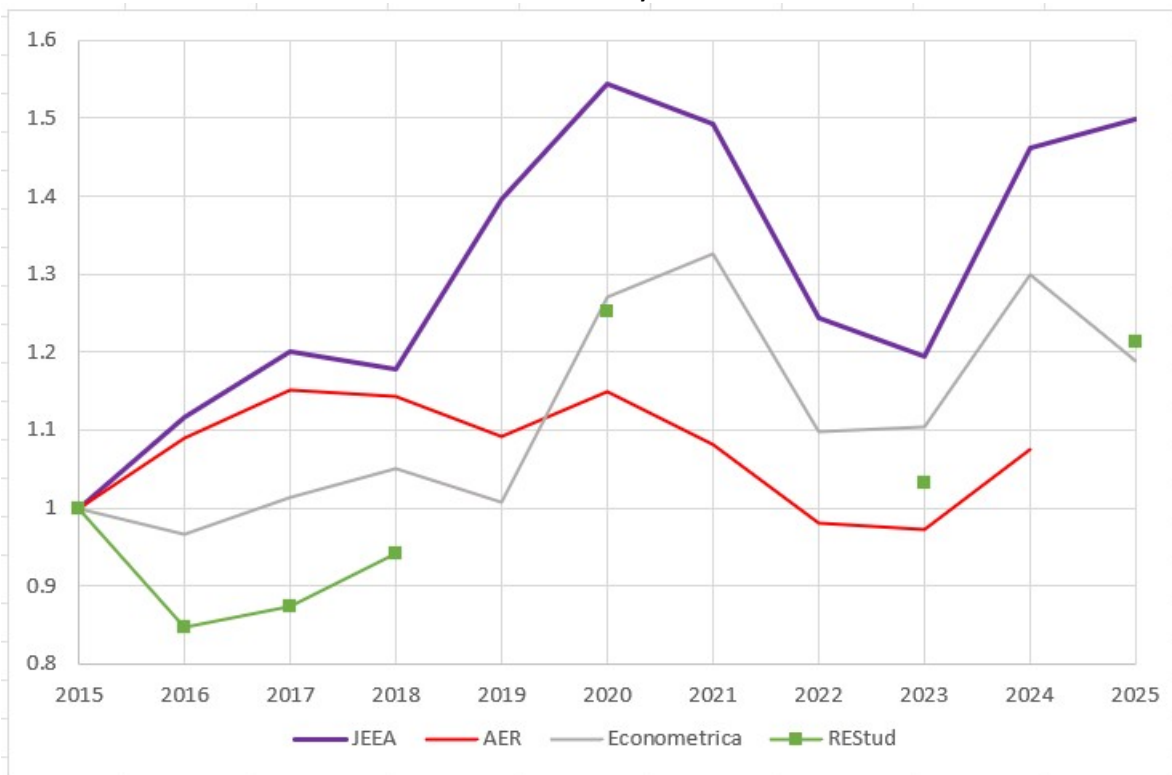
## 3. Submissions Numbers and Acceptance Rates, 2025

A total of **1195** first submissions were received in 2025. The total number of submissions in 2025 is significantly higher than in 2024 (+2.58%). We are currently on course to receive again at least **1200** submissions in 2026

