

Wellcome Global Monitor 2026

Global factsheet

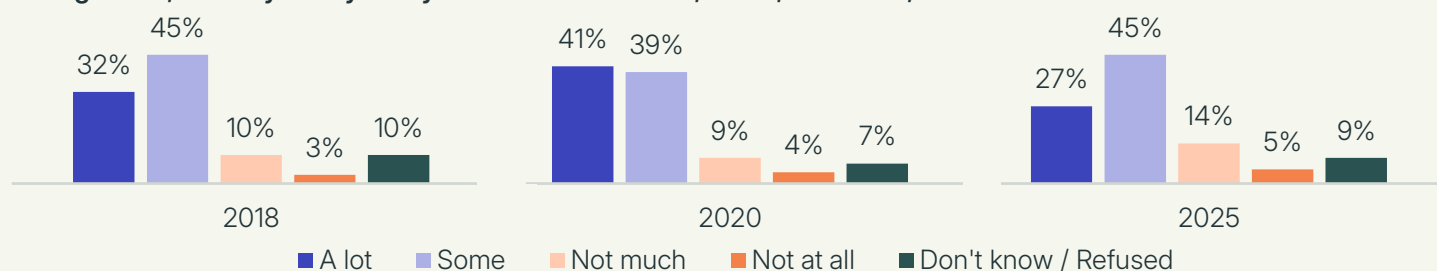


Key Wellcome Global Monitor 2026 Results

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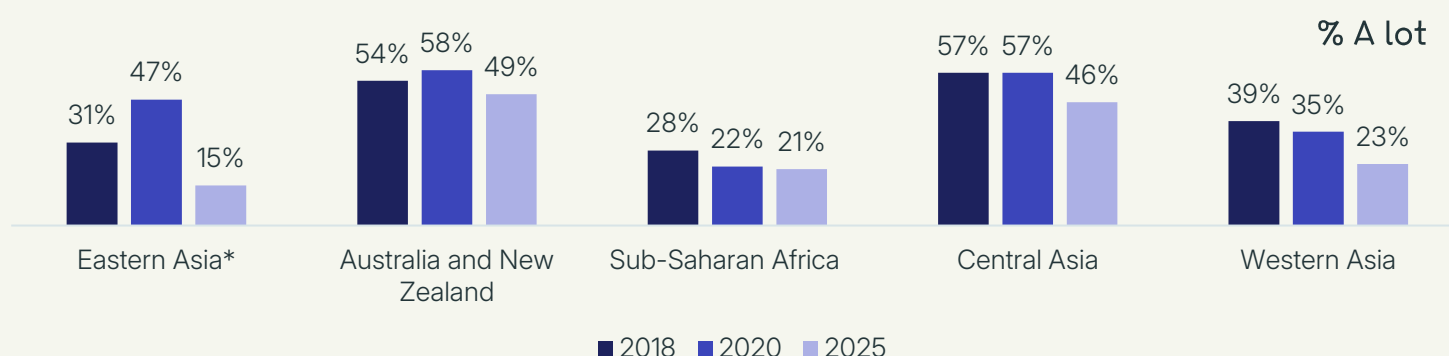
Trust in science is under pressure and gains seen during the pandemic have been lost.

Q: In general, would you say that you trust science a lot, some, not much, or not at all?



Source: Wellcome Global Monitor 2026 Base: Representative samples of adults aged 15+ in 108 countries with comparable data across 2018, 2020, and 2025 (n = 113,934, 114,053, and 112,553, respectively). Trend data includes only countries that participated in all three waves; therefore, figures may differ from the 2025 results, which include all countries in the Wellcome Global Monitor 2026.*

