

BRITISH LIBRARY ANNUAL STATISTICS 2017-2018

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Records in British Library catalogues and databases at 31 March

	2017/18	2016/17
BL Catalogue (main catalogue on Explore the British Library)	15,017,200	14,820,508
Archives and manuscripts (Published descriptions) ^{1,5,7}	2,441,447	2,454,938
Allied and Complementary Medicine (AMED) ¹	318,273	309,313
British National Bibliography (BNB) ¹	4,214,055	4,017,199
Sound & Moving Image Catalogue (SAMI) ^{1,3,5}	3,609,542	3,547,172
English Short Title Catalogue (ESTC) ^{1,5}	482,908	482,515
Incunable Short Title Catalogue (ISTC) ¹	30,523	30,520
Electronic table of contents (ETOC) ^{1,2}	56,522,823	54,516,663
International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN) UK Centre ⁴	443,481	441,964
Newspapers (titles) ¹	33,900	33,842
Register of Preservation Surrogates	221,815	221,804
E-Theses Online Service (EThOS) ⁶	486,896	456,701

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

	2017/18	2016/17
Monographs (Print)	72,859	80,246
Serial issues (Print)	120,221	141,673
Monographs (emedia)	142,045	76,462
Serial issues (emedia)	105,795	97,979
Maps and atlases	1,019	1,104
Music scores	2,693	1,303
Newspaper issues	101,228	108,694
Playscripts	150	154
Total	546,010	507,615

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Collection Holdings at 31 March

	2017/18	2016/17
Monographs ¹	15,756,786	15,362,542
Serial titles (all) ²	853,449	849,550
Manuscripts (single and volumes) (Western Manuscripts, Music, India Office Private Papers, Oriental)	386,765	380,831
India Office records ³	414,108	414,087
Philatelic items	8,327,634	8,304,577
Cartographic items	4,581,222	4,581,113
Music scores	1,628,622	1,625,929
Sound discs	1,580,210	1,572,605
Sound tape items	259,220	258,650
Digital Audio Files	153,764	128,482
Videos	42,948	42,357
Digital Video Files	59,090	49,925
Prints and drawings	33,327	33,320
Photographs	327,788	327,500
Patent specifications	70,362,318	70,260,713
Reports in microform ⁴	10,433,593	10,433,593
Full-text UK Doctoral Theses ⁵	166,834	150,490
Theses in microform	111,100	111,100
Total	115,478,778	114,887,364

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