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Reports from Digital Commons—our online platform provider—have shown continued and steady growth in readership. The latest report reveals that Frontiers in PHSSR articles are being downloaded by researchers from around the world (Figure 1 covers the most recent 30-day period; Figure 2, from December 2014 through February 2016; each shows the international distribution pattern of downloads).

Figure 1. International distribution of Frontiers in PHSSR reader downloads for the past month (January–February 2016)
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In the past year, readers performed almost 12,000 downloads; over 45,000 since 2012. With a total of only 137 papers published since the inception of Frontiers in PHSSR, this is an impressive number. Readers appreciate the content of this Journal and are using it in their individual research and teaching.
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You’ll notice on the left navigation bar of the home page that the Journal is now “Gold open access” (with no payment from either the authors or the users) and with social media links that will function to increase the ease of communication with the public health services and systems research community. Professional organization links include the American Journal of Public Health, the Annual Review of Public Health, and Academy Health. The real-time map in the center of the website gives you an up-to-the-minute look at where Frontiers in PHSSR articles are being downloaded.

IN THIS ISSUE

The articles in this issue (Volume 5, Issue 1) of Frontiers in PHSSR are representative of the types of articles Frontiers in PHSSR strives to publish. From health planning policies in America’s largest city,¹ to services at the local and state levels²–⁴ and resource sharing,⁵ to an exploration of the core values of public health workers,⁶ this issue brings you a wealth of new information.

In addition, the editors are pleased to announce a new feature in Frontiers in PHSSR. Starting with this issue, we will be publishing the reviews of a select number of books,⁷ as well as an occasional column on “Books Received But Not Reviewed”—books that may be of interest to readers.

Figure 2. International distribution of Frontiers in PHSSR reader downloads for the past year (December 2014–February 2016)
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our readers. If you have a book that has been particularly valuable to you, please share it with the editors; we’ll be happy to pass along the information to our readers.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Frontiers in PHSSR; let us know what you like (or don’t like) about the Journal and the newly designed website.

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