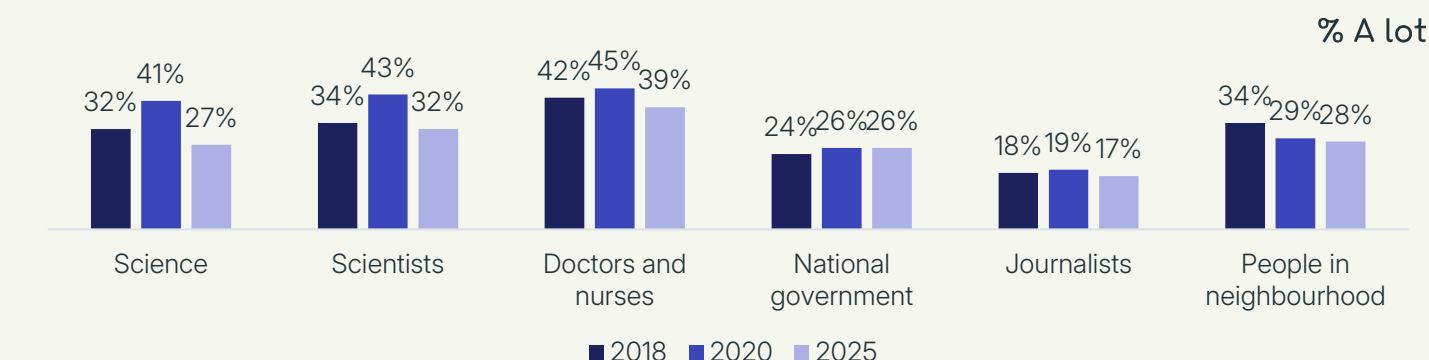
Trust in science has fallen below 2018 levels in five global regions.



Source: Wellcome Global Monitor 2026 Base: Representative samples of adults aged 15+ in each region across 2018, 2020, and 2025 (Eastern Asia* n = 7,667, 7,523 and 7,055, Australia and New Zealand n = 2,005, 2,001 and 2,000, Sub-Saharan Africa** n = 20,005, 20,122 and 20,008, Central Asia n = 4,000 each year and Western Asia n = 9,044, 9,139 and 9,057 respectively). Trend data includes only countries that participated in all three waves; therefore, figures may differ from the 2025 results, which include all countries in the Wellcome Global Monitor 2026.

Since 2020, trust in scientists and science has fallen more than trust in other groups and institutions.

Q: In general, would you say that you trust [category] a lot, some, not much, or not at all?



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*Survey modes changed over time in some countries including China, whose large population can influence global results. Please see the full and technical reports for more information.

**For consistency and comparability, we used the UNSD sub-regional names but acknowledge that the term 'sub-Saharan Africa' reinforces a negative connotation. Please see the full and technical reports for more information.

Data is weighted by the aged 15+ population size of the countries included in the analysis.

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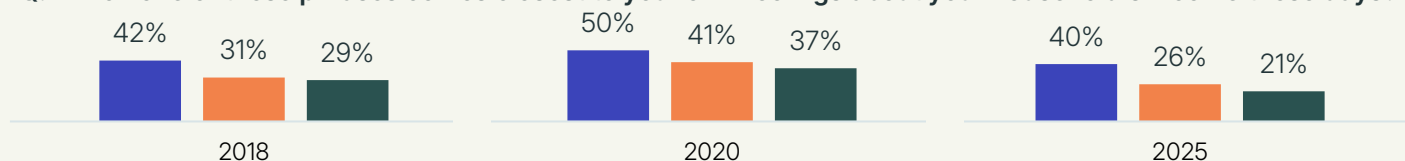
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Trust in science is lowest among those who feel less financially secure.

Q: In general, would you say that you trust science a lot, some, not much, or not at all? (showing % who trust science 'a lot')

Q: Which one of these phrases comes closest to your own feelings about your household's income these days?



