Scopus 1900-2020: Growth in articles, abstracts, countries, fields, and journals: Extra graphs and brief discussions

## Narrow field coverage

Scopus has few narrow fields with some articles for 1900, if only articles with 500-character abstracts are included (Figure 3a). Thus, for articles with 500+ character abstracts, it has weak coverage of fields until after the second world war.



Figure 3a. Number of Scopus narrow fields with specified minimum numbers of articles with abstract length at least 500 characters.

Considering only articles with 500+ character abstracts, almost all Scopus narrow fields include few journals (<10) but the number of narrow fields with at least 10 different journals increases after the second world war (Figure 4a). By 2020, a majority of narrow fields included at least 100 different journals.



Figure 4a. Number of Scopus narrow fields with specified minimum numbers of different journals publishing articles with abstracts of at least 500 characters.

## International coverage (authorship)

For articles with 500+ character abstracts, author national affiliation was more often known than for other articles (Figure 8a, Figure 8b), and there is no decrease during the second world war, so the pattern is quite different.



Figure 8a. The percentage of Scopus articles with first author from the 12 countries with the most articles, for articles with 500+ character abstracts.



Figure 8b. The percentage of Scopus articles with first author from the 12 countries with the most articles, excluding articles where the first author country is unknown, for articles with 500+ character abstracts.