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## Catalog

Search the Library Catalog to determine what books, journals and non-print materials the Libraries own and where they are located.

### DCAT Web Library Web Catalog

Search DCAT through the Web. No additional software is needed.

### DCAT Library Catalog

Includes Course Reserves. Requires TN3270 software.

# Catalog

## Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries



Select one of the following:

Keyword   Title  Author  Subject   Other

Enter your search term here:

[Advanced Search](#)

## Catalog

Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries



## Advanced Search

Search for

in

And

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And

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### Format:

- All formats
- Books
- Serials
- Computer files
- Electronic journals


- Recordings and scores
- Recordings
- Scores
- Videos, film, slides...
- VCU dissertations


### Language:


### Other search options:


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# Modeled after FirstSearch Advanced Search


Search in: **WorldCat**   
OCLC catalog of books, web resources, and other material worldwide

Search for:  Keyword 










**and**  Keyword 

**and**  Keyword 

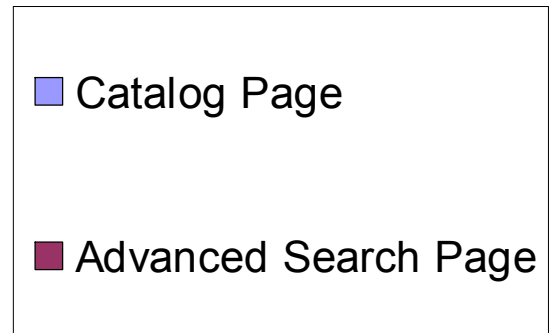
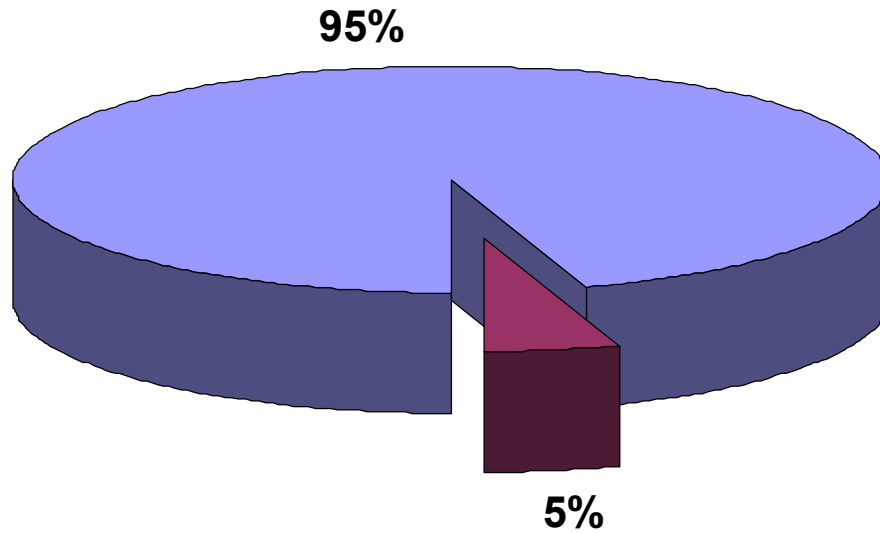
Limit to: Year  (format: YYYY-YYYY)

Language **All**  [Show all languages ...](#)

Limit type to: any of the following

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<input type="checkbox"/>  Computer Files	<input type="checkbox"/>  Archival Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>  Maps

# Advanced Search Page--Year 2000



# Two Logs

## Series 1

- Sept 25th - Dec 31, 2000
- Number of Searches-Media-Language-IP  
1|+and+b.fmt.|+and+m.1a.|128.172.xxx

## Series 2

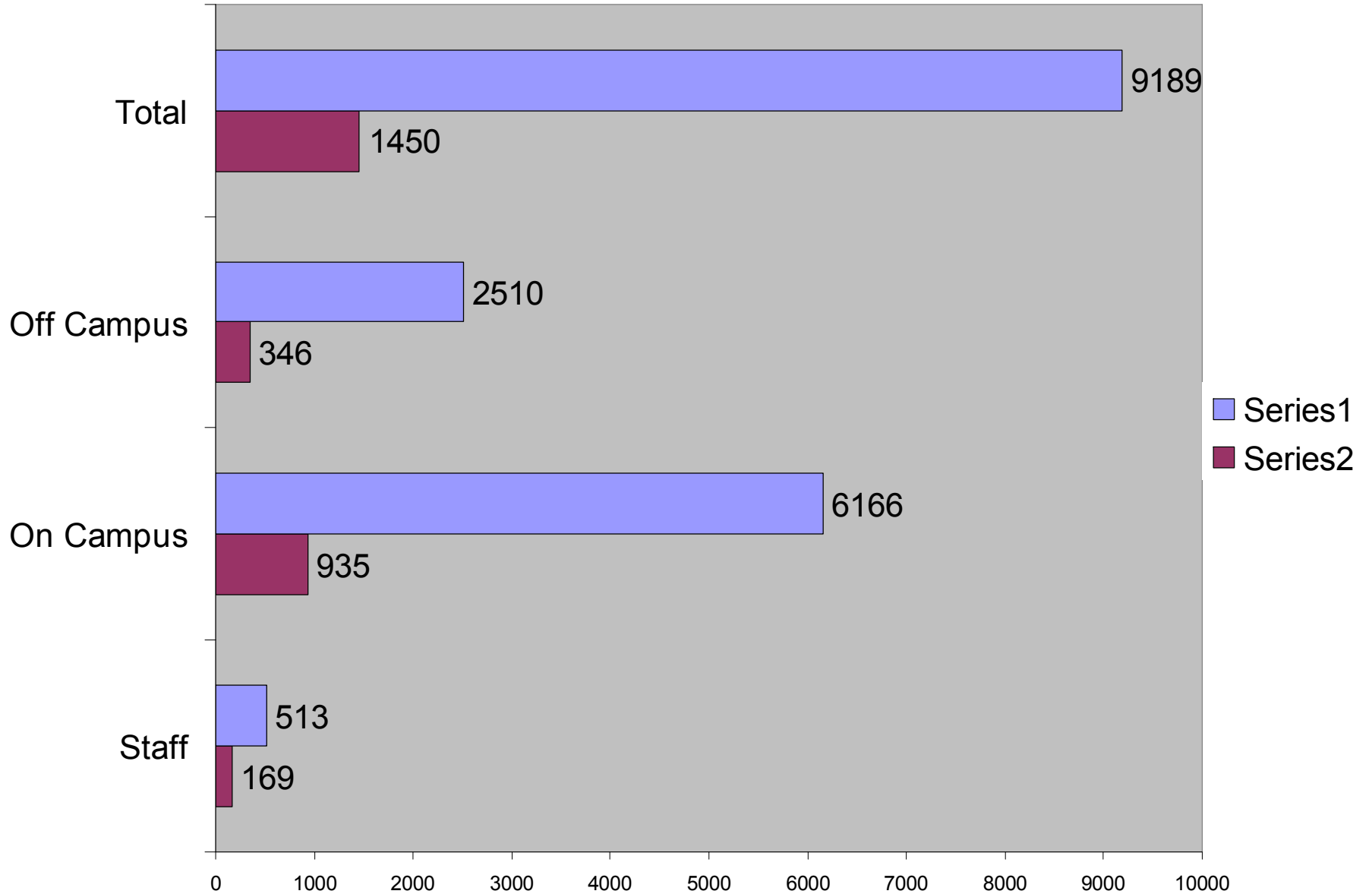
- March 1st - March 16, 2001
- Same as above plus search statement  
|(miles)+and+m.fmt.+not+recording.ti|



