CiteScore™ metrics
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Validate.

A standard of journal citation impact.

CiteScore™ metrics, part of an evolving basket of research metrics, are a standard to help measure citation impact for journals, book series, conference proceedings and trade journals. They are comprehensive, transparent, current and free metrics to help analyze where research is published.

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Comprehensive

CiteScore is essentially the average citations per document that a title receives over a three-year period. It is simple to replicate. A CiteScore 2018 value is available for most active titles in Scopus – journals, book series, conference proceedings and trade journals – that started publishing in 2017 or earlier. CiteScore does not discriminate: if a title can be cited, CiteScore will count it.

Current

CiteScore Tracker is calculated monthly. It shows how the current year's CiteScore value is building and provides a timely way to track a title's progress until the next annual value is published. New titles can receive CiteScore metrics the year after they are first indexed by Scopus.

Transparent

CiteScore is transparent with how values are calculated. Through the freely available *Source Details* screen on Scopus, anyone can click into the numerator (citations) and denominator (documents) and view the underlying data behind the calculation. Simple to replicate, the calculation for CiteScore metrics are straightforward with no secret algorithms or hidden details.

Free

There is no charge to use CiteScore metrics. Anyone can access title-level metrics functionality on Scopus, including all CiteScore metrics, without cost.

CiteScore metrics are comprised of eight metrics:

CiteScore
An annual value that measures the citation impact of a title (i.e., journal, book series, conference proceeding and trade journal; including special issues).

CiteScore Percentile
Indicates the relative standing of a title in its subject field, and also corrects for the different sizes of subject fields.

CiteScore Rank
Indicates the absolute standing of a title in its field; for example, 14th out of 63 titles in a given category.

Document Count
The sum of documents published in the serial title in the 3 years preceding to the year the metric is calculated for (the denominator of the CiteScore calculation).

CiteScore Tracker
A monthly value that allows you to track a title's progress towards the next annual CiteScore value as a current indication of a title's performance.

CiteScore Quartiles
Bands of titles that have been grouped together because they occupy a similar position within their subject categories.
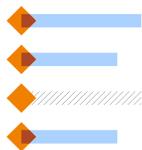
Citation Count
The sum of citations received in one year by documents published in the 3 preceding years (the numerator of the CiteScore calculation).

Percentage Cited
The proportion of the documents considered in the denominator of the CiteScore calculation that have received at least 1 citation in the numerator.

The CiteScore metrics advantage

Researchers, publishers, information professionals, institutional leaders, funders and others in academia can use CiteScore metrics to gain greater insight into journal citation impact. As parts of a multi-dimensional basket of metrics, CiteScore metrics help boost confidence in decision making. CiteScore metrics can help to:

- Reveal titles to create reading lists, as well as acquire evidence about title relevance and performance in a field

- Analyze the citation impact for more titles in a library's collection, where an output is published, and publication/portfolio strategies

- Validate tenure, promotion and publishing decisions

Accessing CiteScore metrics is easy

Visit these websites for free access to CiteScore metrics:

- Scopus.com

- journalinsights.elsevier.com/journals

To aid in title-level analysis and evaluation, CiteScore metrics are also available in SciVal and Pure and will soon be integrated into the following solutions:

- ScienceDirect

- Mendeley

Highest metric scores

Highest CiteScore, SNIP & SJR

Highest citation count

$$\frac{246,159 \text{ citations }^{(2018)}}{57,406 \text{ documents }^{(2015-2017)}} = \begin{array}{c} \textbf{4.29} \\ \text{93rd percentile} \end{array}$$

