

**Acquisition of Monographs in Australian  
University Libraries 1992 – 1996  
CAUL Statistics**

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## CAUL STATISTICS

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The data show only raw figures, and in spite of great efforts to ensure consistency amongst the universities and over time, it has been shown that the data can mean many different things and can be interpreted in many different ways. The summary table on this page gives total figures over a 5 year period for the purchase and borrowing of monographs by university libraries. It should be noted that statistics from the Australian National University, the University of Sydney and the Victoria University of Technology have been omitted from the summary table. This is because figures were not available for all years, so their inclusion would have distorted the trend. However, it should be noted that in 1996 these three institutions spent more than \$6.5m on non-serial publications.

The following table shows that over the five-year period, 1992 to 1996, expenditure on monographs increased by nearly 13%, the number of volumes acquired increased by over 22%, and the number borrowed from other institutions increased by 6.5%. The ratio of acquisitions borrowed to those purchased ranges from 11% to 13%.

YEAR	Original items borrowed	Monograph volumes acquired by purchase	Expenditure on monographs (\$)
1992	87,967	662,818	35,572,578
1993	98,653	675,111	35,399,004
1994	89,543	647,792	35,868,240
1995	94,627	726,700	41,010,803
1996	93,662	811,417	40,220,591

What the data does not show is, for example:

- what is being bought e.g. research or undergraduate reading;
- where the monographs are published e.g. Australia, Europe, Asia;
- what duplication exists within each university and across the universities;
- how many different disciplines are being serviced;
- whether the borrowing occurs within the region, within the country, or internationally;
- how much borrowing occurs directly by the user through some form of reciprocal borrowing;
- what is the acquisitions failure rate, either for purchase or borrowing;
- the changes in the university population over time, etc.

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LIBRARY	Original items borrowed	Monograph volumes acquired by purchase	Expenditure on monographs (\$)
ACIA	175	1465	61464
ACU	1679	10869	329154
ADFA	2848	8806	319962
AUC	276	5283	405978
NCSU	2219	23156	1511738
NMQU	3392	21021	797322
NNCU	2977	17626	1203461
NTS	2654	14443	807492
NUN	3924	19185	1041150
NUNE	6318	18298	1024780
NUWS	2623	22010	1612953
NWU	1794	8816	567501
QAET	NA	6134	376510
QBON	1225	NA	179830
QCX	479	11670	680256
QGU	3322	25986	1304742
QJCU	770	12356	706156
QU	5581	NA	2568410
QUT	2756	24738	1376730
SFU	4719	NA	970000
SUA	1143	18791	1474933
SUSA	3815	23074	869559
TU	1223	16754	565382
VBAX	963	3653	261042
VBX	268	3030	125640
VDU	3405	34987	1533140
VIT	1164	12832	875621
VLU	2172	44565	2146464
VMOU	4138	37196	2775607
VPS	19	352	27806
VSWT	559	7771	345415
VTTC	34	2266	61242
VU	2793	39112	2962504
WCU	1745	15439	1004775
WCX	2366	25362	884051
WMU	1488	9389	548347
WU	3366	16581	871202
XNTU	984	8432	394259
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87967</b>	<b>662818</b>	<b>35572578</b>
ANU	876	34432	
NU	4678	32603	3076424
VCOA	29	1136	
VUT	1008	23199	723433

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LIBRARY	Original items borrowed	Monograph volumes acquired by purchase	Expenditure on monographs (\$)
ACU	2055	11862	367680
ADFA	4105	8370	487265
AUC	499	4568	410603
NCSU	2506	21513	1347333
NMQU	3040	15679	794920
NNCU	4418	23198	1234209
NTS	2607	8958	583373
NUN	4135	28755	1584702
NUNE	7234	21123	1469326
NUWS	5495	24352	1618742
NWU	2040	10224	587681
QAET	598	5688	353924
QBON	1270	NA	97125
QCX	460	11400	609525
QGU	2915	19690	995000
QJCU	956	11536	563359
QU	5367	NA	1736836
QUT	2933	30683	1853856
SFU	4352	15207	855457
SUA	1483	17852	1285312
SUSA	3567	19802	865830
TU	1289	16963	910252
VBAX	1264	4494	275967
VBX	276	3700	134162
VDU	2707	41064	1241954
VIT	1400	9626	1004843
VLU	2568	36452	1434284
VMOU	4400	46393	3323858
VPS	14	341	27506
VSWT	607	11876	442882
VU	2946	32863	2727798
WCU	1623	14549	987992
WCX	3414	28494	1130213
WMU	1593	8902	559815
WU	4376	17466	1048634
XNTU	865	10614	446786
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98653</b>	<b>675111</b>	<b>35399004</b>
ANU	959	30985	
NU	5213	31385	NA
VCOA	38	764	
VTTC	1944	85	NA
VUT	981	15776	916393

