

Table PPS-1

**Confidence in scientists to act in the best interests of the public, by demographic characteristics: 2020**

(Percent)

Characteristic	Level of confidence in scientists			
	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	None at all
All adults ( <i>n</i> = 6,283)	39	45	13	3
Sex				
Male ( <i>n</i> = 2,799)	39	46	12	3
Female ( <i>n</i> = 3,435)	38	45	14	2
Race or ethnicity				
White ( <i>n</i> = 4,311)	40	44	12	3
Black ( <i>n</i> = 507)	35	44	19	2
Hispanic ( <i>n</i> = 999)	35	51	13	2
Asian ( <i>n</i> = 180)	50	46	4	*
Family income category <sup>a</sup>				
Upper income ( <i>n</i> = 1,848)	50	40	8	1
Middle income ( <i>n</i> = 2,925)	39	47	11	2
Lower income ( <i>n</i> = 1,251)	32	46	17	4
Education				
Postgraduate ( <i>n</i> = 1,714)	54	38	7	1
College graduate ( <i>n</i> = 1,841)	47	42	9	1
Some college ( <i>n</i> = 1,833)	38	46	12	3
High school or less ( <i>n</i> = 884)	30	49	17	3

\* = value &lt; 1%.

*n* = number of survey responses.

<sup>a</sup> Income tiers are based on 2019 family incomes that have been adjusted for household size and cost of living in respondents' geographic region. Middle income includes respondents whose family incomes are between two-thirds of and double the median adjusted family income among the panel of respondents. For a three-person household, upper income is approximately \$116,801 and above, middle income is \$38,900–\$116,800, and lower income is less than \$38,900.

**Note(s):**

Percentages may not add to 100% because the nonresponse category for level of confidence is not shown. See Table SPPS-11 for standard errors. Responses are to the following: *How much confidence, if any, do you have in [scientists] to act in the best interests of the public?*

**Source(s):**

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