



### JCR overview

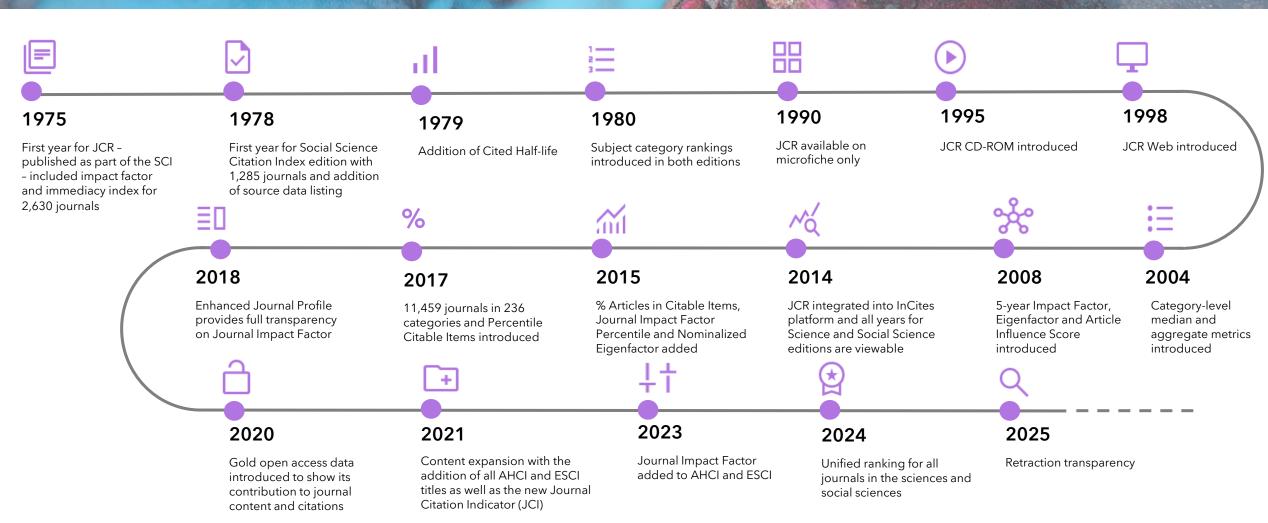
Supporting research integrity

### 2025 changes

What's new in this year's release

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# Celebrating 50 years of independently sourced journal intelligence





# With 48,000+ scholarly journals published globally<sup>1</sup>, it's more challenging than ever to assess scholarly journals. How do you...

...find journals consistent with your values to showcase your research? ...ensure your library collections support rigorous research and teaching?

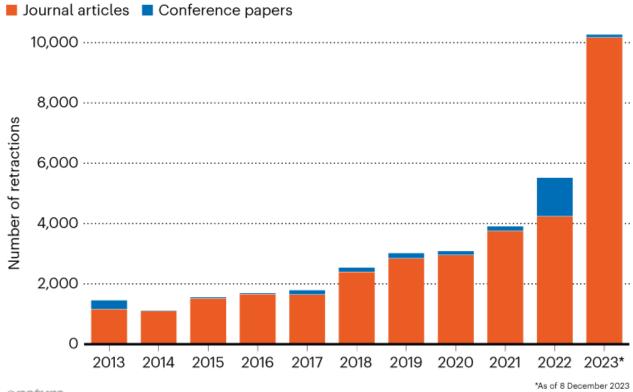
...make data-driven decisions about your open access strategy?



# The number of retractions is rapidly rising

#### A BUMPER YEAR FOR RETRACTIONS

Retraction notices in 2023 have passed 10,000, largely because of more than 8,000 retractions by Hindawi.



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Source: Nature, December 2023

### Clarivate

### Rising retractions can:

- undermine research integrity and public trust in research.
- negatively impact public policy, clinical guidelines or further research.
- represent significant waste of research resources.

## Misuse of bibliometrics is driving fraudulent behavior

#### Salami-slicing

Splitting data from a single study across multiple articles

#### Inappropriate self-citation

Adding spurious citations to inflate citation counts (journal-level, author-level etc.)

#### Citation rings

Trading spurious citations between two or more parties (authors, journals etc.)