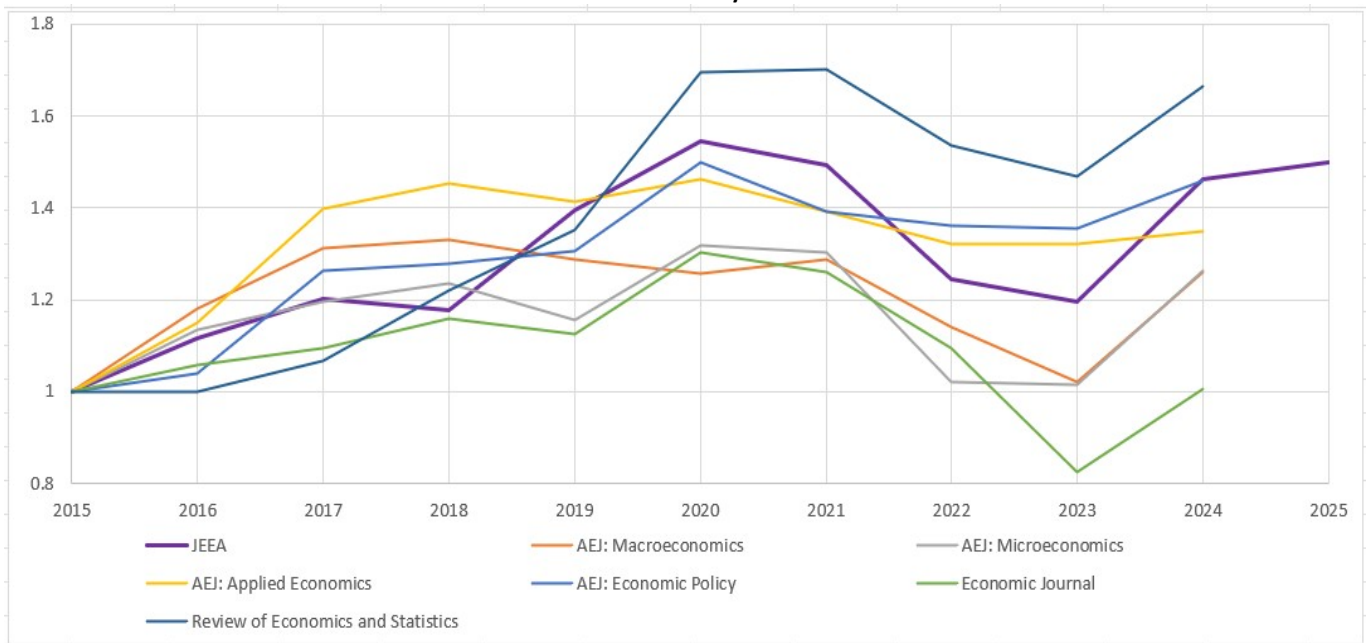
**Figure 1: Number of First Submissions and YoY Growth**



**Figure 2a: Growth in Submission Numbers (2015==1), JEEA and Top-5 AER submission # not yet released**



**Figure 2b: Growth in Submission Numbers (2015==1), JEEA and Non Top-5 AEJ submission # not yet released**



In 2025, **65** papers were accepted, including the lectures delivered at the EEA Congress and at the ASSA meeting. In this last year JEEA had approximately a **5.59% acceptance rate** (defined as the number of acceptances over the number of final decisions). In 2024 a total of 45 papers were accepted, with an acceptance rate of 7.4% adding the 35 conditionally accepted papers (2023: 80 / 8.7%, 2022: 70 / 6.8%, 2021: 59 / 5.3%, 2020: 52 / 4.3%, 2019: 74 / 6.6%, 2018: 57 / 6 %; 2017: 61 / 6.3 %; 2016: 47 / 5.5 %; 2015: 39 / 5.3 %).

