

Comparing Reports and Standard Views

Anyone who's attended one of Tasha's presentations in the last three years knows that she always recommends using the COUNTER Reports rather than the standard views. We built Release 5 from the ground up to be a powerful, flexible and comprehensive usage reporting framework. It replaced the more content-specific reports required in Release 4. To help report consumers (libraries) make the transition to Release 5, we designed a selection of standard views – pre-configured filters of the COUNTER Reports – that mimicked the old Release 4 reports. In this guide, we've provided comparison tables to help you spot the limitations of standard views.

Platform Report versus PR_P1

The PR_P1 standard view eliminates two Access_Types, one Access_Method, and three metrics. It includes all of the Data_Types that are available in the PR, so for ease of reading we've not included that element in this table.

Elements	Platform Report	PR_P1 standard view
Access_Type	Controlled Open Free_to_Read	Controlled
Access_Method	Regular TDM	Regular
Metrics	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Investigations Unique_Title_Requests Searches_Platform	Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Requests Searches_Platform

Database Report versus DR_D1 and DR_D2

The DR and its derivative standard views exclude information about Access_Type, so that element is not shown in the table. Both DR_D1 and DR_D2 aggregate metrics by database, meaning it is not possible to see usage or denial information by Data_Type in the standard views. They also both eliminate TDM usage, and only show a limited subset of metrics.

Elements	Database Report	DR_D1 standard view	DR_D2 standard view
Data_Type	Audiovisual Book Conference Database_Aggregated Database_AI Database_Full Database_Full_Item Image Interactive_Resource Journal Multimedia Newspaper_or_Newsletter Other Patent Reference_Work Report Sound Standard Thesis_or_Dissertation Unspecified	All Data_Types from the DR are included, but DR_D1 aggregates all metrics to the level of the database and thus the Data_Type information is invisible	All Data_Types from the DR are included, but DR_D1 aggregates all metrics to the level of the database and thus the Data_Type information is invisible
Access_Method	Regular TDM	Regular	Regular
Metrics	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Investigations Unique_Title_Requests Searches_Automated Searches_Federated Searches_Regular Limit_Exceeded No_License	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Searches_Automated Searches_Federated Searches_Regular	 Limit_Exceeded No_License

Title Report versus TR_B series standard views

The TR_B series of standard views eliminate all Data_Types other than Book and Reference_Work. They are all restricted to a single Access_Method, with a limited subset of metrics, and in most cases exclude all but Controlled usage.

Elements	Title Report	TR_B1 standard view	TR_B2 standard view	TR_B3 standard view
Data_Type	Book Conference Journal Newspaper_or_Newsletter Other Patent Reference_Work Standard Thesis_or_Dissertation Unspecified	Book Reference_Work	Book Reference_Work	Book Reference_Work
Access_Type	Controlled Open Free_to_Read	Controlled	Controlled	Controlled Open Free_to_Read
Access_Method	Regular TDM	Regular	Regular	Regular
Metrics	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Investigations Unique_Title_Requests Limit_Exceeded No_License	Total_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Requests	 Limit_Exceeded No_License	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Investigations Unique_Title_Requests

Title Report versus TR_J series standard views

The TR_J series of standard views eliminate all Data_Types other than Journal. They are all restricted to a single Access_Method, with a limited subset of metrics, and in most cases exclude all but Controlled usage.

Elements	Title Report	TR_J1 standard view	TR_J2 standard view	TR_J3 standard view	TR_J4 standard view
Data_Type	Book Conference Journal Newspaper_or_Newsletter Other Patent Reference_Work Standard Thesis_or_Dissertation Unspecified	Journal	Journal	Journal	Journal
Access_Type	Controlled Open Free_to_Read	Controlled	Controlled	Controlled Open Free_to_Read	Controlled
Access_Method	Regular TDM	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Metrics	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Investigations Unique_Title_Requests Limit_Exceeded No_License	Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests	Limit_Exceeded No_License	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests	Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests

Item Report versus IR_A1 and IR_M1

The standard views of IR show all three Access_Types, so that element is excluded from the table for ease of reading. Like other standard view, IR_A1 and IR_M1 eliminates one Access_Method and several metrics.

Elements	Item Report	IR_A1 standard view	IR_M1 standard view
Data_Type	Article Audiovisual Book_Segment Conference_Item Database_Full_Item Dataset Image Interactive_Resource Multimedia News_Item Other Patent Reference_Item Report Software Sound Standard Thesis_or_Dissertation Unspecified	Article	Audiovisual Image Interactive_Resource Multimedia Sound
Access Method	Regular TDM	Regular	Regular
Metrics	Total_Item_Investigations Unique_Item_Investigations Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests Unique_Title_Investigations Unique_Title_Requests Limit_Exceeded No_License	Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests	Total_Item_Requests Unique_Item_Requests