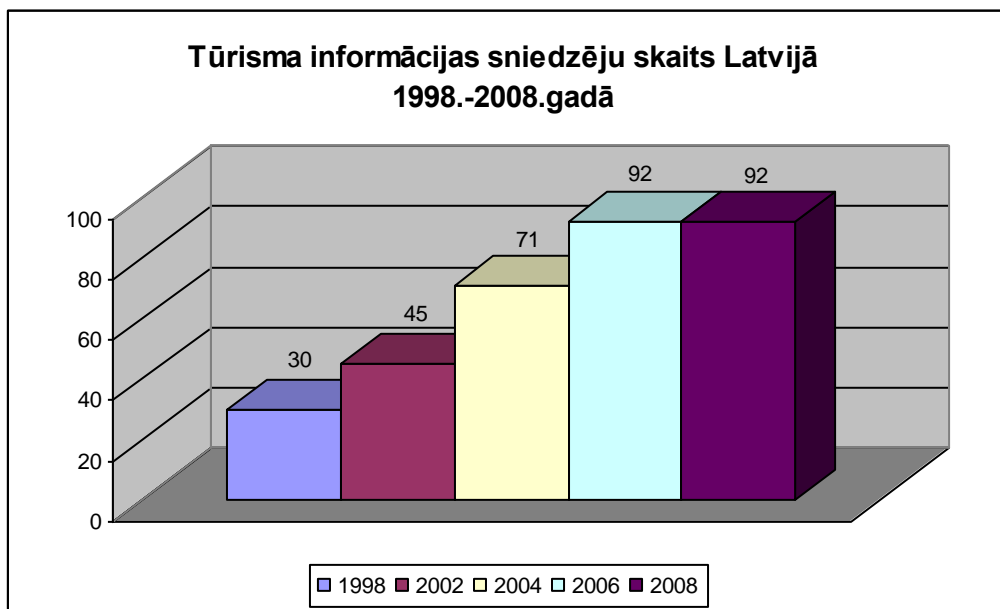


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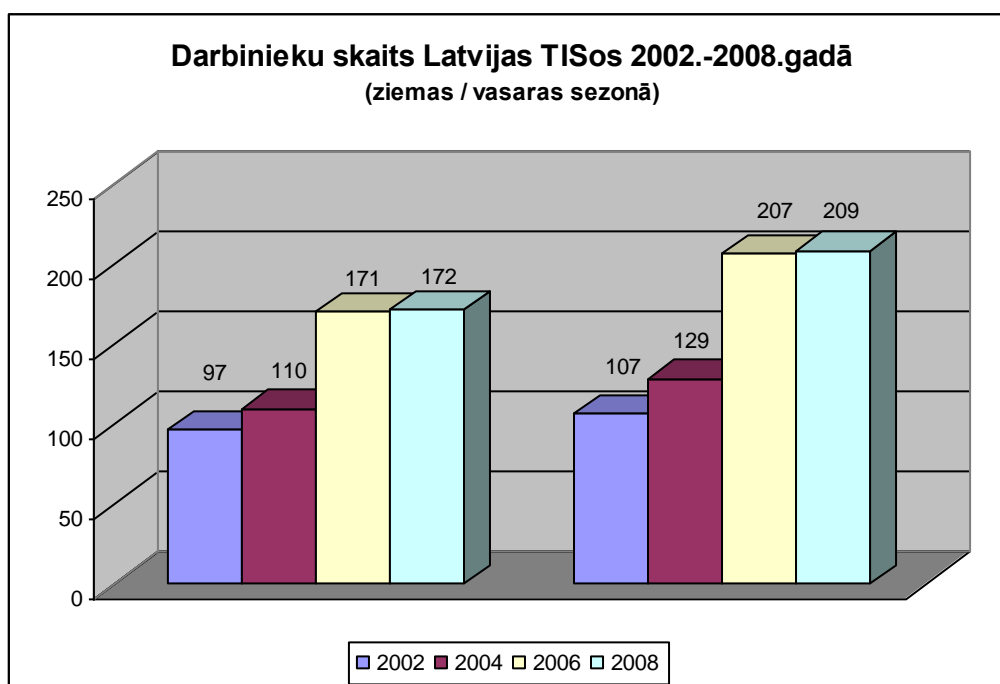
One of the most important parameters of development of tourism information system is the increased number of tourism information providers. In less than 10 years, this number has tripled: in year 1998, there were 30 tourism information providers, but in year 2008 – already 92 different tourism information providers.

