

Impact Factor Guide

Journal Impact Factors

- Journals that receive the most cites are concerned to be of high quality because people are looking to that journal for the *best* evidence to support the claim they are making
- The more papers from a journal are cited, the more that journal is seen as a place where high-quality evidence is being collected

This is why your dissertation chairs and faculty in the schools are always looking for you to use evidence from peer-reviewed journals. The better the journal, the better the evidence.

Thomas Reuters Review

- Not Every Journal has an impact Rating
- Each Year, Thomson Reuters editorial staff reviews over 2,000 journals, and only around 10-12% of them are accepted for coverage.
- Journal receives impact factor three years later
- Review considers how much the subject has been covered in the literature already.
- Must be peer-reviewed.

Example of Impact Rated Journal

The screenshot shows the American Psychological Association website. The main content area is for the journal "School Psychology Quarterly". The page includes a search bar, navigation tabs (About APA, Topics, Publications & Databases, Psychology Help Center, News & Events, Science, Education, Careers, Membership), and a breadcrumb trail: Home // Publications & Databases // APA and Affiliated Journals // School Psychology Quarterly. The journal information includes: Editor: Shane R. Jimerson, ISSN: 1045-3830, eISSN: 1939-1560, Published: quarterly, beginning in March, and **ISI Impact Factor: 2.182** (circled in red). Other details include Psychology - Educational: 12 of 55, and a note that this journal is a publication of APA Division 16 (School Psychology). There are links for "View Table of Contents and Online First Publication", "Read Sample Articles", "Journal Snapshot", and "Advertising Information". On the right side, there are sections for "Subscriptions" (Individuals, Institutions) and "Other Electronic Access Options" (PsychARTICLES on APA PsycNET®).

Indicative Values	Journal Name	Impact Factor
	Nature	41.4
	Science	33.1
	Cortex	5.12
	Child Development	4.1
	Learning and Instructions	3.51
	Journal of Mixed Methods Research	1.91
	Journal of Teaching Education	1.81
	American Journal of Family Therapy	1.15
	Family Relations	1.01
	Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy	2.528
	Employee Relations	0.933