

e-Metric Initiatives in the United States

Discussions began in 1996

- Identify specific statistics that most individuals can agree on as important to standardize (in terms of definitions) and be provided by the publishers of online and CD-ROM databases.
- Identify key issues and concerns from the library community regarding collection of electronic resource use statistics
- Review the specific types of statistics and reporting formats provided by data base publishers and vendors

Same issues, different formats, more opportunity for use reporting

The questions library's need to answer are the same; what vendors are able to provide has improved dramatically

- Greater literacy of what data are collectable and what data are valuable to libraries
- Uniformity in statistics reporting remains a key issue
- National library surveys are beginning to adopt measures and require reporting
- National and international standards organizations are adopting electronic measures (ISO and NISO)

Lead Projects since 1998-present

Developing National Data Collection Models for Library Network Statistics and Performance Measures. (2000)

<http://www.ii.fsu.edu/Projects/IMLS/index.html>

Network Performance Measures Focus Group: Group Discussion #3, Summary Notes. (2000-2001)

<http://www.nclis.gov/statsurv/FINALRPT.NCLIS.vendor.FG.1.11.01.doc>

State Library Agency Survey Steering Committee adopts core network performance measures for FY2002 national reporting. (2001)

<http://www.nclis.gov/libraries/lsp/StLArevised2001.html>

Guidelines For Statistical Measures of Usage of Web-Based Indexed, Abstracted, and Full Text Resources. (November 1998). International Coalition Of Library Consortia (ICOLC).

<http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/webstats.html>

ARL New Measures Initiative. (2001) Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

<http://www.arl.org/stats/newmeas/newmeas.html>



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Where to find additional information:

CLIR report on vendor statistics (prepared by Judy Luther). The white paper is available from <http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/reports.html>

Library Statistics & Measures, compiled by Joe Ryan
<http://web.syr.edu/~jryan/infopro/stats.html>

NISO Z39.7 Library Statistics Standard revision
<http://www.nclis.gov/statsurv/niso/z39.7/z39.7.html>

ISO Standard 2789, Library Statistics <http://www.iso.org/iso/en/ISOOnline.frontpage>



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