



Taiwan Open Access Journals

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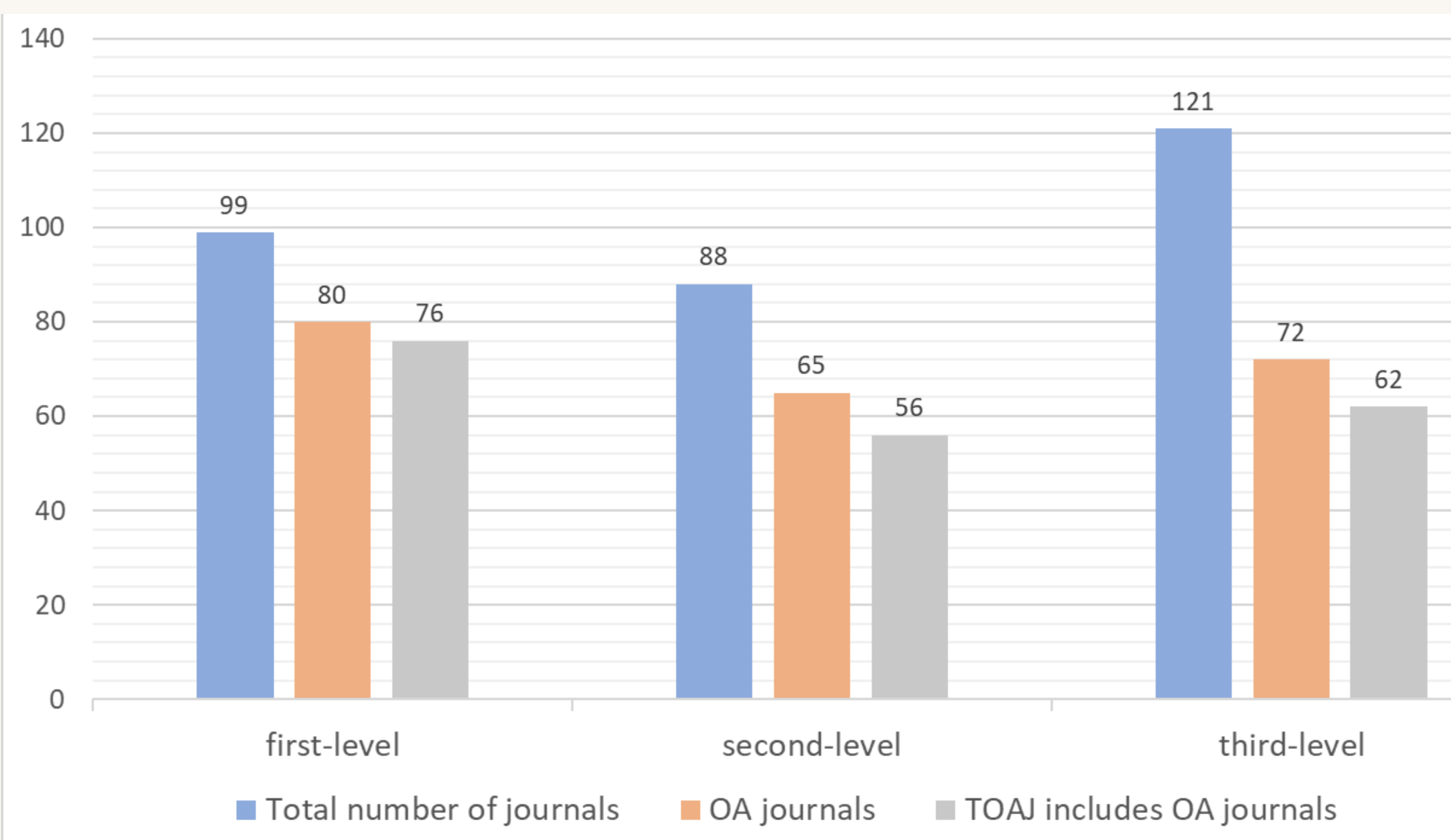
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Background

- Taiwanese research in the humanities and social sciences often focuses on local issues, is published primarily in Mandarin but with English abstract or long summary, heavily relies on government or public funding, and is typically available through open access. However, these works are scattered across various databases and websites, making them difficult to access.
- In response to the growing trend of open access, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) has subsidized the establishment of a comprehensive platform to curate research papers in the humanities and social sciences. This initiative, launched in its first stage, aims to promote fair use, sustainable management, and public sharing of research. Through the Taiwan Open Access Journal platform, it is hoped that the visibility and impact of these research findings will be enhanced globally.

Content Outline

- So far, TOAJ includes OA journals in the field of human resources and social sciences in Taiwan and focuses on human resources and social sciences evaluation* journals, and will expand to all fields in the future.
- As of the end of 2024, TOAJ has included 216 journals and has uploaded nearly 44,000 full-text archives.
- The top five journal publishers included in TOAJ are mostly university-published journals, including National Taiwan University (24), National Chengchi University (18), National Taiwan Normal University (16), Academia Sinica (15), and Tamkang University(6).



* In order to improve the humanities and social sciences evaluation system and enhance the quality of academic evaluation, the NSTC developed the Taiwan Humanities and Social Sciences Evaluation Index, which divides journals into first-level, second-level, third-level, and non-level. Those rated as the first and second levels are included in the core journals, with the humanities field included in THCI (Taiwan Humanities Core Index) and the social sciences field included in TSSCI (Taiwan Social Sciences Core Index).

- In 2024, Google Analytics showed 67,000 users visiting, with users concentrated in Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, the United States and Japan at TOAJ.
- TOAJ has been searched and exposed on Google with a total of 207,000 search clicks and 6.79 million exposures.



System Features

- The national OA journal platform brings together Taiwan's research energy.
- The Security Operation Center (SOC) provides 24/7 security monitoring and protection mechanisms, and performs daily system backup to ensure data security. Obtained ISO certification for international information security management systems to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information assets.
- Provide journal editors with a free manuscript submission and review system, saving the cost of building, purchasing or maintaining the system, and effectively supporting the editing and management needs of academic journals.

Future Prospect

- Through the establishment and optimization of open access platforms, domestic academic research results are systematically accumulated.
- Cooperate with foreign countries, enhance the platform's international links, promote the circulation and application of academic papers at home and abroad, and enhance the visibility of Taiwan's research results.
- Besides, an academic conference information platform is in implementation, and will bring together Taiwan's academic conference activities and papers, and accelerate the discovery and exchange of cutting-edge academic information.