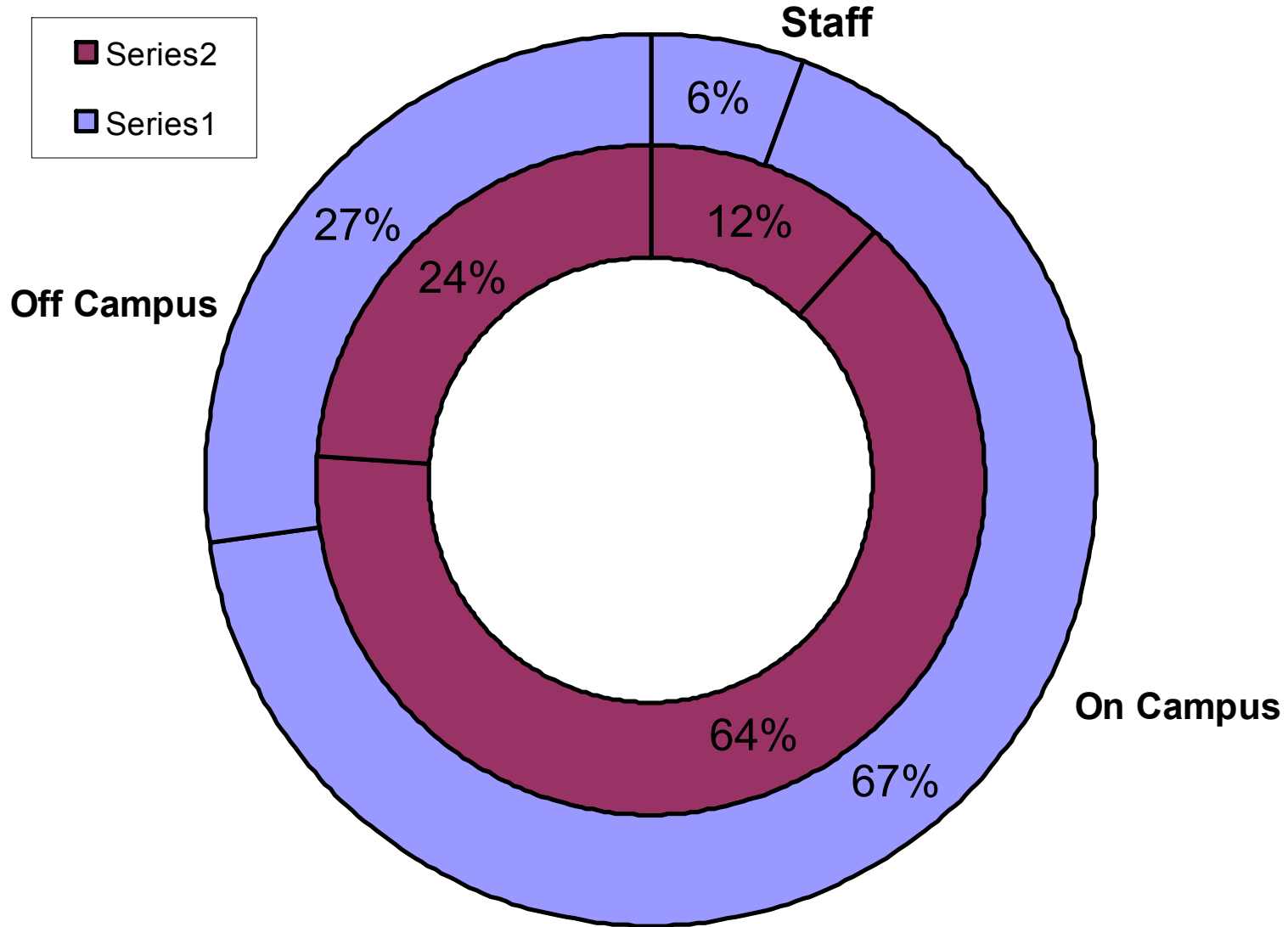
# Staff searches filtered out by IP

- Series1: 9189 total searches less 513 staff searches
- Series1\_Public = 8676 searches
  
- Series2: 1450 total searches less 169 staff searches
- Series2\_Public = 1281 searches

