

Digital Impact Factors and Rankings of English Economics Journals 2011

Welcome to the first digital ranking of economics journals. As research and its dissemination become increasingly digitally based, a digital impact ranking of journals seems overdue – hence this undertaking, which includes 307 English economic journals.

The first column shows the journal's ranking. The second column, the impact factors, shows the number of hits Google *Advanced* Search turns up for the journal title as listed when placed in the “exact wording or phrase” box (e. g. “american economic review “). Some journal titles, for example “Economic Theory “, do not lend themselves to a direct search. Where a word in purple preceded by + appears after the title, the score was generated by Google *Advanced* Search with the word “journal” and the title of the journal entered in the “exact wording or phrase” box. Where a word in pink preceded by – appears after the title, pages that included that word were not included in the advanced search. Other search anomalies are explained in the list. A few journals were omitted from the ranking process because no way was found adequately to isolate digital references to them.

Because Google sometimes turns up wildly erroneous hit scores, readings, when suspect, have been repeated on subsequent days. Google hit scores generally fluctuate daily by several percentage points, so that, where closely bunched, a journal's ranking relative to its immediate neighbours should not be regarded as definite. Furthermore, hit scores may shift substantially and sometimes quasi-permanently overnight. As with all general ranking processes, this one is inexact, although less subjectively based and, perhaps most importantly, less open to ideological, institutional and nationalist rigging.

The digital top 20 includes most of the journals usually found in the top 20 of traditional rankings. But it also contains five outsiders, including two that are neither US nor EU based. This suggests that in the digital age the traditional power structures of the economic profession are strategically vulnerable.

The online research for this ranking was done in the first two weeks of October 2011. This exercise will be carried out again in 2012.

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| 1 | 4,980,000 | American Economic Review |
| 2 | 4,760,000 | Journal of Economics and Statistics |
| 3 | 3,660,000 | Econometrica + journal |
| 4 | 2,940,000 | Quarterly Journal of Economics |
| 5 | 1,100,000 | Real-World Economics Review |
| 6 | 955,000 | Journal of Financial Stability |
| 7 | 948,000 | International Journal of Economic Theory |
| 8 | 912,000 | Journal of Economic Perspectives |
| 9 | 855,000 | European Journal of Comparative Economics |
| 10 | 804,000 | Journal of Financial Economics |
| 11 | 791,000 | Review of Economics and Statistics |
| 12 | 783,000 | Review of Economic Studies |
| 13 | 772,000 | Journal of Economic Literature |
| 14 | 754,000 | Review of World Economics |
| 15 | 732,000 | South African Journal of Economics |
| 16 | 707,000 | Economic Policy + CEPR |
| 17 | 676,000 | European Economic Review |
| 18 | 610,000 | Journal of Political Economy - Scottish, International, European, Brazilian |
| 19 | 565,000 | Ecological Economics + journal minus the scores for <i>International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics, and Ecological Economics Reviews</i> |
| 20 | 533,000 | Journal of Econometrics |
| 21 | 510,000 | Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review |
| 22 | 495,000 | International Economic Review |
| 23 | 491,000 | American Journal of Economics and Sociology |
| 24 | 490,000 | Journal of Monetary Economics |

