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The second major part of the ADS is the Article Service. We have scanned over 2.1 million pages in almost 300,000 articles from 35 journals, 14 conference proceedings series and 40 individual conference proceedings. Most of the astronomical societies have

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Output Formats: We have recently implemented several new output formats. Records can now be retrieved in Bibtext format, several formats used by commercial reference handling systems (eg Endnote, Procite, etc), in several XML formats, including the Dublin Core format, and several LaTeX macro formats, including the Icarus format. Together with the capability to directly export the references to Endnote for instance, this new system makes it very easy to use the ADS as the search system and then to handle the resulting records with other software packages.

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cle mirror, the others mirror the abstract service. Russia and Korea are in the process of loading a full article archive. We would welcome suggestions for other mirror sites.

Access Statistics: Figures 1 and 2 show some of the access statistics of the ADS.

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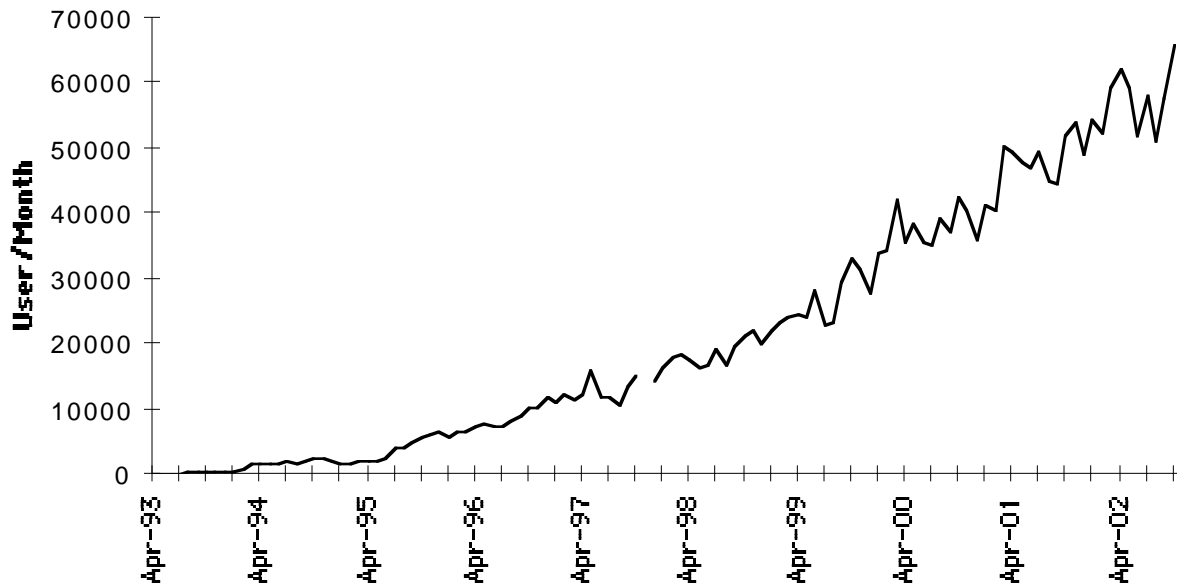


Fig. 1: Number of unique users per month since the beginning of the ADS Abstract Service in 1993.

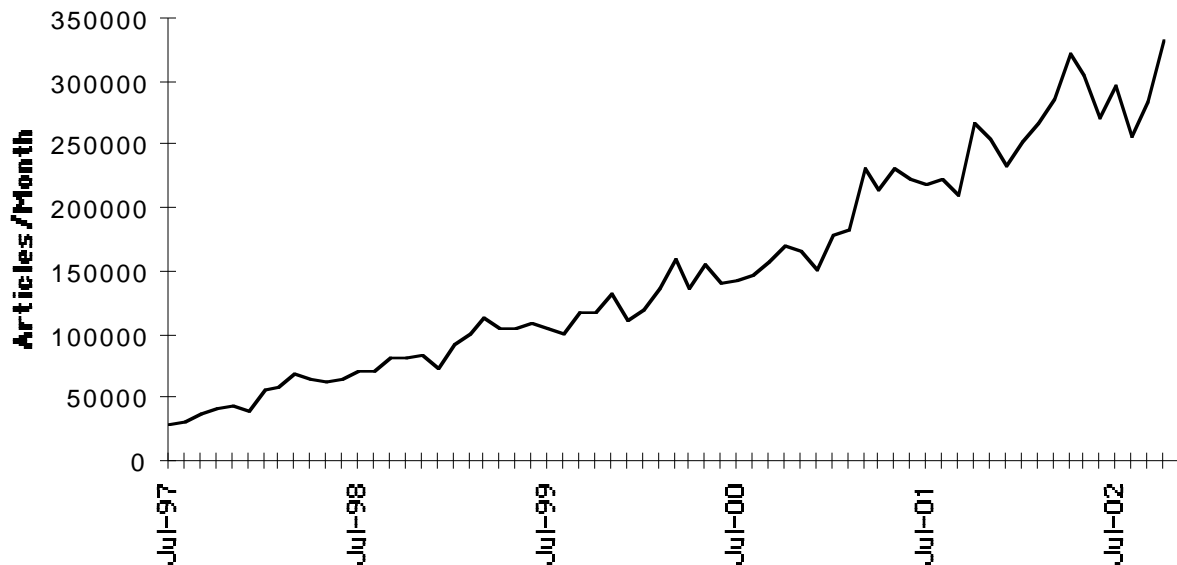


Fig. 2: Number of articles retrieved per month through the ADS since the beginning of the ADS Article Service.