

## Psychology & Health: Summary Report of Journal Operations for 2004

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### *Submissions*

The number of submissions to the journal increased again in 2004. Since 2001, the number of submissions to the journal has risen by 29.8%. There were 148 new submissions to the journal, the majority of which came from Europe ( $n = 93$ ) and North America ( $n = 37$ ). Within Europe, the largest number of submissions came from the UK. There was a marked increase in the number of submissions from Europe, whereas submissions from other regions remained relatively stable.

### *'Regular' Submissions to Psychology & Health (2001-2004)*

	2001	2002	2003	2004
New Submissions:	114	130	138	148
No. Accepted:	38	34	50	43
No. Pending:	0	0	2	23
% Accepted:	33.3%	26.6%	36.2%	29.1%
Source of Submissions:				
Europe	75	74	75	93
North America	25	38	46	37
Australasia	9	11	11	11
Elsewhere	5	7	6	7

Of the new submissions to the journal, 43 have been accepted for publication, an acceptance rate of 29.1%, although there are still 23 submissions that are pending awaiting a final decision. The final acceptance rate for 2002 was 26.6% and will be between 36.2-37.7% for 2003 (depending on 2 pending decisions). It is likely that the final acceptance rate for 2004 will be of a similar level.

### *Articles Published*

The journal published 50 articles in 2004, including 8 articles in a Special Issue on "Coping and Physical Health" edited by Carolyn Aldwin and Crystal Park. In addition, 6 book reviews were published. The majority of published articles came from North America ( $n = 28$ ) and Europe ( $n = 21$ ). The increase in the number of published articles from North America was partly due to the fact that the Special Issue was dominated by North American authors. In contrast, the Special Issue published in 2003 included only European authors. This, in part, explains the corresponding decrease in the number of articles from Europe. A supplement issue of the journal was also published in 2004, containing abstracts from the Helsinki conference. This supplement was given to all conference attendees as well as being sent to all subscribers to the journal.

The median publication lag from final acceptance of a manuscript to publication in the journal was 8 months. The vast majority of manuscripts are published in the journal between 6-10 after final acceptance. This compares favourably with other journals in the field.

**EHPS Reports***Articles Published in Psychology & Health (2001-2004)*

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Articles Published:	48	53	48	50
Book Reviews:	2	5	2	6
Total Pages:	725	799	787	800
Median Lag (months):	7	9	8	8
Source of Articles:				
Europe	30	26	36	21
North America	14	23	11	28
Australasia	4	4	1	1
Elsewhere	0	0	0	0

*Impact Factor*

The 2004 impact factor for Psychology & Health was 1.683, which represents an increase on the impact factor obtained in 2003 (1.307). The journal's impact factor has more than doubled since 2001 (0.705).

*Psychology & Health Impact Factor (2001-2004)*

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Impact Factor:	0.705	0.920	1.307	1.683

*Online Journal*

Psychology & Health is available online to subscribers to the journal (including EHPS members) via the Taylor & Francis website ([www.tandf.co.uk/journals](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals)). This service has proved to be very popular. Each issue appears online before the printed version of the journal is published. In addition, "in press" articles are now available through prEview from the journal's webpage. Taylor & Francis also have a free contents alert service ([www.tandf.co.uk/sara](http://www.tandf.co.uk/sara)) that members can sign up to.

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