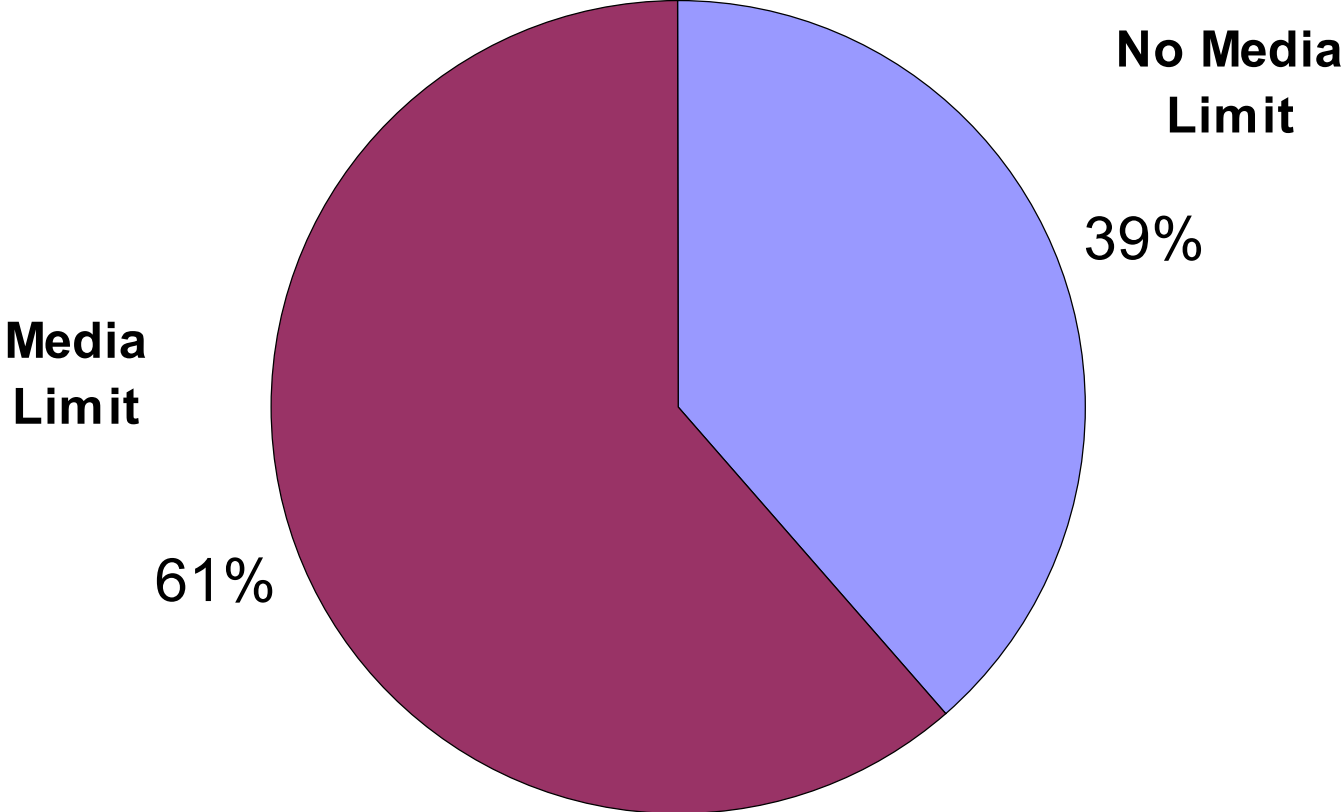
# Overview of Log Files



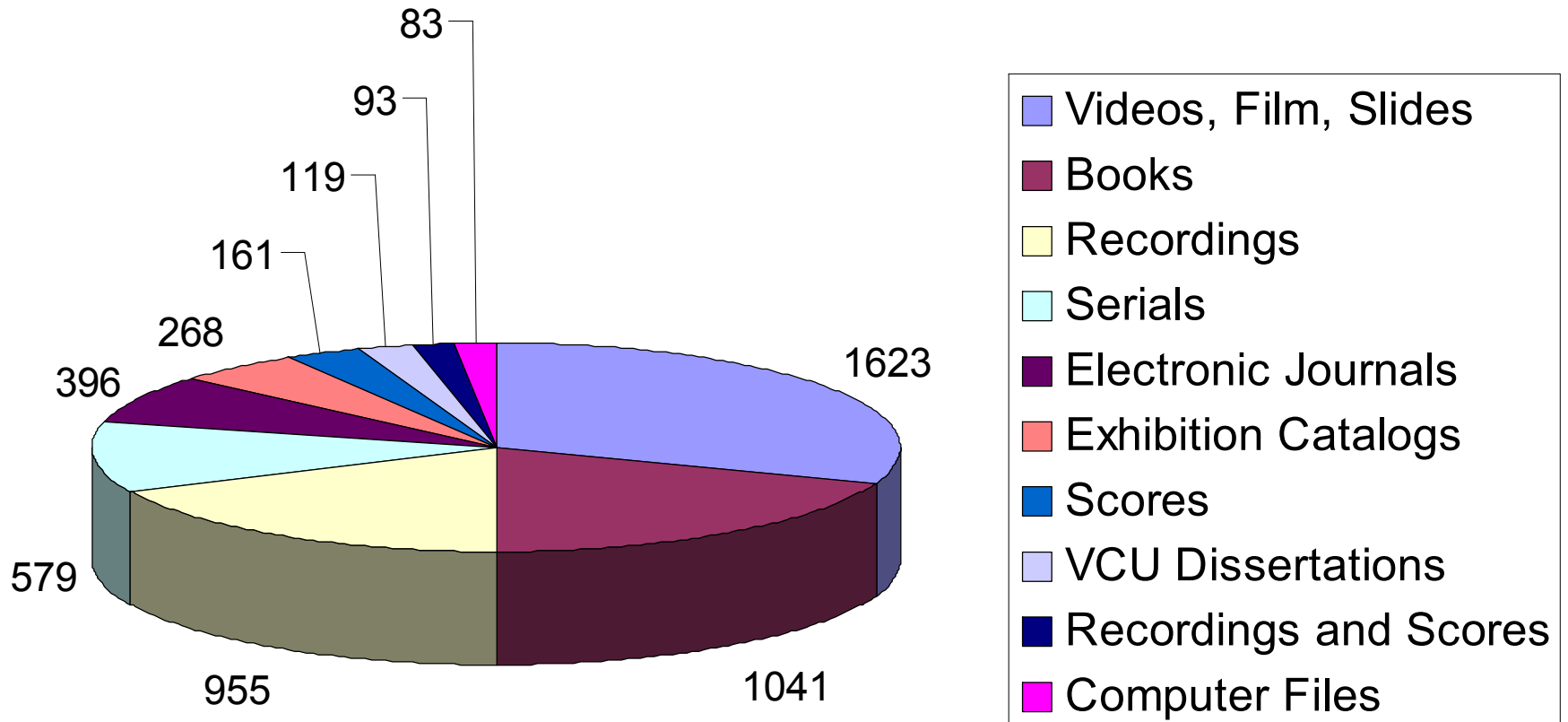
# Series1 and Series2 Comparison



# Media Searching--Series1\_Public

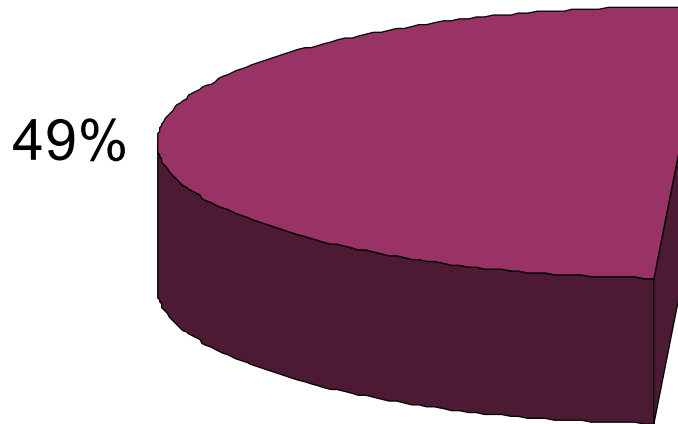


