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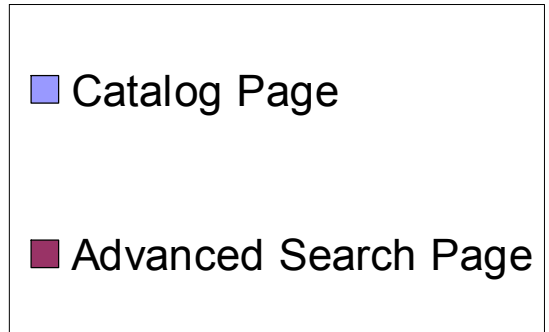
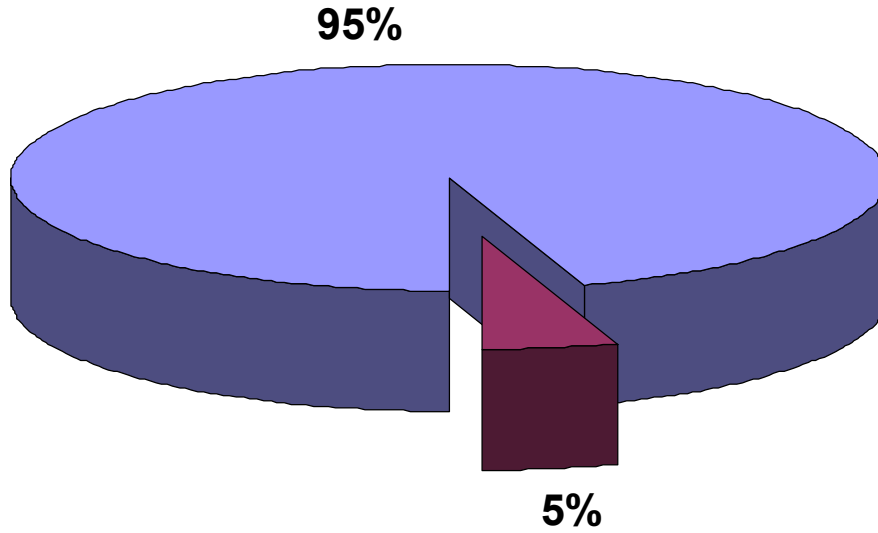
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Advanced Search Page--Year 2000



Two Logs

Series 1

- Sept 25th - Dec 31, 2000
- Number of Searches-Media-Language-IP
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Series 2

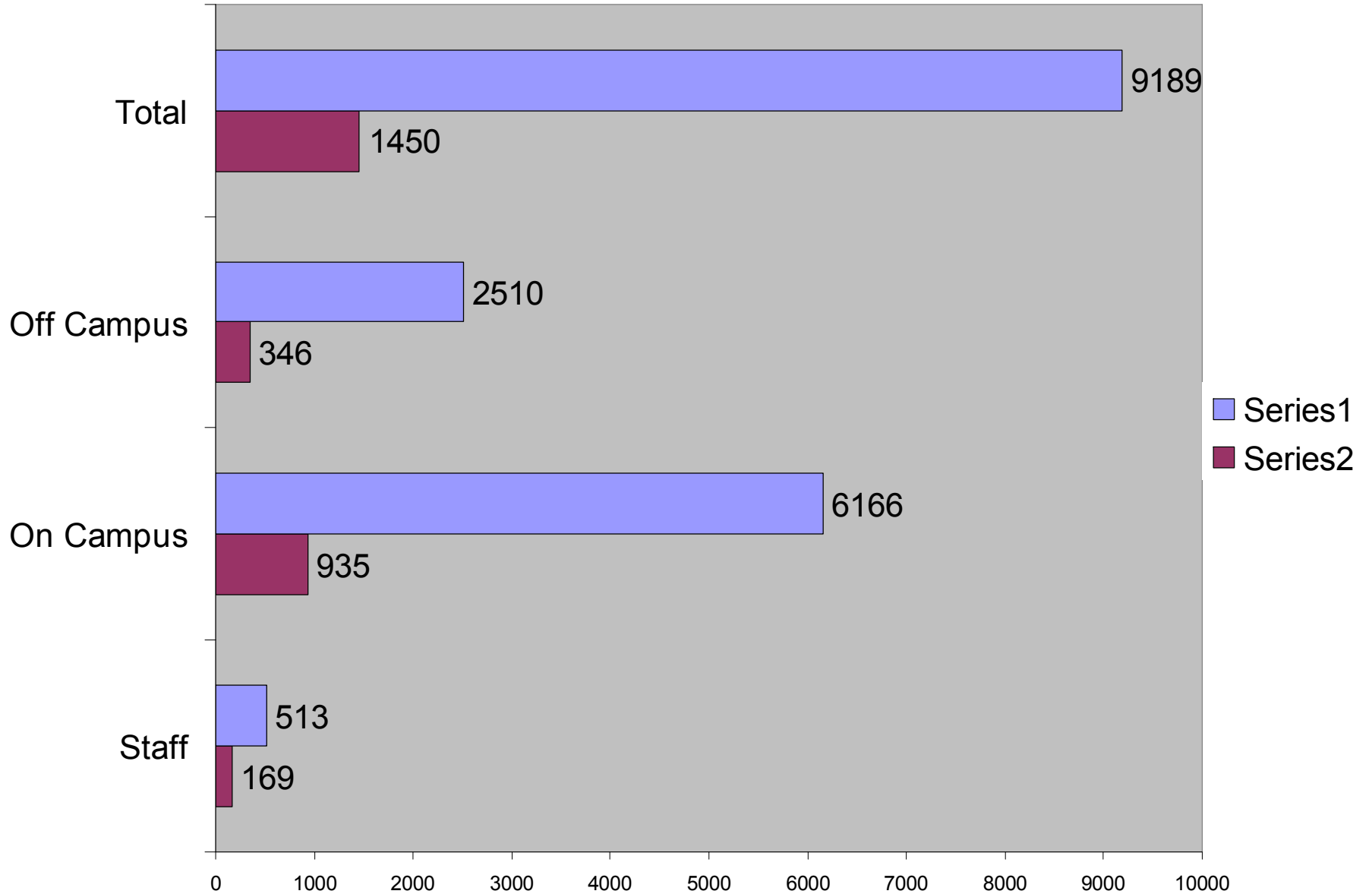
- March 1st - March 16, 2001
- Same as above plus search statement
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Staff searches filtered out by IP

