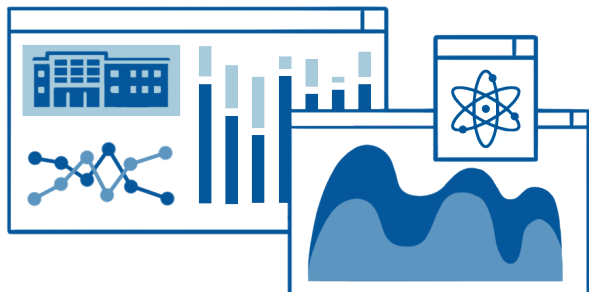


Expenditures at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers in the United States



The FFRDC Research and Development Survey

Federally funded research and development centers (FFRDCs) are valuable sources of research and development (R&D) activity in the United States. Federal government agencies provide most of the funding for FFRDCs, as they support the agencies' missions, expand expertise and knowledge, and provide technical advice.

What is the FFRDC R&D Survey?

The FFRDC R&D Survey is an annual census that collects information on R&D expenditures at these centers. The FFRDC R&D Survey is conducted by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the U.S. National Science Foundation.

How can I use the FFRDC R&D Survey?

Data from the FFRDC R&D Survey can answer questions like

- How many FFRDCs are there in the United States?
- Which federal agencies fund FFRDCs, and how much is spent on R&D each year?
- What were the total R&D expenditures at a specific FFRDC in a certain year?
- Which specific FFRDCs had the highest expenditures, and which federal agencies funded them?
- How have FFRDCs' expenditures increased over the past several years?



Why is the FFRDC R&D Survey important?

The FFRDC R&D Survey is the primary source of information on separately accounted for R&D expenditures at FFRDCs in the United States. It collects R&D expenditure data by source of funds and types of research and expenses. These data can help provide a valuable perspective on FFRDCs' R&D activity and funding.

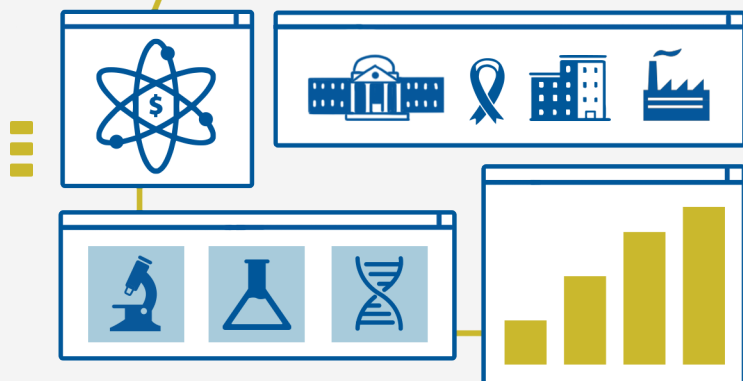
For more information, the **FFRDC R&D Survey homepage** (<https://ncses.nsf.gov/surveys/ffrdc-research-development>) features additional details about the survey, its questionnaires, and links to related publications and products.



Data details

Where can I find FFRDC R&D Survey data?

The FFRDC R&D Survey data can be found in several places throughout the NCSES website. On the survey's [homepage](#), the Data tab offers data tables that can be downloaded by users and access to public-use microdata files, and the Analysis tab chronicles all NCSES publications that use the survey's data. The current Master Government List of FFRDCs that is used for this survey's data collection can be found at <https://nces.nsf.gov/resource/master-gov-lists-ffrdc>.



Eligible FFRDCs report information such as

- R&D expenditures by
 - Source of funds (federal, state and local, business, nonprofit, and other)
 - Federal agency source
 - Type of R&D (basic research, applied research, and experimental development)
- Total operating budget

The FFRDC R&D Survey contains data regarding expenditures, funding, and types of research at FFRDCs. For detailed information regarding postdoctoral researchers employed at FFRDCs, see the **Survey of Postdocs at FFRDCs** (<https://nces.nsf.gov/surveys/ffrdc-postdocs>).

Products supported by FFRDC R&D Survey data

FFRDC R&D Survey data are used in the NCSES publications, such as *National Patterns of R&D Resources* and *Science and Engineering Indicators*.



Survey specifics

Frequency: Annual

Initial survey year: FY 2001

Reference period: Fiscal year

Response unit: FFRDC

Sample or census: Census

Population size: 41 FFRDCs

Sample size: The survey is a census of all known eligible FFRDCs



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For more information about NCSES's products and data collection process, visit <https://nces.nsf.gov>. You can also explore our Surveys page at <https://nces.nsf.gov/surveys> to learn more about NCSES surveys and the FFRDC R&D Survey, as well as its methodology, survey design, and questionnaires.