Table No. 1 **Number of tourism information providers in Latvia 1998-2008**



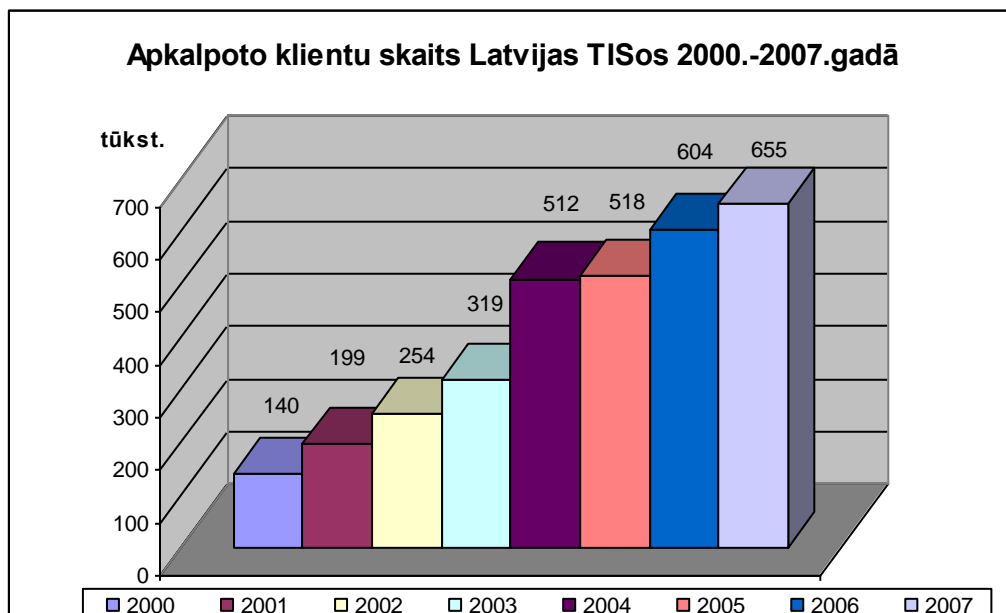
The number of employees has almost doubled during the last 6 years: in year 2002, 97 employees were permanently employed, and during the summer season – 171 employees, however in year 2008 – respectively 172 and 209 employees.

Table No. 2 **Number of TSP (Tourism service providers) employees 2002-2008**



The number of the serviced clients has increased more than by 4.5 times during the time period from 2000 until 2007. In year 2000 all tourism service providers (TSP) had serviced 140 thousand travellers, however in year 2007, this number had increased already 655 thousand.

Table No. 3 **Number of TSP serviced clients in Latvia 2000-2007.**



Majority of TSP are formed by local governments, therefore it is interesting to realize that during the last 10 years, the contributions of the municipalities in ensuring work for TSPs and in tourism development has increased from 98 thousand lats (1998 - 30 TSPs) up to 1.78 mill. Lats (2008 – 92 TSPs), i.e., almost by 20 times. By calculating the mean average, the financing provided by a local municipality for one TSP in year 2007 reaches approximately 34 thousand lats.