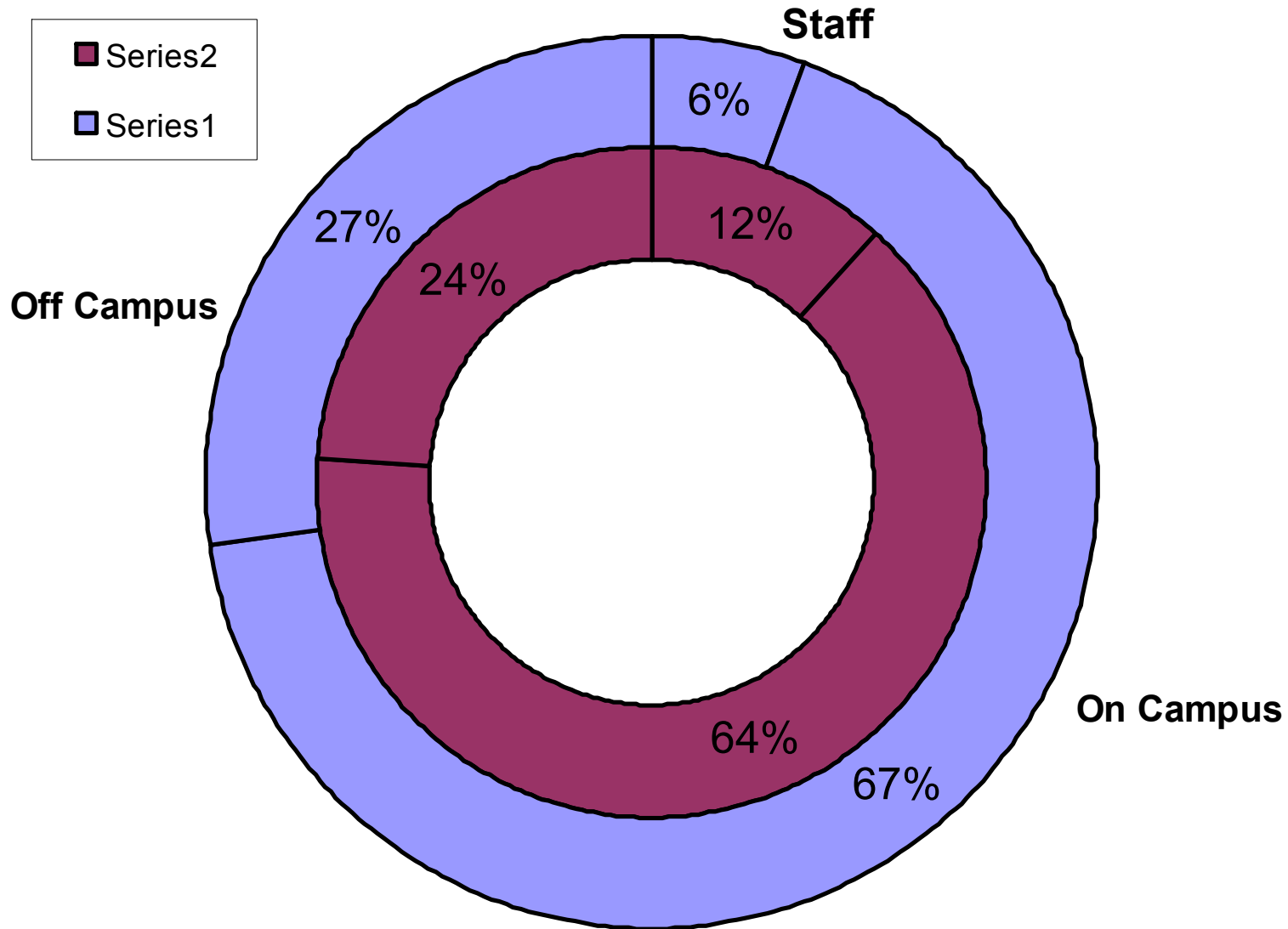
- Series1: 9189 total searches less 513 staff searches
- Series1_Public = 8676 searches

- Series2: 1450 total searches less 169 staff searches
- Series2_Public = 1281 searches