# Count of Media Searches--Series1\_Public

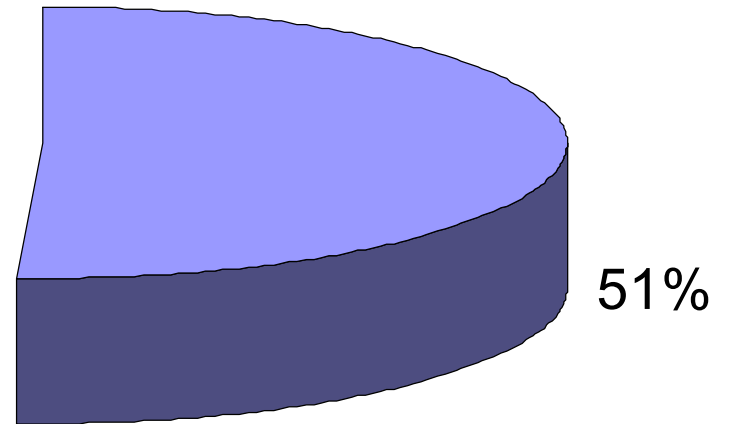


# Another Look at Media--Series1\_Public

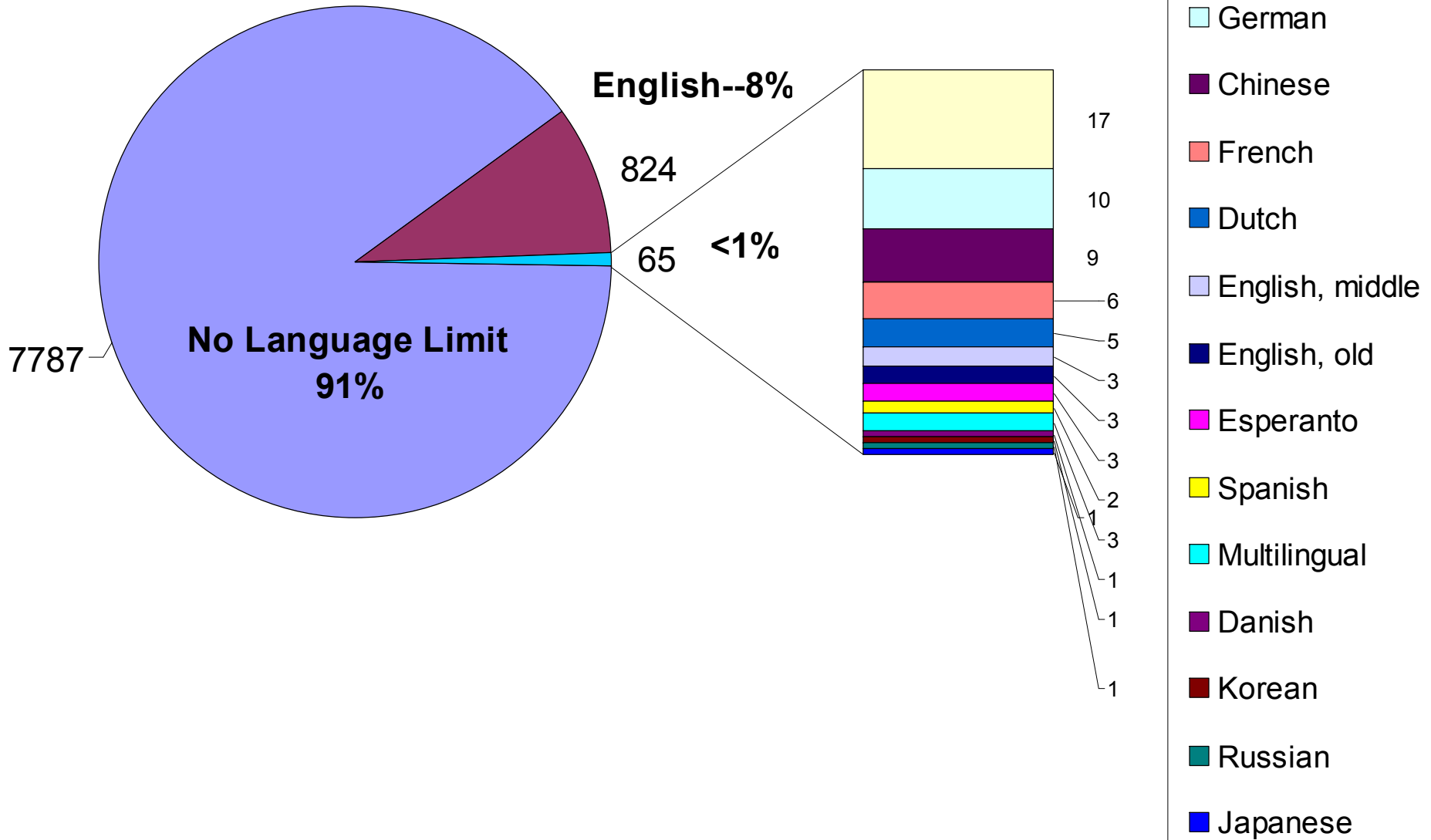
Media Limit  