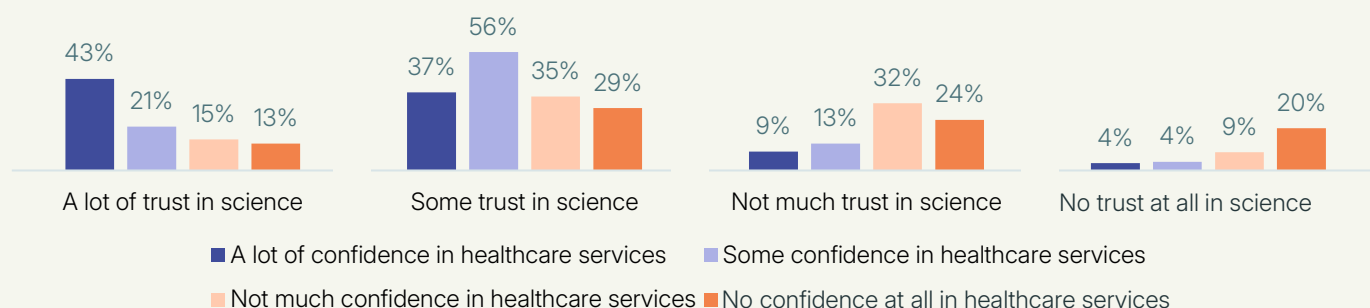
■ Living comfortably on present income ■ Getting by on present income ■ Finding it difficult/very difficult on present income

Source: Wellcome Global Monitor 2026 Base: Representative sample of adults aged 15 or older who trust science 'a lot' in 108 countries with comparable data across 2018, 2020, and 2025 (n = 38,101, 47,642, 34,947, respectively). Trend data includes only countries that participated in all three waves; therefore, figures may differ from the 2025 results, which include all countries in the Wellcome Global Monitor 2026. Please note, feelings about financial stability is a Gallup World Poll index.

People with positive healthcare experiences have more trust in science.

Q: In general, would you say that you trust science a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

Q: When you need healthcare, in general, how confident are you that you can access the services that you need? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident or not confident at all?



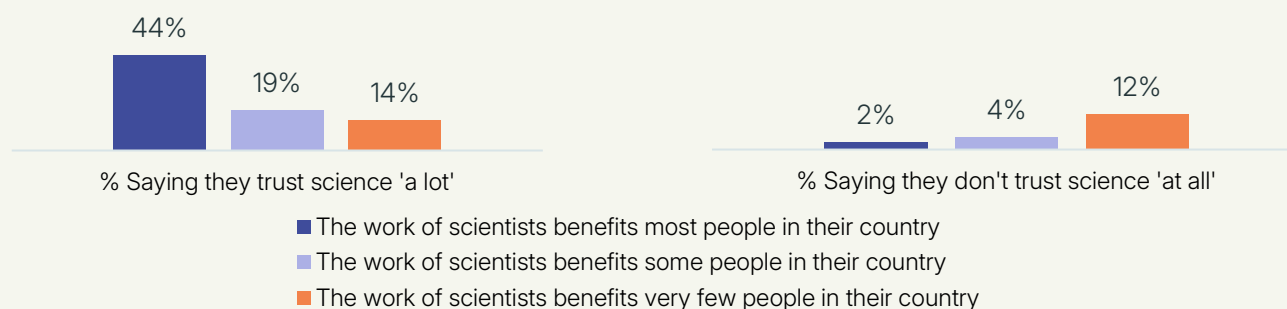
■ A lot of confidence in healthcare services ■ Some confidence in healthcare services
■ Not much confidence in healthcare services ■ No confidence at all in healthcare services

Source: Wellcome Global Monitor 2026 Base: Representative sample of 143,620 adults aged 15 or older in 140 countries in 2025

People who have greater trust in science are more positive about its benefits.

Q: In general, would you say that you trust science a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

Q: In [country], do you think the work that scientists do benefits most, some, or very few people?



■ The work of scientists benefits most people in their country
■ The work of scientists benefits some people in their country
■ The work of scientists benefits very few people in their country

Source: Wellcome Global Monitor 2026 Base: Representative sample of 42,129 adults aged 15 or older who trust science 'a lot' and 10,170 adults aged 15 or older who trust science 'not at all' in 140 countries in 2025

Wellcome Trust has worked with two partners to deliver the Wellcome Global Monitor 2026, Gallup and Ipsos. Gallup was responsible for the survey design and data collection, and Ipsos was responsible for the data analysis and reporting of the Wellcome Global Monitor 2026.

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