#### Coercive citation

Pressure on authors to add spurious citations by peer-reviewers or journal editors

#### Citation marketplaces

Bring together parties who are willing to cite for payment with parties who are willing to pay for citations

#### Paper mills

Produce and sell fabricated manuscripts; provide fake peer-reviews

#### **Predatory publishers**

Solicit manuscripts and charge a fee to publish without editorial oversight e.g. peer review

#### Hijacked journals

Title, ISSN and other features of a legitimate journal are copied to create a separate, fraudulent entity

#### **Author marketplaces**

Bring together parties who are willing to pay for coauthorship with parties who are willing to sell coauthorships

- Fraudulent enterprises exploit the increased pressure on researchers to publish and be cited
- Multiple stakeholder groups benefit from higher publication and citation volumes
- Increasing need for selectivity and markers of trust

For more information, see COPE website, Scholarly Kitchen (2024, Apr 18)



# **Journal Citation Reports**

Assess the world's leading journals with publisher-neutral journal intelligence

### Selectivity

Quickly find a list of trustworthy, influential journals in all disciplines.

Each journal profiled has met the rigorous quality standards documented in the Web of Science Core Collection<sup>TM</sup> editorial selection process.

### Reliability

Work with credible metrics derived from accurate and complete data.

Journals displaying evidence of excessive self-citation and citation stacking have their JIFs suppressed from Journal Citation Reports to support research integrity in scholarly publishing.

#### **Transparency**

Easily uncover the relationship between article and journal citations to follow best practices in research evaluation.

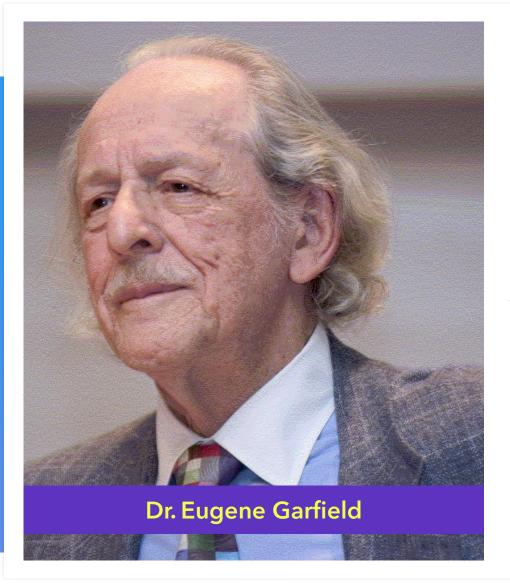
Monitor journal coverage changes monthly in the Master Journal List.

#### Multiple impact views

Evaluate journals with a multidimensional view of a journal's impact and influence.

View citation metrics alongside **descriptive** open access statistics and contributor information that provide a holistic picture of each journal.







The impact factor should be used with informed peer review, not as a substitute for it."

> Garfield, E. (2006). The History and Meaning of the Journal Impact Factor. JAMA, 295(1), 90-93.

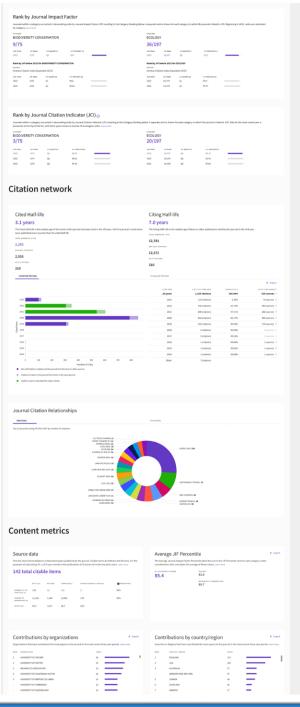
# A Complete View of Journal Performance

The story of a journal's influence and impact goes beyond a single metric.

JCR provides a complete citation landscape, supporting a more responsible, multidimensional approach to assessing journal influence with citation profiles that provides context, transparency, and deeper insights.

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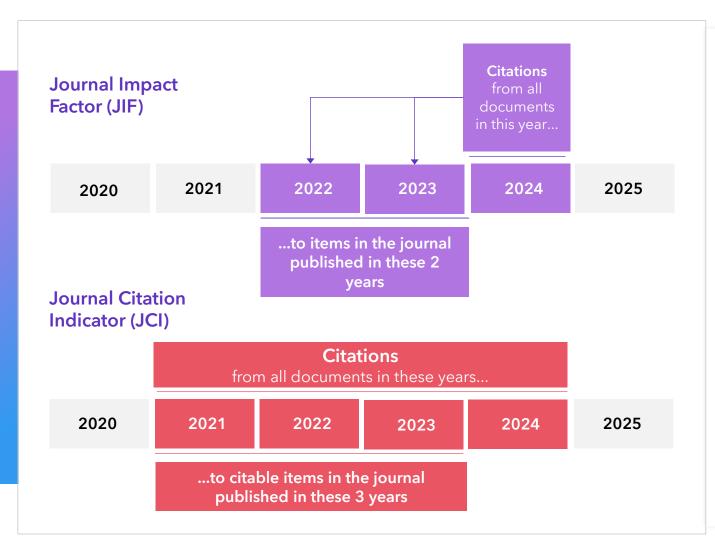






