

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (P&C) BOARD 2025 ACTIVITIES UPDATE

SUMMARY

APA Publishing serves three important functions, as a content provider of high-quality scholarship, as a standard setter for scholarly publishing in psychology, and as APA's primary source of income. Total revenue for APA's core scholarly and professional publishing program (including APA Journals, APA Books, APA Style and *Publication Manual*, Academic Writer, PsycInfo, PsycLearn, PsycTests, and PsycTherapy) totaled over \$112 million in 2025.

Journal Editor Appointments

The P&C Board is pleased to have made five editorial appointments to APA Core journals in 2025, naming the following Editors to six-year terms, beginning in 2026 as the Editor-elect year (and 2027 as the debut masthead year).

- Geoffrey Schoenbaum PhD, *Behavioral Neuroscience*
- Mo Wang, PhD, *Journal of Applied Psychology*
- Young-Suk Kim, EdD, *Journal of Educational Psychology*
- Stefan G. Hoffmann, PhD, *Psychological Bulletin*
- William R. Corbin, PhD, *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*

In addition, the P&C Board made three editorial appointments for journals in the Educational Publishing Foundation (EPF) imprint of specialized and co-owned journals:

- James S. Cawood, PhD, CPP, CTM, *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*
- Rebecca Tuckachinsky Forster, PhD, *Psychology of Popular Media*
- Karen Brakke, PhD, *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*

In 2025, the P&C Board also opened 10 searches for the following APA Core and EPF journals; incoming editors to begin in 2027:

- *American Psychologist*
- *History of Psychology*
- *Journal of Family Psychology*
- *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality Processes and Individual Differences*
- *Psychological Assessment*
- *Psychological Review*
- *Journal of Occupational Health Psychology*
- *Motivation Science*
- *Personality Disorders: Research, Theory and Treatment*
- *Psychology of Men and Masculinities*

APA Journals

APA Journals produces an array of scholarly journals that cover the spectrum of psychology. Journals published more than 63,789 pages in 2025 across 89 journals and 2 Clinician’s Research Digests, representing almost 5,190 articles assigned to 515 journal issues.

Table 1. Five-Year Count of APA Journal Submissions and Pages Published.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Number Journals*	89	90	89	88	89
Total Submissions	22,310	21,122	23,394	24,315	28,446
Total Pages Published	>63,000	>64,500	>64,100	>63,000	>63,000

*Number of journals excludes *Clinician’s Research Digests*, and counts the three sections of *Journal of Social and Personality Psychology* as one journal

In 2025, 69 editorial fellows served across 26 APA Core journals. Similarly, 22 APA Core journals recruited editorial fellows to serve in the 2026 publication year. In total, 208 fellows have served on APA journals since the editorial fellowship program’s initial pilot in 2023. In a survey of the fellows delivered in November 2025, 94% of respondents reported that they were somewhat or extremely satisfied with the program; 97% indicated they were likely to recommend the program to their peers.

The P&C Board approved an Editor Code of Conduct that compiles the guidance already available to Editors into one document, which Editors will now receive during onboarding and can refer to throughout their terms. The benefits of the Editor Code of Conduct include increasing transparency for authors and reviewers about what to expect when engaging with a journal’s editorial board, and emphasizing the integrity of the editorial and peer review processes of APA Journals by sharing expectations for journal management.

During 2025, APA began publication of *Journal of Pediatric Neuropsychology* in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology. Starting in 2026, APA will publish the new *Educational Psychology for Policy and Practice* in collaboration with Division 15, Educational Psychology. The Publications and Communications Board voted to discontinue publication of the *Clinician’s Research Digests* at the end of 2025, observing declining readership as practitioners turning to other types of summaries, including free summary e-newsletters or summaries produced by generative AI tools. In 2025, APA Journals published more than 57 special issues or sections of journals. The following are examples of special issues: *Consulting Psychology Journal’s* Beyond the Generic Brown: South Asian and Arab People in the Workplace and Ethical and Legal Issues in AI for Organizational Consultants and Managers; *Journal of Family Psychology’s* Resilience Processes in the Family Stress Model; *Journal of Educational Psychology’s* Leveraging Learning Theory and Analytics to Produce Grounded, Innovative, Data-Driven, Equitable Improvements to Teaching and Learning; *Health Psychology’s* Sexual and Gender Minority Health Inequities: A focus on Mechanisms, Interventions, and Implementation, and Social

