



Newsletter

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Institutional Repository Usage Statistics in the UK (IRUS-UK)

IRUS-UK collects raw usage data from UK Institutional Repositories (IRs) and processes these data into COUNTER-conformant statistics. This provides repositories with comparable, authoritative, standards-based data and opportunities for profiling at a national level. The IRUS-UK service is a community-driven development, responding to user needs.

Welcome to 38 new participants

The IRUS team would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories. We currently have 173 active repositories and 199 in total. Our 38 new participants consist of 8 new IRs, 11 ex-CREST consortium IRs, and 19 data, or combined with data. repositories, Here are the 8 new IRs

- University of Aberdeen Research Portal
- UWS Academic Portal (University of the West of Scotland)
- SRUC Research Portal (Scotland's Rural College)
- Northumbria University Research Portal
- Northumbria University Figshare
- Repository@Nottingham
- CCCU Research Space Repository (Canterbury Christ Church University)
- University of Leicester figshare repository

(See news items below for details of the ex-CREST Consortium IRs and data repositories.)

We have 199 repositories, 173 are active and 26 are 'retired'. 'Retired' mostly refers to a repository that has changed platforms. We still hold all the usage data for the 199 repositories, and this is accessible via our reports.



Plans for the service in 2020

IRUS-UK enhancements scheduled for delivery from 2020 include:

- support for research data repositories
- COUNTER Release 5 developments, which enables the recording of information about metadata views in addition to downloads of full-text items.

In late 2019, we consulted with institutional repository managers about removing the current Shibboleth authorisation mechanism.

Feedback indicated that this was a positive and welcome development, consequently, we will be making the service fully open access this year.

Welcome to the 11 repositories that were part of the CREST Consortium repository

These now have their individual usage statistics within IRUS-UK.

- Bishop Grossteste Research Online
- Bucks New University repository
- Glyndŵr University Research Online repository
- Harper Adams University Repository
- Leeds Arts University Repository
- Newman University Repository
- Norwich University of the Arts Repository
- Plymouth Marjon University Repository
- Royal Agricultural University Repository
- Ravensbourne University Repository
- Writtle University College Repository

Support for research data repositories

IRUS-UK is being developed to produce COUNTER R5-conformant statistics and, in the case of data repositories, to provide statistics conforming to both the COUNTER R5 COP and COUNTER for Research Data COP. Some of the repositories listed below include previously separate institutional and data repositories, that have now been combined into one repository for their institution.

The 19 data, or combined with data repositories that have joined IRUS-UK are:

- Loughborough Figshare
- Sheffield Figshare
- Salford Figshare
- Cranfield Online Research Data (CORD)
- Royal Holloway Figshare
- Brighton Research Data
- eData: the STFC Research Data Repository
- UWE Research Data Repository
- DataCat: The Research Data Catalogue
- UK Data Service—ReShare
- St Andrews research portal
- UCLanData
- University of Bath Research Data Archive
- University of Reading Research Data Archive
- Aston Data Explorer
- Research Data Leeds
- LSHTM Data Compass
- Nottingham Research Data Management Repository
- BORDaR—Bournemouth Online Research Data Repository



COUNTER Release 5 developments

COUNTER Release 5 now supports the recording of information about metadata views in addition to downloads of full-text items (Investigations and Requests).

We are working with the community to ensure that all providers adopt the latest version, making changes to the ingest process and adapting the database and UI to reflect COUNTER R5.

Several repository suppliers have already implemented the new version of the Tracker, which submits messages about both Investigations and Requests. We have liaised with suppliers and the platforms of EPrints, DSpace, Fedora, Worktribe and Haplo are all actively involved. The Pure portal is not yet actively involved, although they are aware of the requirement to support IRUS and COUNTER R5.

Work is currently underway to add the R5 IRUS tracker into the core code base for DSpace 7.

IRUS-UK survey report

The recent IRUS-UK survey aimed to explore how the service is being used and to understand overall service satisfaction. A report summarising feedback from the survey is **available** in our Activities area, together with a **response** from the IRUS-UK team about work to address suggested improvements.