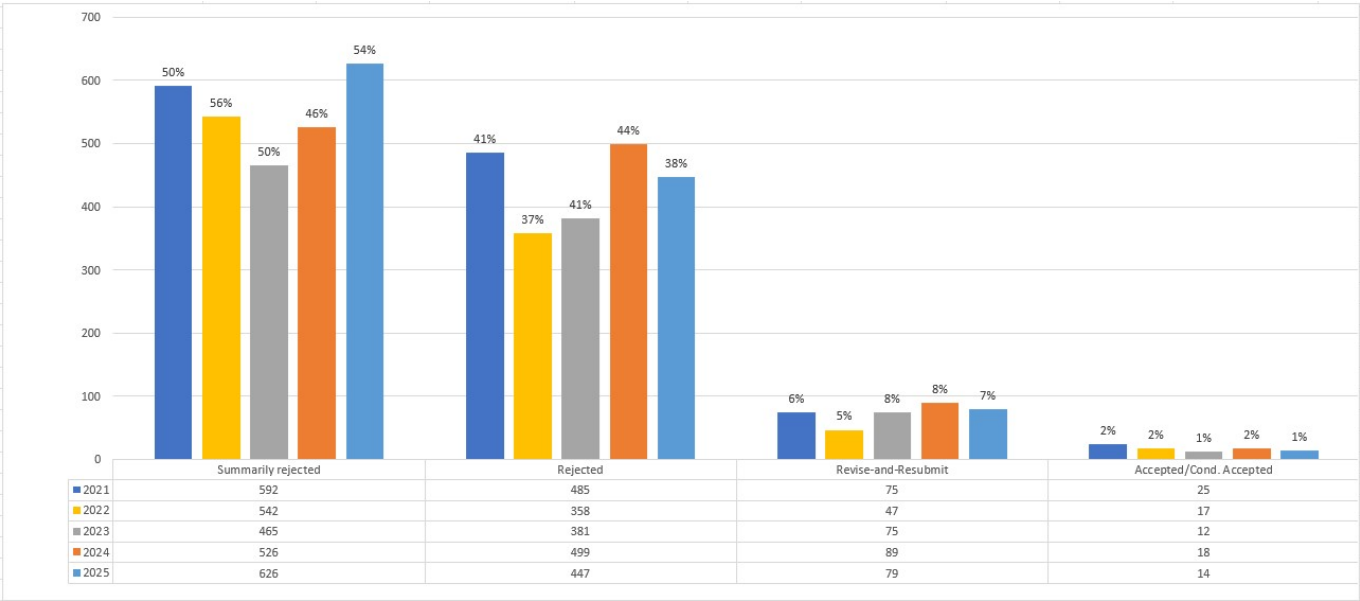
### Decision Lags and Editorial Policy

The average decision lag for new submissions is **47 days**. The desk rejection rate slightly increased to **54%**. The decision time for papers rejected after a regular refereeing process is **81 days**. The decision time for first papers receiving a revise-and-resubmit stays timely at **148 days** in 2025.

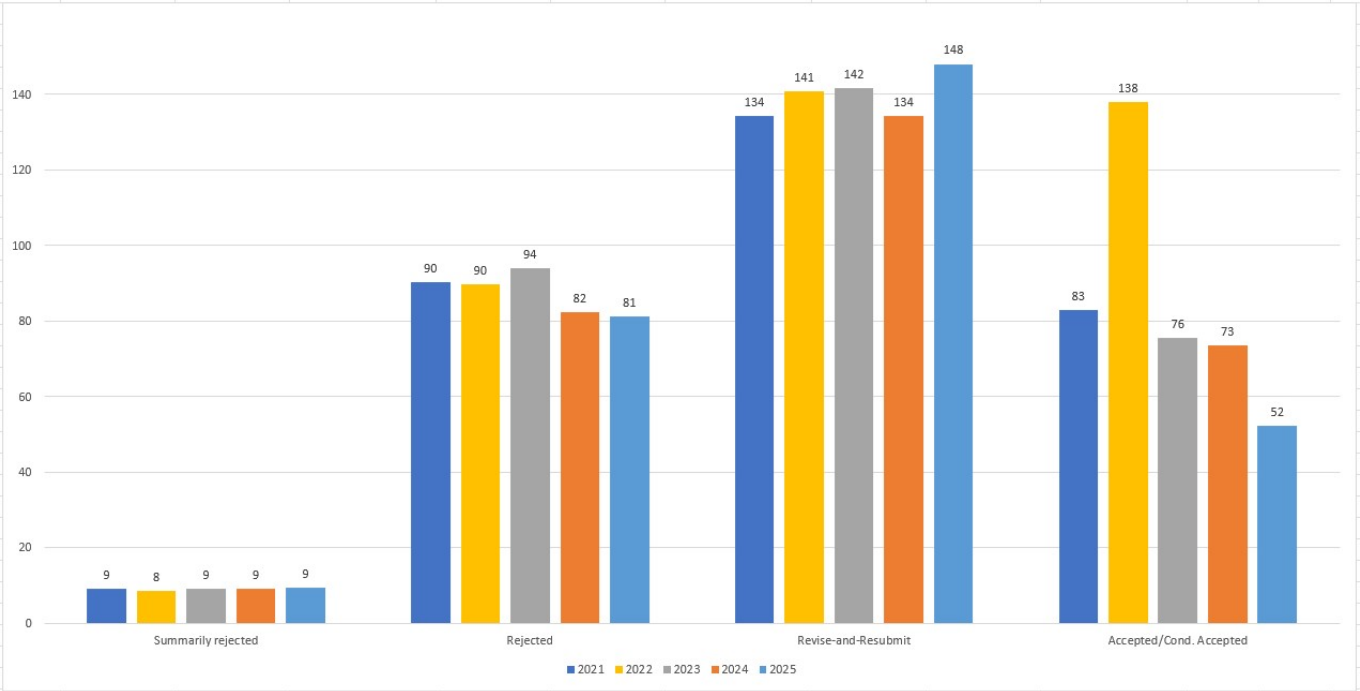
Very few first decisions (4.7%) take longer than six months. Those that do are discussed on the editorial conference call, where the editors handing the most delayed papers explain the circumstances (and can use the opportunity to get help/advice from other co-editors).

The editorial policy continues to be characterized by a sharp in-or-out approach. Only 4 out of 479 final rejection decisions in 2025 were for papers that had been given a revise-and-resubmit decision.

