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Report of the Library of Congress Dewey Program

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**Dewey Statistical Information**

In FY2024, the Library of Congress assigned 119,301 Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) numbers to monograph and serial bibliographic records, just missing internal target of assigning 120,000. Dewey classifiers assigned 32,093 DDC to print and CIP records. 24,193 CIP e-book records were assigned DDC. Catalogers assigned 4,843 DDC to monograph records using AutoDewey.  The copy cataloging process resulted in 53,425 copied DDC numbers (i.e., 082, second indicator 4) in print monograph records. CIP Partnership Program libraries—Northwestern University, Queens Library, the U.S. Government Publishing Office, and New Mexico State Library—assigned 711 Dewey numbers to the bibliographic records they created for the CIP Program. Finally, the U.S. ISSN Center and other serials librarians assigned 3,907 DDC to ISSN records.

In addition to DDC assignment, Dewey classifiers added Library of Congress Classification to 889 CIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine.

**Dewey Classification beyond the CIP and Dewey Section**

Several catalogers in the U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division, U.S. Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Division, and Music Division continue to assign DDC to the works they catalog. The catalogers have critical expertise in the social sciences, bio-medical sciences, political science, history, naval and military sciences, law, music, and literature.

**Library of Congress Dewey Decimal Classification Survey**

The Library of Congress engaged with the Federal Research Division (FRD) to research how the broader library community uses the LoC’s Dewey assignment service. FRD, on behalf of the Library of Congress's Library Collections and Services Group (LCSG) Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access (ABA) Directorate, conducted a survey from October 15 - November 4, 2024 as a part of the research. The Dewey Program staffing has dramatically decreased due to attrition and, therefore, needs to focus its remaining resources appropriately. Responses to the survey and further analysis will help inform future decision making and resource allocation. FRD will complete its final analysis and send the completed report to ABA by the end of March.