



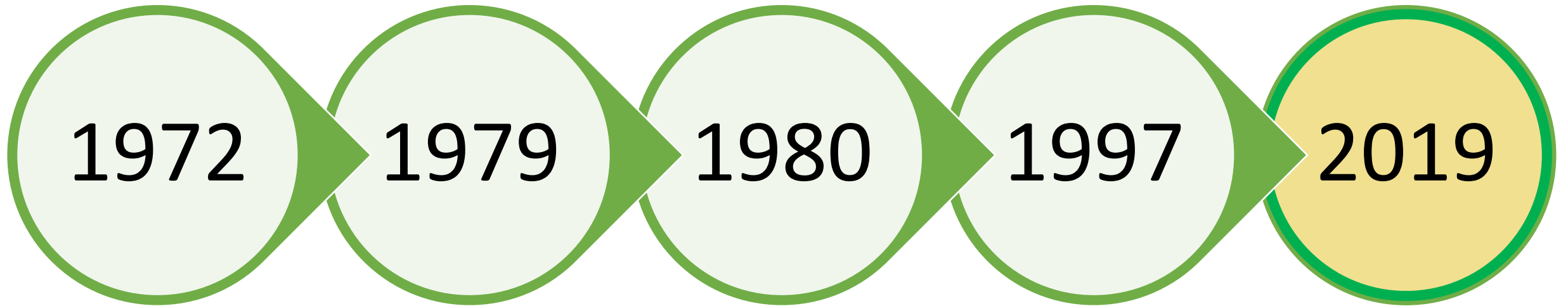
ISBNs Us, You, and the Future

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ISBN 101

- Assigned to monographs
- Unique identifier
- International standard
- Used prominently in the commercial publishing world
- ONTARIO:
 - The Government Publications Directive (Sept. 1997) requires all Ontario government publications have an ISBN

History



Ontario Government starts assigning ISBNs

Ontario Government asks Speaker if the Legislative Library could continue this service

Legislative Library begins assigning ISBNs

Directive issued

Digital World!
+30 yrs, time for a review...

Question

**Does this service still have
value today?**

US! Legislative Assembly

Internal Review

1. Process 

2. Resources 

3. Scan 

4. Impact 

1. Process

Ministries and ABC's email a pdf request form to ISN@ola.org
CM staff respond within 10 working days

2. Resources

2 staff (one lead and one back-up)
Time spent: approx. 2 hrs a month

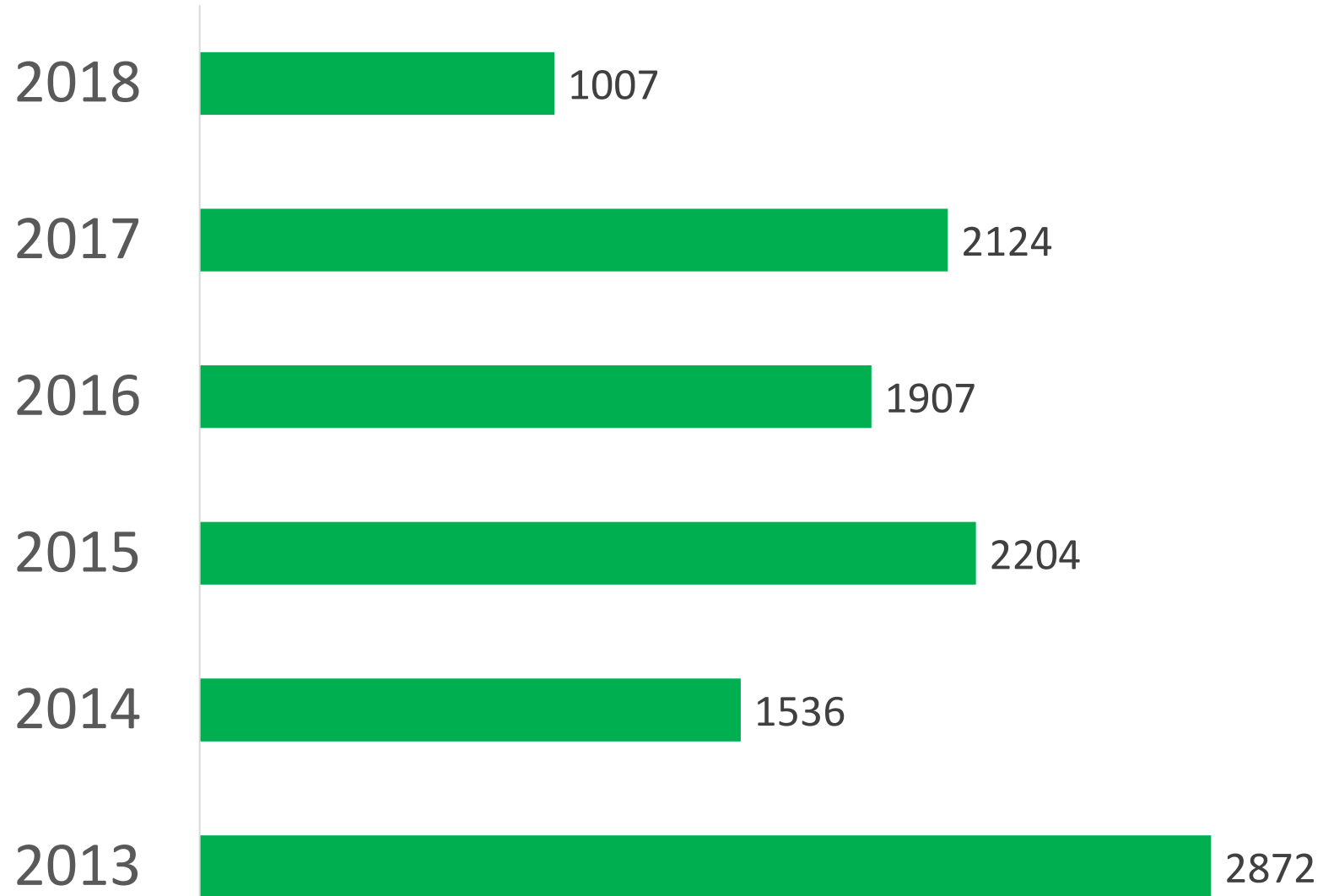
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5 Other Legislative Assemblies assign ISBN
All provinces have a program to assign ISBNs to government documents