Influences on Physical Health: Patterns, Mechanisms, and Solutions; *Psychology of Men & Masculinities'* The Complexities of Men's Experiences with Intimate Partner Violence and Family Abuse Victimization; *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology's* Peace Psychology and Global Challenges; *Practice Innovations'* Advances in Evidence-Based Continuing Professional Development and Building a Private Practice; *Spirituality in Clinical Practice's* Diverse International Perspectives; *Stigma and Health's* Untoward Effects of Anti-Stigma Campaigns and Intervention; *Journal of Psychopathology and Clinical Science's* Passive Sensing of Behavioral Markers of Psychopathology; *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition's* Misinformation: Current Directions and New Insights and Autobiographical Processing and Psychopathology; and *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy's* Trauma in the Modern Age of Technology and Trauma Related to the October 7th Attack.

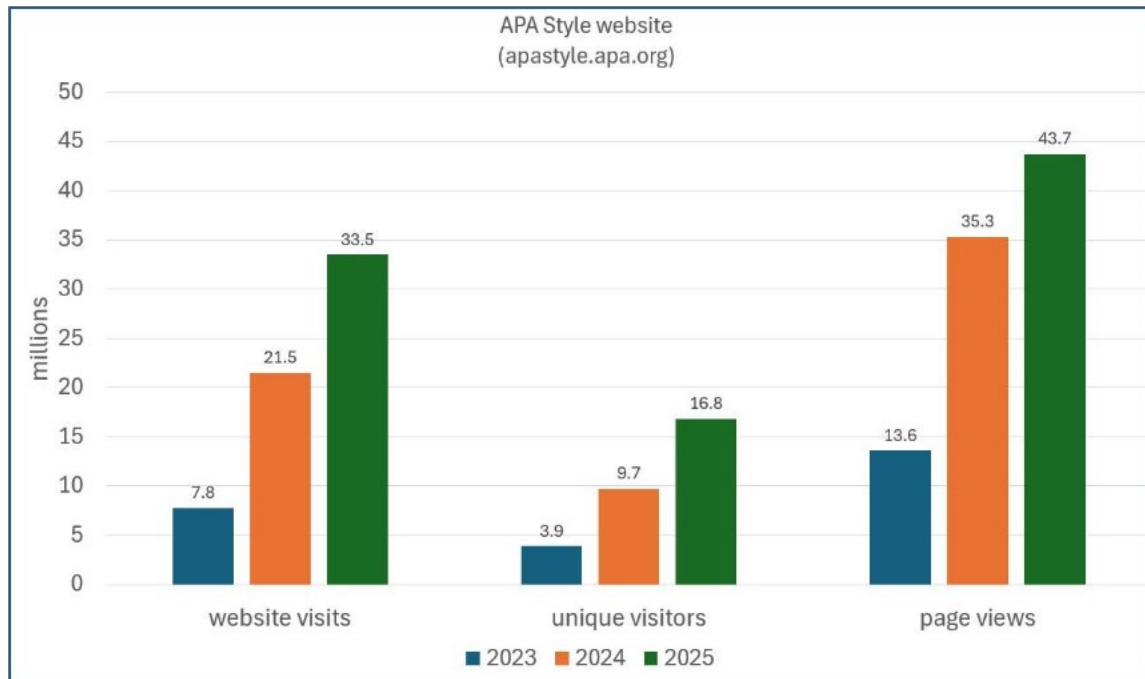
APA Books and Videos

APA publishes books to meet the needs of scholars, clinicians, researchers, and students in all areas of psychology. The product lines encompass an array of resources, including the APA Books and Magination Press imprints, APA Style, and APA Videos.

Since its release in October 2019, the seventh edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* has broken records set by the previous edition and continues to make an impact in academia. As of December 2025, more than 2.3 million copies of the *Publication Manual* have been sold, inclusive of all ebook and print formats. The APA Style team also optimized for accessibility the electronic versions of the *Publication Manual* and the *Concise Guide to APA Style* by achieving Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA standards.

