

# YORKWAC Infobase

## In-text Citations Using APA Style

In APA style, in-text citations are placed within sentences and paragraphs to tell the reader what evidence is being quoted, paraphrased, or summarized and whose evidence is being cited.

The in-text citation tells the reader where to look for the complete reference citation in the bibliography at the end of your paper.

### What information do I include in an in-text citation?

- You need to include the last name of the author(s) and the year of the publication.
- You can include this information in various ways, sometimes using parentheses, sometimes not, depending on how you write the sentence.

*For example:*

Here are three ways of citing the same source:

1. *Author's name, year of publication, and page number in parentheses*

Recent data indicate that “Black infants in the United States are more than twice as likely to die as White infants in the first year of life” (Howell, 2008, p. 31).

2. *Year of publication and page number in parentheses*

Howell (2008, p.31) reported that “Black infants in the United States are more than twice as likely to die as White infants in the first year of life.”

3. *Page number in parentheses*

In 2008, Howell reported that that “Black infants in the United States are more than twice as likely to die as White infants in the first year of life” (p. 31).

Each of these in-text citations corresponds to the following complete reference citation in the bibliography at the end of your paper:

Howell, E. A. (2008). Racial Disparities in Infant Mortality: A Quality of Care Perspective. *Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine*, 75, 31-35.

For more information about in-text citations and reference lists using APA style, consult the following Infosheets in the **YORKWAC Infobase**:

Infosheet #16, Citing Sources

Infosheet #22, Listing References Using APA Style