

PsycInfo/PsycArticles: Search Tips

PsycInfo/PsycArticles can be found on the BCC Library website.

- Go to <<http://www.sunybroome.edu/~library>>.
- Click on “Articles” under the “Search” heading.
- Choose “Psychology and Education” category under “Browse databases by Topic.”
- Start your search a “fielded search” in PsycArticles, which contains full-text for 58 journals from the 2150 journals indexed by PsycInfo.

APA PsycNET[®] for institutions
American Psychological Association

PsycARTICLES[®] Fielded Search

Look for: "gender differences" In: Any field

and math* In: Any field

In journal: Select a journal... Issue: --- Year:

Limit to: None Selected

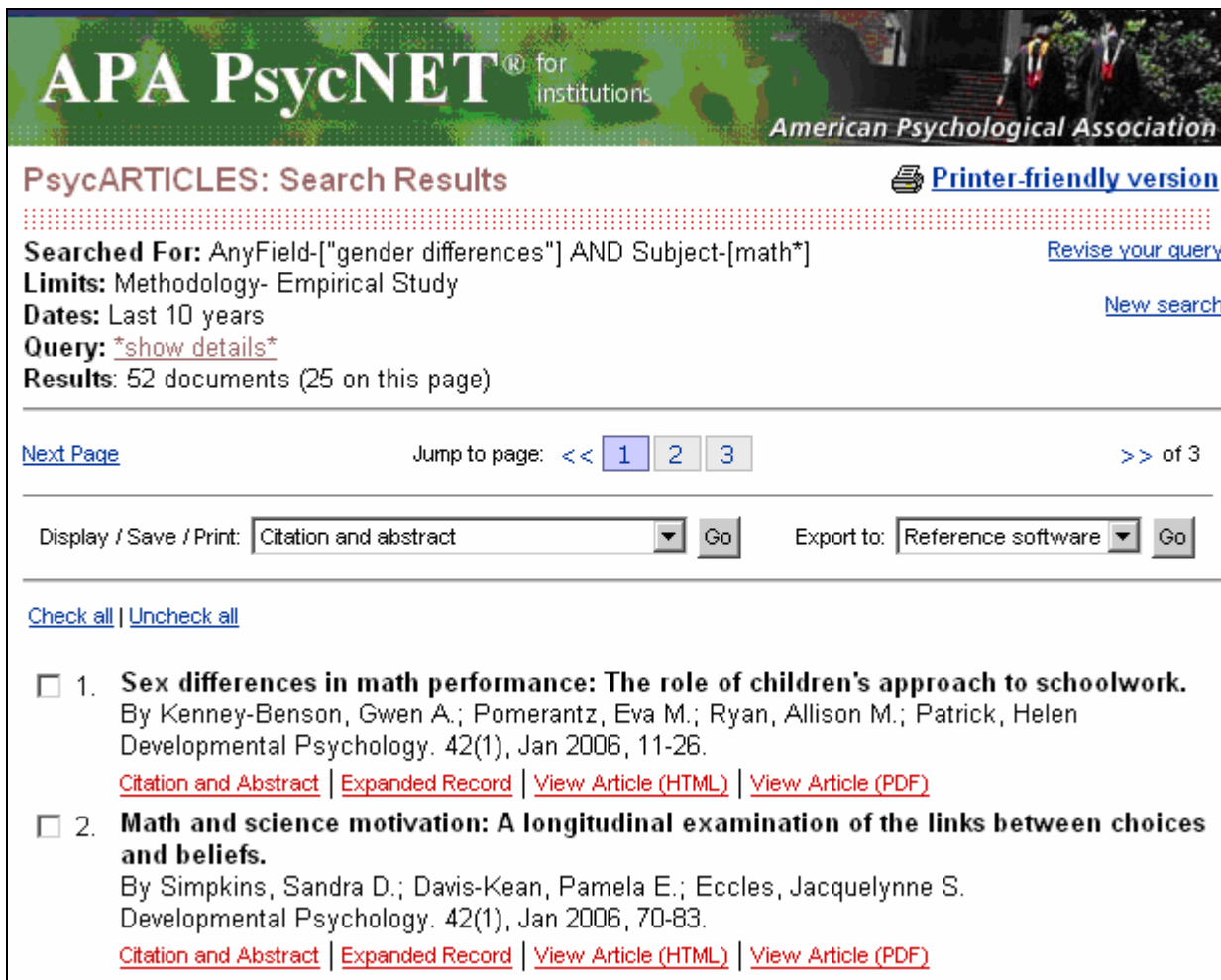
Date: Last 10 years From to In All years

