

Providing standards-based, reliable repository statistics

What do IRUS-UK institutions say?

Middlesex University

“I use IRUS-UK as the gold standard for accuracy.”

Open University

“What helps is that it’s independent and COUNTER-compliant... the fact that it is independent and standards compliant is really important.”

University of Strathclyde

“It’s given us confidence in the statistics because unless they are COUNTER-compliant it’s very difficult to understand the trends in your full text downloads and now we can.”

University of Warwick

“Provides a way to externally verify the statistics I’m providing to my stakeholders.”

Introduction

Basing decisions on reliable and consistent statistics is important. Repository statistics, as with any web statistics, can be inconsistent and various factors can affect the quality of the data provided including unusual usage and robot activity.

How can IRUS-UK help?

IRUS-UK collects raw usage data from UK institutional repositories and processes these data into COUNTER-compliant statistics (for more information on COUNTER see <http://www.projectcounter.org/>).

This provides repositories with comparable, authoritative, standards-based data. The data undergoes a series of machine-based checks. In addition, people also check the data to ensure its accuracy and to look for any discrepancies. Any anomalies are checked and investigated, and efforts made to filter robot usage out. As IRUS-UK is a community-focused service this central processing benefits the wider IRUS-UK user community. Due to these processes and adherence to the COUNTER Code of Practice, institutions can be confident that the data they receive from IRUS-UK is accurate and reliable.

Repository	RawDataIn	COUNTER Robots	IRUS-UK Exclusions	DoubleClicks	FilteredDataOut (Total downloads)
Overall Totals	62,836,502	18,701,105	18,193,763	3,127,879	22,813,755
Aberdeen University Research Archive (AURA)	126,190	910	45,256	8,318	71,706
Abertay Research Collections (ARC)	24,024	0	5,661	1,336	17,027
Aberystwyth University - CADAIR	758,914	871	191,520	97,903	468,620
Anglia Ruskin Research Online, ARRO	20,854	511	7,902	2,432	10,009
BIROn - Birkbeck Institutional Research Online	234,563	82,202	62,429	5,477	84,455
Bath Spa University - ResearchSPace	16,874	2,464	5,896	935	7,579
Bournemouth University BURO	5,155,803	3,992,739	224,928	156,155	781,981
Buckinghamshire New University - Bucks Knowledge Archive	25,350	12,329	9,342	229	3,450



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