

Introduction to *PsycINFO*

PsycINFO, published by the American Psychological Association (APA), is the most comprehensive international database for psychology.


Let's work through the following research question: *Is there a relationship between the media and eating disorders in males?*

SEARCHING:

One of the most important things to know about *PsycINFO* is to search your keywords **ONE AT A TIME**.

For example, first search *media*, then search *eating disorders*. Do **not** enter the search as "media AND eating disorders".

Why? *PsycINFO* is a sophisticated database that attempts to match, or map, your keywords to its own list of subject headings (hence the appearance of the "Map Term to Subject Heading" phrase).



Basic Search | Find Citation | Search Tools | Search Fields | Advanced Search | Multi-Field Search

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Keyword Author Title Journal

media

▼ Limits (Click to close) Map Term to Subject Heading

Next, select a subject heading(s) that best matches your keyword. In this case, *Mass media*.

Select	Subject Heading	Auto Explode	Focus	Scope
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audiovisual Communications Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instructional Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mass Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	News Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	Printed Communications Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	Telecommunications Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	media.mp. search as Keyword			

NOTE:











Auto Explode searches for all narrower terms of your subject heading.

Focus limits your search to sources where your subject heading is a main focus.

Scope provides a brief definition for your subject heading, when available.

If you click on a subject heading, you will be directed to the **Thesaurus** for that heading. The Thesaurus illustrates any broader, narrower, or related subject headings for your term.

It may be useful to review the thesaurus to discover other related terms you may also want to search.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mass Media	6456	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
[Broader Terms]					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications Media	1947	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
[Narrower Terms]					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Films	4291	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	News Media [+NT]	1582	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Printed Communications Media [-NT]	1278	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	770	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Television [+NT]	3941	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
[Related Terms]					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising [+NT]	6344	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Popular Culture	708	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Service Announcements	158	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Once you've searched your first subject heading(s), you will be back at the initial search screen. Repeat the search process with your second keyword. In our example we would then search *eating disorders*.

COMBINING:

Once you've searched all your terms, you will need to combine your results. You can do this by selecting the line numbers you wish to combine and the choose

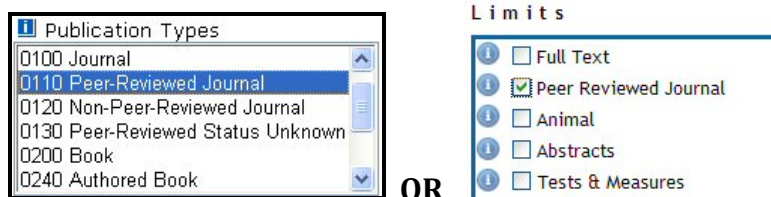
LIMITING:

PsycINFO allows you to limit by a variety of variables including age group, gender, publication year, publication type, language, etc.

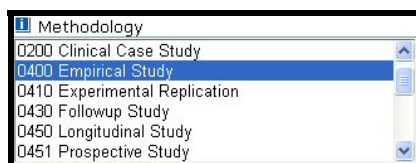
Limiters are very useful as they help you narrow-down your results.

Choose and review the many options available.

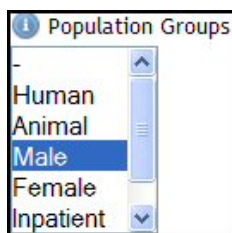
Limit to Journal Articles: *PsycINFO* includes references to journal articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, dissertations, etc. To limit to peer-reviewed articles, choose *Peer Reviewed Journal*.



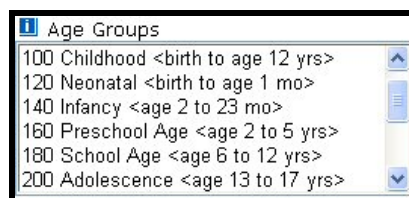
Limit to Empirical Studies: you can limit to empirical research in the **Methodology** menu. *PsycINFO* defines empirical research as a “study based on facts, systematic observation, or experiment, rather than theory or general philosophical principle”.