without books



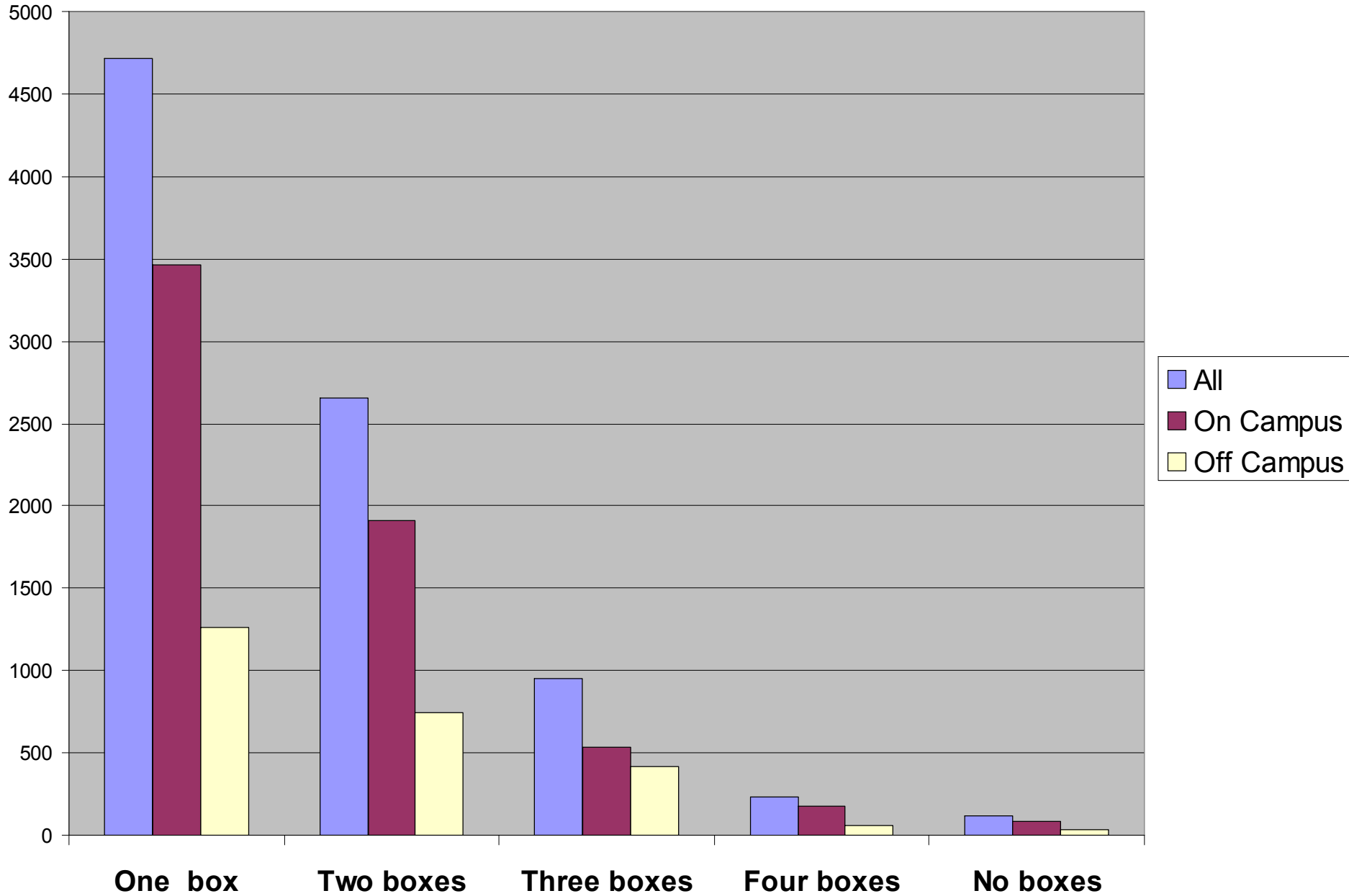
No Media  
plus books



# Count of Language--Series1\_Public



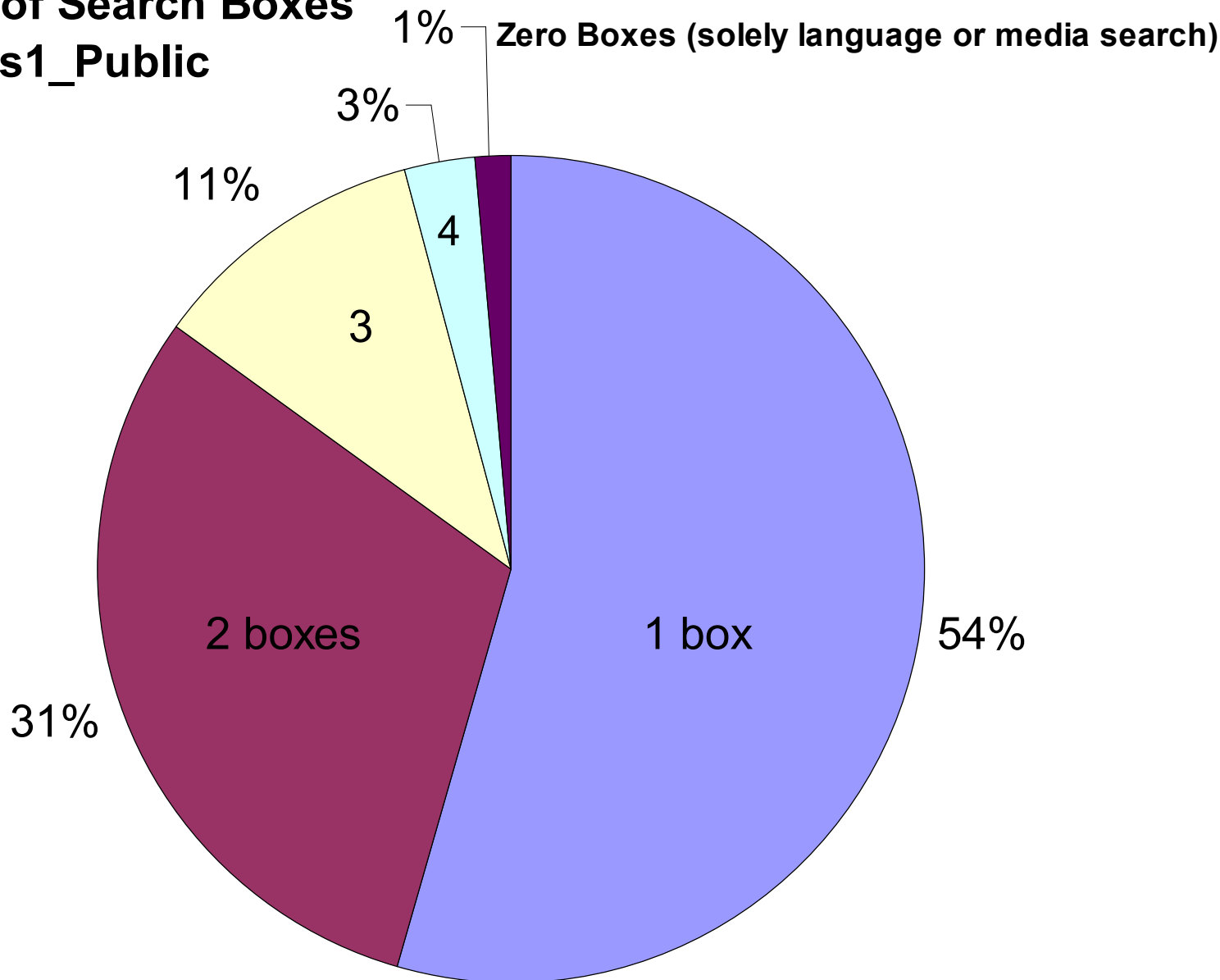
# Number of Search Boxes--Series1\_Public



