Citation Reports in Web of Science

The Citation Report provides a graphical representation of citation statistics for a set of search results. These statistics include:

- The total number of times all items have been cited
- The average number of times an item has been cited
- The number of times an item has been cited each year
- The average number of times an item has been cited in a year

Citation reports are available for results of the following searches:	A Citation Report is not available for:
- Search - Author Finder - Search within Results - Refine Results - Analyze Results - Marked records	- Cited Reference Search Results - Citing Articles - Related Records

h-index*

The h-index is indicated by a green horizontal line. The number of items above this line, which is h, have at least h citations. For example, an h-index of 20 means that there are 20 items that have 20 citations or more.

This metric is useful because it discounts the disproportionate weight of highly cited papers or papers that have not yet been cited. In the example below, the average citations per item is 12.20 (61 total citations divided by 5 cited articles, but the h-index is 2 because this number is above the green line in the Total column.

Calculating the h-index Value - The h-index factor is based on the depth of your Web of Science subscription and your selected timespan. Items that do not appear on the Results page will not be factored into the calculation. The calculation only includes items within Web of Science - books and articles in non-covered journals are not included.

Printing & Saving Citation Reports

Saving Records
Use the "Output Options" box at the bottom of the page. If you want to save the entire set, you will need to enter the numbers of the records you wish to save. The number of records in the set is listed under the "Output Options" box.

- "Save as text file" produces a delimited text file
- "Save as Excel File" produces an Excel file of all the records, including the Citation Linker graphs.
- Neither option saves the search criteria, so it may be helpful to copy and paste the search criteria into t he file before saving a copy.
- If you want the search criteria in, and is best to print Citation Reports using the "Print" option on your Internet Browser. Using the "Print" button in Web of Science will eliminate relevant information.

If you want to save a copy of the results including the search strategy, you can save the first page and graphs of the Citation Report as a PDF file using your browser's save option. You will need to have a program that creates PDF files loaded on your machine. I used PDF Creator. It is a shareware product that you can download for free at: http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator/
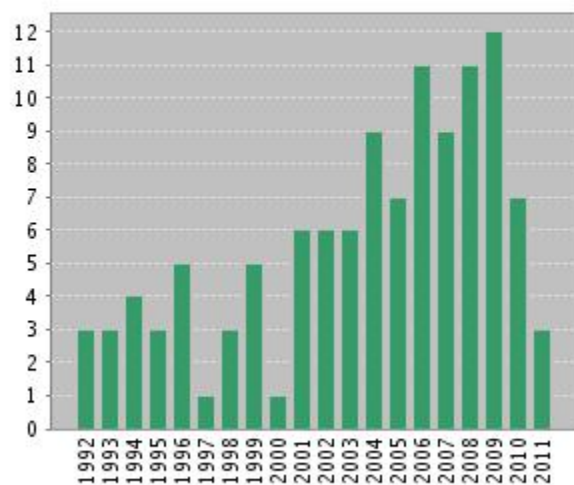
Citation Report — Author=(white gc) AND Address=(colorado state)
Timespan=All Years. Databases=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI.

This report reflects citations to source items indexed within Web of Science. Perform a Cited Reference Search to include citations to items not indexed within Web of Science.
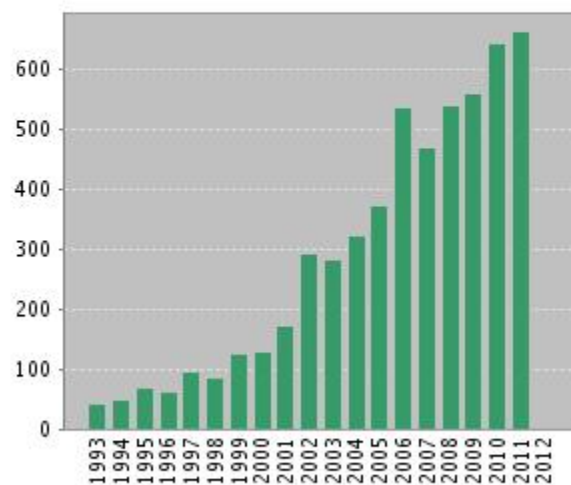
Published Items in Each Year

The latest 20 years are displayed.
View a graph with all years.

Citations in Each Year

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Results found: 141
Sum of the Times Cited [?]: 5646
Sum of Times Cited without self-citations [?]: 5408
Citing Articles[?]: 4438
Citing Articles without self-citations [?]: 4334
Average Citations per Item [?]: 40.04
h-index [?]: 34

Published Items in Each Year
This graph shows how many items in the set were published each year. It shows which years produced the largest number of papers in the set and which years produced the smallest number.

Citations in Each Year
This graph shows how many citations were made each year to any items in the set. It shows which years produced the largest number of citing articles and which years produced the smallest number.

Results found
The number of records in the set.

View without self-citations:
Eliminates self-citations from the search results.

Sum of the Times Cited
The total number of citations to any of the items in the set of search results. This is the sum of the Total column.

View citing articles:
The number of citing articles may be smaller than the sum of the times cited because an article may cite more than one item in the set of search results.

Average Citations per Item
The average number of citing articles for all items in the set. It is the sum of the times cited divided by the number of results found.