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Summary of Tables

Table 1—Manuscripts Submitted and Published, 2018–2022

This table shows the trends in papers submitted and published over the past five years. The journal saw increased growth in submissions of papers from 2018 to 2020. Submission numbers remained steady from 2020 to 2021, then declined by 10% in 2022. The number of published papers increased by 25 due to the publication of three larger issues (July, September, and November 2022).

Table 2—Status of Manuscripts by Year of Submission, 2018–2022

This table shows the status of manuscripts submitted over the past five years. The number of papers summarily rejected

remains steady, ranging from 54% to 61% of papers submitted. The percent of papers sent out for review but ultimately rejected has remained steady, ranging from 31% to 35% of papers. Acceptance rates range from 7% to 10% of papers submitted. Papers submitted in 2022 have not had enough time to reflect the final 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. The average decision time remained steady, ranging from 82 to 95 days.

Table 4—Distribution of First Decision Times by Submission Year

This table shows the distribution of decision times for all first-round paper submissions in monthly increments for the past five years. The table also reflects the improvement in the journal's decision turnaround times. In 2022, 80% of manuscripts received a decision within three months and 99% within six months.

Table 5—Subject Matter of Published Manuscripts, 2022

This table shows the distribution of the subject matter of papers published in 2022. Published papers covered a variety of subjects, but the most common published topics were microeconomics and macro and monetary economics.

TABLE 1.—MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED AND PUBLISHED

Year	Submitted	Published
2018	1,200	70
2019	1,330	66
2020	1,666	65
2021	1,674	65
2022	1,480	90

TABLE 2.—STATUS OF MANUSCRIPTS BY YEAR OF SUBMISSION

Submission Year	Accepted	Pending	Rejected	Summary Reject	Revise and Resubmit	Withdrawn	Total
2018	89 7%	0 0%	373 31%	715 60%	4 0%	19 2%	1,200
2019	98 7%	2 0%	410 31%	808 61%	9 1%	5 0%	1,332
2020	126 8%	25 2%	575 35%	899 54%	37 2%	2 0%	1,664
2021	21 1%	63 4%	467 28%	1,009 60%	104 6%	10 1%	1,674
2022	25 2%	16 1%	524 35%	839 57%	66 4%	10 1%	1,480

Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer. Pending manuscripts include submissions and revisions that were undergoing review as of June 5, 2023, and Revise and Resubmit manuscripts 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	75% Percentile	90th Percentile	Number of Papers Sent to Referees
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
2022	57%	95	91	109	137	649

Decision times are for papers sent out for review. Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer. Data for one paper submitted in 2022 that did not have a decision when this report was compiled have been included.

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

Months to Response	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent	Monthly Percent	Cumulative Percent
1	65	65	60	60	55	55	62	62	58	58
2	7	72	11	71	7	62	4	66	4	62
3	13	85	18	89	22	84	20	86	18	80
4	8	93	8	97	12	96	11	97	14	94
5	4	97	2	99	3	99	2	99	4	98
6	2	99	<1	99	<1	99	<1	99	1	99
7	1	99	<1	99	<1	99	<1	99	<1	99
8	<1	99	<1	99	<1	100	<1	100	<1	100
9	<1	99	<1	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
10	<1	99	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
11	<1	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
12	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100

Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer. Data for one paper submitted in 2022 that did not have a decision when this report was compiled have been included.

TABLE 5.—SUBJECT MATTER OF PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS, 2022

JEL	Subject Category	Number
A	General Economics and Teaching	0
B	Methodology/History of Thought	0
C	Mathematical and Quantitative Methods	9
D	Microeconomics	18
E	Macro and Monetary Economics	12
F	International Economics	6
G	Financial Economics	1
H	Public Economics	4
I	Health, Education, and Welfare	9
J	Labor and Demographic Economics	7
K	Law and Economics	5
L	Industrial Organization	4
M	Business Economics	0
N	Economic History	0
O	Economic Development	8
P	Economic Systems	0
Q	Agricultural/Natural Resources	4
R	Urban, Rural, and Regional Economics	1
Z	Misc. and Special Topics	1

Derived from JEL codes reported for each manuscript for the 2022 publication year.