**Figure 3.1 Decision Outcomes for First Submissions: % of all Submissions**



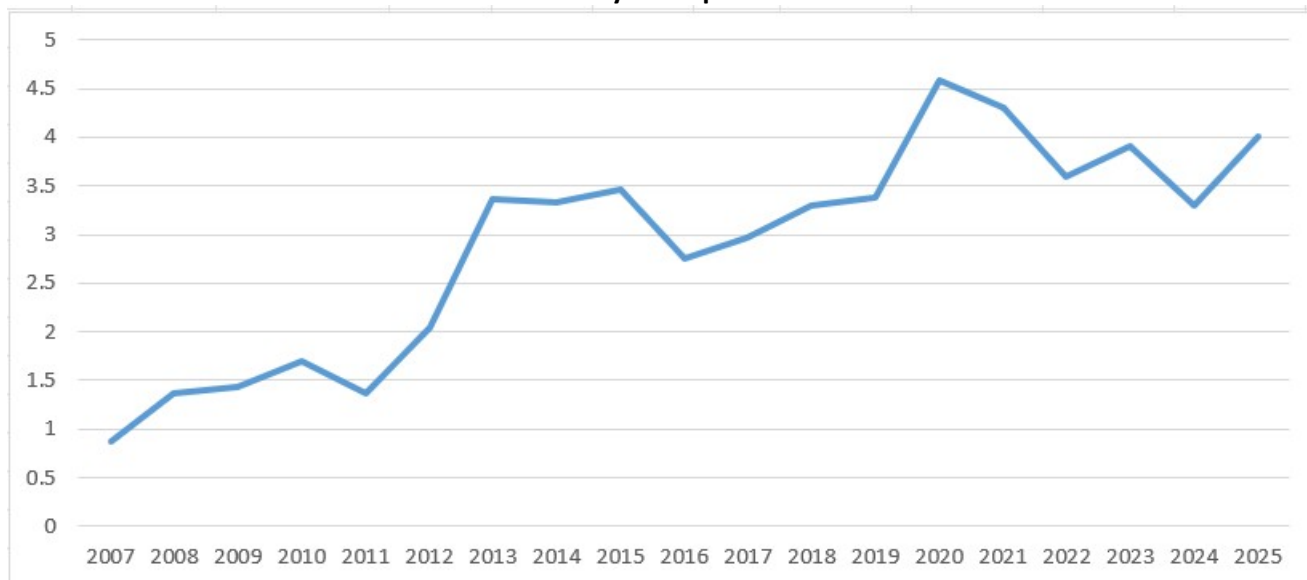
**Figure 3.2 Decision Times First Submissions (Days)**



#### 4. Impact Factor

The 2025 Impact Factors will be released by the end of June. Last year's IF was 3.3. Meanwhile, the provisional IF 2025 of OUP for JEEA is **4.0**, but the final number will not be known until later.

6.3 2-year impact factor



#### 5. Keynote Lectures

Francesco Caselli, London School of Economics, delivered the JEEA lecture in January 2026 at the ASSA Meeting. The title of his lecture was “Macroeconomic Implications of Executive Pay Caps”. The intention is for the lecture to be delivered again in Madrid at the FBBVA headquarters later this year.