Maximum results per screen: 25 Sort results by: Publication year

Clear this form Get results

- Use double quotes (“gender differences”) to keep a phrase together.
- Use * to search for variants of words beginning with the same root.
- Set a date range by using the drop-down box or enter a date range (2002-2007).
- Add more search terms by clicking on the “+” at the right of the search boxes.
- You may also want to **limit** your search to the Methodology “Empirical studies.”

Looking at Your Search Results



The screenshot shows the APA PsycNET search results interface. At the top, there is a banner for APA PsycNET for institutions, with the American Psychological Association logo. Below the banner, the page title is "PsycARTICLES: Search Results" and there is a link for a "Printer-friendly version". The search criteria are displayed: "Searched For: AnyField-['gender differences'] AND Subject-[math*]", "Limits: Methodology- Empirical Study", "Dates: Last 10 years", and "Query: *show details*". The results count is "52 documents (25 on this page)". There are navigation options like "Next Page" and "Jump to page: << 1 2 3 >> of 3". There are also options to "Display / Save / Print" (set to "Citation and abstract") and "Export to" (set to "Reference software"). At the bottom, there are links for "Check all" and "Uncheck all". Two search results are listed, each with a checkbox and four options: "Citation and Abstract", "Expanded Record", "View Article (HTML)", and "View Article (PDF)".

Each article on the Search Results in PsycArticles has four choices:

Citation and Abstract gives you the information you need to cite the article on your reference list, plus a summary of the article.

Expanded Record gives you more detailed information on the authors, the type of article, the methodology used, what population and age groups were studied, keywords and index terms.

View Article (HTML) the full-text of the article, with links to the reference list from the citations in the paper. (This option may take more paper to print than the pdf.)

View Article (PDF) full-text of the article, page-by-page the same as in the print journal

