

Table 6. U.S. federal agencies cited in the funding acknowledgment section of S&E articles, by citation frequency: 2002–23

(Number and index)

Name	All publications (number)	Publications in the top 1% most-cited journal articles (number)	Relative citation index (index)
Department of Health and Human Services	1,983,820	46,601	2.53
National Science Foundation	918,900	18,995	2.66
Department of Energy	269,274	5,926	2.89
Department of Defense	197,830	4,929	3.62
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	99,959	1,842	2.46
Department of Agriculture	79,513	1,187	1.75
Department of Veterans Affairs	41,498	694	1.86
Department of Commerce	34,495	699	2.47
Department of the Interior	27,769	349	1.47

Note(s):

Articles are classified by their year of publication. Whole counting is used. An article is considered to be federally funded if the funding information tied with the publication record in Scopus links it with one of the U.S. federal agencies. Not all Scopus publications have funding information available, and coverage has evolved with time. Because citation scores are not computed after 2022, the relative citation index is not simply the ratio of the count of publications in the top 1% over the total number of publications because publications without a citation score are excluded in the denominator.

Source(s):

NCSES; Science-Metrix; Elsevier, Scopus abstract and citation database, accessed February 2025.

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