

# Article Metrics in Dimensions



Article metrics aim to quantify and monitor the importance of published research. Dimensions provides a data-rich environment that supports the development and dissemination of article metrics driven by and developed for the research community.

Within Dimensions you can find a range of useful citation and alternative metrics that provide additional context and insight.

METRIC	WHAT IT IS	HOW TO USE IT
<b>Citation Counts</b>	The number of times a publication has been cited by other publications in the database. Citing publications can be of any publication type such as articles, chapters, or monographs	Citations capture the academic impact of a publication. Be sure to check the citing documents to understand the context of the reference.
<b>Citation Recency</b>	How many times the publication has been cited in the last 2 calendar years.	This metric is useful for seeing if an article is currently being cited, and how fast it is accumulating citations.
<b>Field Citation Ratio (FCR)</b>	How often a publication is cited compared to other similar outputs. A ratio of higher than 1 means there are more citations than would typically be expected. The FCR is calculated for all publications in Dimensions which are at least 2 years old.	With FCR you can identify publications or researchers in any given discipline that have received an above-average number of citations.
<b>Relative Citation Ratio (RCR)</b>	Citations for a publication in comparison to others in its citation network. The RCR is calculated for all PubMed publications which are at least 2 years old.	This ratio gives a more sophisticated view of citation performance - comparing articles that are being used together rather than just those in the same subject area.
<b>Altmetric Attention Score</b>	A weighted count of the online 'mentions' a publication has received. A higher score means more mentions/attention.	This score can be used to quickly identify which publications have been widely discussed and shared amongst academic and broader audiences.

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