Highlights:

- IRUS-UK is mostly used for internal reporting, advocacy or promotion, and monitoring institutional trends
- Users are very satisfied with the service
- The service is perceived as easy to use
- Responses support IRUS-UK's status as a community-driven service

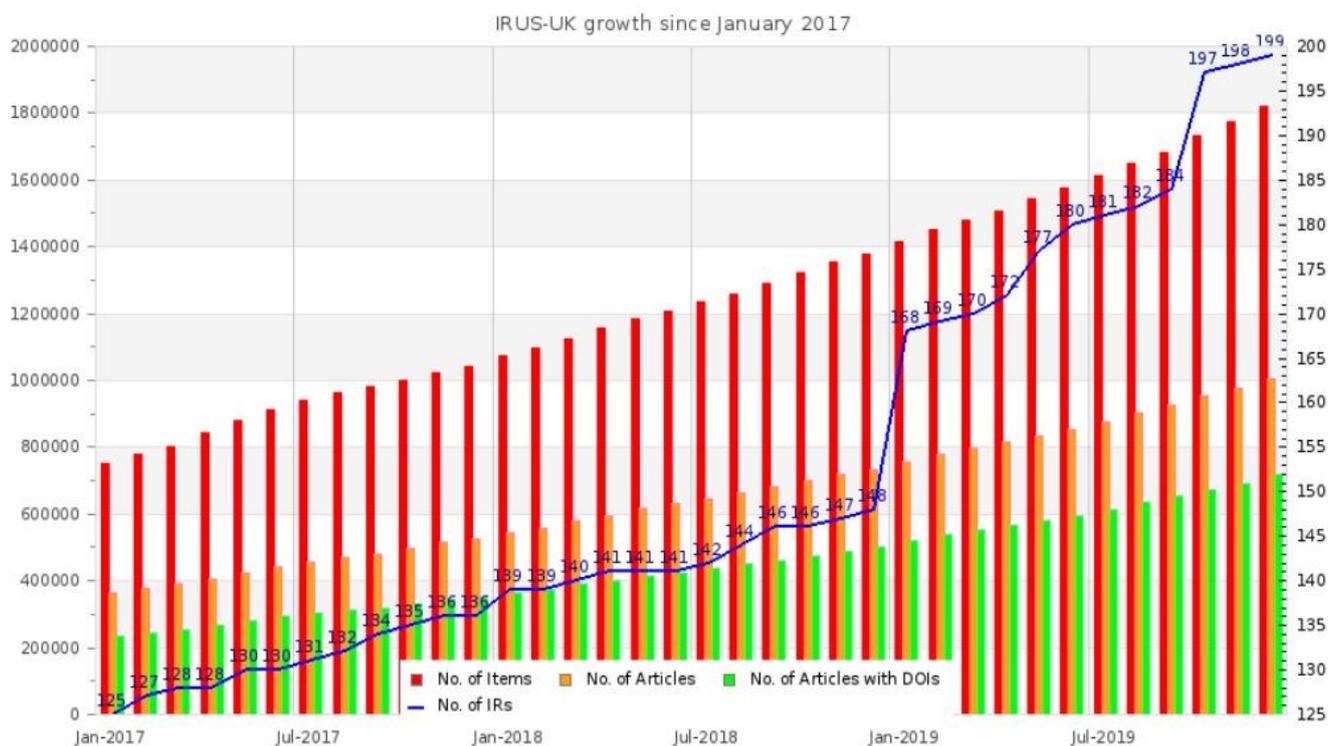
Several suggestions for improvements and enhancement requests were received.

Many enhancements are already being addressed as part of IRUS-UK COUNTER R5 service development, which includes making IRUS-UK fully open access. These include: improving labelling/description of reports; offering different types of reports; expanding the widget functionality; making raw data available; facilitating custom analysis; releasing a fully functional API; and making the reports open.

We will provide more information about these developments in due course.



IRUS-UK growth over time



Project Honey Pot

Project Honey Pot is a free, distributed, web-based, open source system for identifying the IP addresses of spammers and spambots. IRUS-UK is participating in Project Honey Pot and has

contributed to the project by identifying a previously unknown email harvester. We recommend that our users also participate. Further information can be found on the Project website <http://www.projecthoneypot.org/index.php>.

Contact Us

You can keep up-to-date with service developments by visiting our website <https://irus.jisc.ac.uk/>

We welcome your views on your experience of using the website and portal.

Please get in touch if you have comments, questions or ideas for future developments.



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