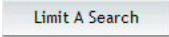


Limit by Gender: you can limit by gender in the **Population Groups** menu.



Limit to Age Group: allows you to narrow your research to a specific age grouping such as children, seniors, etc.



Once you have finished setting your limits, choose  found at the top and bottom of the screen.

SEARCH HISTORY

You can see all of your actions (searches, combining, & applied limits) in your *Search History* box. You will see that once you start combining your subject headings and applying your limits, your search results will be more relevant and manageable.

▼ Search History (4 searches) (Click to close)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	# ▲	Searches	Results
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	exp Mass Media/	24381
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	exp Eating Disorders/	19046
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	2 and 1	160
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	limit 3 to (peer reviewed journal and "0400 empirical study" and male)	22

VIEWING RESULTS:

To see your results, either scroll down on the Main Search page or click **DISPLAY** in your Search History.

To see more information about a citation, choose the **Complete Reference** link. The **Complete Reference** provides a lot of rich information about each citation.

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Eating disorders in the media: The changing nature of UK newspaper reports. [References]. Shepherd, Emily; Seale, Clive. <i>European Eating Disorders Review</i> . Vol.18(6), Nov-Dec 2010, pp. 486-495. [Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal] Year of Publication 2010 ▶ View Abstract	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abstract Reference• Complete Reference• Find Similar• Find Citing Articles• Find it!
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Relations among media influence, body image, eating concerns, and sexual orientation in men: A preliminary investigation. [References]. Carper, Teresa L. Marino; Negy, Charles; Tantleff-Dunn, Stacey. <i>Body Image</i> . Vol.7(4), Sep 2010, pp. 301-309. [Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abstract Reference• Complete Reference• Find Similar• Find Citing Articles

If the article's full-text is immediately available in *PsycINFO*, it will be stated as *Ovid Full Text*. To find additional full-text articles, choose the [Find it!](#) button. This will open a new window and will indicate if the Library has access (online and/or print) to this journal.

Title: Morality and health: News media constructions of overweight and eating disorders.
Source: Social Problems [0037-7791] Saguy yr:2010 vol:57 iss:2 pg:231 -250

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 From: JSTOR Arts & Sciences 7 Current [Go](#)
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 MURRAY LIBRARY-3RD FLOOR HN1 .S67 1953- v.1 -- Currently received (Latest issues are on the Murray Library Current Journals shelves)

"Available online" - the Library has electronic access to your article - click on the GO icon to view the full-text.

"Available in the library" - the Library has a print subscription to your article - the Library location and call number will be noted.

"The U of S Library does not own this item - Request it from another library" - the Library does not have access to your article (either print or electronically). Choose GO to complete an InterLibrary request.

Once you are finished with this window, close it and use the browser's back button to return to your results.

PRINT / EMAIL / EXPORT RESULTS:

Use the icons at the top of your results to print, email, or export your references.

A toolbar containing the following elements from left to right: a checked checkbox labeled 'All', a 'Select Range' button, a printer icon labeled 'Print', an envelope icon labeled 'Email', a document icon labeled 'Export', a folder icon labeled 'Add to My Projects', and a magnifying glass icon labeled 'Keep Selected'.

It is recommended to include the *Complete Reference* as well as the *Search History* so you will have all the key information as well as the ability to replicate the search at a later date if needed.

A settings panel with the following sections and options:

- Select Fields to Display**
 - Citation (Title, Author, Source)
 - Citation + Abstract
 - Citation + Abstract + Subject Headings
 - Complete Reference
 - Custom Fields [Select Fields](#)
- Select Citation Style**
 - APA
- Include**
 - Search History

By choosing APA for the citation style, your references will be automatically formatted into APA style. It is vital that you verify that the citations are formatted **correctly** according to the rules set-out in the [*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*](#).

If you have any questions about searching in the *PsycINFO* database, please [contact us!](#)