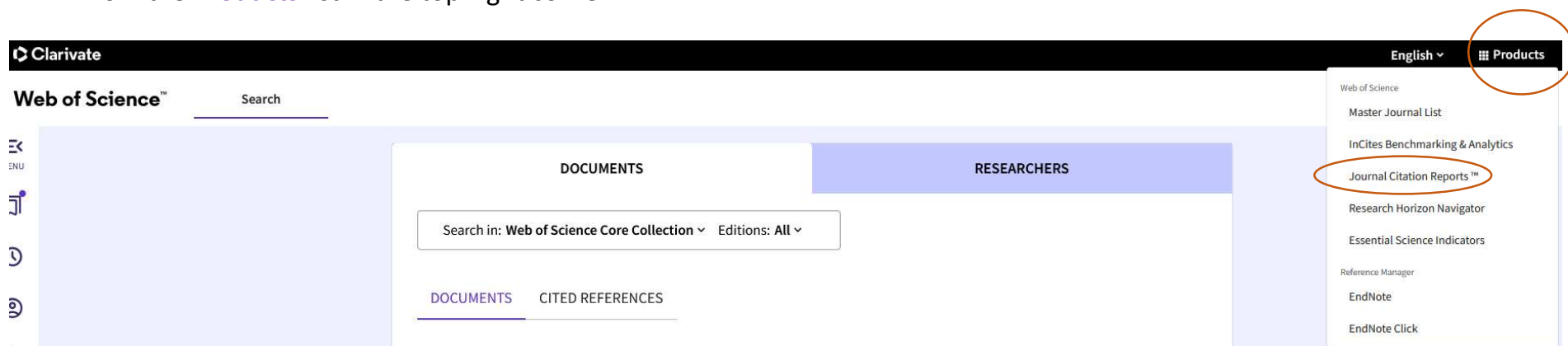


How to find and calculate the IF/AIF ratio for journals in HS research fields

- ✚ Create a personal account in the Web of Science database (WoS DB). Once logged in, select the **Journal Citation Reports (JCR)** tool from the **Products** list in the top-right corner.



- ✚ For example, let's find research categories for the *Review of Finance* (ISSN 1572-3097) and calculate their average **AIF**.

✚ In the **JCR** menu bar or in the window below, select the **Journals** tab and search for the journal:

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Journal Citation Reports[®] Journals Categories Publishers Countries/Regions Compare My favorites

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Journal name/abbreviation, ISSN/eISSN, category, publisher, country/region

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See full listings and refine your search by

Journals Categories Publishers Countries/Regions

✚ The window that opens contains a lot of information about the journal, but for the following steps, you only need to note the journal's three research categories and its latest (2024) **IF (Journal Impact Factor) – 8.4**:

- Economics;
- Business, Finance

JCR Year
2024

Review of Finance

ISSN
1572-3097

EISSN
1573-692X

JCR ABBREVIATION
REV FINANC

ISO ABBREVIATION
Rev. Financ.

Journal information

EDITION
Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)

CATEGORY
ECONOMICS
BUSINESS, FINANCE

LANGUAGES
English

Publisher information

PUBLISHER
OXFORD UNIV PRESS

Journal's performance

Journal Impact Factor [?]

The Journal Impact Factor (JIF) is a journal-level metric calculated from data indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection. It should be used with careful attention to the many factors that influence citation rates, such as the volume. The Journal Impact Factor can complement expert opinion and informed peer review. In the case of academic evaluation for tenure, it is inappropriate to use a journal-level metric as a proxy measure for individual researchers, institu

2024 JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR

8.4

[View calculation](#)

JOURNAL IMPACT FACTOR WITHOUT SELF CITATIONS

8.4

[View calculation](#)

Journal Impact Factor contributing items

[Citable items \(112\)](#)

- ✚ Now let's find the *AIF (Aggregate impact factor)* metrics for these research categories.
- ✚ At the top of the journal window, select the **Categories** tab:

Journal Citation Reports™ Journals **Categories** Publishers Countries/Regions

Journals > Journal profile

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- ✚ In the list of research categories that appears, select **Economics** and check the first research category category for the *Review of Finance*, **Economics**:

Categories by Group ⓘ

[See all 254 Categories](#)

 Agricultural Sciences	<small>NUMBER OF CATEGORIES</small> 7
 Arts & Humanities, Interdisciplinary	<small>NUMBER OF CATEGORIES</small> 8
 Biology & Biochemistry	<small>NUMBER OF CATEGORIES</small> 34
 Chemistry	<small>NUMBER OF CATEGORIES</small> 21
 Clinical Medicine	<small>NUMBER OF CATEGORIES</small> 59
 Computer Science	<small>NUMBER OF CATEGORIES</small> 14
 Economics & Business	<small>NUMBER OF CATEGORIES</small> 21

Covers categories including communication, industrial relations, business management, management of the environment and natural resources, urban development, economics, policy, and geography.

- AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & POLICY
- AREA STUDIES
- BUSINESS
- BUSINESS, FINANCE
- COMMUNICATION
- DEMOGRAPHY
- DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
- ECOLOGY
- ECONOMICS**
- ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
- ETHNIC STUDIES
- FORESTRY
- GEOGRAPHY
- HEALTH CARE SCIENCES & SERVICES

✚ After selecting this category, click the **Customize** button in the top-right corner of the window that opens to select the metrics you want to see. **Be sure** to check **Aggregate impact factor** and click the **Apply** button:

The screenshot shows the 'Customize' dialog box with the following metrics and their selection status:

- Group
- Edition
- # of journals
- Citable items
- Total Citations
- Median impact factor
- Aggregate impact factor
- Aggregate Immediacy Index
- Aggregate Cited Half-Life
- Aggregate Citing Half-Life

The background interface shows the 'ECONOMICS' category selected, and the 'Aggregate impact factor' score of 3.1 is displayed.

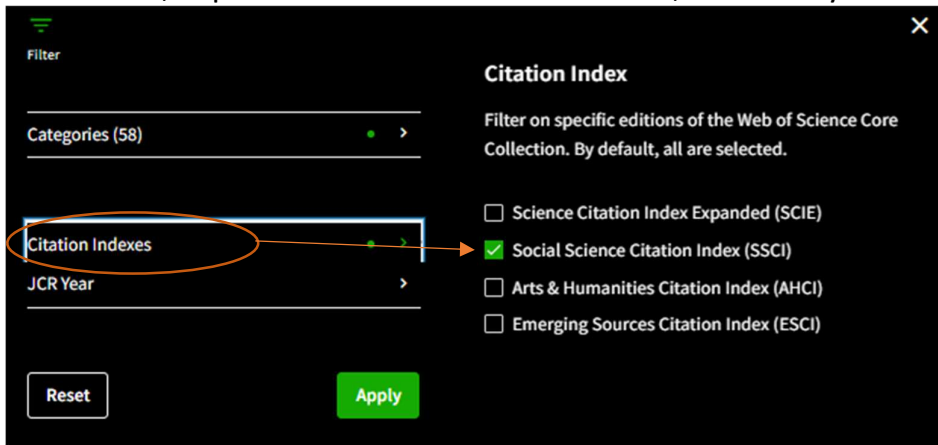
✚ We found the AIF score for the first journal category: 3.1. Next, click the black filter box on the left, expand the lists for the main subject group **Economics & Business** and select the second **Business, Finance** category:

The screenshot shows the 'Filter' dialog box with the following categories and their selection status:

- Select All
- Area Studies
- Business
- Business, Finance
- Communication
- Demography
- Development Studies
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- Geography
- Health Policy & Services
- Industrial Relations & Labor
- Management
- Public Administration
- Transportation
- Urban Studies

The background interface shows the 'Economics & Business (16)' category selected.

Next, expand the **Citation Indexes** menu, select only the **SSCI Index**, and click the **Apply** button:



✚ We found both research categories of the journal along with their AIF metrics:

The screenshot shows a table with columns: Category, Group, Edition, # of journals, Citable Items, Total Citations, and Aggregate impact factor. Two rows are visible: 'ECONOMICS' with an AIF of 3.1 and 'BUSINESS, FINANCE' with an AIF of 3.7. The 'Aggregate impact factor' column is circled in red.

Category	Group	Edition	# of journals	Citable Items	Total Citations	Aggregate impact factor
ECONOMICS	Economics & Business; Social Sciences, General	ESCI, SSCI	620	34,397	1,766,885	3.1
BUSINESS, FINANCE	Economics & Business	ESCI, SSCI	242	14,266	628,509	3.7

✚ By adding up the AIF scores for both academic categories and dividing by 2, we obtain the average AIF score for the academic categories ($3.1 + 3.7 = 6.8 / 2 = 3.4$).

✚ The journal's impact factor (IF) (8.4) is divided by the average AIF ($8.4/3.4$), resulting in an IF/AIF ratio of 2.471.

✚ The **IF/AIF ratio** for the *Review of Finance* is **2.471**.