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Abstracts

The Manga Market is experiencing a robust growth rate of 9.34% during the forecast period (2025-2033F). The Global Manga Market is gaining significant momentum worldwide due to the increasing globalization of Japanese pop culture, the rise in digital publishing platforms, and a growing base of international fans. Manga, as a unique comic art form, is now becoming widely acknowledged as a major segment of the publishing and entertainment industries worldwide that draws from a wide demographic audience outside the region of publication. This growth is further driven by the adaptation of popular manga series into anime, into live-action movies, and merchandise, which is, in turn, driving new readers back to the source material. The growth of the market involves strategic translation, localized release, and introduction of webcomics and webtoons, which utilize the traditional manga style to make the medium accessible and more enjoyable for the world than ever before.

Based on type, the global manga market is segmented into printed and digital. In 2024, the Printed segment is anticipated to hold the largest market share and continue its dominance throughout the forecast period. This is primarily due to the anchoring cultural tradition of purchasing physical tankobon volumes in Japan (his home, by far, and still the epicenter of the business) and the great collector's mentality of fans worldwide, who value physical ownership and the quality of the print. However, the Digital segment is estimated to have the highest growth rate as a result of the convenience factor of smartphones and tablets, easy access to mammoth catalog facilities through subscription services, and the relative ease and affordability of digital volumes, which are especially attractive to international readers and younger demographics.

Based on genre, the global manga market is segmented into Action and

Adventure, Sci-Fi and Fantasy, Sports, Romance and Drama, and Others. In 2024, the Action and Adventure segment is anticipated to hold the largest market share. The domination is propelled by the genre's resonance with the demographics of manga's most prolific consumer base: teenagers and young adults. The signature elements of the genre (high-stakes plots, dynamic and visually spectacular artwork, intense combat sequences, and universal themes of heroism, perseverance, and camaraderie) add to a highly engaging and addictive reading experience. Its strength is further reinforced by the overwhelming success and cultural influence of long-running shonen titles like *One Piece*, *Jujutsu Kaisen*, and *My Hero Academia*, which not only sell out in immense amounts but also attract new international fans thanks to their highly popular anime adaptations.

Based on audience, the global manga market is segmented into Children and Kids, Teenagers, and Adults. The Teenagers segment is anticipated to hold the largest market share in 2024 and is projected to remain the most influential consumer base throughout the forecast period. This is due to the segment being deeply rooted in the basic structure of the Japanese manga industry, where big publishing companies serialize their best-selling titles in weekly and monthly anthologies, such as *Shonen Jump* and *Shojo Magazine*, explicitly aimed at this demographic. The stories/themes found in these series have a powerful connection to the core experiences of adolescence, presenting universal narratives: self-discovery, striving for ambition, valuing friendships, and overcoming individual and societal challenges. This is a thematic relevance that makes a powerful emotional connection, turning casual readers into dedicated fans. The leadership of the segment is further strengthened by the involvement of powerful cross-media partnerships, where hit manga series are adapted into high-production-value anime available on global streaming platforms. This cycle is ongoing and helps keep new readers coming back to the source material. Furthermore, the teenage demographic is highly engaged in devotion to online communities and social media platforms, where they actively participate in fan cultures and produce derivative content, while starting and promoting viral trends, thereby providing organic marketing and sustaining the longevity of series.

Based on gender, the global manga market is segmented into Male and Female. The Male segment is anticipated to account for the largest market share in 2024 and is expected to maintain its leading position throughout the forecast period. This historical dominance is structurally built into the industry due to the

overwhelming success of shonen (targeted at boys and young men) and seinen (targeted at adult men) publications, both in terms of physical volume and commercial success. These categories encompass a broad range of popular genres that have become synonymous with manga worldwide, including action-adventure, battle, science fiction, isekai (another world), and gritty urban fantasy. The themes common in such works, such as the importance of competitive spirit, the use of strategic warfare, the hierarchy of power, and the protagonist's journey to become the strongest of them all, have a strong resonance with the core male demographic, which has led to a deep reader loyalty and consistent purchasing habits.

Based on distribution Channel, the global manga market is segmented into Online and Offline. The Online channel is expected to be the dominant and fastest-growing segment in 2024. The primacy of online distribution can be attributed to the widespread use of dedicated manga apps and subscription services, such as Shonen Jump+, Manga Plus, and ComiXology, which provide unprecedented levels of convenience through all-you-can-read models or one-click purchases. This has successfully democratized worldwide access, permitting international readers, in a way that previously was impossible, to legally read the new chapters at the same time they are released in Japan, by getting around logistical delays, import costs, and the limited amounts of shelf space inherent in physical retail. The rise of cheap smartphones and tablets has only further solidified this change, generating a portable and private library for users and very much in line with the reading habits of youthful and tech-savvy demographics. Furthermore, the rise in the popularity of the online channel is spurred by advanced recommendation algorithms that support increased discoverability, making it easier for readers to find new series based on their preferences.

For a better understanding of the market of the manga market, the market is analyzed based on its worldwide presence in countries such as North America (The US, Canada, and Rest of North America), Europe (Germany, The UK, France, Italy, Spain, Rest of Europe), Asia-Pacific (China, Japan, India, Rest of Asia-Pacific), Rest of World. The Asia-Pacific region, led by Japan, is expected to dominate the market with the largest share and is projected to maintain this position throughout the forecast period. Japan's dominance of the global manga market is a direct product of both its status as the native and production center for manga, and has been backed up by an ingrained reading culture where manga has been an ubiquitous part of everyday life and is read by all sectors of

society at all levels. This ecosystem is supported by an extremely developed publishing infrastructure, including a system of weekly and monthly anthology magazines, major publishing houses such as Shueisha and Kodansha, and a dense network of distribution channels that range from convenience stores to specialized bookstores. The country still remains the unquestioned source of original content, develops new generations of artists, and creates iconic series that set the global trends.

Some of the major players operating in the market include Anime News Network LLC, Archie Comic Publications, Inc., Anime-Planet, Futabasha Publishers Ltd., GOOD SMILE COMPANY, KODANSHA USA PUBLISHING, Seven Seas Entertainment, Inc., Shueisha Inc., Yen Press, and VIZ Media, LLC.

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