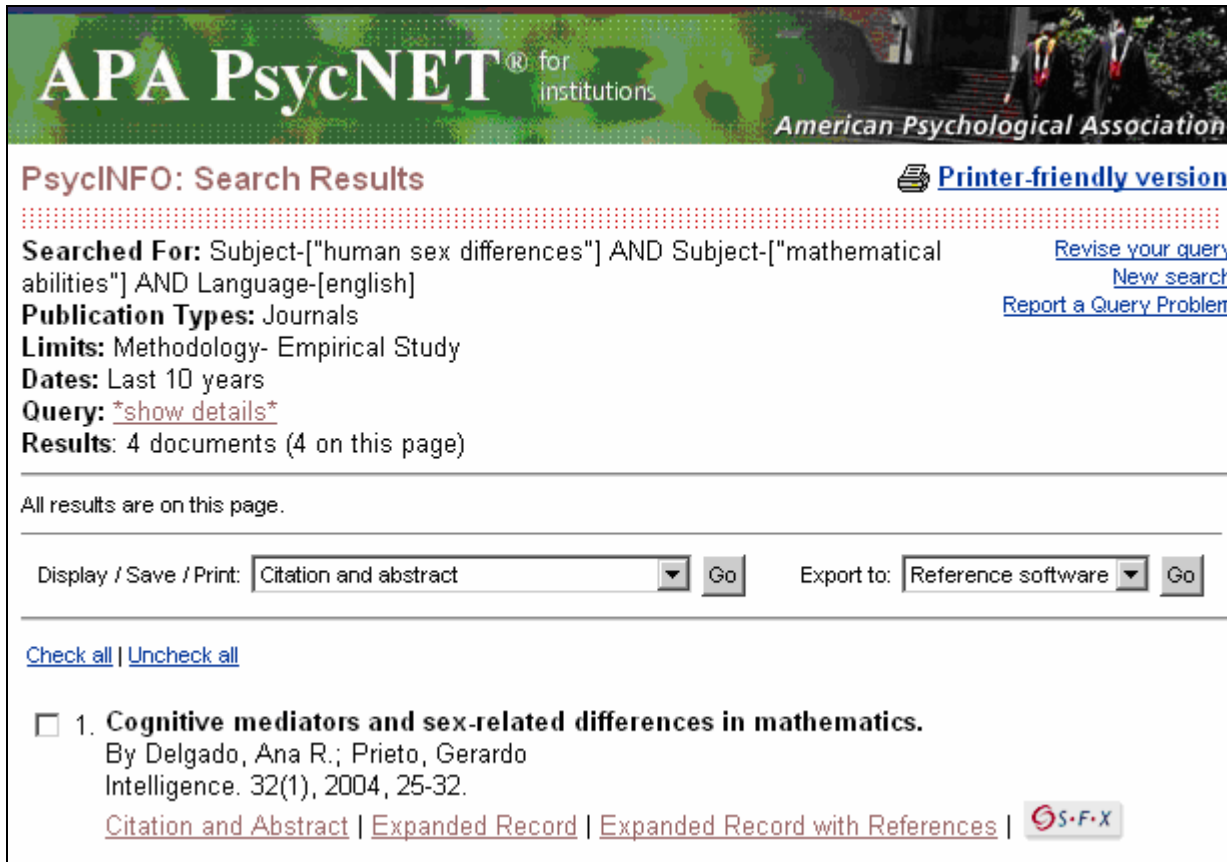
When you find an article that seems close to your topic, it is a good idea to look at the index terms in the Expanded Record. You can then modify your search to use the “official” index terms, which should produce better results.

Subject search actually searches 3 fields: Index terms, keywords, and the title of the article.

APA’s **Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms** shows you the indexing terms used in the APA databases, as well as related terms. It is available in the Reference area of the library [Call number REF Z695.1 .P7 T48 2005]

PsycInfo

If you do not get enough articles in PsycArticles, switch to a fielded search in PsycInfo. PsycInfo covers journals in 36 languages. You can limit your search to English language by adding a search term “English” and changing “Any field” to “Language” in the search type.



The screenshot shows the APA PsycNET search results interface. At the top, it says 'APA PsycNET® for institutions' and 'American Psychological Association'. Below that, it displays 'PsycINFO: Search Results' and a 'Printer-friendly version' link. The search criteria are: 'Searched For: Subject-["human sex differences"] AND Subject-["mathematical abilities"] AND Language-[english]'. Other filters include 'Publication Types: Journals', 'Limits: Methodology- Empirical Study', and 'Dates: Last 10 years'. The query is '*show details*' and there are 4 results. The first result is 'Cognitive mediators and sex-related differences in mathematics' by Delgado, Ana R.; Prieto, Gerardo, published in Intelligence, 32(1), 2004, 25-32. There are links for 'Citation and Abstract', 'Expanded Record', and 'Expanded Record with References', along with an SFX button.

SFX

Click the SFX button to:

- Link to another database that has full-text for that journal.
- Check the BCC library’s catalog for a print subscription.
- Submit an **ILLiad** (Interlibrary loan) request to obtain a copy of the article from another library. You will need to set up your ILLiad login the first time you place an ILLiad request. Allow at least 2-5 business days for this service.

The two guides under “Search Help and Tips” give you more information on using PsycInfo/PsycArticles. As always, you can ask a librarian for help with your search strategy.

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