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| 25 | 477,000 | Journal of Public Economics |
| 26 | 476,000 | Journal of Innovation Economics |
| 27 | 468,000 | Energy Economics + journal, minus score for "Resource and Energy Economics" |
| 28 | 451,000 | Rand Journal of Economics |
| 29 | 450,000 | The Economic Journal |
| 30 | 447,000 | Journal of International Economics |
| 31 | 439,000 | Advances in Austrian Economics |
| 32 | 419,000 | Computational Economics + journal |
| 33 | 414,000 | Review of Financial Studies |
| 34 | 412,000 | Journal of Money, Credit and Banking |
| 35 | 404,000 | Explorations in Economic History |
| 36 | 388,000 | Journal of Business Research |
| 37 | 384,000 | Journal of Law and Economics |
| 38 | 382,000 | European Journal of the History of Economic Thought |
| 39 | 356,000 | Journal of Institutional Economics |
| 40 | 353,000 | Current Issues in Economics and Finance + journal |
| 41 | 345,000 | African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics |
| 42 | 342,000 | Land Economics + journal |
| 43 | 340,000 | Experimental Economics + journal |
| 44 | 338,000 | Quarterly Journal of Finance and Accounting |
| 45 | 334,000 | Journal of Development Economics |
| 46 | 330,000 | Journal of International Business Studies |
| 47 | 329,000 | Canadian Journal of Economics |
| 48 | 326,000 | North American Journal of Economics and Finance |
| 48 | 326,000 | International Journal of Green Economics |
| 50 | 318,000 | Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money |
| 51 | 316,000 | International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics |
| 52 | 313,000 | Economic Inquiry |
| 53 | 312,000 | Public Finance Analysis |
| 54 | 311,000 | B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy |
| 55 | 308,000 | Journal of Business Economics and Statistics |
| 56 | 300,000 | Journal of Comparative Economics |
| 56 | 300,000 | Economics Letters - applied |
| 56 | 300,000 | International Journal of Central Banking |
| 59 | 295,000 | Journal of Forecasting |
| 60 | 290,000 | Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis |
| 61 | 289,000 | Journal of Economic History |
| 62 | 284,000 | National Tax Journal |
| 63 | 282,000 | China Economic Review |
| 64 | 280,000 | Journal of Economics + Zeitschrift |
| 65 | 278,000 | Economic Development and Cultural Change |
| 66 | 275,000 | Oxford Review of Economic Policy |
| 67 | 274,000 | Fiscal Studies + journal |
| 68 | 273,000 | World Bank Economic Review |
| 69 | 271,000 | Brookings Papers on Economic Activity |
| 70 | 268,000 | American Journal of Agricultural Economics |
| 71 | 266,000 | Economic Modelling + journal |
| 72 | 261,000 | Journal of Banking and Finance |
| 73 | 250,000 | Southern Economic Journal |
| 74 | 249,000 | Journal of Industrial Economics |
| 75 | 243,000 | Journal of Urban Economics |
| 75 | 243,000 | World Trade Review |
| 77 | 242,000 | Applied Economics Letters |
| 78 | 241,000 | Journal of Labor Economics |
| 78 | 241,000 | Environmental & Resource Economics + journal - "International Review of Environmental and Resource Economics" |
| 80 | 235,000 | Oxford Economic Papers |
| 80 | 235,000 | Kyklos + journal |
| 80 | 235,000 | Cambridge Journal of Economics |
| 83 | 234,000 | Games and Economic Behavior + journal |

