

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

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

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

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

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

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