## Wide array of metrics for journal evaluation

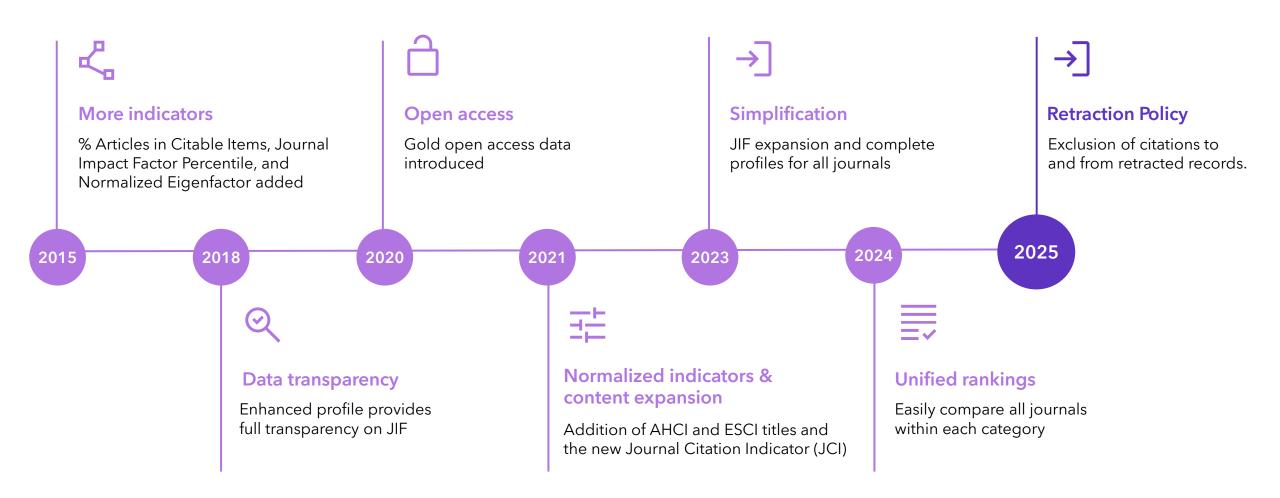
Complementary metrics: Journal Citation Indicator™ (JCI) and Journal Impact Factor™ (JIF™)



Feature	Journal Impact Factor	Journal Citation Indicator
All Web of Science Core Collection ournals	Υ	Υ
Field-normalized citation metric	N	Υ
Fixed dataset	Υ	Υ
Counts citations from the entire Core Collection	Υ	Υ
Counts citations from the current year only	Υ	N
ncludes Early Access (EA) content from 2020 onward	Υ	Υ
ncludes unlinked citations	Υ	N
Fractional counting	N	N



# Evolving the JCR to enhance responsible journal evaluation







#### 2021 release:

Introduction of JCI for all journals in the Core Collection



#### 2023 release:

Introduction of JIF for ESCI and AHCI journals



#### 2024 release:

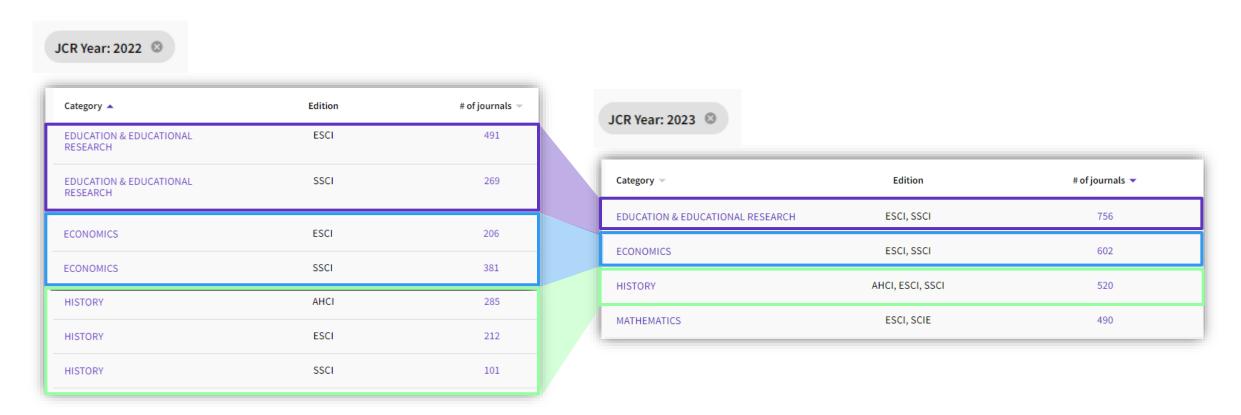
Introduction of JIF percentile and quartile for ESCI journals



