

# WISCAT Union Catalog Statistics

## Definitions

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With the implementation of the newest WISCAT web interface at the end of 2006, the statistical information collected changed somewhat. The ways that some searches are counted and reported needed to be altered to accommodate the searching of multiple catalogs.

Even though the new catalog was officially implemented at the end of November 2006, statistics up through the end of December 2006 are combined and reported using the older definitions in effect at the time they were reported. Statistics tabulated since January 1, 2007 are reported using new definitions. A few of the reporting categories have changed or been deleted, and a new category has been added that was previously counted combined.

### Differences

Note that statistics only register data for staff and patrons that enter the catalog through the use of a customized or "profiled" login. Individual library usage statistics are not recorded when staff or patrons enter the WISCAT catalog through the generic page at [www.wiscat.net](http://www.wiscat.net) or through the general BadgerLink site. A library's statistics may not reflect actual usage if the library has bookmarked or linked to the WISCAT catalog through the generic WISCAT URL.

## Statistics Definitions

(Since January 2007)

**Guest Logins.** This column records the number of times a user (staff or patron) enters the WISCAT catalog through a URL associated with a specific library. This occurs when a user chooses or is linked via a shortcut into Public Access Catalog mode. No password is required for this "login." Access through the non-specific [www.wiscat.net](http://www.wiscat.net) URL is reported at the end of the report under "**Subtotal for WISCAT.net**"

**Patron Logins.** This column records the number of times a user (staff or patron) enters the WISCAT catalog through a specific barcode or ID login. This occurs when a "patron" user record is created within AGen for the user. A password is required to be assigned and used for login.

**Staff Logins.** This column records the number of times a staff user enters the WISCAT catalog through a staff login. This login requires the entry of a valid staff ID & password.

**Keyword Searches.** This column records the number of searches initiated from the Keyword Search screen. Keyword searches are broad keyword searches across all four term indexes (i.e. author, title, subject, and notes). This is the default search method in WISCAT for the Guest "login" which does not require a password. A library may choose to display a different default search mode for its "guest" staff and patrons.

**Advanced Searches.** This column records the number of term searches initiated from the Advanced Search screen. It **DOES NOT INCLUDE** searches of the number indexes (e.g. ISBN, LCCN, etc.) initiated from Advanced mode. Number searches initiated from the Advanced screen are recorded under the Number Searches column.

**Linked Searches.** This column records the number of searches executed from within a bibliographic record to a "hyper-linked" term such as an underlined author, title or a subject term.

**Browse Searches.** This column records the number of searches initiated from the Browse search mode. It **INCLUDES** searches of both term indexes (e.g. title, author, etc.) and number indexes (e.g. ISBN, LCCN, etc.) executed in Browse search mode.

**Number Searches.** This column records the number of searches initiated using the number indexes (e.g. ISBN, LCCN, etc.) in Advanced Search mode. It **INCLUDES** number searches performed using the number indexes in Browse search mode.

**Total Searches.** This column records a combined total of all Keyword, Advanced, Linked, Browse, and Number Searches.

**Downloads.** This column records the number of MARC records downloaded from WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.

**Hldgs Added.** This column records the number of library holdings fields added interactively to existing bibliographic records in WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.

**Hldgs Changed.** This column records the number of library holdings fields changed or modified interactively on existing bibliographic records in WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.

**Hldgs Deleted.** This column records the number of library holdings fields deleted interactively from existing bibliographic records in WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.

## "Old" Statistics Definitions

(2004-2006)

**Guest/Patron Logins.** This column records the number of times a user (staff or patron) enters the WISCAT catalog through a specific barcode or ID login. This occurs when a user record is created within in AGent for the user. A password is required to be assigned and used for login.

**Staff Logins.** This column records the number of times a staff user enters the WISCAT catalog through a staff login. This login requires the entry of a valid staff ID & password.

**Simple Searches.** This column records the number of searches initiated from the Simple Search screen. Simple searches are broad keyword searches across all four term indexes (i.e. author, title, subject & notes). This is the default search method in WISCAT unless a library chooses to display a different default search mode for its staff and patrons.

**Advanced Searches.** This column records the number of term searches initiated from the Advanced Search screen. It **DOES NOT INCLUDE** searches of the number indexes (e.g. ISBN, LCCN, etc.) initiated from Advanced mode. Number searches initiated from the Advanced screen are recorded under the Number Searches column.

**Linked Searches.** This column records the number of searches executed from within a bibliographic record to a "hyper-linked" term such as an underlined author, title or a subject term.

**Alpha Searches.** This column records the number of searches initiated from the Alpha Browse & Numbers Search mode. It **INCLUDES** searches of both term indexes (e.g. title, author, etc.) and number indexes (e.g. ISBN, LCCN, etc.) executed in Alpha Search mode.

**Number Searches.** This column records the number of searches initiated using the number indexes (e.g. ISBN, LCCN, etc.) in Advanced Search mode. It **DOES NOT INCLUDE** number searches performed using the number indexes in Alpha Browse mode.

**Total Searches.** This column records a combined total of all Simple, Advanced, Linked, Alpha, and Number Searches.

**Downloaded Records.** This column records the number of MARC records downloaded from WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.

**Hldg Added Online.** This column records the number of library holdings fields added interactively to existing bibliographic records in WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.

**Hldg Mod Online.** This column records the number of library holdings fields changed or modified interactively on existing bibliographic records in WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.

**Hldg Deleted Online.** This column records the number of library holdings fields deleted interactively from existing bibliographic records in WISCAT by staff logged in using a specific library ID and password.