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Summary of Tables

Table 1—Manuscripts Submitted and Published, 2017–2021

This table shows the trends in papers submitted and published over the past five years. The journal has seen increased growth in paper submissions: 14% in 2018, 11% in 2019, and 25% in 2020. Submission numbers remained steady in 2021. The number of published papers has remained steady, ranging from 65 to 70 papers per year.

Table 2—Status of Manuscripts by Year of Submission, 2017–2021

This table shows the status of manuscripts submitted over the past five years. The papers summarily rejected remained steady, ranging from 54% to 62% of papers submitted. The percent of papers sent out for review but ultimately rejected

has remained steady, ranging from 29% to 35% of papers. Acceptance rates range from 7% to 8% of papers submitted. Papers submitted in 2021 have not had enough time to accurately reflect the acceptance rate.

Table 3—Decision Time for Manuscripts Sent to Referees for Review

This table reports the decision time for manuscripts sent to referees for review over the past five years. In 2018, the average decision time for papers that were sent to referees was 95 days. The average decision time in 2021 improved to 86 days. In addition, the decision time at the right tail improved substantially.

Table 4—Distribution of First Decision Times by Submission Year

This table includes all first-round paper submissions and shows the distribution of decision times in monthly increments for the past five years. This table also reflects the improvement in the journal’s decision turnaround times. In 2021, 86% of manuscripts received a decision within three months and 99% within five months.

Table 5—Subject Matter of Published Manuscripts, 2021

This table shows the distribution of the subject matter of papers published in 2021. Published papers covered a variety of subjects, but the most common were microeconomics and macro- and monetary economics.

TABLE 1.—MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED AND PUBLISHED, 2017–2021

Year	Submitted	Published
2017	1,049	68
2018	1,200	70
2019	1,330	66
2020	1,666	65
2021	1,674	65

TABLE 2.—STATUS OF MANUSCRIPTS BY YEAR OF SUBMISSION, 2017–2021

Submission Year	Accepted	Pending	Rejected	Summary Reject	Revise and Resubmit	Withdrawn	Total
2017	89	0	304	647	0	9	1,049
	8%	0%	29%	62%	0%	1%	
2018	89	0	373	715	4	19	1,200
	7%	0%	31%	60%	0%	2%	
2019	98	2	410	808	9	5	1,332
	7%	0%	31%	61%	1%	0%	
2020	126	25	575	899	37	2	1,664
	8%	2%	35%	54%	2%	0%	
2021	21	63	467	1,009	104	10	1,674
	1%	4%	28%	60%	6%	1%	

Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer. Pending manuscripts include submissions and revisions that were undergoing review as of February 22, 2022. Revise and Resubmit manuscripts are those that have been returned and are in the hands of the authors on that date. Summary rejections are manuscripts rejected without referee review.

TABLE 3.—DECISION TIME IN DAYS FOR MANUSCRIPTS SENT TO REFEREES FOR REVIEW

Year	Fraction Summarily Rejected	Average Decision Time	Median Decision Time	75th Percentile	90th Percentile	Number of Papers Sent to Referees
2017	62%	92	85	111	144	393
2018	60%	95	86	112	149	466
2019	61%	82	77	97	118	517
2020	68%	86	84	102	122	765
2021	60%	86	84	100	118	657

Decision times are for papers sent out for review. Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer. Data were input for 43 papers submitted in 2021 that did not have a decision yet.

TABLE 4.—DISTRIBUTION OF FIRST DECISION TIMES BY SUBMISSION YEAR

Months to Response	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent
1	59	59	65	65	60	60	55	55	62	62
2	6	65	7	72	11	71	7	62	4	66
3	12	76	13	85	18	89	22	84	20	86
4	16	92	8	93	8	97	12	96	11	97
5	3	95	4	97	2	99	3	99	2	99
6	1	96	2	99	<1	99	<1	99	<1	99
7	2	98	1	99	<1	99	<1	99	<1	99
8	2	100	<1	99	<1	99	<1	100	<1	100
9	0	100	<1	99	<1	100	0	100	0	100
10	0	100	<1	99	0	100	0	100	0	100
11	0	100	<1	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
12	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100

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TABLE 5.—SUBJECT MATTER OF PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS, 2021

JEL	Subject Category	Number
A	General Economics and Teaching	0
B	Methodology/History of Thought	0
C	Mathematical and Quantitative Methods	5
D	Microeconomics	15
E	Macro- and Monetary Economics	9
F	International Economics	8
G	Financial Economics	0
H	Public Economics	4
I	Health, Education, and Welfare	5
J	Labor and Demographic Economics	4
K	Law and Economics	3
L	Industrial Organization	1
M	Business Economics	0
N	Economic History	0
O	Economic Development	8
P	Economic Systems	1
Q	Agricultural/Natural Resources	1
R	Urban, Rural, and Regional Economics	1
Z	Misc. and Special Topics	0

Derived from JEL codes reported for each manuscript for the 2021 publication year.