	Science (SCIE)	Social Sciences (SSCI)	Arts & Humanities (AHCI)	Emerging Sources (ESCI)
Journal Impact Factor (JIF)	✓	✓		
JIF Percentile	✓	✓		
JIF Quartile	✓	✓		
Journal Citation Indicator (JCI)	✓	✓	✓	✓
JCI Percentile	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	✓
JCI Quartile	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lournal Impact Factor (UE)	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓
Journal Impact Factor (JIF)			V	V
JIF Percentile	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
JIF Quartile	✓	<b>√</b>		
Journal Citation Indicator (JCI)	✓	✓	✓	✓
JCI Percentile	✓	✓	✓	✓
JCI Quartile	✓	✓	✓	✓
Journal Impact Factor (JIF)	✓	✓	✓	✓
JIF Percentile	✓	✓		✓
JIF Quartile	✓	✓		✓
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JCI Percentile	✓	✓	✓	✓
JCI Quartile	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	✓

# **Consolidated categories**

Explore journals in the same discipline more easily



2023 JCR and earlier

2024 JCR and beyond





# **Journal Citation Reports 2025**

What's new in this year's release

## Journal Citation Reports 2025 annual release 2024 JCR data

# 22,249 total journals

14,591 Science journals

7,559 Social Sciences journals

3,368 Arts & Humanities journals

618 titles with first time JIF

**6,200+** Gold Open Access journals

111 countries worldwide

**254** subject categories

20 journals have had their JIF suppressed

# FAQ - Journals suppressed in JCR

# Journal's performance

#### Suppressed Journal

All information for this journal using Journal Impact Factor are not shown due to anomalous citation patterns found in the 2024 citation data. These patterns result in a distortion of the Journal Impact Factor and rank that does not accurately reflect the journal's citation performance in the literature.

### Journal Citation Indicator (JCI)

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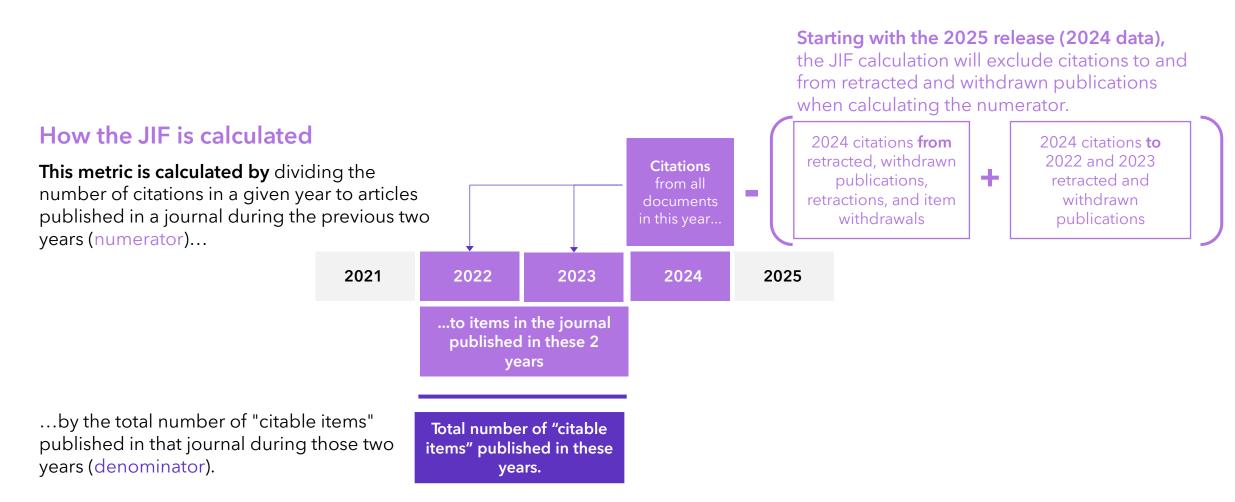
The Journal Citation Indicator (JCI) is the average Category Normalized Citation Impact (CNCI) of citable items (articles & reviews) published by a journal over a recent three year period. The average JCI in a category is 1. Journals with a JCI of 1.5 have 50% more citation impact than the average in that category. It may be used alongside other metrics to help you evaluate journals. Learn more