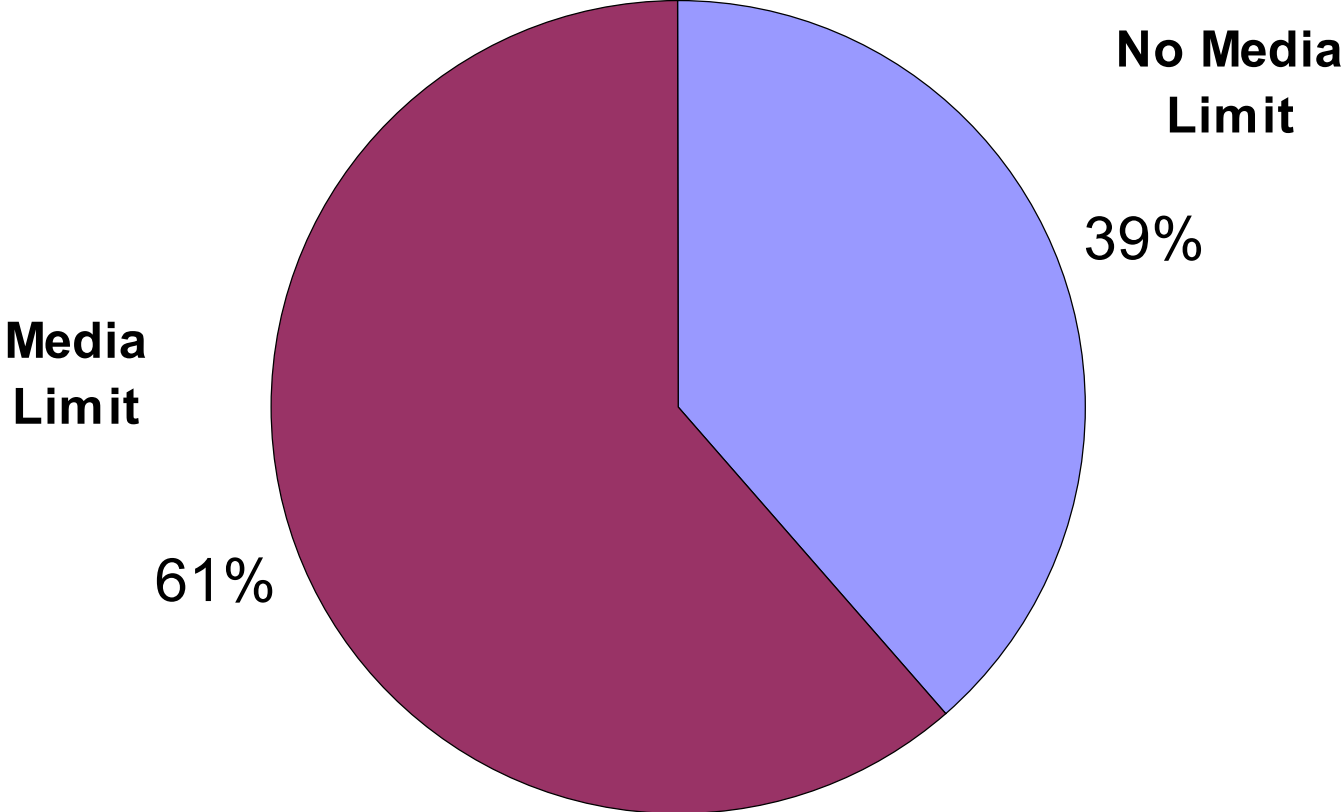
Overview of Log Files



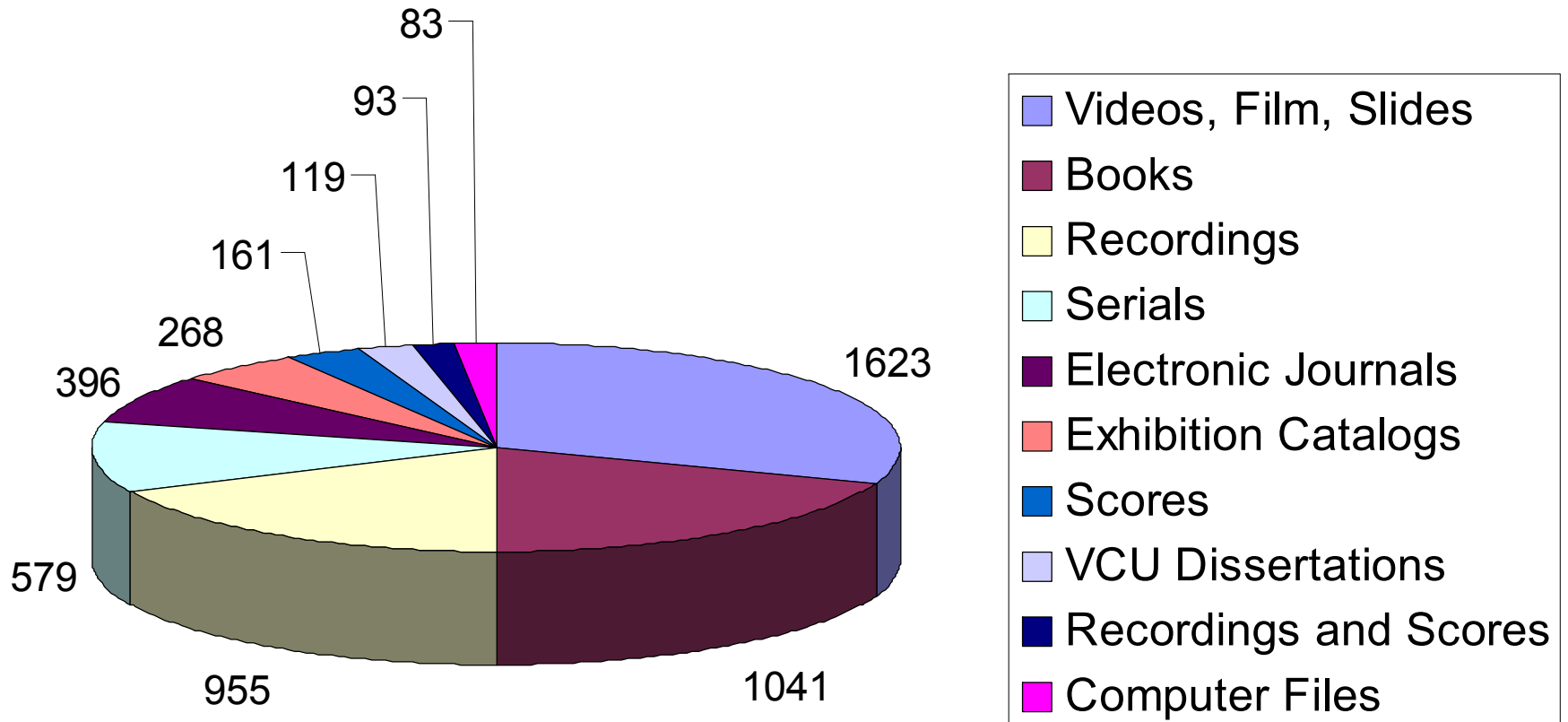
Series1 and Series2 Comparison



Media Searching--Series1_Public

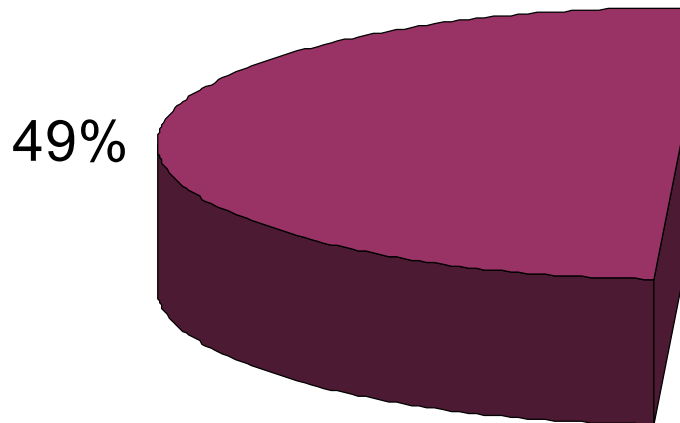


