The Journal Usage Statistics Portal (JUSP)

The Journal Usage Statistics Portal (JUSP) is a JISC-funded service that provides a "one-stop shop" for libraries to view, download and analyse their journal usage reports from multiple publishers. It responds to current financial challenges with time and cost saving benefits.

JUSP news stories

The latest issue of JISC Inform includes an article about usage statistics for effective decision-making in libraries and features JUSP. A link to a pdf of the article is available here: http://www.jisc.ac.uk/inform/inform34/LibrariansGame.html

A Mimas news story about usage statistics was published to coincide with JISC Inform. The story includes news of JUSP and the new IRUS service. The story is available here: http://mimas.ac.uk/news/2012/07/irus/

Usage ranges

Have you tried looking at the JUSP report 'number of titles and requests in various usage ranges? The ranges we use nil, low (1-9 accesses), medium (10-99), high (100-999), very high (1000+) were designed to work across all institutions and all publishers, so the actual number of titles appearing in the various categories will obviously vary. For internal benchmarking, this table provides a quick way of seeing how well particular titles are being used in relation to the overall percentage of titles in the various usage ranges, and how one publisher compares with another in terms of the percentage of high and very high use titles. You can also use this report to see the number of titles appearing in the JR1 with nil use that are not included in the deal or collection you take.

For more information see the guide to this report at:
http://jusp.mimas.ac.uk/support/usageranges.html

Publishers and SUSHI

We are delighted to welcome the latest publishers to join JUSP in July 2012. Publishers joining JUSP this month include The Royal Society, The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM), American Chemical Society (ACS), JSTOR and European Respiratory Society (ERS).

We have implemented SUSHI for The Royal Society, The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and data is now available within the portal for each of these publishers. We are in discussions with the American Chemical Society (ACS) and JSTOR concerning SUSHI and hope to report on progress in the coming months.

Contact Us

You can keep up-to-date with project developments by visiting our website www.jusp.mimas.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.

JUSP Community Survey

The online community survey ran from April to June and received 61 responses from 52 JUSP libraries. We are very grateful to those of you that took part in the survey and provided feedback on JUSP. Here are some of the findings:

How JUSP is being used:
- Over half the respondents considered themselves inexperienced users of JUSP
- 46% planned to use JUSP monthly, and 30% on an ad hoc basis
- Regular or ad hoc reports were mainly produced for subject librarians (73%) or library managers (68%)
- 40% did more reporting as a result of JUSP, with others able to produce reports more quickly

Using JUSP more effectively:
- Over half (56%) wanted more support materials to help them use JUSP more effectively, with events (44%) and webinars (41%) also in demand
- The main barrier to using JUSP was limited time (61%)

JUSP adds value:
- 98% of respondents felt that JUSP added value to their service, the most popular reasons cited (chosen by over 70% of respondents) being 'provides better data for decision-making', 'provides reliable data' and 'saves staff time'

- 82% of respondents felt that if JUSP was no longer available it would have an adverse effect on their service, citing the extra time that they would need to collect data manually and to be sure of its accuracy

JUSP saves time:
- There were several attempts to work out the actual amount of time saved by not having to gather data from individual publishers, and by having various reports available in JUSP, notably the SCONUL report

Future priorities:
- Additional journal publishers were the first priority for new content, followed by databases and e-books

Support for JUSP:
- A high level of support for JUSP was seen in the answers to open ended questions included in the survey. Specific issues raised are being discussed with the JUSP team.

Quotes from JUSP libraries:

"It's fantastic to see so many publishers joining as that means fewer separate sites to visit for statistics. The variety of reports we can create now is also a bonus. We're also grateful for the email contact and that there's a very reliable, accessible team collecting and managing everyone's statistics."

"GREAT Service! 5 stars."