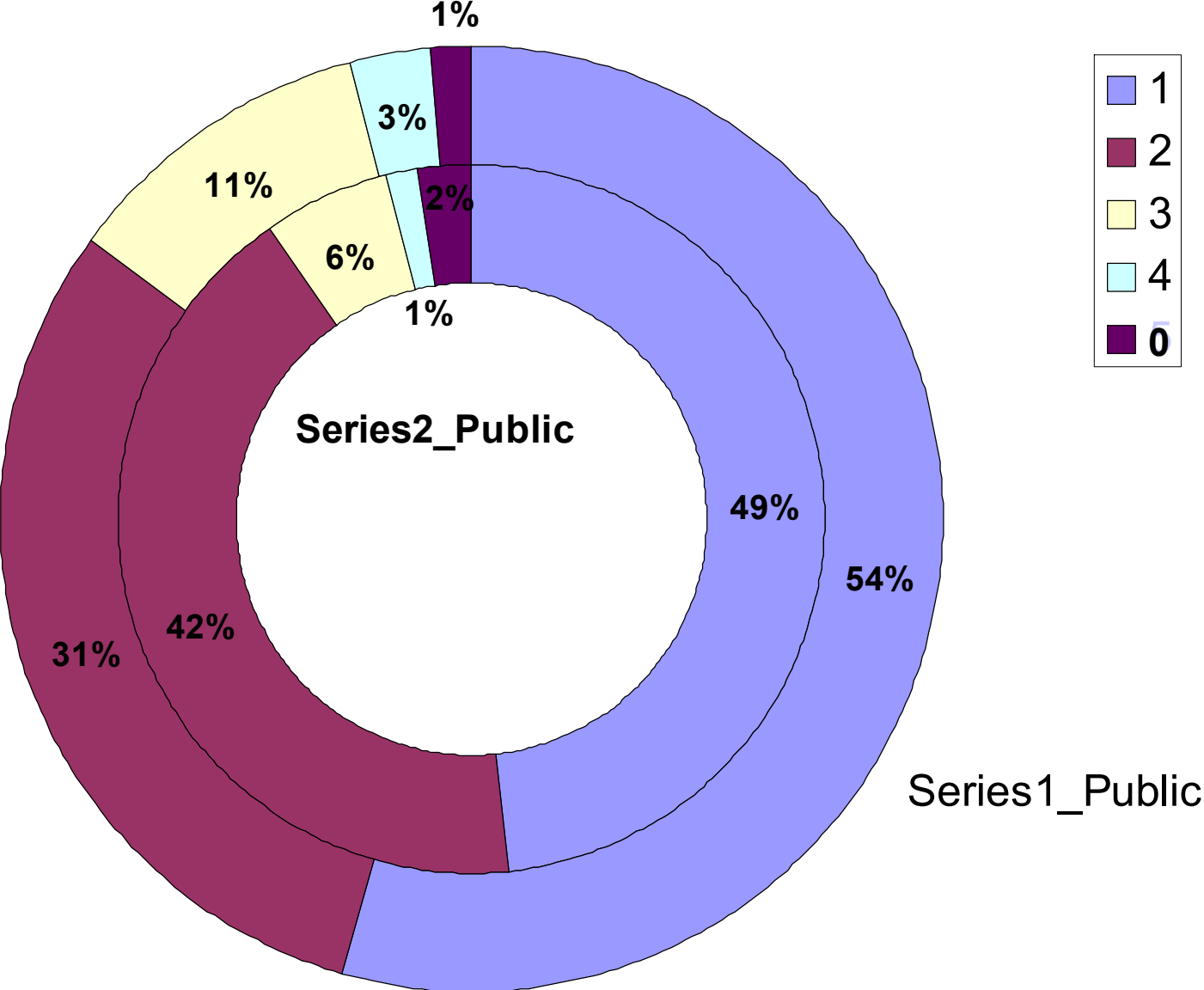


# Percentage of Search Boxes

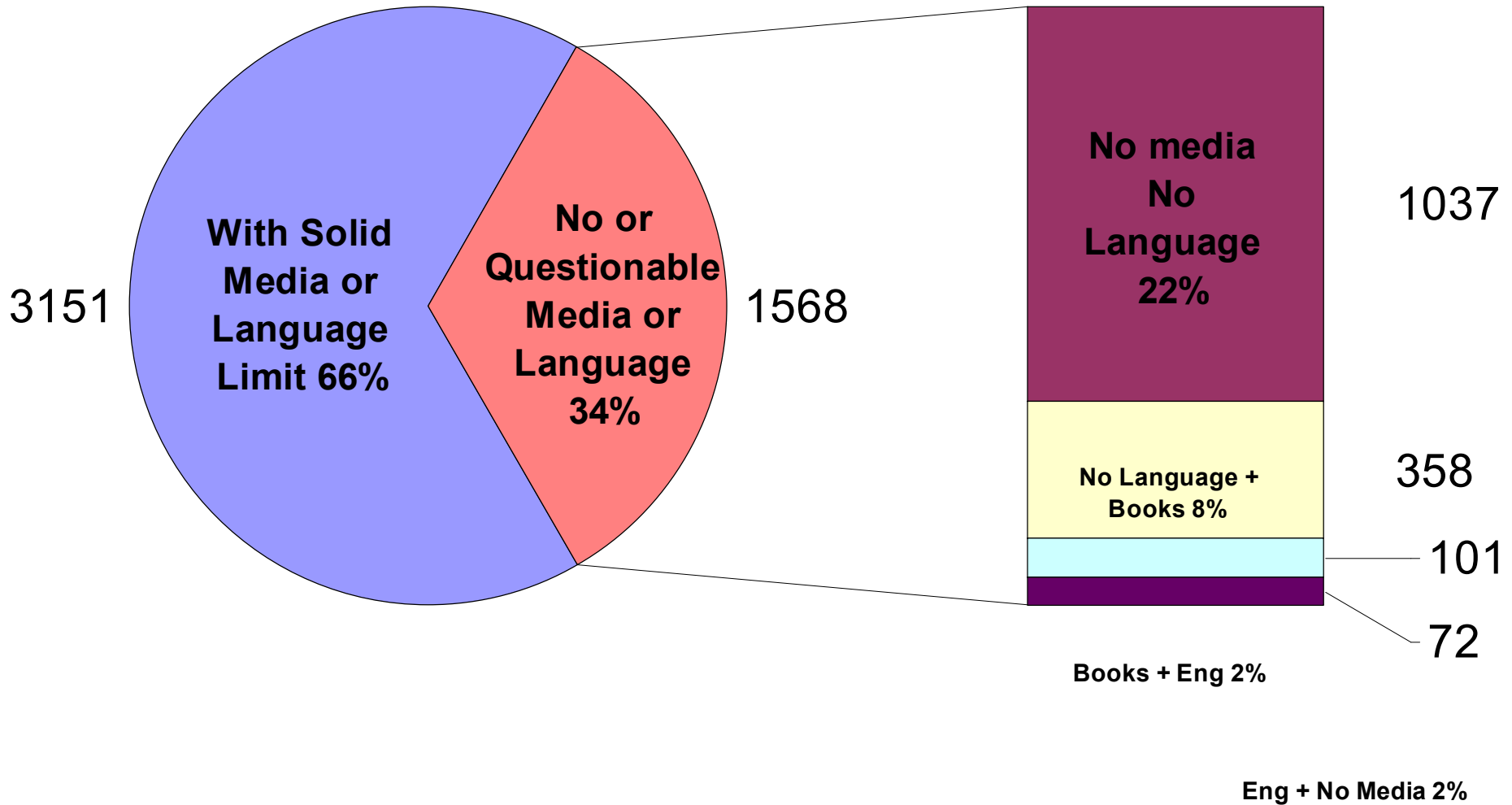
## Series1\_Public



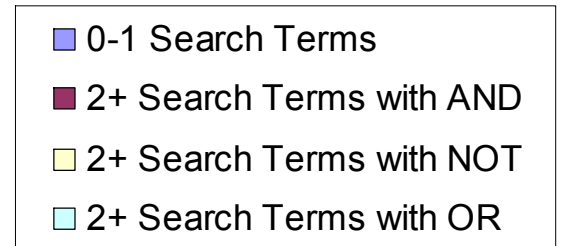
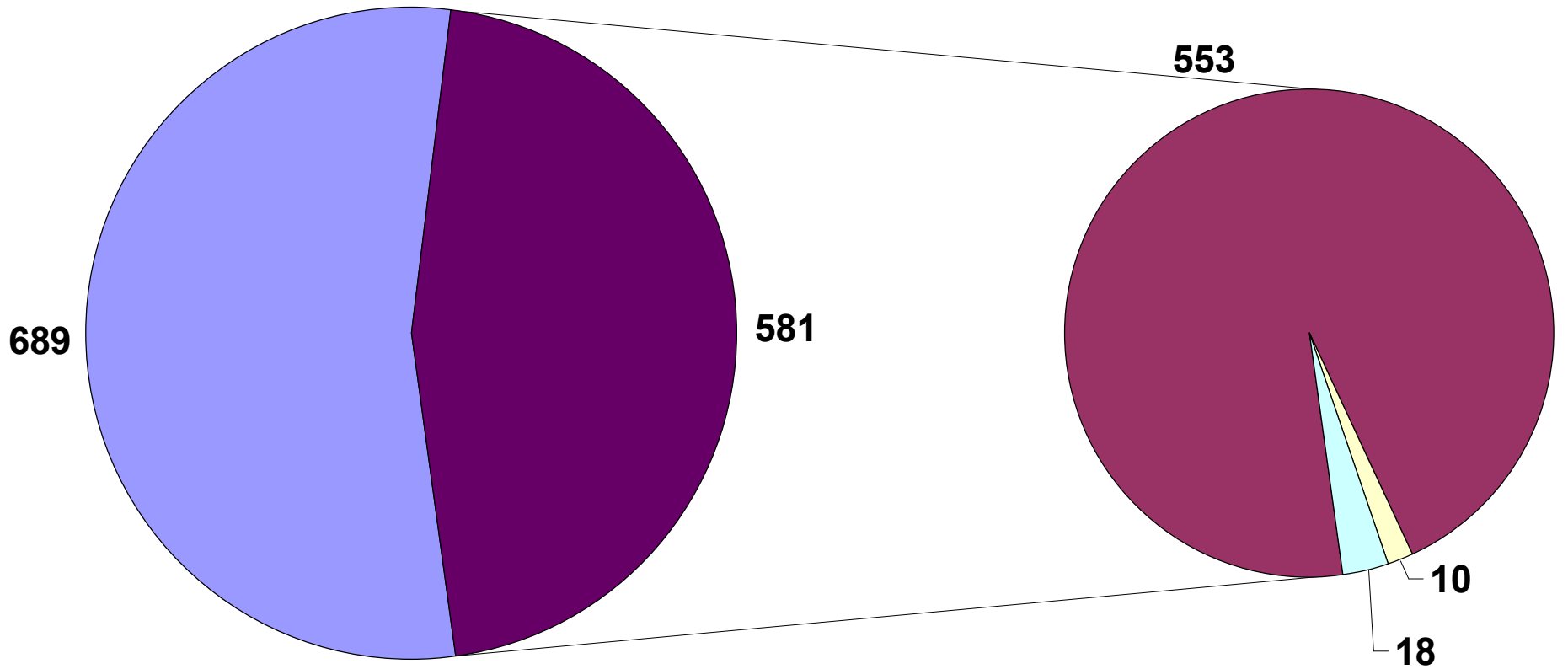
# Search Boxes Series1 and Series2 (Public)