Count of Media Searches--Series1_Public

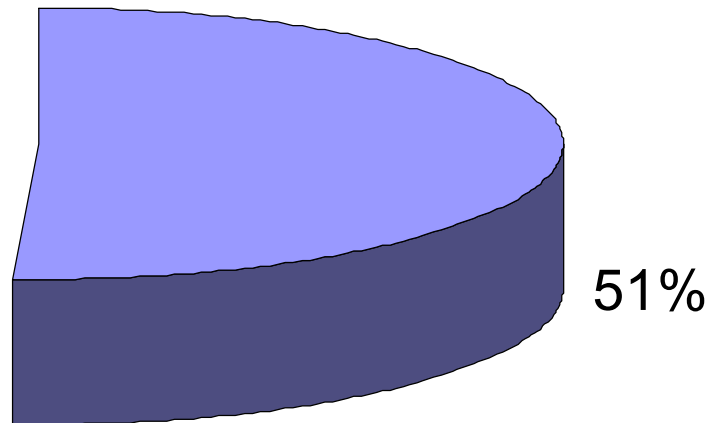


Another Look at Media--Series1_Public

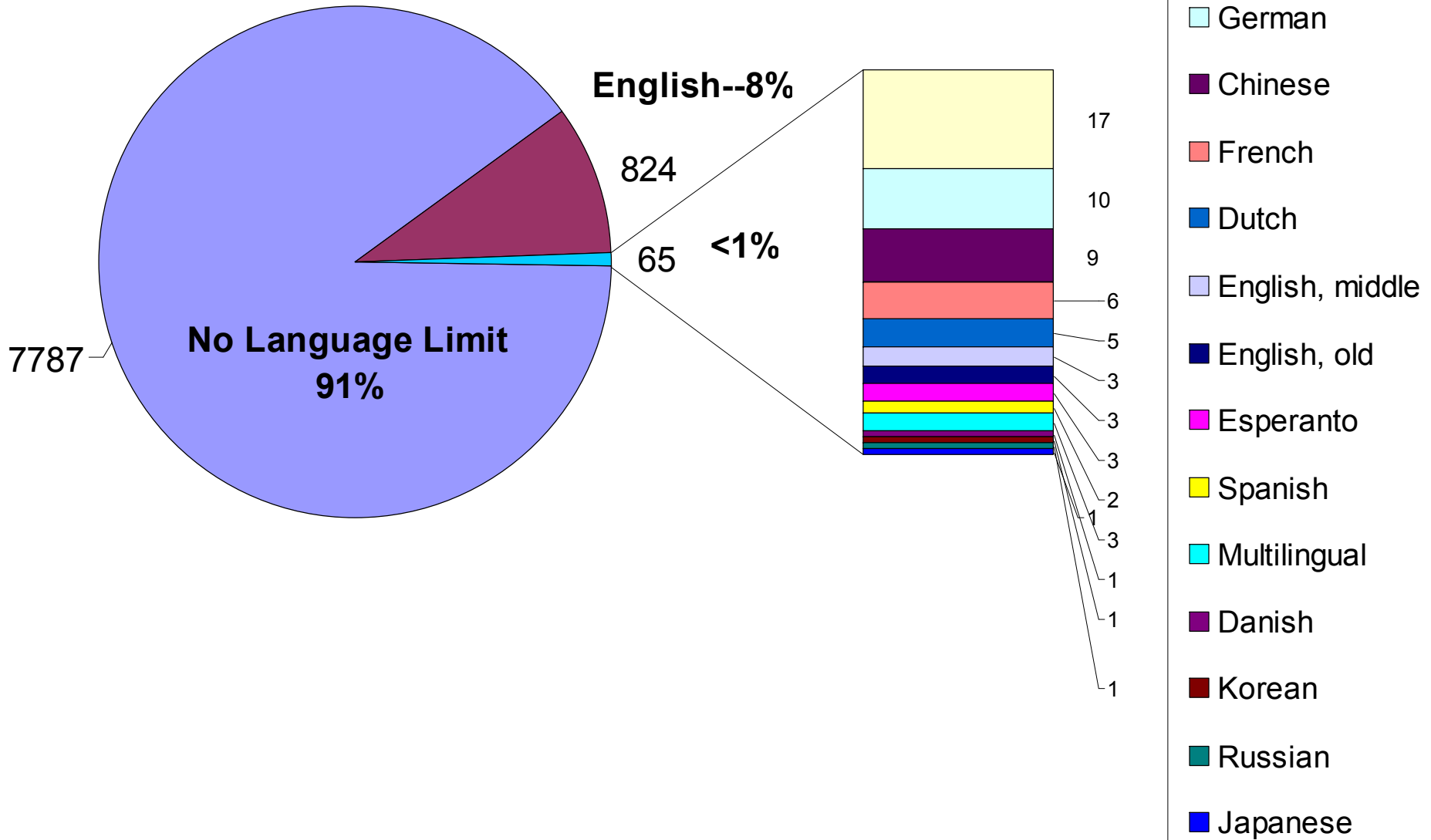
Media Limit
without books