Scientific Reports

CiteScore
160.19
9th percentile

100.014
SNIP

CA-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians

72.576
SJR

Calculated using data from Scopus, a source-neutral abstract and citation database curated by independent subject matter experts, CiteScore metrics help you validate the citability of journals, book series conference proceedings and trade journals to empower you with information you need to make well-informed decisions.
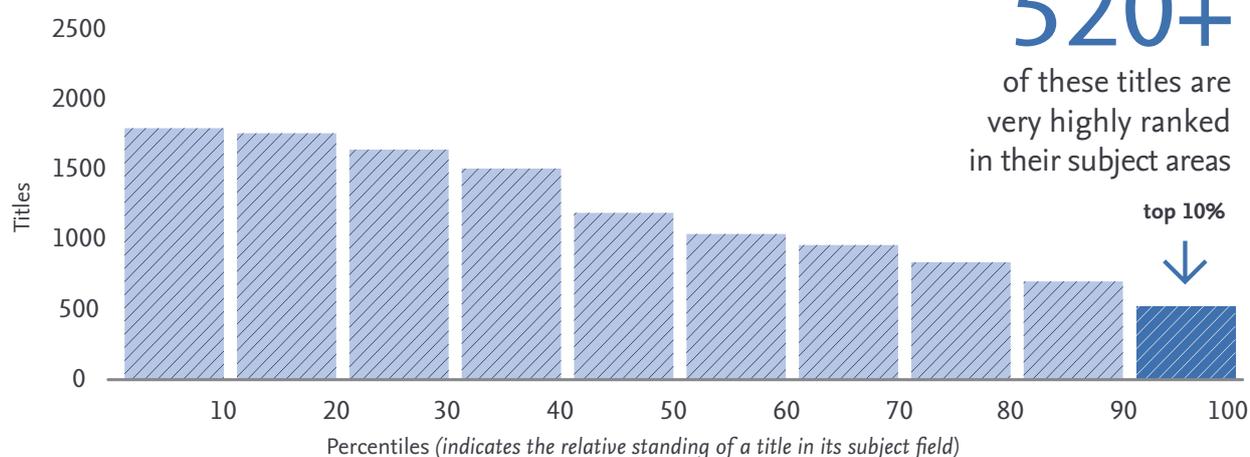
CiteScore metrics are a part of a basket of metrics that will continue to evolve and grow with input and guidance from the research community. Along with CiteScore metrics, included in the basket are:

- Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP)

- SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)

- Article-level Metrics (e.g., PlumX Metrics) and

- Author Metrics (e.g., *h*-index, citation overview tracker).

Learn more on the Research Metrics page of the Scopus Info Site:

www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works/metrics

+12,000 titles with

CiteScore 2018 and no Journal Impact Factor (2017)

520+

of these titles are very highly ranked in their subject areas

top 10%

Percentiles *(indicates the relative standing of a title in its subject field)*

2 Golden Rules for Research Metrics

When used correctly, research metrics – together with qualitative input – give a balanced, multi-dimensional view for decision-making.

1. Always use both qualitative and quantitative input into your decisions.

2. Always use more than one research metric as your quantitative input.
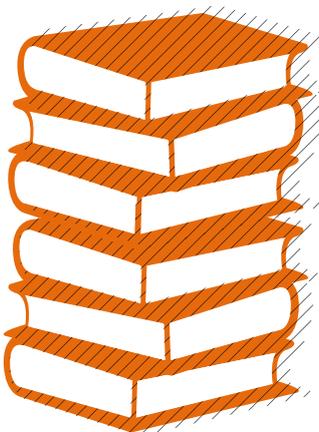
23,833 active titles
and growing

17,375
titles
CiteScore increased or stayed the same from 2017-2018

1,450
titles
CiteScore more than doubled between 2017-2018

330 disciplines

Largest Subject Area
762 titles

Linguistics and Language
Computer Science Applications
Geography, Planning and Development
Sociology and Political Science
Electrical and Electronic Engineering   History   Law
Ecology, Evolution, Behavior and Systematics   Philosophy   General Medicine
Political Science and International Relations   Language and Linguistics
Literature and Literary Theory   Psychiatry and Mental Health
Mechanical Engineering   Economics and Econometrics
Computer Science Applications
Cultural Studies   Education

Scopus

Scopus is a source-neutral abstract and citation database, curated by independent subject matter experts. It places powerful discovery and analytics tools in the hands of researchers, librarians, institutional research managers, and funders.

For more information about CiteScore metrics, as well as Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) and SCImago Journal Rank (SJR), please visit scopus.com/sources

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