

Table SPSS-12

**Answers to viruses factual knowledge question: Selected years, 1988–2018**

(Standard error)

Question	1988 (n = 2,041)	1990 (n = 2,005)	1992 (n = 1,995)	1995 (n = 2,006)	1997 (n = 2,000)	1999 (n = 1,882)	2001 (n = 1,574)	2004 (n = 2,025)	2006 (n = 1,864)	2008 (n = 2,021)	2010 (n = 1,932)	2012 (n = 2,256)	2014 (n = 2,130)	2016 (n = 1,390)	2018 (n = 1,175)
<i>Antibiotics kill viruses as well as bacteria</i> (Correct answer: false)	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.2

*n* = number of survey responses.**Note(s):**

Table displays data for years when the question was proffered.

**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 (1988–2001); University of Michigan, Survey of Consumer Attitudes (2004); NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2006–18).

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