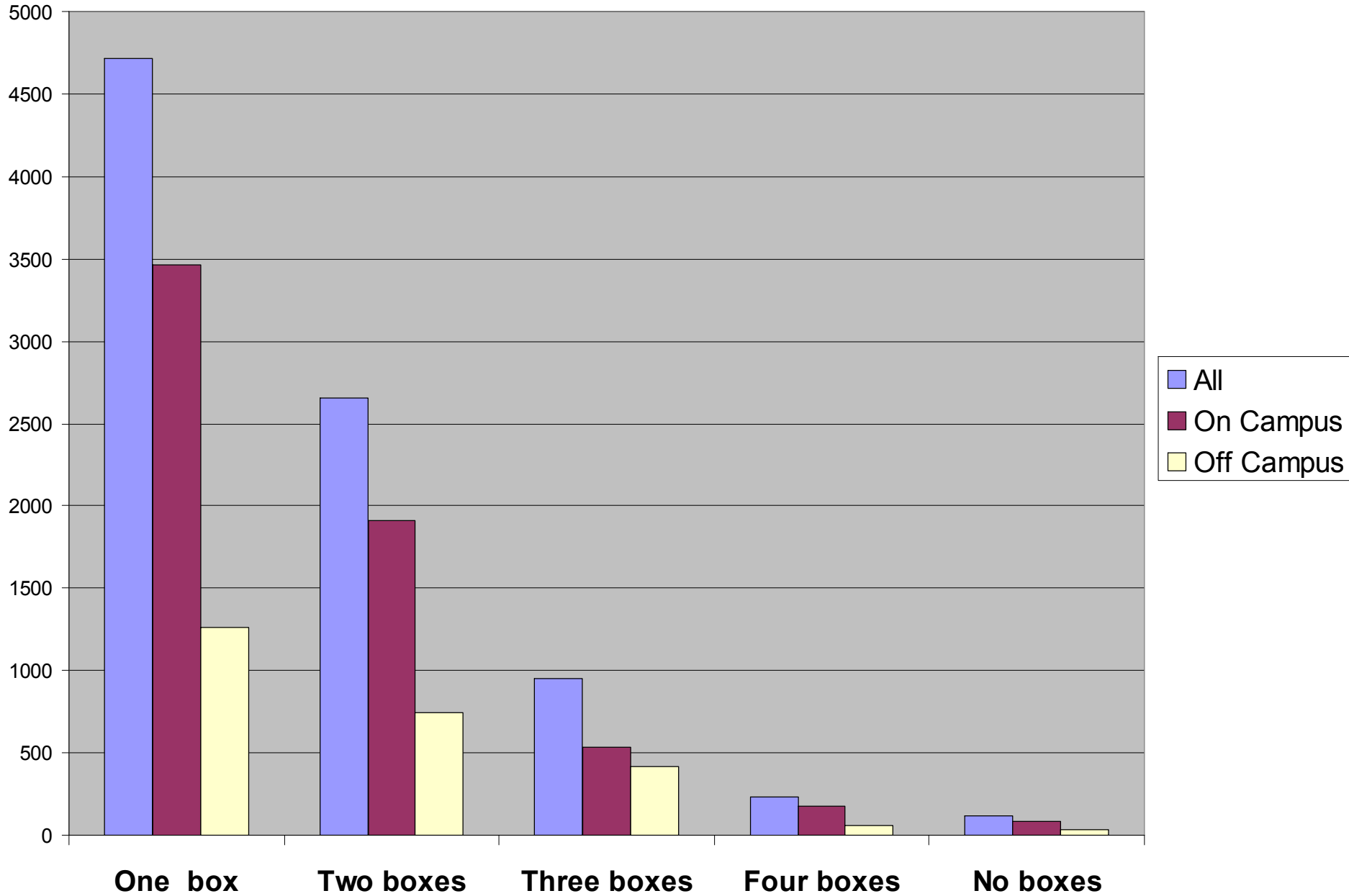
No Media
plus books



Count of Language--Series1_Public

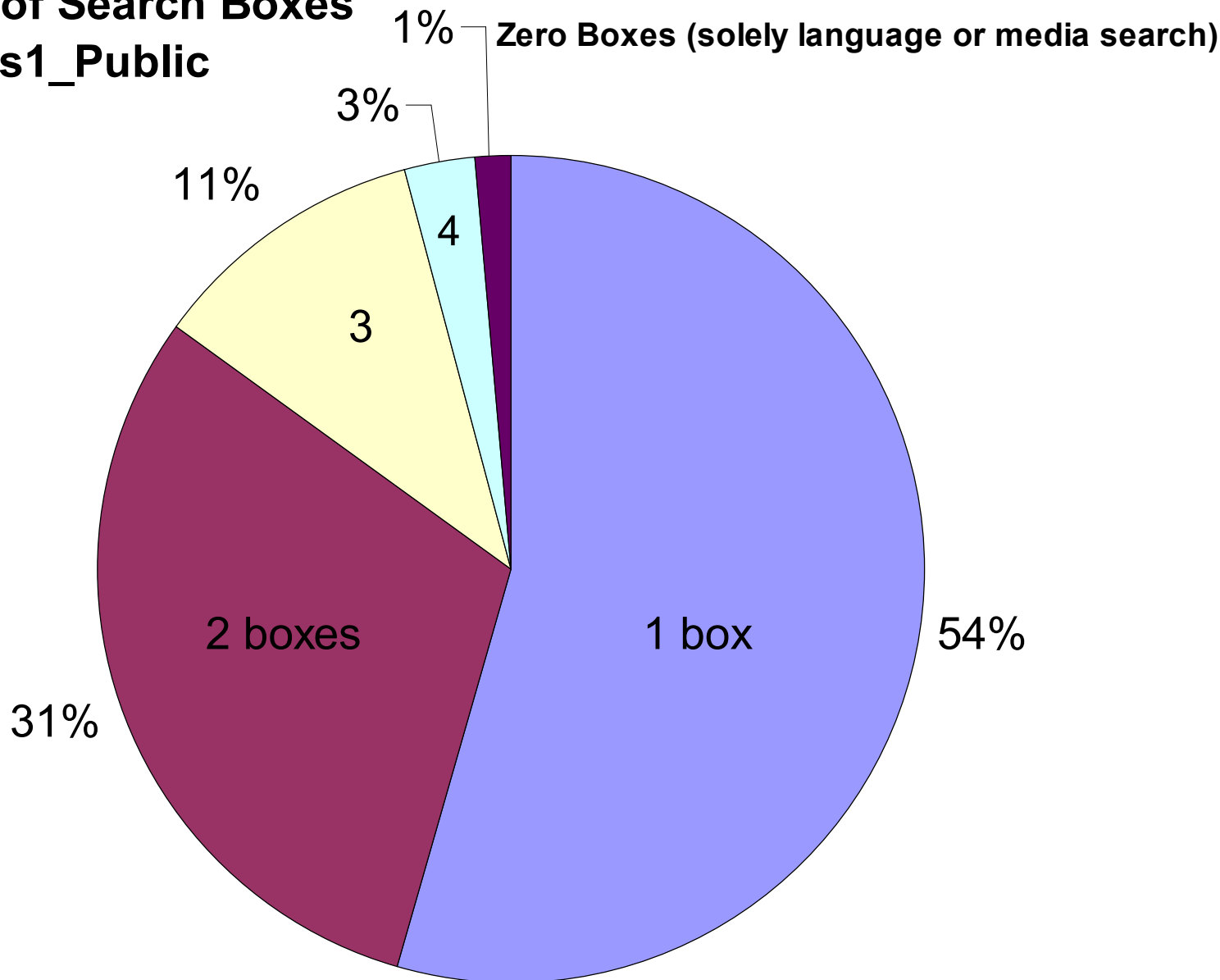


Number of Search Boxes--Series1_Public

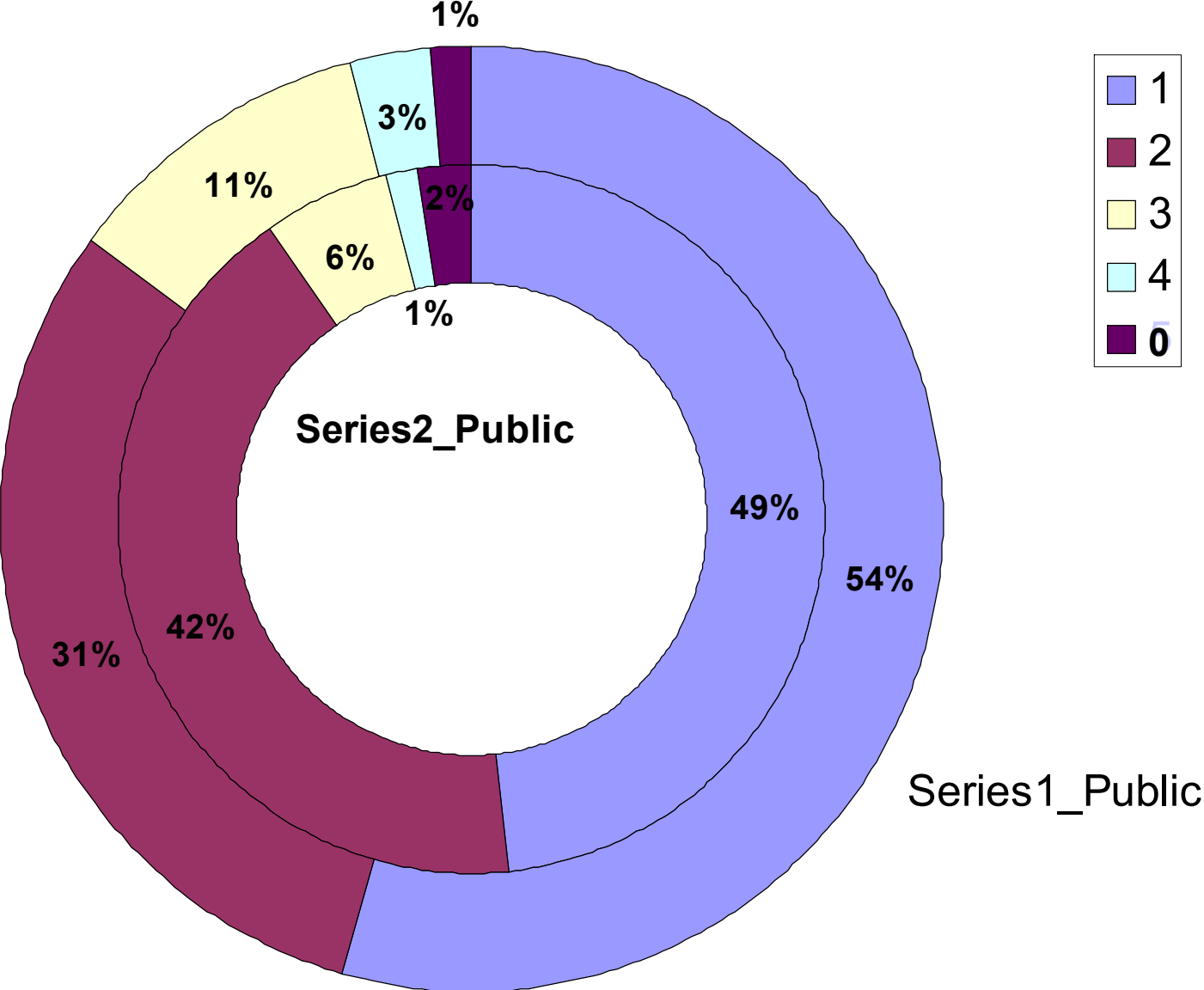