- In the interest of fairness and accuracy for all journals, the distortion of the Journal Impact Factor by an excessive concentration of citations gives rise to the need for suppression.
- Clarivate will monitor these journals going forward and the titles will be included in a future release of JCR, with full metrics listed, when the anomalous patterns are resolved.
- Coverage of these journals in Web of Science and other Clarivate™ products is not immediately affected by suppression from the JCR.
- However, the titles may be subject to review to determine if they continue to meet the quality and publication standards necessary for inclusion in Web of Science Core Collection.



## **Understanding the JIF**

The Journal Impact Factor (JIF) reflects the average number of citations per article and is used to assess a journal's influence within its field.

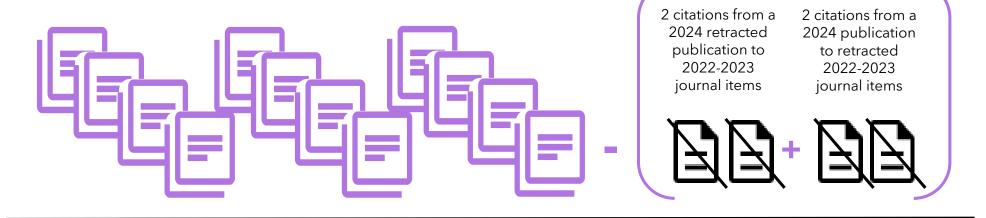




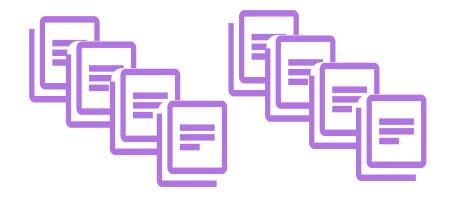
Common Journal **Example** 

 $2024 \text{ JIF} = 4.7 \frac{(4.7)}{}$ 

**4,806** (4,810) citations from 2024 publications to 2022-2023 journal items



**1,015** citable items published in 2022 and 2023





Other Journal **Example** 

 $2024 \text{ JIF} = 0.8 \frac{(1.0)}{1.0}$ 

8 (10) citations from 2024 publications to 2022-2023 journal items



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10 citable items published in 2022 and 2023























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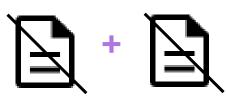
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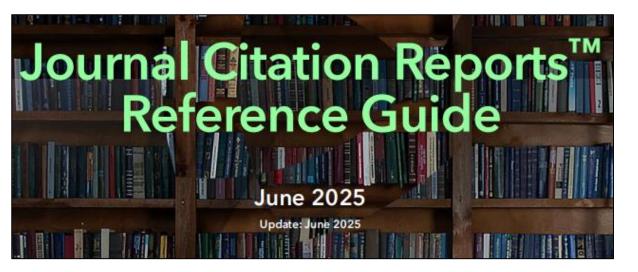
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# Rely on transparent, publisher-neutral journal intelligence

Identify the right journals for your institution with Journal Citation Reports



Conduct research evaluation more responsibly with multidimensional journal indicators and context for the numbers.



Find the best-fit journals for your manuscript using with a tool that helps you consider audience, topical relevance, open access and citation impact.



Ensure that your library collections support rigorous research and teaching using publisher-neutral data curated by objective experts.



Obtain the transparency you need to make data-driven decisions about your open access strategy with ease and speed using an intuitive tool.





# Special webinar for publishers and editors

# Web of Science Core Collection and the journal evaluation process (September 3, 12-1pm, Madrid Time)

Helene Stewart, Director of Editorial Relations for the Web of Science, will provide an overview of the journal evaluation process and selection criteria, a robust process that makes the Web of Science Core Collection the world's most trusted publisher-independent global citation database.

The webinar is aimed at journal publishers and editors from Spain and Portugal. The session will be conducted in English. Anne Delgado, trainer for the Web of Science in the region, will moderate the session and assist with translations where necessary.

As the session is public and general in scope, questions regarding specific journals (like status of evaluation, ranking, coverage decisions, etc.) will not be addressed. You can send any specific questions to <a href="mailto:Editorial.Relations@clarivate.com">Editorial.Relations@clarivate.com</a>

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