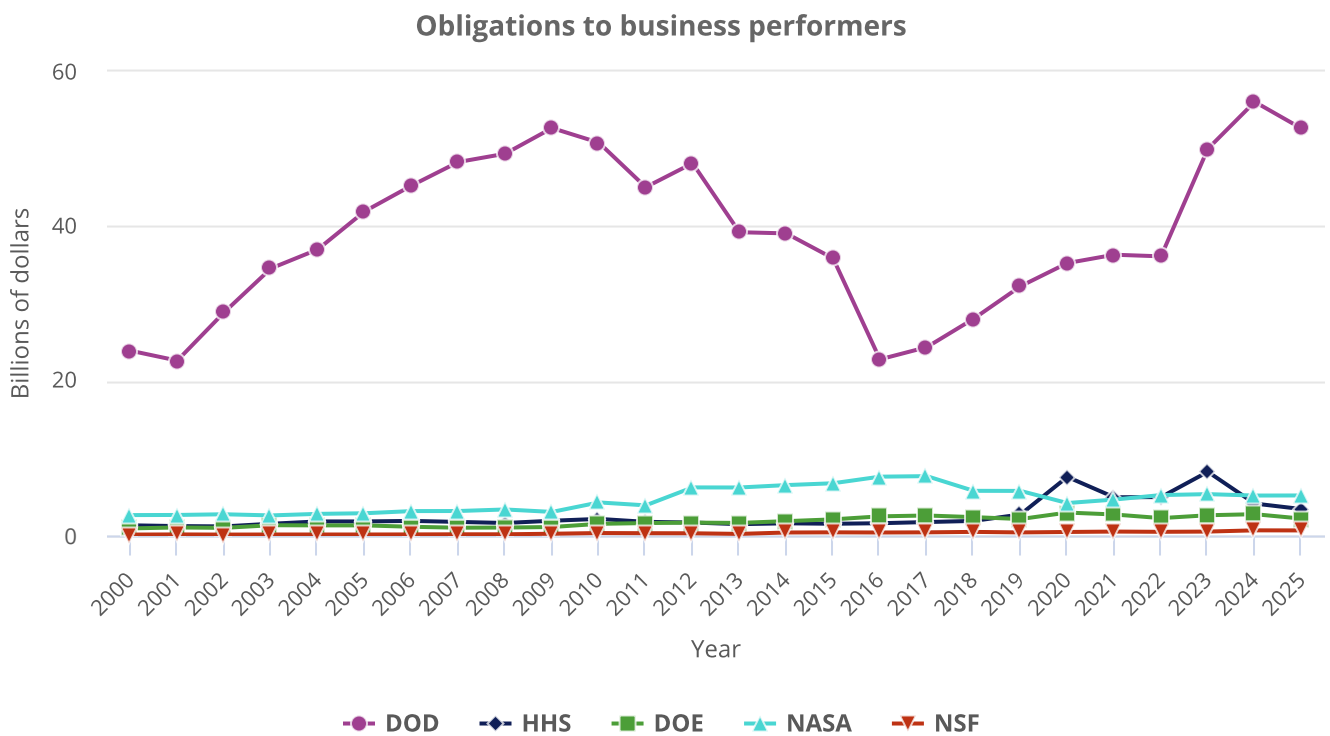
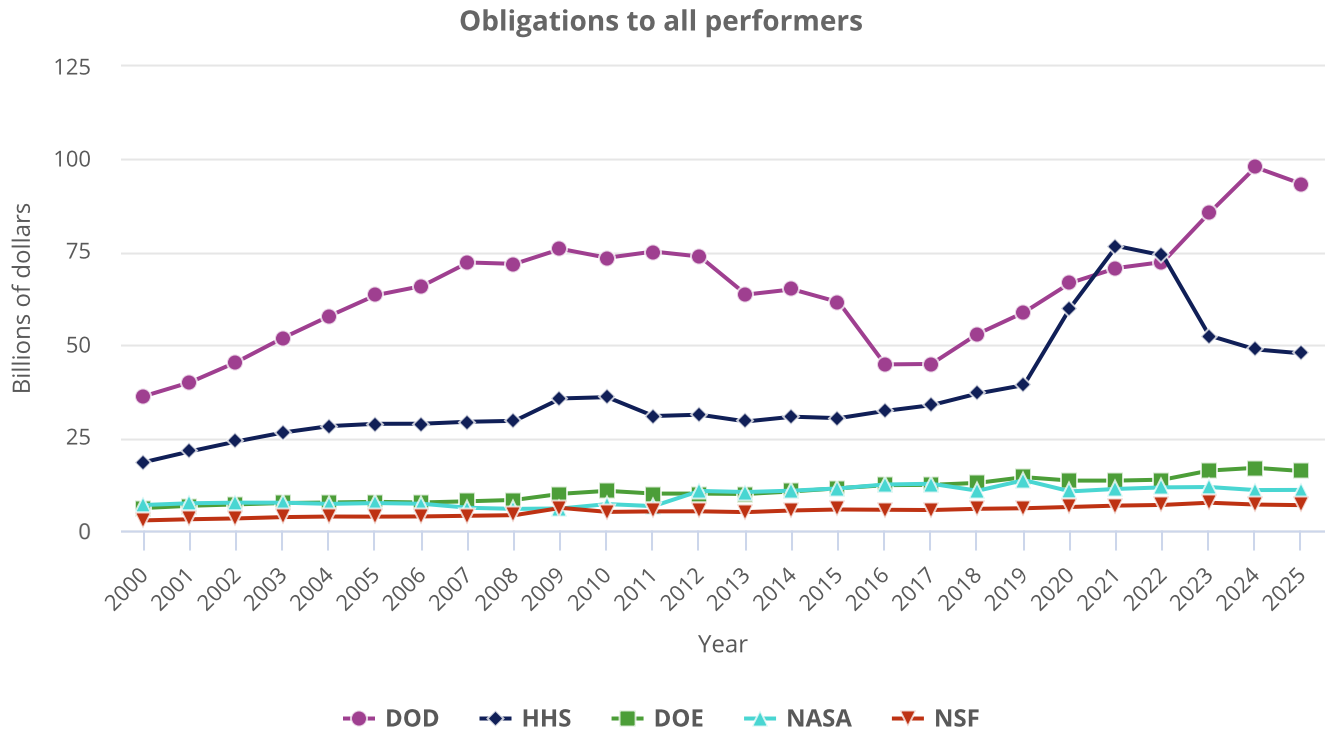
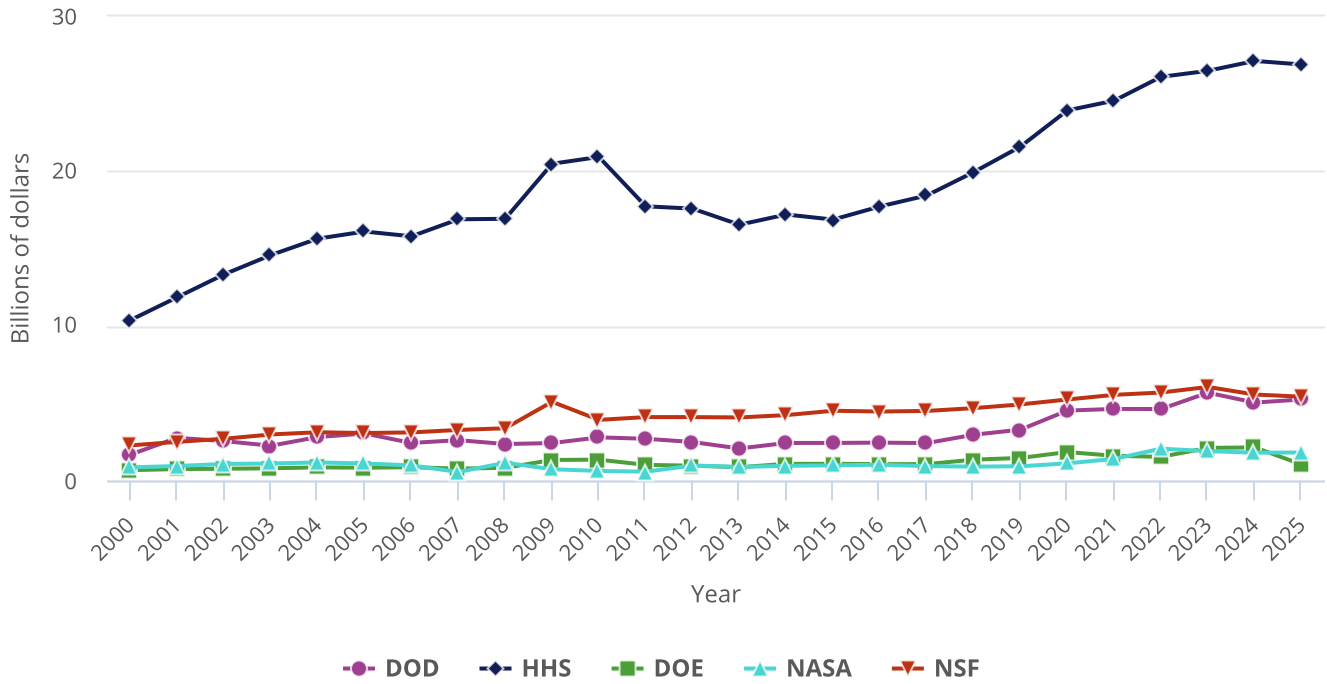


Figure 2. Federal obligations for research and development, top 5 agencies: FYs 2000–25



Obligations to higher education performers



Note(s):

DOD is Department of Defense. DOE is Department of Energy. HHS is Department of Health and Human Services. NASA is National Aeronautics and Space Administration. NSF is National Science Foundation. Data for FY 2025 are preliminary and may be revised later. FYs 2020, 2021, and 2022 obligations include additional funding provided by supplemental COVID-19 related appropriations (e.g., Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security [CARES] Act). Beginning with FY 2016, the totals reported for development obligations represent a refinement to this category by more narrowly defining it to be "experimental development." Most notably, totals for development do not include the DOD Budget Activity 7 (Operational System Development) nor Budget Activity 8 (Software and Digital Technology Pilot Programs) obligations. Those funds, previously included in DOD's development obligation totals, support the development efforts to upgrade systems that have been fielded or have received approval for full-rate production and anticipate production funding in the current or subsequent fiscal year. Therefore, the data are not directly comparable with totals reported in previous years. In the performer detail, data were not available for nonfederal government from 1953 to 2005.

Source(s):

NCSSES, Survey of Federal Funds for Research and Development, Volume 74, FYs 2000–25.

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