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| 83 | 234,000 | Journal of Health Economics |
| 85 | 231,000 | Games and Economic Behavior + journal |
| 85 | 231,000 | Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics |
| 87 | 230,000 | Journal of Applied Econometrics |
| 88 | 229,000 | Journal of International Money and Finance |
| 89 | 227,000 | Population and Development Review |
| 90 | 226,000 | Scandinavian Journal of Economics |
| 91 | 224,000 | The Journal of Economic Inequality |
| 92 | 223,000 | Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control |
| 92 | 223,000 | Journal of Economic Theory - international |
| 94 | 219,000 | Journal of Economic Growth |
| 94 | 219,000 | Economic History Review - Australian |
| 96 | 218,000 | Journal of Environmental Economics and Management |
| 97 | 216,000 | International Journal of Forecasting |
| 98 | 211,000 | Macroeconomic Dynamics |
| 98 | 211,000 | NBER Macroeconomics Annual |
| 100 | 209,000 | Journal of Development Studies - Canadian |
| 101 | 208,000 | International Journal of Industrial Organization |
| 102 | 206,000 | Journal of Regional Science |
| 103 | 202,000 | Journal of Business Venturing |
| 103 | 202,000 | Social Choice and Welfare |
| 105 | 200,000 | Economics Letters - applied - empirical - theoretical |
| 106 | 192,000 | IMF Staff Papers |
| 107 | 191,000 | Economics and Philosophy + journal |
| 108 | 190,000 | Theory and Decision + journal |
| 109 | 189,000 | International Journal of Production Economics |
| 109 | 189,000 | Economics of Education Review |
| 111 | 187,000 | Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics |
| 112 | 185,000 | Journal of the History of Economic Thought - European |
| 113 | 184,000 | Review of Income and Wealth |
| 114 | 182,000 | Development Policy Review |
| 115 | 181,000 | Review of Economic Dynamics |
| 115 | 181,000 | Journal of Economic Studies |
| 117 | 178,000 | Journal of Policy Analysis and Management |
| 117 | 178,000 | Social and Economic Studies |
| 117 | 178,000 | Journal of Accounting and Economics |
| 117 | 178,000 | Intervention: European Journal of Economics and Economic Policies |
| 121 | 177,000 | Industrial and Labor Relations Review |
| 122 | 174,000 | Contemporary Economic Policy + journal |
| 123 | 170,000 | Journal of International Trade & Economic Development |
| 124 | 164,000 | B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics |
| 125 | 161,000 | European Journal of Political Economy |
| 126 | 160,000 | Real Estate Economics + journal |
| 126 | 160,000 | Regional Science and Urban Economics |
| 128 | 158,000 | Journal of Population Economics |
| 129 | 154,000 | Atlantic Economic Journal |
| 129 | 154,000 | Journal of Environmental Economics and Management |
| 129 | 154,000 | Small Business Economics + journal |
| 132 | 153,000 | Journal of Australian Political Economy |
| 132 | 153,000 | European Financial Management |
| 132 | 153,000 | Comparative Economic Studies |
| 135 | 151,000 | Industrial and Corporate Change |
| 135 | 151,000 | British Journal of Industrial Relations |
| 137 | 149,000 | Journal of Economic Issues |
| 137 | 149,000 | Journal of Business and Economics Statistics |
| 137 | 149,000 | B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics |
| 137 | 149,000 | Labour Economics + journal - review |
| 141 | 148,000 | Energy Journal - digital and score for "Resource and Energy Economics" |
| 141 | 148,000 | Journal of Economics and Business |