APA Publishing and ITS staff launched to the library market a brand-new product, the *APA Style Manual*, on June 23, 2025. The *APA Style Manual* is an online, full-text version of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.) with supplemental lessons that institutions subscribe to for campus-wide access. As of December 2025, 67 institutions have subscribed to this new product to provide equitable access for all students, educators, and other library patrons who use APA Style in their coursework and research.

Use of the APA Style website (<https://apastyle.apa.org>) continued to increase in 2025, measured by website visits (33.5 million), visitors (16.8 million), and page views (43.7 million). The most watched video this year on APA Style's YouTube channel was about the [Journal Article Reporting Standards for Race, Ethnicity, and Culture](#), with 7.8K views.



The APA Style and marketing teams collaborated on designing, promoting, and conducting webinars throughout the year to engage with global audiences across secondary and higher education. The teams also expanded this engagement via the *APA Style Monthly* email newsletter, which reached 41,000 subscribers in December. Finally, the APA Style team also launched an APA Style Bluesky page (<https://bsky.app/profile/apastyle.bsky.social>) in Q1 2025 to support the needs of researchers, educators, and students who have migrated to this channel.

APA Style 2025 Media Highlights:

- 41,000 subscribers to APA Style newsletter
- People Magazine mention
- 2 webinars
- Doody's Core Titles List
- 1 new YouTube video posted
- LinkedIn profile expansion
- 5 conference sponsorships
- 2 APA convention sessions

In 2025 APA Publishing released 42 scholarly and professional titles, 3 two-volume reference handbooks (*APA Handbook of Depression*; *APA Handbook of Pediatric Psychology, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, and Developmental Science*; *APA Handbook of Humanistic and Existential Psychology*) and 20 Magination Press (APA's children's book imprint) titles. In addition, APA Books released titles to ProQuest Ebook Central, EBSCO, OverDrive, RedShelf, Perusall, VitalSource, BibliU, JSTOR, and Amazon Kindle. Magination Press books are found on online reading platform Epic! as ebooks on Amazon Kindle,

and available as digital copies on various online bookshops and library platforms such as Overdrive, B&N, or bookshop.org.

In 2025, Magination Press announced a new partnership with the Lerner Publishing Services (LPS) as MP's exclusive global distributor for children's school/library market and retail trade sectors. This partnership will allow Magination Press to leverage Lerner's market reach, expertise, and reputation as a leader in independent children's book publishing for over 65 years.

Magination Press book *Jacob's Room to Choose* was named in U.S. Supreme Court petition, *Mahmoud v. Taylor* and for which APA wrote an [Amicus Brief](#). A group of parents from Montgomery County, MD filed a lawsuit against their county's public schools lack of opt-out provision following the inclusion of several LGBTQ+ themed books on an inclusive/diversity reading list. APA's brief focused on the benefits to all students of an inclusive school curricula. School bullying, intolerant school environments, and lack of representation contribute to serious and widespread harms in LGBTQ+ youth; whereas inclusive curricula alleviate stigma and stressors that drive disproportionate mental health issues in LGBTQ+ youth; inclusive curricular programs and supportive school climates benefit all students; and allowing students to opt-out may detract from the benefits of inclusive instruction. SCOTUS upheld a Free Exercise Clause claim allowing students to be excused from readings that contain LGBTQ characters and themes.

True or False: The Science of Perception. Misinformation, and Disinformation was the September 2025 pick for National Educational Association (NEA) 2025-2026 Read Across America Calendar. Each month, NEA features three books—one for young, middle grade, and young adult readers—that explore a topic related to diversity and inclusion. Each year, an estimated 45 million educators, parents, and students nationwide participate in NEA's Read Across America Day.

Magination Press and the National Wildlife Federation teamed up to publish three books -- *Mindful Nature*, *Ask Scarlett*, and *Take a Hike!* -- that show the healing benefits of nature for health and well-being.

