

Writing for *Population*

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Guidelines

Submissions

These guidelines apply to all submissions, including those for the Early-Career Researcher Prize.

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Authors may only submit previously unpublished articles. Authors agree not to send their manuscript to any journal pending the decision of the Editorial Board.

Language of submission: French or English (UK or US). If UK, please refer to the *Oxford English Dictionary* for spelling. If US, please use *Merriam-Webster*.

Language of publication: *Population* is a bilingual, French–English journal. Accepted submissions in one language will be translated into the other. The journal covers translation coordination and costs.

Articles, short papers, and data papers (submitted in English)

Articles: 8,000 words maximum (including footnotes and appendices but excluding references) and a maximum of 10 tables and figures combined. These limits also apply to submissions for the Early-Career Researcher Prize.

Short papers: 4,000 words maximum (including footnotes and appendices but excluding references) and a maximum of 5 tables and figures combined.

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All submissions must include an abstract of no more than 150 words and five to eight keywords.

Electronic supplementary materials may be provided. This material will not be edited or translated. It will accompany the article on the journal's websites (www.journal-population.com, <https://www.cairn-int.info/journal-population.htm>), but it will not appear in the printed journal.

Thematic features

For sets of articles (possibly including short papers) on a common theme and/or relating to the same survey results, the feature coordinator should submit the articles along with an introductory text. Four to six articles are typically published in *Population's* thematic features.

Each article is independently evaluated under the journal's standard peer review procedure (see below). Reviewers' decisions and feedback are sent anonymously to the authors, and the coordinator is informed of the decisions. If more than six articles on a topic are accepted, the feature may be spread over several issues. If fewer than four articles are selected, they may be published separately, outside of the thematic feature.

Commentaries

These are short critiques (1,500 words maximum) of articles previously published in the journal. As a condition of publication, the Editorial Board evaluates the commentary's scientific relevance. Article authors have a right of reply to these commentaries.

Book reviews

This section features original reviews of recent publications and may be thematically organized. The length of each book review varies between 450 and 1,350 words (depending on the publication reviewed).

Reviews may be submitted in English or French, regardless of the language of the publication reviewed. The journal covers translation coordination and costs.

Published book reviews reflect the views of their authors only and do not entail a right of reply by the authors of the publications reviewed.

File structure (text, tables, and figures)

Authors must ensure that the properties of electronic files contain no information or reference that could be used to identify them (name, institution, research programme, acknowledgements, etc.). The author's identity is to be indicated only on the first page (not transmitted to reviewers), which should state the name(s) of the author(s), affiliation(s), and the corresponding author's e-mail address.

The second page includes the title, abstract (less than 150 words), and five to eight keywords.

Works should be submitted in a single *.doc file containing the text, tables, figures, maps, and any appendices. Tables, figures, and maps should be embedded throughout.

If the article is accepted, the author(s) may be asked to provide vector images and/or data used to create figures (in Excel, for instance).

Format

Headings and subheadings must be numbered.

All pages must be numbered.

Each table, figure, and map should have a number, title, legend, and source, as well as a note to interpreting it, if necessary.

Mathematical formulae and equations must be numbered in the right-hand margin, referenced in the text, and legibly presented.

If possible, authors should use their software's equation function or present formulae and equations in text format.

Footnotes must be sequentially numbered. They must not include tables or graphics. They should be neither too numerous nor too long (five lines maximum).

References

References must appear at the end of the article, in alphabetical order by author, same author(s) in chronological order, and cited in the text; for example: (Guilmoto, 2012) [single author], (Cortina and Festy, 2014) [two authors], (Mazuy et al., 2015) [three or more authors]. For two or more works within the same citation, arrange them by date of publication, from oldest to most recent, separated by semicolons.

Journal articles: Guillaume A., Rossier C., 2018, Abortion around the world: An overview of legislation, measures, trends, and consequences, *Population*, 73(2), 217–306.

Books: Esping-Andersen G., 2009, *The incomplete revolution: Adapting to women's new roles*, Cambridge, Polity Press.

Book chapters: Herek G. M., Chopp R., Strohl D., 2007, Sexual stigma: Putting sexual minority health issues in context, in Meyer I. H., Northridge M. E. (eds.), *The health of sexual minorities: Public health perspectives on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations*, New York, Springer, 171–208.

Reports: United Nations, 2019, *World population prospects 2019: Highlights*, New York, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division.

PhD dissertations: Anglewicz P., *Migration, risk perception, and HIV infection in Malawi* (Doctoral dissertation), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Working papers: Daude C., 2011, *Ascendance by descendants? On intergenerational education mobility in Latin America* (OECD Development Centre Working Paper No. 297), Paris, OECD.

Databases: *Human Mortality Database*, University of California, Berkeley, and Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, <https://www.mortality.org/>

While not essential for submission, the above format is required after acceptance.

Recommendations

- Substantive headings and subheadings are preferred (for example, 'The context of the Paris Commune' rather than 'Background').

- No outline is needed. Articles must include an introduction (without stating results) and a conclusion.
- Authors should be careful to present data and limitations accurately.
- *Population's* readership is international and multidisciplinary, so authors must give adequate information for readers unfamiliar with the context of the study or its approach.
- Citing international references, not only from the country studied, is recommended.
- Inclusive writing (using bias-free language) is preferred.

Evaluation

Peer review

Submissions are anonymized and evaluated by a member of the Editorial Board and two outside reviewers. The Editorial Board, which meets 5 to 6 times a year, makes the final decision.

The Editors reserve the right to decline, without external review, submissions that do not correspond to the journal's stylistic and scientific standards.

Changes to content will be discussed with the author. However, the journal reserves the right to modify style and form. Authors will receive a PDF file of their edited, formatted article for review.

Evaluation criteria

- Relevance of subject matter
- Originality and importance of the research question, contribution to knowledge
- Appropriate and extensive literature review
- Rigorous and coherent methodology
- Clear and accurate presentation of results
- Thorough interpretation and discussion of results
- Quality of argument
- Quality of writing

Decisions of the Editorial Board

Response: 3 to 5 months after submission.

- Accepted subject to minor revisions
- Accepted subject to major revisions
- Revise and resubmit. As it stands, the article is not accepted, but the author may submit a new version to be re-examined by the Editorial Board. The new version will undergo several reviews, at least one by a new peer reviewer.
- Declined

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