Publication Date in an APA Reference
We know that an APA formatted reference contains the following parts in this order:

Author. (Publication date). Title. Publication information.

Let’s take a closer look at the publication date part.
Format:

Publication dates are placed in parentheses after the author and followed by a period.
Journal Articles and Books:

If you are citing a journal article or book, use the year of publication.
Example of a journal article:

Example of a book:

If you are citing from a magazine, newsletter, or newspaper, give the exact date of publication using the format (year, month) or (year, month day) depending on how it appears in the publication.
For an explanation of how a journal and a magazine differ, see the video titled *Differentiating Between Types of Sources.*
Example of a magazine article:

Example of a newsletter article:

Example of a newspaper article:

Websites:

If you are citing from a website that is updated frequently, such as a blog, online message forum, or social media, then provide a **specific date (year, month day)**.
Example of a blog post:

Example of a social media post:

If the website is not frequently updated, then only the year is used.

Example:

No Publication Date Available:

If no publication date can be found, use n.d. (short for no date).

Example:

In Press:

If an article has been accepted for publication but has not actually been published yet, use \textit{(in press)} in place of the date.
Example:

Estimated Publication Dates:

If a publication date can be reasonably estimated but the exact date is unknown, put *ca.* (short for the Latin *circa* meaning “near”) before the date and replace the parentheses with brackets.
Example:

For more information on formatting your references using APA style, check out the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. 
Thank you for watching!

If you have questions, please contact us:

http://libanswers.davenport.edu      Text: 616-504-1696