

# COUNTER 4 to COUNTER 5 Crosswalk

*Not an Exhaustive List*  
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## Platform Reports (PR)

Release 4 Report	Release 5 Equivalent Report	Notes
PR1: Platform Regular Searches	Searches Platform	
PR1: Result Clicks*	Total Item Investigations	<p>*This metric has been mentioned as a better choice for comparison than 'Record' Views</p> <p>Only for A&amp;I databases; Do not combine usage with 'Record Views'</p>
PR1: Record Views	Total Item Investigations	<p>Only for A&amp;I databases; Do not combine usage with 'Result Clicks'</p> <p><b>This metric is not recommended for comparison as the numbers rarely match up— Compare with caution.</b></p>
PR1: Searches-federated and automated	<b>No Direct Equivalent</b>	
<b>No Direct Equivalent</b>	Unique Item Requests Unique Title Requests Unique Item Investigations Unique Title Investigations	

## Database Reports (DR)

Release 4 Report	Release 5 Equivalent Report	Notes
DB1: Regular Searches	Searches Regular	Some databases may not display the same number for these two reports for the same month. It is recommended to phase out the use of DB1 Regular Searches
DB1: Searches-federated and automated	Searches Federated	
	Searches Automated	
DB1: Result Clicks*	Total Item investigations	*This metric has been mentioned as a better choice for comparison than 'Record' Views  Only for A&I databases; Do not combine usage with 'Record Views'
DB1: Record Views	Total Item Investigations	Only for A&I databases; Do not combine usage with 'Result Clicks'
<b>No Direct Equivalent</b>	Unique Item Investigations	
DB2: Access denied; Content item not licensed	No License	
DB2: Access denied; Concurrent/simultaneous user license limit exceeded	Limit Exceeded	

## Book Reports (BR)

Release 4 Report	Release 5 Equivalent Report	Notes
BR1: Book Success Title Requests (Total)	TR_B1: Unique Title Requests	Best metric for cost-per-use
BR2: Book Success Section Requests (Total)	TR_B1: Total Item Requests	<p>For platforms where book content is provided as chapters only, you can compare these two directly. But if a platform provides both chapter downloads and whole book downloads, you cannot do this (because whole book downloads are also counted as Item requests).</p> <p>(pg. 15) <a href="#">Friendly Guide--Comparing Counts</a></p>
BR3: Title Access Denied (item not licensed)	TR_B2: No License	
BR3: Title Access Denied (license limit exceeded)	TR_B2: Limit Exceeded	

**Unique Item Requests** reports do not care what format the content is. It also only counts the first download; after that, it ignores further clicks on the same item in the same format or in the other format. Unique Item Requests are a more accurate measure of downloaded content.  
 (pg. 9 -[COUNTER Comparing Counts](#))

## Journal Reports (JR)

Release 4 Report	Release 5 Equivalent Report	Notes
JR1: Journal Usage Counter (total)	<b>No direct equivalent</b>	To compare <b>JR1 Total Usage</b> with <b>TR_J1 Total Item Requests</b> , use the formula:  JR1 Total Usage - JR1 GOA
<b>No direct equivalent</b>	TR_J1: Unique Item Requests	Best metric for cost-per-use
JR1 GOA: Journal Usage Counter Gold Open Access (total)	TR: Metric Type: Total Item Requests, "Access Type=OA Gold"	
JR3: Title Access Denied (item not licensed)	TR_J2: No License	
JR3: Title Access Denied (license limit exceeded)	TR_J2: Limit Exceeded	

Resources:

[Project COUNTER: Comparing Counts Between Release 4 and Release 5](#)  
[Understanding the Main Differences between R4 and R5 | Library Learning Space](#)  
[COUNTER 4 versus COUNTER 5, with formulas | SPARC](#)