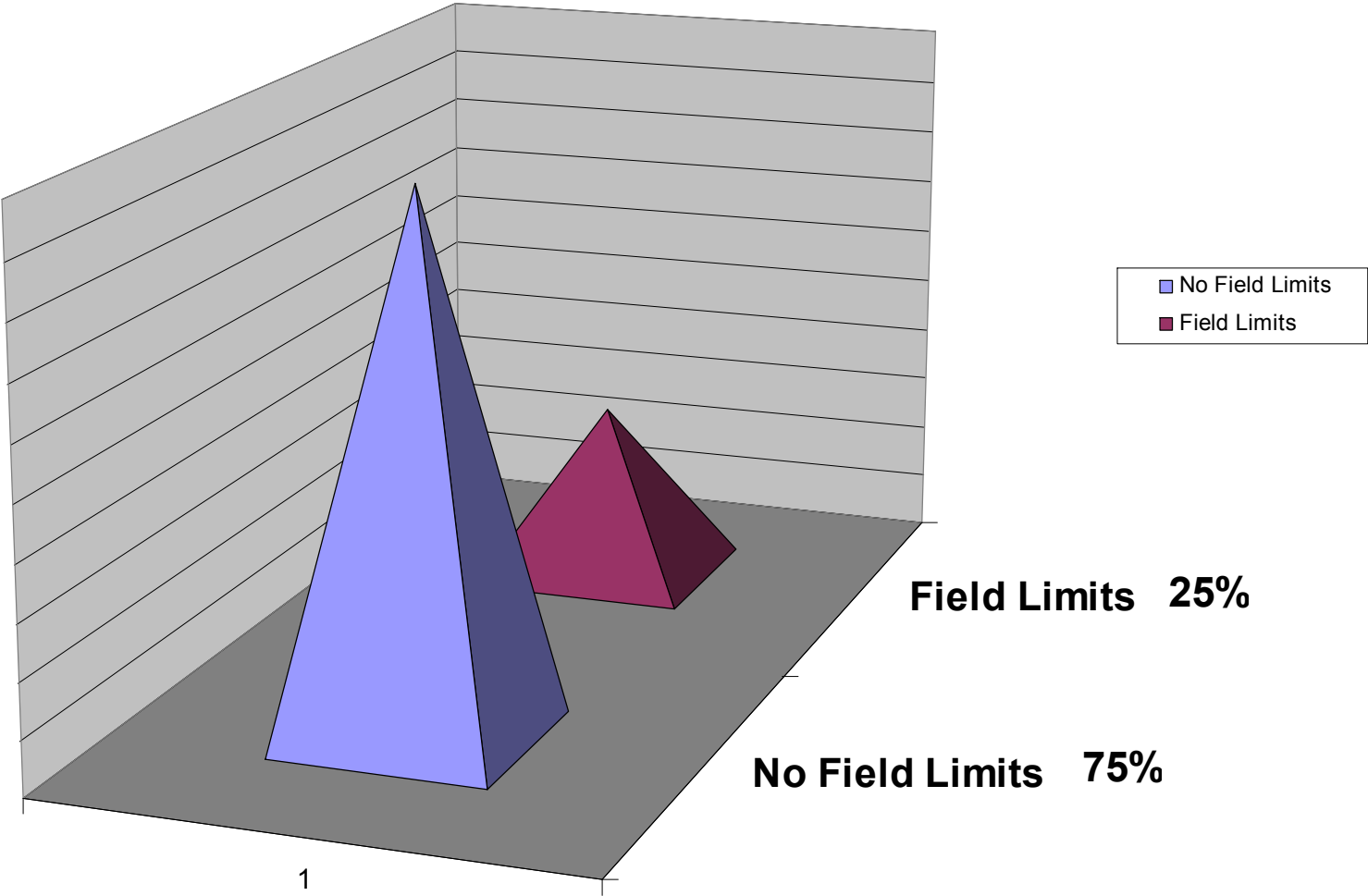
# One search box--Series1\_Public



# Boolean Breakdown Series2\_Public

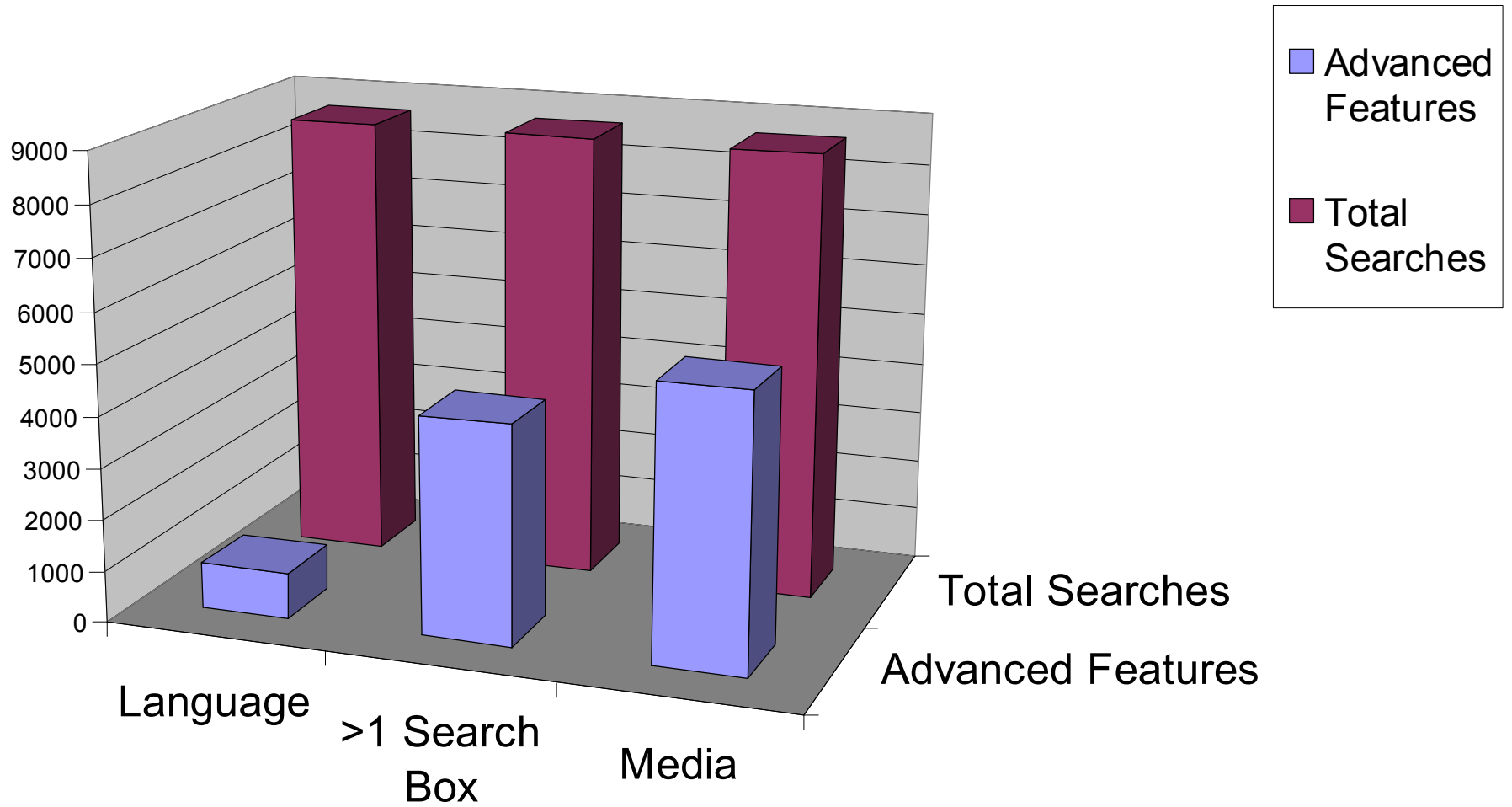


# Field Limits Series2\_Public

