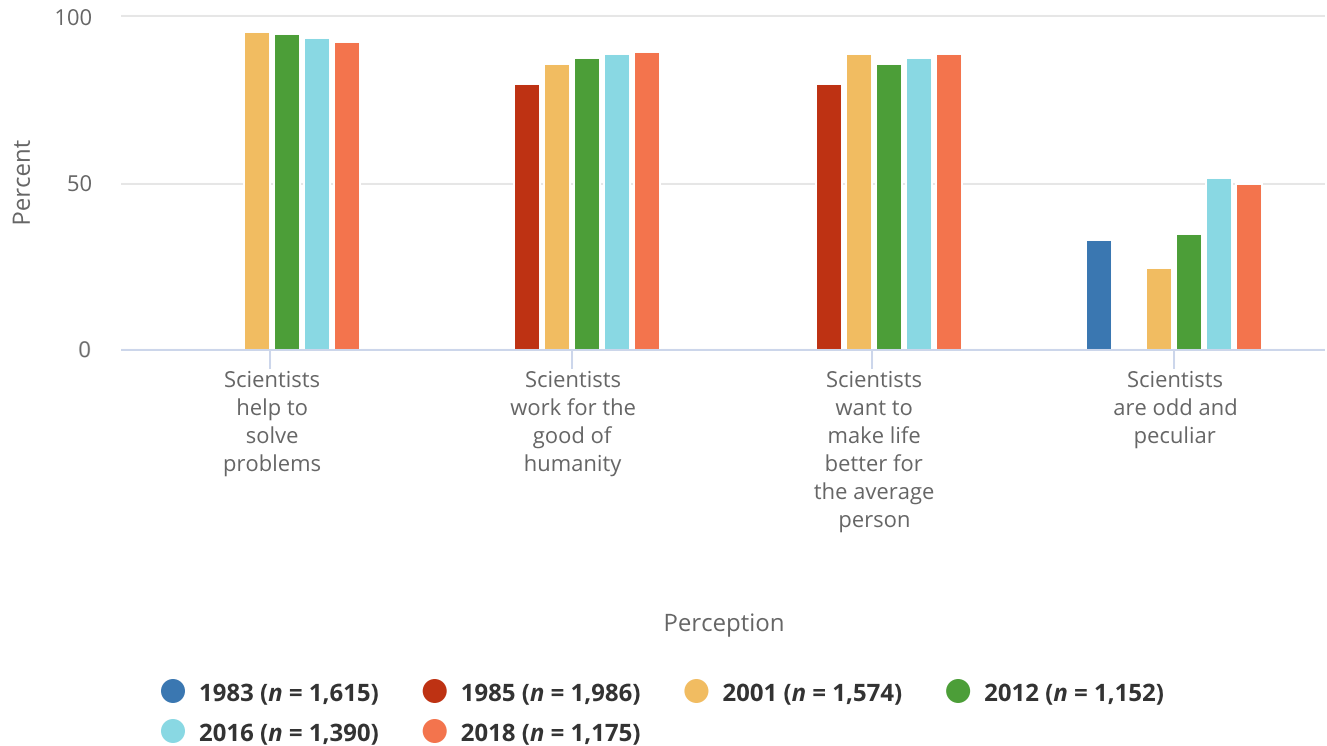


FIGURE 7-6

Public perception of scientists: Selected years, 1983–2018



Note(s)

Questions were not all fielded in all years. Data represent respondents who "strongly agree" and "agree" with the following: *Scientific researchers are dedicated people who work for the good of humanity*; *Scientists are helping to solve challenging problems*; *Most scientists want to work on things that will make life better for the average person*; and *Scientists are apt to be odd and peculiar people*. Data in this figure may differ slightly from data in *Science and Engineering Indicators 2018* because of the rounding procedure used. See Table S7-10.

Source(s)

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (1983–2001); NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2012–18).