Magination Press 2025 Media Highlights:

100th Magination YouTube Story Time Video posted, 12 new videos
1 Social Justice Book Award Honor
5 Child Mind Institute Best Books
2 Lambda Literary Award Nominees
1 Indies Award Book Winner
7 Children's Book Council (CBC) Favorite Books
1 Notable Social Studies (NCSS) Trade Book
1 National Education Association (NEA) Read Across America title
1 Washington Post Book Club pick
5 Kirkus Reviews

1 SCOTUS case with our book
1 ALA author signing
1 NCTE author signing
6 independent bookseller regional holiday catalogs titles
4 School Library Journal Reviews
1 Booklist review
2 Foreword reviews
4 APA Monitor Hot List mentions
1 The Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) Choice Title
2 Rainbow Book List titles
1 APA convention author sessions

APA Books 2025 Media Highlights:

2 NASP Communique book reviews
1 Prose Award Finalist
9 Webinars, 242 promo codes used
8 Doody's Reviews
7 Doody's Core Titles List books
4 Doody's Special Topics List (LGBTQ+ Health; Trafficking & Domestic Violence)
4 ALA Choice Reviews
1 Mind Tricks Radio Podcast
1 mention in The Atlantic
1 USA Today Author Op-Ed
1 CBS Mornings featured title
2 APA Monitor Hot List mentions
2 Cal Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center's favorite books
12 new author YouTube videos posted
14 APA convention author sessions

The Video division of APA Books released 11 individual video titles in both DVD and in streaming format (through our distributors), including

- *Perinatal Mental Health*, with Diane Sanford and Kathy Kendall-Tackett
- *Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy*, with Patricia Coughlin
- *Clients Who Are Displace*, with Naji Abi-Hashem
- *Emotion and Culture*, Shigeru Iwakabe

Also published this year: *Applying Cultural Humility Principles to Psychotherapy* with Anu Asnaani, which focuses on how being culturally humble can benefit psychotherapy outcomes, and *Using Alliance-*

Focused Training with J. Christopher Muran and Catherine Eubanks demonstrating an empirically supported method of supervision and professional consultation.

The Video division also released a total of 21 videos into APA PsycTherapy®, APA's database of streaming psychotherapy videos.

Online Products & Solutions

APA's platform (PsycNet) and databases (PsycInfo, PsycArticles, PsycBooks, PsycTests, and PsycTherapy) are supported by the Product Management and Content Management departments in APA Publishing. The Content Management department oversees and implements policy and program development in all matters related to content for the PsycInfo and PsycTests databases. Initiatives to ensure the quality of the PsycINFO database are ongoing. In 2025, the following additions were made:

- More than 188,450 records were released into the PsycInfo database and by the end of the year, the database contained over 5.8 million records. Of these 1,325,706 records have ORCID IDs and 507,041 are Open Access. In addition, the database contains more than 176 million cited references. The number of journals covered by PsycInfo at the end of 2025 was 2,369. There were 24 journals dropped primarily due to problems receiving the journal or to journal's ceasing publication and 45 new journals were added.
- PsycInfo also includes the metadata records for the PsycArticles and PsycBooks databases:
 - Over 5,600 metadata records were added to the PsycArticles database, bringing the total number of records to 250,050.
 - Approximately 641 APA book and chapter records were added to PsycBooks. At the end of the year, PsycBooks contained 75,479 book and chapter records.
 - The PsycTests database grew by 2,978 new records, totaling 81,135 records by the end of the year. About 41% of the metadata records are accompanied by full-text tests.
 - The PsycExtra database has been transformed into an archive for APA and APA-related content only. More than 1,400 such archival records were added to PsycExtra in 2025.

APA PsycInfo is the most trusted, authoritative abstracting and indexing service in the behavioral and social sciences featuring both global and multidisciplinary content. To expand APA PsycInfo usage in the research community, we offer a free, customized, AI-powered research service with seamless access to full text to assist researchers with keeping up to date with the latest research in psychology. As a researcher engages with research content, the service adapts to the researcher's preferences resulting in an experience personalized to individual interests. With APA PsycInfo serving as the foundation, the service includes research from more than 2,300 journals in psychology and related disciplines, dissertations, preprints, PubMed, and national and international conference data.