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| 143 | 146,000 | Journal of Common Market Studies |
| 144 | 145,000 | Intereconomics: Review of European Economic Policy |
| 145 | 144,000 | Applied Financial Economics |
| 145 | 144,000 | Journal of Economics and Finance |
| 147 | 143,000 | Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics |
| 148 | 142,000 | Asian Economic Policy Review |
| 149 | 141,000 | Resource and Energy Economics |
| 149 | 141,000 | Economic Quarterly |
| 151 | 140,000 | Feminist Economics + journal |
| 152 | 139,000 | Ecological Economics Reviews" |
| 152 | 139,000 | Econometrics Journal |
| 154 | 138,000 | Australian Journal of Labour Economics |
| 155 | 136,000 | Journal of Socio-Economics |
| 155 | 136,000 | Journal of Empirical Finance |
| 157 | 134,000 | Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization |
| 158 | 131,000 | Journal of Economic and Social Policy |
| 159 | 130,000 | Journal of Economic Psychology |
| 159 | 130,000 | Journal of International Development |
| 161 | 129,000 | Journal of Applied Economics |
| 162 | 128,000 | New Political Economy + journal |
| 163 | 127,000 | Accounting, Organizations and Society |
| 163 | 127,000 | Journal of Risk and Uncertainty |
| 165 | 126,000 | Journal of Law, Economics and Organization |
| 166 | 125,000 | Economics Bulletin |
| 167 | 124,000 | Journal of Macroeconomics |
| 168 | 121,000 | Review of International Economics |
| 169 | 120,000 | Journal of Financial Intermediation |
| 170 | 119,000 | Review of Agricultural Economics |
| 171 | 118,000 | Journal of Mathematical Economics |
| 171 | 118,000 | Macroeconomic Dynamics + journal |
| 171 | 118,000 | Economic Systems + journal |
| 171 | 118,000 | Journal of Financial Markets |
| 175 | 116,000 | Scottish Journal of Political Economy |
| 175 | 116,000 | Constitutional Political Economy |
| 177 | 115,000 | Journal of Policy Modeling |
| 177 | 115,000 | Indian Journal of Labour Economics |
| 179 | 114,000 | Journal of Financial Research |
| 179 | 114,000 | Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics |
| 181 | 114,000 | Journal of Comparative Economics - European |
| 182 | 113,000 | Forest Policy and Economics |
| 183 | 112,000 | Journal of Economic Surveys |
| 183 | 112,000 | Defence and Peace Economics |
| 183 | 112,000 | Journal of the European Economic Association |
| 186 | 110,000 | European Journal of Economic and Social Systems |
| 187 | 109,000 | Review of African Political Economy |
| 187 | 109,000 | Journal of Corporate Finance |
| 187 | 109,000 | International Review of Law and Economics |
| 190 | 105,000 | International Journal of Social Economics |
| 190 | 105,000 | Brazilian Journal of Political Economy |
| 192 | 103,000 | Journal of Human Resources, minus "International Journal of Human ResourcesDevelopment and Management", and minus - "Asia Pacific Journal of Human Resources", - "Journal of Human Resources in Hospitality & Tourism" |
| 192 | 103,000 | Economics of Transition + journal |
| 194 | 102,000 | Forum for Social Economics |
| 194 | 102,000 | Journal of Evolutionary Economics |
| 196 | 101,000 | International Tax and Public Finance |
| 196 | 101,000 | Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations |
| 198 | 98,500 | Journal of Multivariate Analysis |
| 199 | 98,100 | Journal of Technology Transfer |
| 200 | 97,700 | Pacific Economic Review |

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| 201 | 97,400 | Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization |
| 202 | 96,900 | Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics |
| 203 | 94,000 | Review of Development Economics |
| 204 | 92,600 | Mathematical Social Sciences |
| 205 | 92,000 | Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance |
| 206 | 91,300 | Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics |
| 207 | 91,100 | Resource and Energy Economics + journal |
| 208 | 90,600 | Environment and Development Economics |
| 208 | 90,600 | International Review of Financial Analysis |
| 210 | 90,300 | Finance and Stochastics |
| 211 | 89,900 | Insurance: Mathematics and Economics |
| 212 | 89,100 | Japan and the World Economy |
| 213 | 88,700 | Journal of African Economies |
| 214 | 87,700 | Economic Systems Research |
| 215 | 86,700 | International Advances in Economic Research |
| 216 | 86,000 | Information Economics and Policy |
| 217 | 85,400 | Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics |
| 217 | 85,400 | Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations |
| 219 | 84,900 | Journal of Regulatory Economics |
| 220 | 84,700 | Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy |
| 221 | 83,600 | Economic Systems Research |
| 222 | 83,500 | European Journal of Law and Economics |
| 223 | 82,600 | Journal of Human Resources in Hospitality & Tourism |
| 224 | 82,300 | Journal of Real Estate Research |
| 225 | 81,800 | Forum for Health Economics and Policy |
| 226 | 81,500 | Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics |
| 227 | 80,500 | Australian Economic Review |
| 228 | 79,700 | Managerial and Decision Economics |
| 229 | 77,800 | Journal of Economic Geography |
| 230 | 76,000 | Review of Industrial Organization |
| 231 | 74,900 | Economics of Innovation and New Technology |
| 232 | 74,700 | Emerging Markets Review |
| 233 | 74,400 | Metroeconomica |
| 234 | 74,300 | International Journal of Game Theory |
| 235 | 73,600 | Journal of Post Keynesian Economics |
| 236 | 72,600 | Review of Social Economy |
| 237 | 71,900 | Review of International Political Economy |
| 238 | 71,700 | Open Economies Review |
| 239 | 71,000 | International Journal of Human Resources Development and Management |
| 240 | 69,700 | Journal of Transport Economics and Policy |
| 241 | 69,100 | Review of Econometrics |
| 241 | 69,100 | Asia Pacific Journal of Human Resources |
| 243 | 68,900 | Australian Economic Papers |
| 244 | 67,800 | Bulletin of Economic Research |
| 245 | 67,200 | Scandinavian Journal of Statistics |
| 246 | 67,100 | Journal of Housing Economics |
| 247 | 66,600 | European Review of Agricultural Economics |
| 248 | 66,100 | Journal of Business Finance and Accounting |
| 249 | 65,800 | American Law and Economics Review |
| 250 | 65,300 | Structural Change and Economic Dynamics |
| 251 | 65,000 | International Review of Environmental and Resource Economics |
| 252 | 64,500 | Journal of Public Economic Theory |
| 253 | 64,000 | International Review of Applied Economics |
| 254 | 63,200 | Journal of Time Series Analysis |
| 255 | 63,000 | American Review of Political Economy |
| 256 | 62,900 | German Economic Review |
| 256 | 62,900 | Frontiers in Finance and Economics + journal |
| 258 | 62,800 | Journal of Financial Services Research |
| 259 | 62,300 | Journal of Asian Economics |

