

Doctors Remain to be Trusted Around the World

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Profession /prə'fɛʃən/ (Noun) a job that requires special training, special skills, or higher education
Example: She is proud of her profession as a doctor.
2. Scale /skeɪl/ (Noun) a range of numbers used for measuring or grading something
Example: From a scale of 1-10, how are you going to rate her?
3. Military /'mɪlɪ, təri:/ (Noun) the armed forces
Example: The dog is part of the military.
4. Generally /'dʒenərəli:/ (Adverb) in most cases or instances
Example: Generally, kids are more playful than teenagers.
5. Ordinary /'ɔ:rdnəri:/ (Adjective) not special, unusual, or different in any way
Example: What do you do in an ordinary day?



"Trust me, I'm a doctor," the saying goes. And according to a survey from research company Ipsos, it is the world's most trusted profession — although that trust has decreased since 2021. More than 21,000 people across 28 countries were asked to score different professions based on how trustworthy they believed them to be. The professions were scored on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most trustworthy. In each country, an average of 59% of people gave doctors 1 or 2 on the scale. This is a decrease of about 5% from 2021, but the percentage is still higher than it was in 2019 and 2018.

However, there were large differences across the 28 countries. In Spain, 71% of people said they thought doctors were trustworthy. But the number was only 43% in Japan and South Korea — and just 39% in Poland. However, this still meant that doctors were the most trusted people in Japan, and the second most trusted in South Korea and Poland, where scientists were trusted more.

Scientists and teachers scored well in many countries — although in India and Sweden, members of the military were in first place. And it may not be a surprise, but politicians generally were seen as the least trustworthy, with only an average of 12% of people in each country giving them a score of 1 or 2. Ipsos also asked people how much they trust one another. On average, 38% of people in each country said ordinary people could be trusted — from 53% in Mexico to just 22% in South Korea, and only 16% in Japan.

DISCUSSION

1. What professions do you consider to be the most trustworthy?
2. What was your dream job when you were younger?
3. Are there any jobs you could never see yourself doing?
4. If you could switch jobs with anyone you know, who would it be?
5. Do you find it surprising that politicians were at the bottom of the list?