

## Journal Impact Factor (JIF)

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Journal Impact Factor = the number of times that articles published in the previous 2 years have been cited in the year of reporting, divided by the number of citable items.

Journal Impact Factor cannot be used to compare journals across disciplines as disciplinary citation rates differ. For this reason the JIF Rank or JIF Quartile may be more meaningful metrics, unless you are familiar with what constitutes a high JIF in a particular category. For example, the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society has a JIF of 7.538 and the the Annals of Surgery has a JIF of 13.787. However both are Q1 journals that rank second in their respective categories (Gerontology and Surgery).

For recent changes to JIF, see [Unveiling the Journal Citation Reports 2023](#)