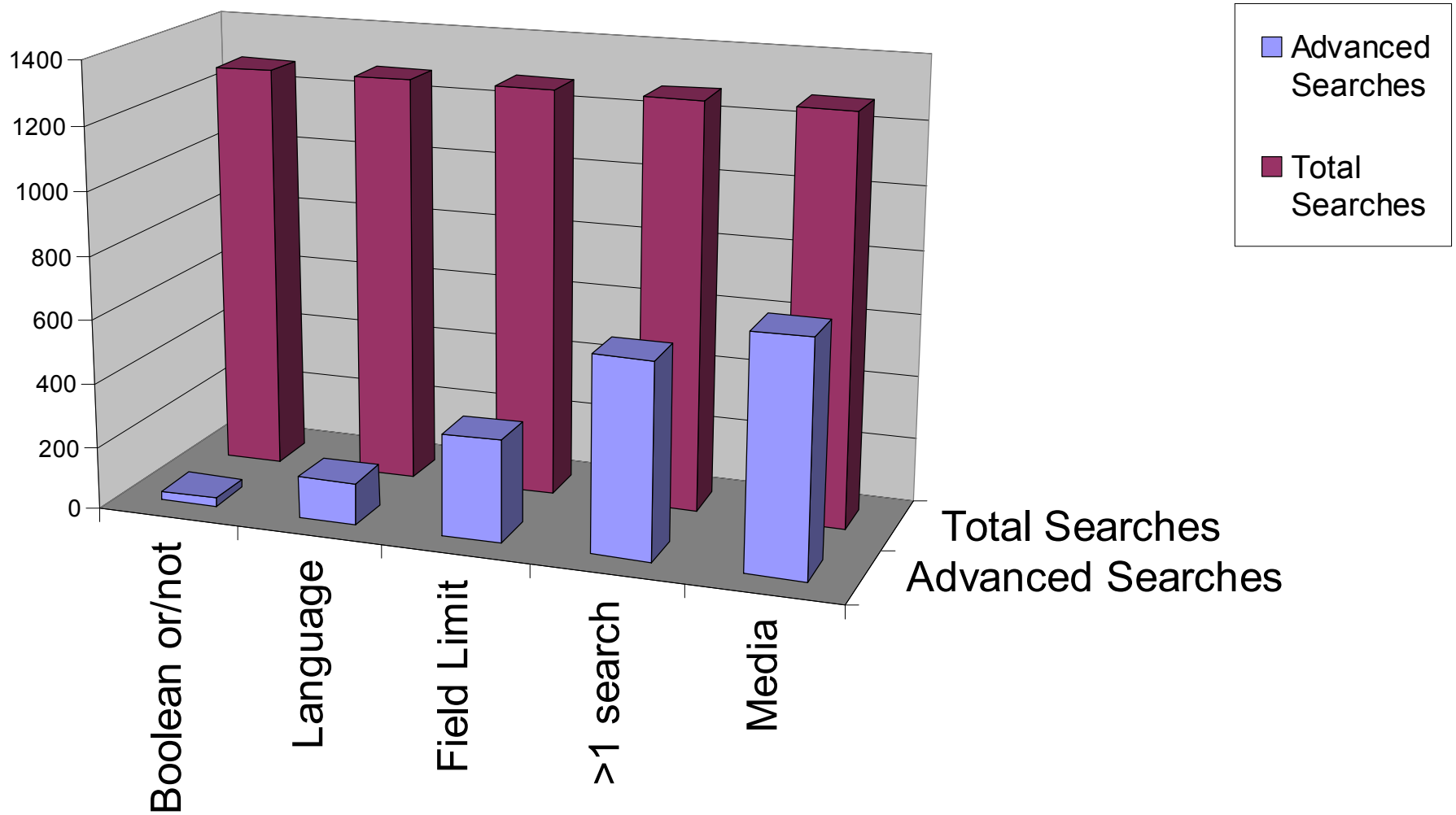


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No Field Limits	962
Field Limits	319

# 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