Table No. 4 **Contribution of local municipalities for ensuring TSP work in Latvia during 1998-2008**

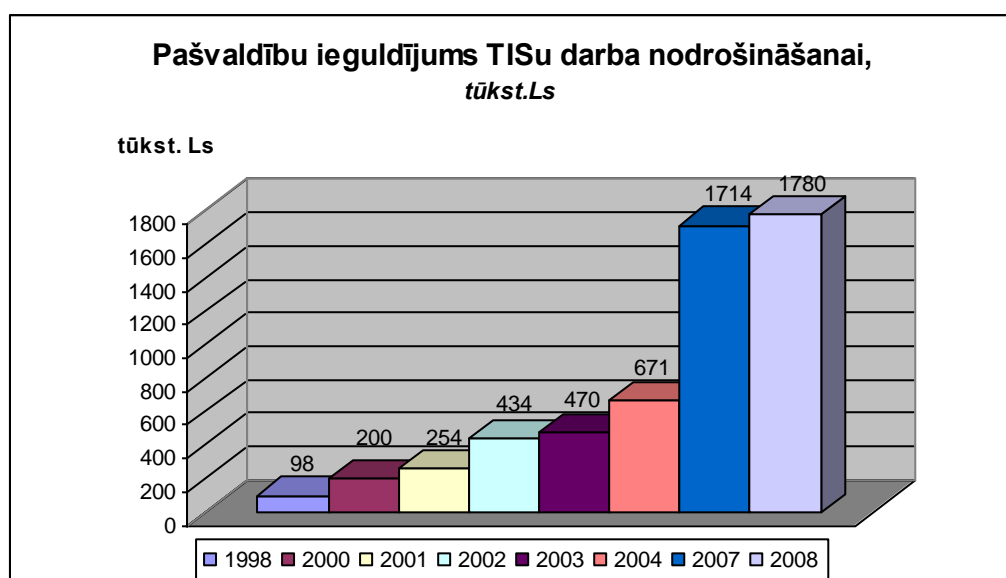
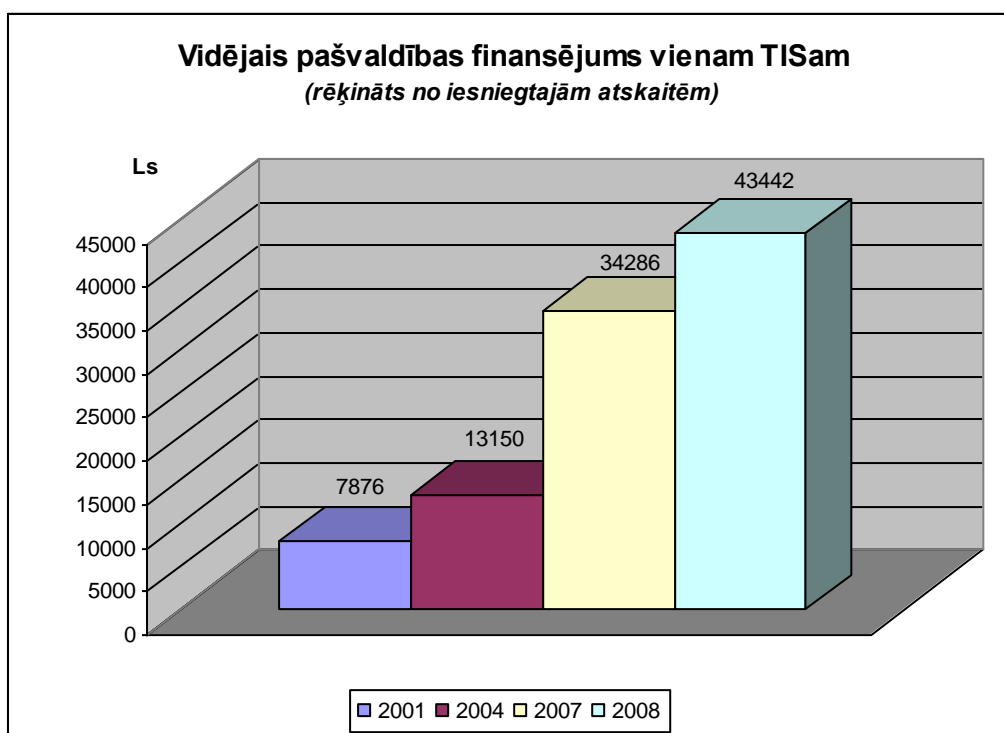


Table No. 5 **Average financing of municipalities for one TSP in Latvia 2001-2008**



* Data for year 2008 – planned financing.