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LIBRARY	Original items received	Monograph volumes acquired by purchase	Expenditure on print monographs
ACU	2055	13720	432548
ADFA	521	8943	390275
AUC	504	4571	303098
NCSU	2075	25392	1366083
NMQU	3321	16606	875810
NNCU	3552	26293	1368425
NTS	3181	11083	768808
NUN	3267	25155	1439687
NUNE	5631	17113	814850
NUWS	2965	NA	2113926
NWU	2482	12959	639056
QAET	581	8073	367573
QBON	1347	NA	128197
QCX	392	8016	440736
QGU	3137	21036	1308094
QJCU	879	11179	545659
QU	5610	NA	1540432
QUT	2711	26855	2260108
SFU	4497	11492	670458
SUA	1358	16186	1069277
SUSA	3385	17825	750393
TU		16043	699456
VBAX	1315	5608	247049
VDU	3377	41167	1879373
VIT	NA	20052	1177301
VLU	3128	35533	1619230
VMOU	3452	50378	3004653
VSWT	565	9282	543046
VU	3397	30871	3192535
WCU	2855	15798	1106193
WCX	3284	20954	923090
WMU	1586	9865	386956
WU	3135	16110	965518
XNTU	977	7201	530347
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89543</b>	<b>647792</b>	<b>35868240</b>
ANU	950	21312	NA
NSCU:L	3094	6677	
NU	3892	37638	NA
VUT	1085	20806	NA

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ACU	1614	12346	472312
ADFA	467	8026	458592
AUC	502	6394	1092115
NCSU	1899	15397	983871
NMQU	3332	14217	715620
NNCU	3777	20291	1287685
NSCU	2888	11258	936484
NTS	2126	13477	789182
NUN	4194	29818	1560069
NUNE	4675	18181	887146
NUWS	3691	44070	2087554
NWU	2445	15991	1215532
QAET	577	17502	764205
QBON	1545	1993	108000
QCX	555	6039	341191
QGU	2215	21955	1400021
QJCU	1315	10144	523599
QU	6569	NA	2656700
QUT	2543	36964	2313244
SFU	3180	9725	383000
SUA	1472	17073	1240695
SUSA	2509	23951	1009878
TU	1568	27198	1700000
VBAX	999	5920	448272
VDU	4197	2681	1815957
VIT	1504	12329	1096759
VLU	3565	31152	1742165
VMOU	3820	50096	2884577
VSWT	526	9871	455279
VU	10131	24617	3576635
WCU	1286	15677	1161620
WCX	2877	20474	878172
WMU	1959	10496	516371
WU	3459	16277	1085654
XNTU	2377	6584	422647
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94627</b>	<b>726700</b>	<b>41010803</b>
ANU	1043	26597	NA
NU	NA	42917	NA
VUT	1226	29002	1077360

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LIBRARY	Original items received	Non-serial volumes acquired by purchase	Expenditure on non- serials
ACU	1848	13737	463,055
ADFA	467	9726	321,938
AUC	282	5544	335,157
NCSU	1800	24049	1,242,467
NMQU	4272	19180	1,343,152
NSCU	3566	20552	505,054
NUNE	4114	20133	853,523
NUN	3840	39497	1,900,033
NNCU	4337	19097	1,616,989
NTS	2274	21889	1,362,056
NUWS	4082	59087	2,148,552
NWU	2082	17080	668,400
XNTU	860	6181	497,791
QBON	1839	1544	114,000
QCX	308	11160	531,118
QGU	2918	41340	1,482,023
QJCU	1191	12383	495,431
QUT	2646	31721	1,823,720
QAET	419	19772	1,374,453
QU	6503	18106	2,138,856
SFU	3280	7538	377,000
SUA	1722	17485	1,011,000
SUSA	1719	22037	702,478
TU	1277	15497	814,917
VDU	3314	42256	1,263,213
VLU	2878	39581	1,968,976
VMOU	4349	55505	3,055,590
VIT	1951	10707	722,520
VSWT	436	11005	645,302
VBAX	785	9618	561,766
VU	3361	27051	3,713,169
WCU	1462	15317	1,432,008
WCX	2163	26797	760,823
WMU	1789	12749	507,562
WU	3975	16672	1,466,499
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93662</b>	<b>838605</b>	<b>\$40,220,591.00</b>
ANU	1073	32362	1,342,393
NU	5996	42746	4,170,805
VUT	2484	21904	1,320,446