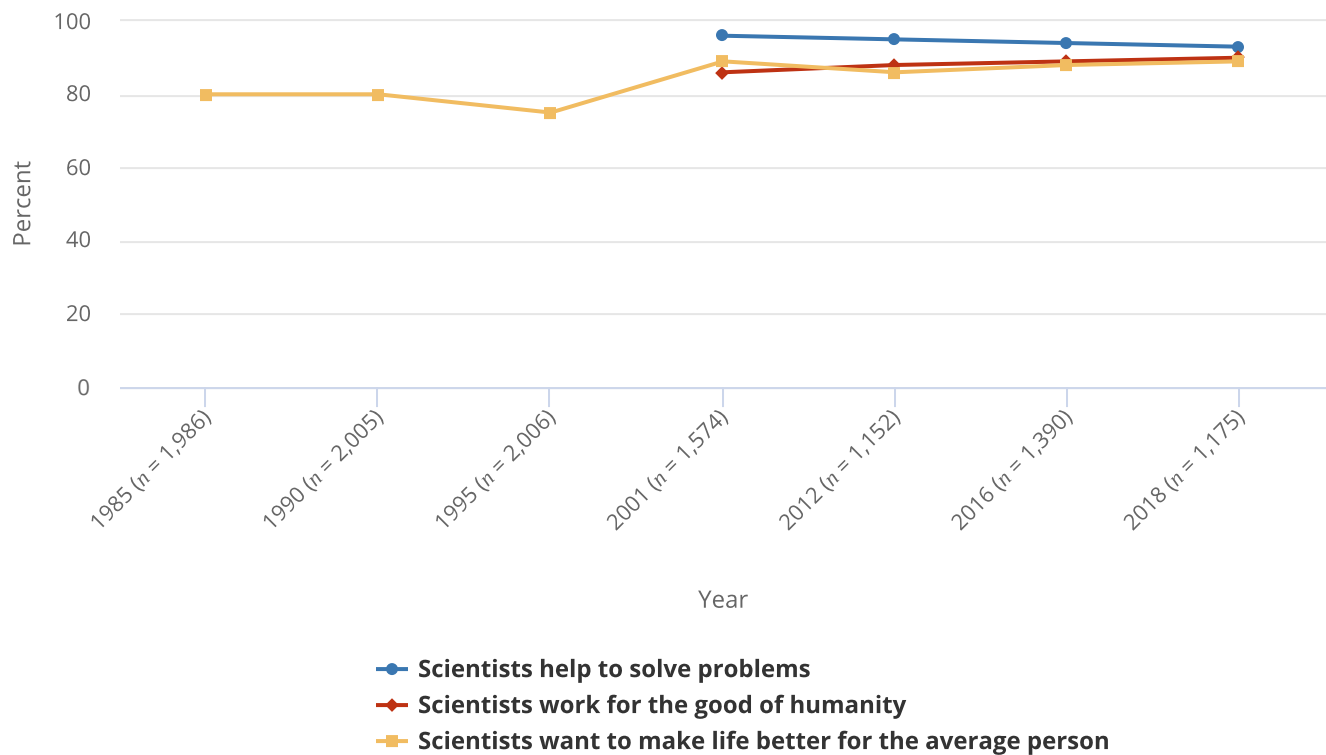


Figure PPS-4

## Public perception of scientists: Selected years, 1985–2018



na = not applicable; question was not asked.

*n* = number of survey responses.

**Note(s):**

See Table SPPS-9 for additional years and detail. See Table SPPS-10 for standard errors. Data represent respondents who "strongly agree" and "agree" with the following: *Scientists are helping to solve challenging problems*; *Scientific researchers are dedicated people who work for the good of humanity*; and *Most scientists want to work on things that will make life better for the average person*.

**Source(s):**

Data are sourced from multiple surveys that used either identical or similar survey items. National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (1985–2001); NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2012–18).

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