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| 260 | 62,200 | Structural Change and Economic Dynamics |
| 261 | 61,900 | Journal of Economics and Management Strategy |
| 262 | 61,100 | Journal of Productivity Analysis |
| 263 | 60,700 | Eastern European Economics |
| 264 | 60,500 | Economic Journal Watch |
| 265 | 57,900 | European Journal of Finance |
| 265 | 57,500 | Pacific-Basin Finance Journal |
| 267 | 57,000 | Journal of Cultural Economics |
| 268 | 55,400 | FRBSF Economic Letter |
| 269 | 54,500 | Review of Austrian Economics |
| 270 | 53,100 | Annals of Finance |
| 271 | 52,700 | Econ Journal Watch |
| 272 | 50,600 | Japanese Economic Review |
| 273 | 49,900 | Australasian Journal of Economics Education |
| 274 | 49,400 | Utilities Policy + journal |
| 275 | 48,600 | Economics of Governance |
| 276 | 47,100 | Research in International Business and Finance |
| 277 | 44,000 | International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics |
| 278 | 43,000 | Journal of Economic Methodology |
| 279 | 40,800 | Emerging Markets Finance and Trade |
| 280 | 39,700 | Journal of Financial Econometrics |
| 281 | 39,000 | New School Economic Review |
| 282 | 38,800 | Applied Financial Economics Letters |
| 283 | 38,400 | European Review of Economic History |
| 284 | 37,900 | Journal of Financial Econometrics |
| 285 | 37,500 | Economics and Human Biology |
| 286 | 37,400 | Review of Economics of the Household |
| 287 | 36,300 | Portuguese Economic Journal |
| 288 | 34,300 | International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education |
| 289 | 33,800 | International Review of Economics and Finance |
| 290 | 33,700 | International Economics and Economic Policy |
| 291 | 32,800 | Global Economy Journal |
| 292 | 31,700 | Spanish Economic Review |
| 292 | 31,700 | Singapore Economic Review |
| 292 | 31,700 | Review of Network Economics |
| 295 | 31,300 | Finance Research Letters |
| 296 | 30,900 | Journal of Philosophical Economics |
| 297 | 29,200 | International Journal of Finance and Economics |
| 298 | 26,500 | Journal of Pension Economics and Finance |
| 299 | 26,000 | Contributions to Political Economy |
| 300 | 22,200 | Bulletin of Political Economy |
| 301 | 21,700 | World Review of Political Economy |
| 302 | 18,900 | Prague Economic Papers |
| 303 | 18,500 | Applied Econometrics and International Development |
| 304 | 14,200 | Journal of Income Distribution |
| 305 | 10,400 | International Productivity Monitor |
| 306 | 8,350 | Political Economy Quarterly |
| 307 | 1,540 | Evolutionary and Institutional Economic Review |