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## **Preprints pro and con**

“In the first 10 months of the (COVID-19) crisis, scientists posted more than 30,000 preprints about the coronavirus online. Researchers anticipate that the overall number of biomedical papers first published as preprints will continue to climb.” While useful, a drawback of preprints is the potential for misuse and misinformation because of their lack of peer review.

Francie Diep, “4 Emerging Trends You Should Know About,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 11, 2022, <https://www.chronicle.com/article/4-emerging-trends-you-should-know-about> (retrieved March 7, 2022).



## **Higher education enrollment**

The total fall enrollment in degree-granting postsecondary institutions for 2020 was 18,991,798. This was down from an enrollment of 21,019,438 in 2010. Enrollment is projected to rise to 20,482,000 in 2030. About 39 percent of current postsecondary students are enrolled part-time.

National Center for Education Statistics, “Digest of Education Statistics, 2021. Total Fall Enrollment in Degree-Granting Postsecondary Institutions, by Attendance Status, Sex of Student, and Control of Institution: Selected Years, 1947 through 2030,” U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, November 2021, [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d21/tables/dt21\\_303.10.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d21/tables/dt21_303.10.asp) (retrieved March 7, 2022).



## **Journal editorial representation**

“At the top 50 journals worldwide in psychology and neuroscience, male editors and those from the USA outnumber female editors and those affiliated with other countries, at rates significantly beyond their participation in the fields. For 76 percent of psychology journals and 88 percent of neuroscience journals more than 50 percent of editors were male, whereas only 20 percent and 10 percent, respectively, had a similar proportion of female editors.”

Eleanor R. Palser, Maia Lazerwitz, and Aikaterini Fotopoulou, “Gender and Geographical Disparity in Editorial Boards of Journals in Psychology and Neuroscience,” *Nature Neuroscience*, February 21, 2022, 1–8, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41593-022-01012-w> (retrieved March 3, 2022).



## **Podcasts**

As of February 2022, total global downloads for the top 20 podcasts were up 32 percent year-over-year. The top podcast publisher, iHeartRadio, had a unique monthly audience of 33,446,000 and global streams and downloads of 430,434,000 in February.

“February 2022- Top Podcast Publishers,” Podtrac, March 3, 2022, <http://analytics.podtrac.com/blog/3axz27rzg4ge6he-zxz5j-9gxcg-2j6jy-34ffa-nm6er> (retrieved March 8, 2022).

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