Figure PPS-3
Trust in science, by country: 2018

Weighted percentage among all top 16 R&D countries (n = 18,688)
Belgium (n = 1,004)
Norway (n = 1,000)
Denmark (n = 1,000)
Finland (n = 1,000)
Germany (n = 1,000)
Netherlands (n = 1,001)
United States (n = 1,006)
Sweden (n = 1,000)
Austria (n = 1,000)
France (n = 1,000)
Israel (n = 1,010)
Switzerland (n = 1,000)
China (n = 3,649)
South Korea (n = 1,014)
Japan (n = 1,004)
Taiwan (n = 1,000)

0 20 40 60 80 100
Percent

A lot Some Not much Not at all Don't know or refused

n = number of survey responses.

Note(s):
Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding. See Table SPPS-8 for standard errors. Countries are those with top 16 gross domestic expenditures on R&D as a percentage of gross domestic product in 2017, listed in order of percentages that trust science “a lot” from highest to lowest. (See Science and Engineering Indicators 2020 “[2020] Research and Development: U.S. Trends and International Comparisons” report: Table 4-5.) Responses are to the following: In general, would you say that you trust science a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

Source(s):

Science and Engineering Indicators