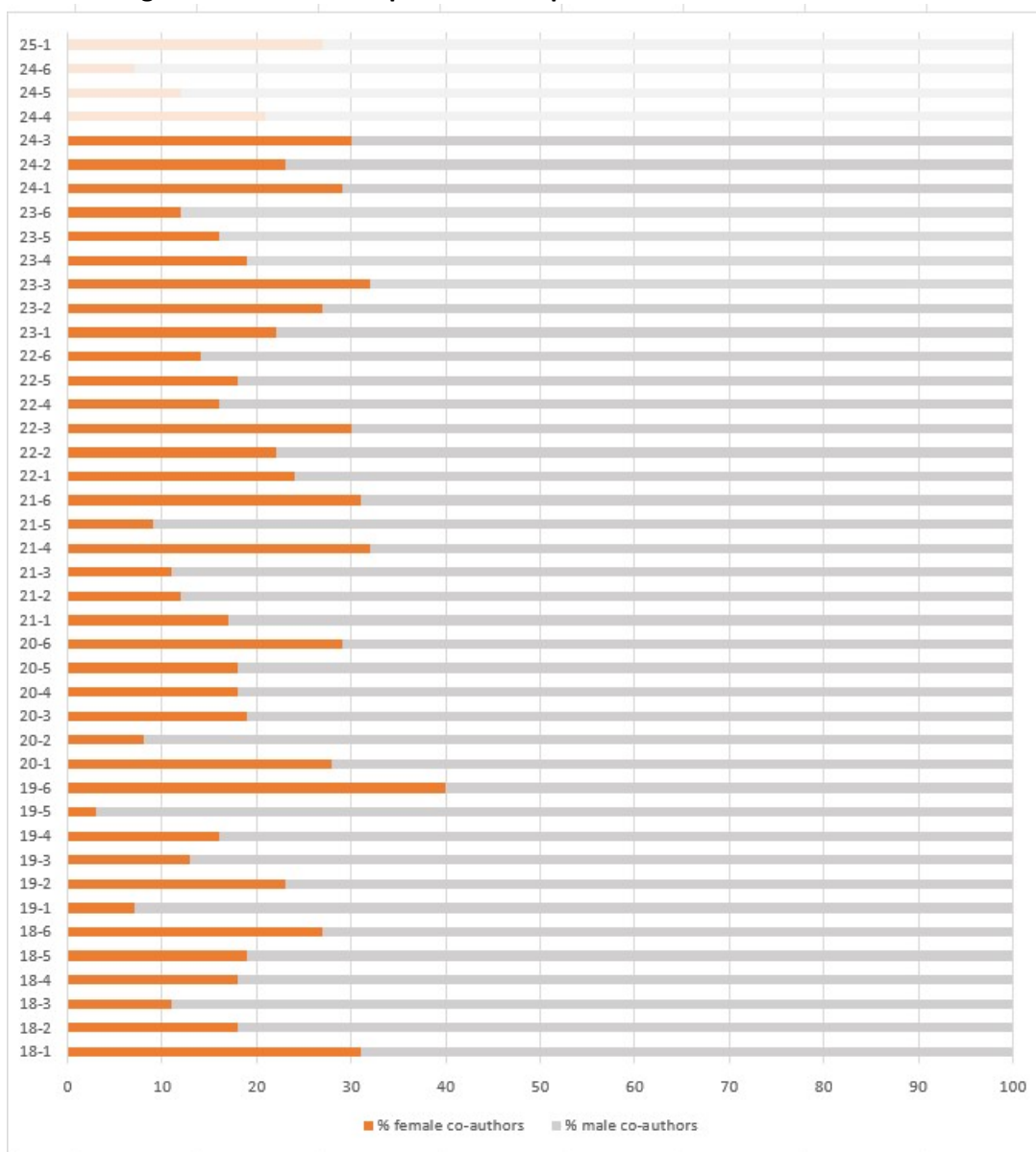
Key notes delivered at the EEA Congresses are published within six months of being presented. The Keynote Lectures delivered in 2025 by Ekaterina Zhuravskaya and Yuriy Gorodnichenko as well as the Fundación BBVA-JEEA lecture 2025 by Silvana Tenreyro will be all published in the February to June 2026 issues.

#### 6. Gender Composition of Papers Submitted and Published in JEEA 2020-2025

Following discussion at ExComm, the JEEA editorial team decided to analyze the gender composition of publications in JEEA from 2020 onwards (lighter shading refers to planned issues). A more detailed analysis of the gender composition of the authors of accepted papers relative to those of submitted papers occurred in 2021 and in 2024 with the goal of assessing the impact of the pandemic on the gender gap in submissions and publications. The exercise will be repeated in 2027.

The gender composition of papers published in the JEEA between 2020 and 2025 is displayed issue-by issue in Figure 7.1.

**Figure 7.1 Gender Composition of Papers Published in JEEA 2020-2025**



### 7. Virtual Issue

Two virtual issues are in the making: Giovanni Peri curated a virtual issue covering evolutions in local and global labor markets as well as the economic impact of immigration and immigration policies. Nicola Pavoni (online in June) curated a virtual issue which includes papers belonging either to public finance or to behavioral economics, or explore the interaction between behavioral economics and public policies and how this interaction shapes policy effects:

[https://academic.oup.com/jeea/pages/virtual\\_issues](https://academic.oup.com/jeea/pages/virtual_issues)

### 8. Teaching Materials

An innovation that the editors have JEEA introduced in January 2020 was to encourage authors to submit teaching materials for their accepted papers (i.e. slides used by authors to present their papers). These are not vetted, and can be supplied in any format (pdf, tex etc.). The aim is to enable other researchers to integrate these

materials in their own teaching materials. In the long run this can help increase citations to JEEA papers. The teaching materials are posted here (open access): <https://www.eeassoc.org/index.php/teaching-materials>

We now have over 100 sets of teaching materials submitted. They can be searched over by journal issue (for those who know the materials they are searching for) and we also organize the materials to form short-courses by topic.

### **9. Social Media**

JEEA's X account (@JEEA\_news) now has **10.8K** followers. This account is managed by Stephanie, and she regularly sends out news about accepted/published papers from it. We request a one-line tweet summary from authors of accepted papers. JEEA also started posting news via BlueSky (@jeeanews.bsky.socia, **2510** followers)