Percentage of Search Boxes

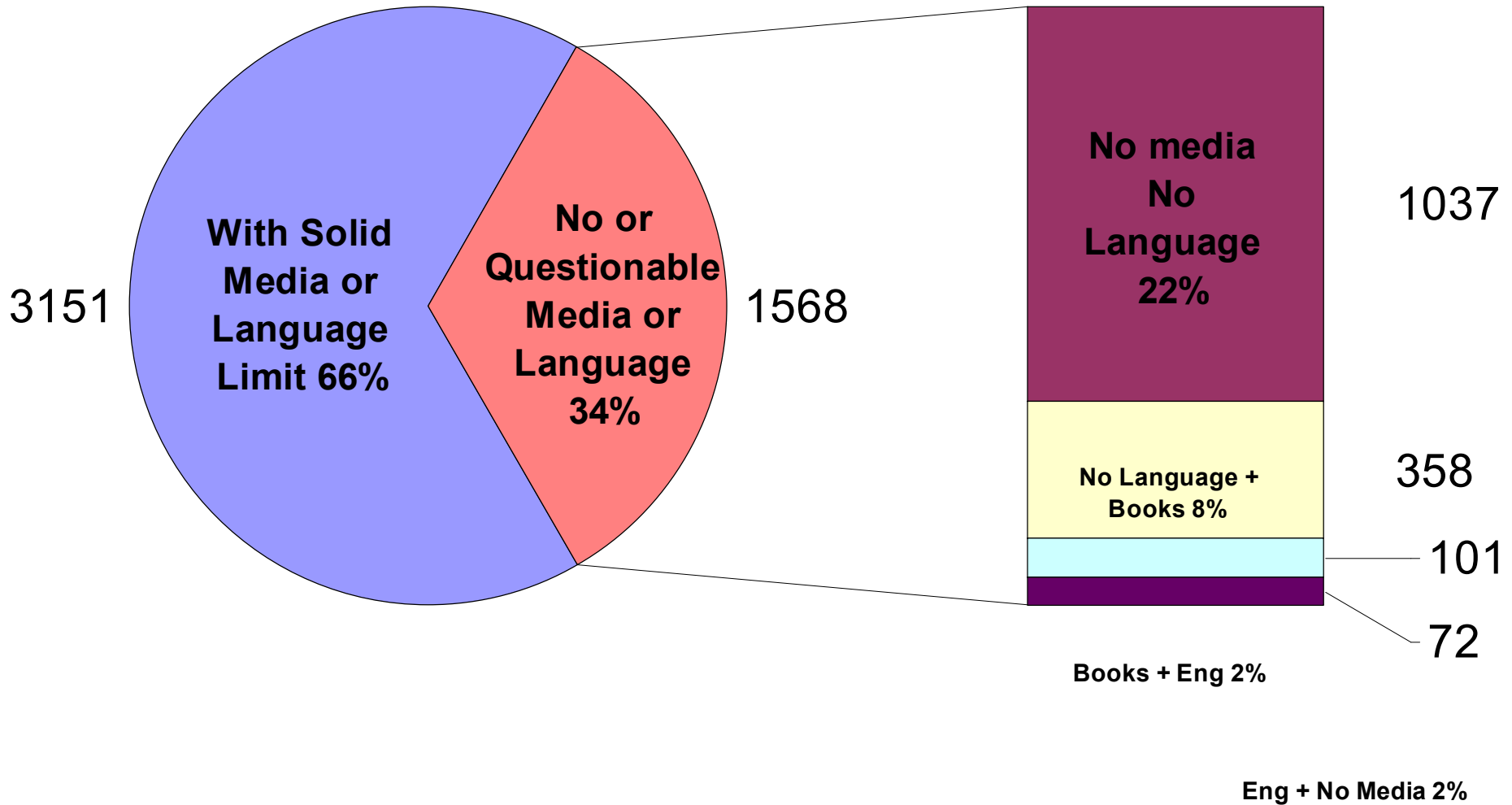
Series1_Public



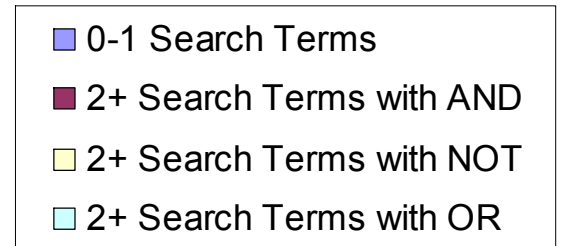
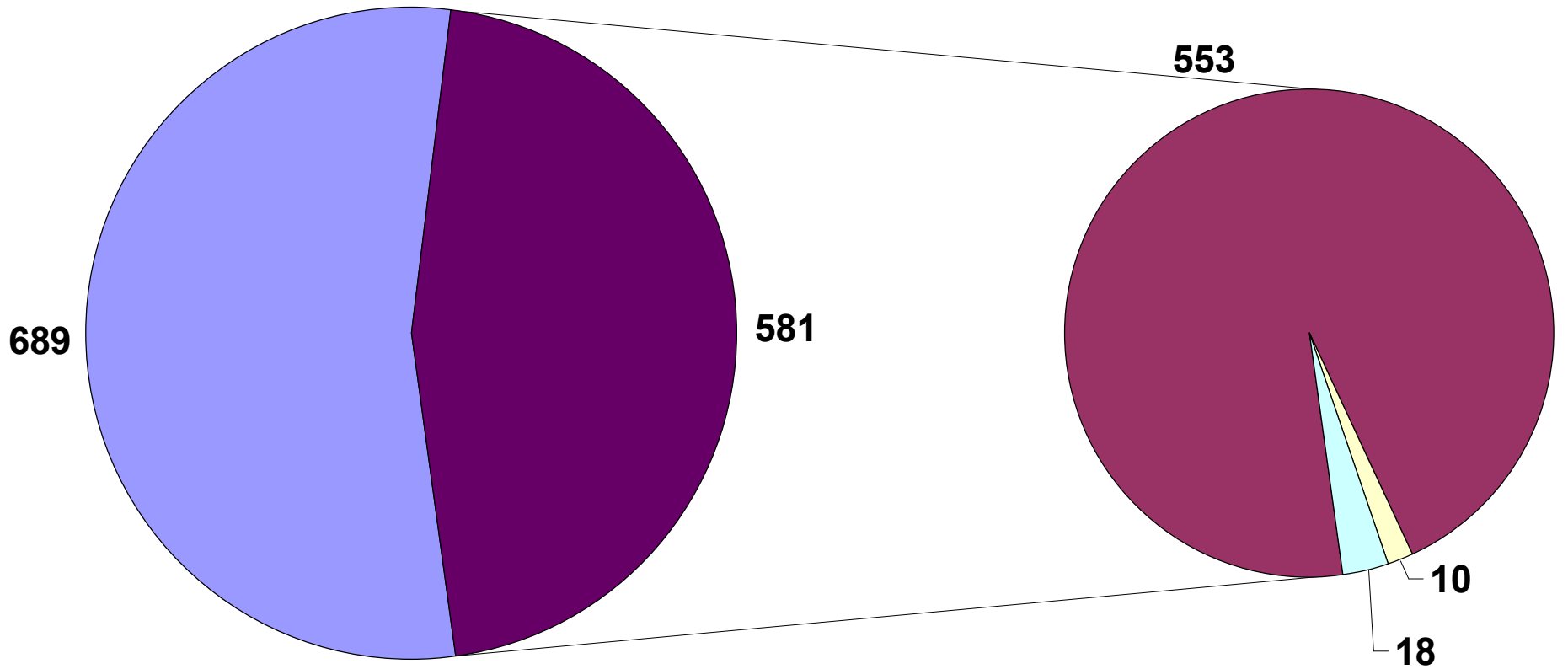
Search Boxes Series1 and Series2 (Public)