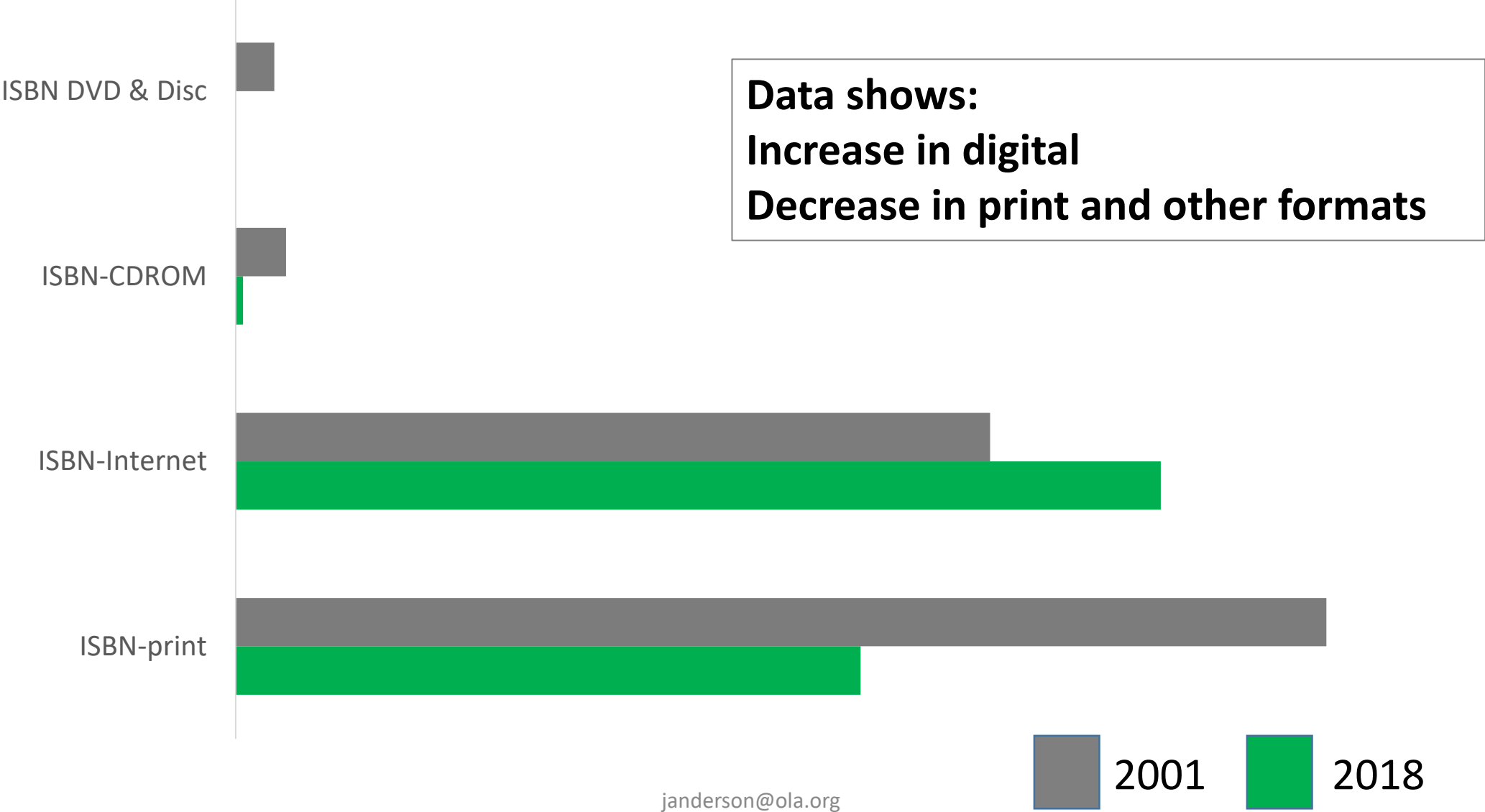
ISBN Assignments 2013-2018

NOTE:
2018 - new government was elected

Data shows:
Service continues to be used



DATA: Comparing 2001 to 2018



Beyond DATA: Value to US

Alerts us to
new
publications

Contact
Management

Unique
Identifier

YOU and the Future...

Your Thoughts?

**Applied
uses?**

Impact?
Value?

**No more
ISBNs?**

Ouch?
Crickets?

**Linked
data?**

Brian Storm?
Vision?

Survey coming soon....

Thank you!

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