In 2025, we introduced a new semantic search feature for APA PsycInfo. This enhancement goes beyond traditional keyword matching by interpreting the meaning and context of a user's query to deliver more relevant research results. Powered by artificial intelligence (AI) and natural language processing (NLP), the feature allows researchers to search using everyday language instead of relying on specific keywords, index terms, or complex Boolean queries. By understanding context and relationships between words, semantic search reduces inaccuracies caused by ambiguous, broad, or vague search

terms. As a result, it strengthens researchers' search capabilities, reduces time researchers spend in searching for relevant content, and gives them greater control over the research process.

In 2025 APA PsycNet, the publishing platform for APA's scholarly content, delivered a strong operational performance and significant functionality enhancements, providing seamless access to more than 28 million researchers, students, clinicians, and public users. Platform security remained robust with zero breaches and new content protections against the AI bots.

APA PsycNet traffic remained one of the highest of all APA sites with 2.6 million user sessions per month. Over 117.5 million requests for [APA](#) journal articles, books, chapters & test records resolved on PsycNet in 2025 from links on Google Scholar, PubMed, ResearchGate, and social media. Integration with the industry-wide GetFTR service streamlined one-click access to APA full-text content for institutional subscribers on academic platforms and discovery services.

2025 implementation of GetFTR's Retraction and Errata enhancement on the platform flags retracted or updated articles in search results, records, and directly in the article. When clicked, "Retraction" or "Update" indicators provide additional details and timelines, ensuring researchers have access to the most current, reliable, and accurate versions of papers. The new feature promotes transparency and research integrity and reinforces trust in the content published on the platform.

Accessibility and user experience were core platform priorities in 2025, advancing APA's mission of ethical, inclusive education and research. The launch of an accessible ePUB reader for APA PsycBooks in October improved inclusivity for users with diverse visual, cognitive & motor needs, as well as book reading experience in general.

Due to requirements from the US government, embargoes on accepted manuscripts of publications from federally funded research were lifted starting July 1, 2025. *Technology, Mind, and Behavior* was migrated from PubPub to APA PsycNet, which expanded the platform's journal portfolio and consolidated APA content delivery within a single environment. PsycNet transitioned to a new modernized platform usage portal enabled more cost-effective, near real-time platform analytics and reporting to institutional stakeholders. These 2025 advances position the platform for a significant evolution in 2026, including development of AI-enabled tools and features.

Academic Writer continues to be sold as an institutional product in the U.S. and internationally. The focus remains on our institutional customers, as both the Course Adoption (B2B) and Direct (B2C) versions of the product were fully discontinued. In 2025, we developed a new version of the VPAT to address a higher level of accessibility (WCAG 2.2 AA). Additional improvements were made in response to customer feedback. Features are planned for 2026 that support the value proposition for both new and existing Academic Writer customers, including streamlined product access, more guidance specific to nursing students, and lessons on the use of generative AI in scholarly writing.

PsycLearn Plus is an online delivery platform for course materials in undergraduate psychology. It employs evidence-based learning science principles to make challenging concepts more engaging and

approachable, helping students deepen their understanding of course material and build learning skills. In the fall of 2024 APA Publishing began transitioning from the CogBooks platform and entered into an agreement with VitalSource to support the PsycLearn products on their Acrobatiq platform. Four PsycLearn products were released in July 2025 (Research Methods, Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences, Introduction to Social Psychology, and a Combined Approach to Research Methods and Statistics). All Cogbooks customers successfully transitioned to the Acrobatiq platform and APA Publishing maintains an agreement with Cambridge University Press & Assessment (CUPA) to market and sell PsycLearn globally.

Since the pivot to developing and releasing short courses (PsycLearn Essentials) for the global upskilling market on MOOC platforms, the Product Management team has released 26 courses totaling 10 Specializations with 80,000 enrollments in Coursera and 10 courses totaling 3 specializations and 35,000 enrollments in edX. The specializations/programs cover: Research Methods in Psychology; Student Success; Psychology of Anxiety, Mood, Substance Use, and Addictive Behaviors; Methods for Qualitative Research in Psychology; Data Exploration in Psychology; Basic Inferential Statistics; Discover Yourself, Build Relationships, and Navigate Groups; Psychology of Disorders Related to Trauma, Anxiety and Stress; Psychology of Substance Use, Depressive Disorders, and Trauma, and Psychology in Action. We will be releasing another 4 new courses in Coursera to form 4 new specializations and 2 new courses in edX in 2026.

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