

iCONN Searches - FY 2002-2005

Fiscal Year	Excluding duplicate searches	Including duplicate searches
2002	4,785,146	4,785,146
2003	5,723,611	5,723,611
2004	8,628,332	8,628,332
2005	11,424,923	19,138,871
Total	30,562,012	38,275,960

Total Searches - Vendor Reports

FY	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Growth
2002	82,105	95,069	277,487	541,460	608,401	426,067	409,752	519,951	577,750	606,872	442,965	197,267	4,785,146	
2003	161,292	133,726	449,429	638,353	648,076	448,607	457,074	589,701	710,069	687,898	529,258	270,128	5,723,611	119.61%
2004	212,208	208,700	763,971	1,031,771	1,028,343	688,870	543,999	876,388	1,101,795	1,033,823	728,015	410,449	8,628,332	150.75%
2005	319,360	316,623	961,769	1,358,375	1,252,437	942,802	777,920	1,670,417	3,465,359	3,327,198	3,074,462	1,672,149	19,138,871	221.81%

Total Seaches - Adjusted

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2005	319,360	316,623	961,769	1,358,375	1,252,437	942,802	777,920	1,160,425	1,458,887	1,368,885	963,965	543,476	11,424,923	132.41%

Federated Searching was implemented in February, 2005. The tool distorts vendor database search counts and search statistics provided by vendors are significantly higher for users of the iCONN portal federated search.

Each time a database is included in a federated search, the vendor database search count is incremented. And each time a user clicks on a result count, the vendor search count is incremented again.

For example, the default iCONN federated search for public libraries includes 14 Gale databases, six ProQuest databases, and one Wilson database. If a patron uses the iCONN default search to search for tsunami and then clicks on the results count next to General Reference Center Gold, the search count will be : Gale 15 (one for each Gale database plus an extra one for General Reference Center Gold), ProQuest 6 (one for each newspaper) and Wilson 1.

The same search using a direct link to General Reference Center Gold will increment the search count once for General Reference Center Gold.

Two search counts are reported for 2005. One count includes all searches counted on the database vendor system, including the duplicate searches generated by the federated search tool. The other counts estimates what the search count would have been without the duplicate searches. The estimate assumes that searches in the last five months of fiscal year 2005 (when federated searching was available) grew at the same rate as those in the prior seven months.