

BRITISH LIBRARY ANNUAL STATISTICS 2018-2019

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Records in British Library catalogues and databases at 31 March

	2018/19	2017/18
BL Catalogue (main catalogue on Explore the British Library)	15,328,554	15,017,200
Archives and manuscripts (Published descriptions) ^{1,5}	2,205,854	2,441,447
Allied and Complementary Medicine (AMED) ¹	331,577	318,273
British National Bibliography (BNB) ¹	4,451,273	4,214,055
Sound & Moving Image Catalogue ^{1,3,5}	3,756,472	3,609,542
English Short Title Catalogue (ESTC) ^{1,5}	483,253	482,908
Incunable Short Title Catalogue (ISTC) ¹	30,533	30,523
Electronic table of contents ^{1,2}	58,345,618	56,522,823
International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN) UK Centre ⁴	447,132	443,481
Newspapers (titles) ¹	34,042	33,900
Register of Preservation Surrogates	221,822	221,815
EThOS (UK Doctoral Theses) ⁶	518,134	486,896

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

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

ITEMS RECEIVED ON LEGAL DEPOSIT

	2018/19	2017/18
Monographs (Print)	80,470	72,859
Serial issues (Print)	119,336	120,221
Monographs (emedia)	130,158	142,045
Serial issues (emedia)	112,239	105,795
Maps and atlases	903	1,019
Music scores	1,418	2,693
Newspaper issues	88,906	101,228
Playscripts	150	150
Total	533,580	546,010

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Collection Holdings at 31 March

	2018/19	2017/18
Monographs ¹	16,123,900	15,756,786
Serial titles (all) ²	857,878	853,449
Manuscripts (single and volumes) (Western Manuscripts, Music, Oriental)	388,694	386,765
India Office records ³	414,159	414,108
Philatelic items	8,329,632	8,327,634
Cartographic items	4,610,947	4,581,222
Music scores	1,630,542	1,628,622
Sound discs	1,588,270	1,580,210
Sound tape items	260,303	259,220
Digital Audio Files	178,302	153,764
Videos	43,299	42,948
Digital Video Files	67,417	59,090
Prints and drawings	33,386	33,327
Photographs	351,799	327,788
Patent specifications	70,461,569	70,362,318
Reports in microform ⁴	10,433,593	10,433,593
Full-text UK Doctoral Theses ⁵	205,899	166,834
Theses in microform	111,100	111,100
Total	116,090,689	115,478,778

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