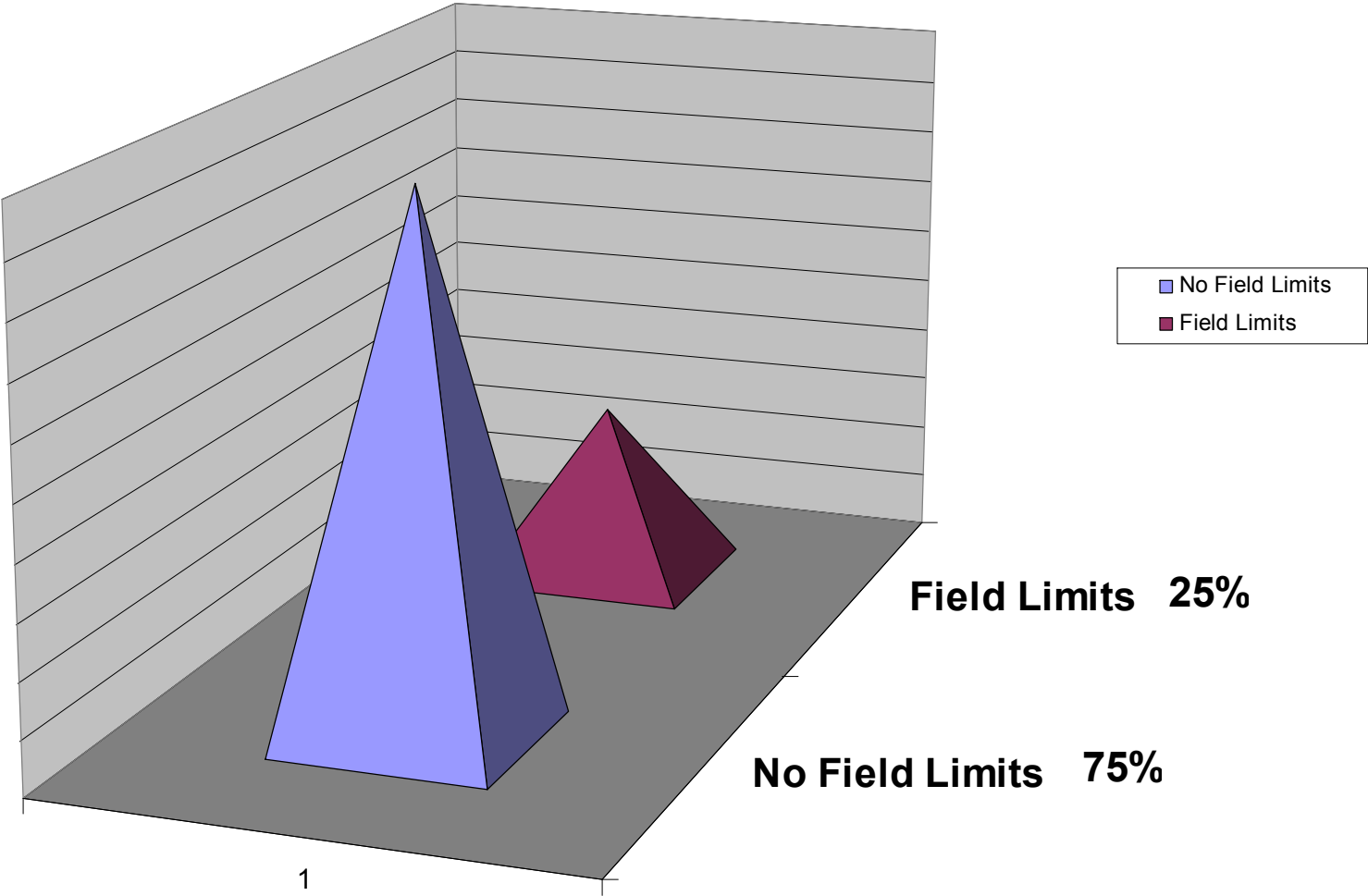
One search box--Series1_Public



Boolean Breakdown Series2_Public

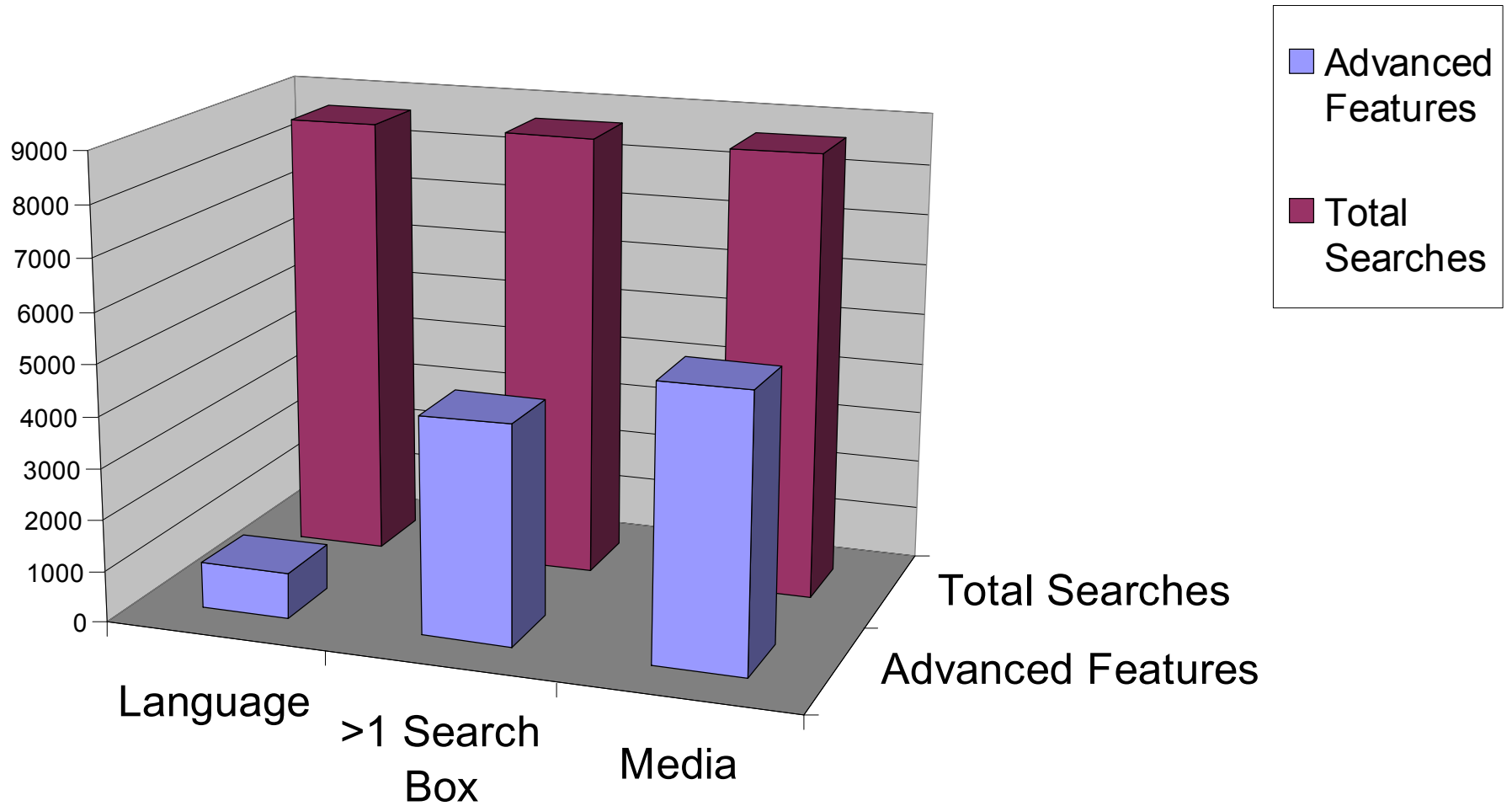


Field Limits Series2_Public

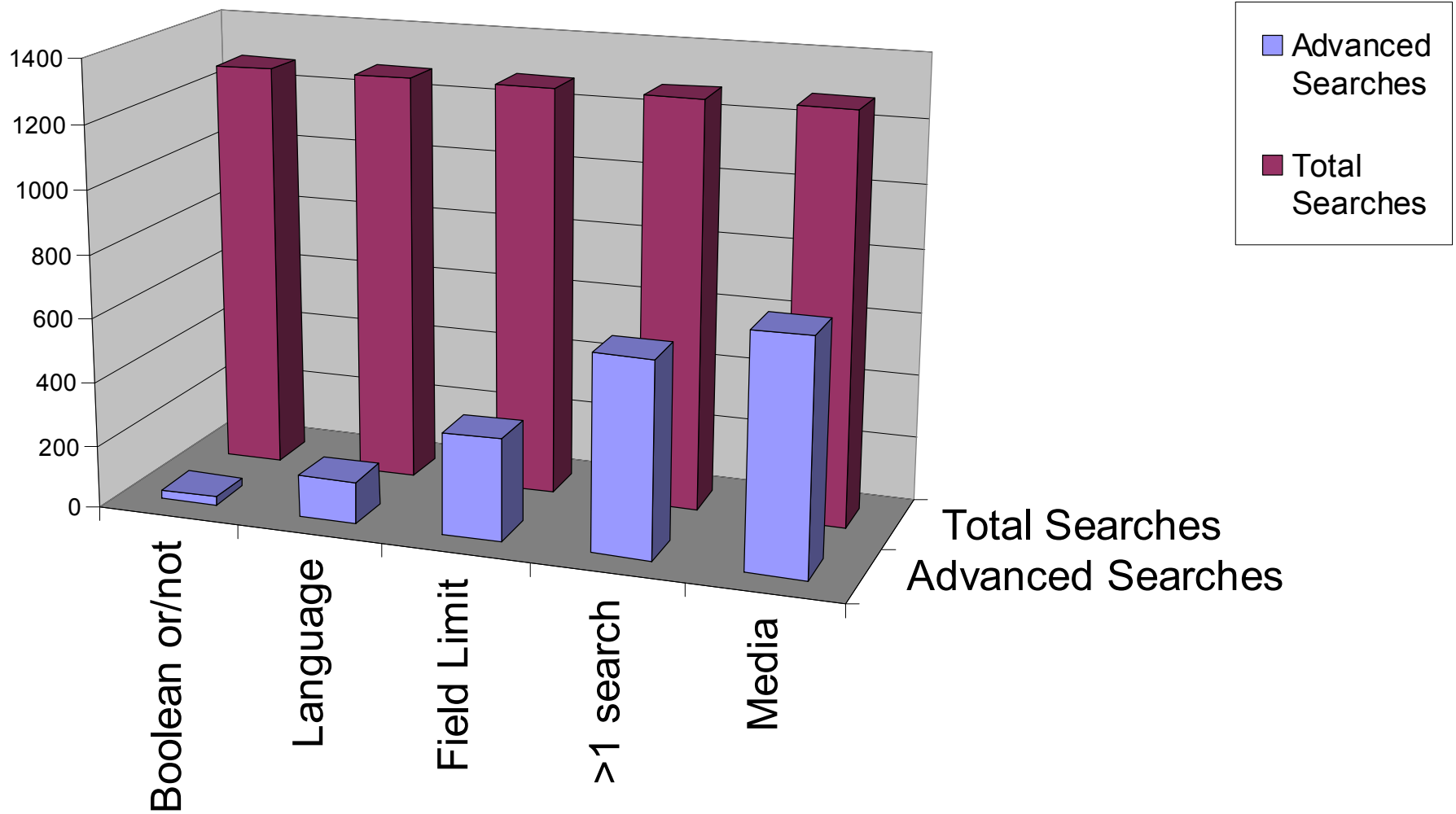


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No Field Limits	962
Field Limits	319

Use of Advanced Features--Series1_Public



Use of Advanced Features--Series2_Public



Summary 1 of 2

- Less than 5% of all catalog accesses
- Strong use on campus (more than 2/3)
- Similar patterns of use on and off campus

Summary 2 of 2

- Most popular: media; multiple search boxes
- Least popular: boolean or/not; language
- Perhaps as many as 1/3 of advanced searches are equivalent to basic keyword search