

BRITISH LIBRARY ANNUAL STATISTICS 2016-2017

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Records in British Library catalogues and databases at 31 March

	2016/17	2015/16
BL Catalogue (main catalogue on Explore the British Library)	14,820,508	14,376,588
Archives and manuscripts (Published descriptions) ^{1,5,7}	2,454,938	2,271,667
Allied and Complementary Medicine (AMED) ¹	309,313	301,701
British National Bibliography (BNB) ¹	4,017,199	3,742,087
Sound & Moving Image Catalogue (SAMI) ^{1,3,5}	3,547,172	3,490,030
English Short Title Catalogue (ESTC) ^{1,5}	482,515	482,039
Incunable Short Title Catalogue (ISTC) ¹	30,520	30,420
Electronic table of contents (ETOC) ^{1,2}	54,516,663	50,234,997
International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN) UK Centre ⁴	441,964	439,502
Newspapers (titles) ¹	33,842	33,581
Register of Preservation Surrogates	221,804	221,753
E-Theses Online Service (EThOS) ⁶	456,701	431,952

1 Available from the Library's website.

2 A database listing articles and conference papers by title, derived from the top 29,000 research journals. The database is available through <http://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk>

3 Figure pertains to the total number of recording entries in SAMI

4 Refers to number of ISSNs in the ISSN UK Centre database

5 2016-17 figure estimated from figure supplied Nov 17

6 EThOS is the national database of UK theses, see <http://ethos.bl.uk>

7 Limited to published descriptions, no longer includes authority records or records from Catalogue of Illuminated Manuscripts

ITEMS RECEIVED ON LEGAL DEPOSIT

	2016/17	2015/16
Monographs (Print)	80,246	97,759
Serial issues (Print)	141,673	162,622
Monographs (emedia)	76,462	38,293
Serial issues (emedia)	97,979	56,964
Maps and atlases	1,104	1,610
Music scores	1,303	1,449
Newspaper issues	108,694	113,082
Playscripts	154	198
Total	507,615	471,977

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Collection Holdings at 31 March

	2016/17	2015/16
Monographs ¹	15,362,542	14,961,838
Serial titles (all) ²	849,550	846,367
Manuscripts (single and volumes) (Western Manuscripts, Music, India Office Private Papers, Oriental)	380,831	377,470
India Office records ³	414,087	413,980
Philatelic items	8,304,577	8,302,248
Cartographic items	4,581,113	4,580,941
Music scores	1,625,929	1,623,712
Sound discs	1,572,605	1,561,192
Sound tape items	258,650	257,441
Digital Audio Files	128,482	115,096
Videos	42,357	41,769
Digital Video Files	49,925	40,876
Prints and drawings	33,320	33,309
Photographs	327,500	327,250
Patent specifications	70,260,713	70,046,826
Reports in microform ⁴	10,433,593	10,433,593
Full-text UK Doctoral Theses ⁵	150,490	131,129
Theses in microform	111,100	111,100
Total	114,887,364	114,206,137

1 Figures provided in past BL Annual Reports included backlog estimates. Revised and backdated figures now limited to items accessioned

2 The figure for serials titles is based on the number of records in the relevant catalogues. Changes of title are therefore counted as separate titles.

3 The archives of the India Office (1858-1947) and its predecessors, including the East India Company (1600-1858).

4 New reports in microform no longer received, as the subscription for this content has not been renewed since 2012/13.

5 The number of digital theses held in the EThOS database. Many more digital theses are held in UK Higher Education institutional repositories and discoverable through EThOS