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(Dollars in millions)

Fiscal year	Total	Intramural ^a	Extramural							
			United States and U.S. territories							Foreign
			Industry	Industry-administered FFRDCs	Universities and colleges	University-administered FFRDCs	Other nonprofits	Nonprofit-administered FFRDCs	State, local governments	
1967	1,845.8	434.9	180.9	30.3	857.1	203.7	104.9	7.9	4.2	21.9
1968	1,840.6	431.6	195.0	30.1	835.1	225.2	93.4	3.0	11.8	15.5
1969	1,944.8	531.9	184.7	29.8	864.3	219.3	85.5	3.3	13.3	12.6
1970	1,925.9	558.4	185.0	29.7	808.1	237.0	80.1	3.5	13.9	10.1
1971	1,980.1	565.4	166.6	29.2	879.4	227.7	85.2	2.2	16.6	7.9
1972	2,186.9	596.9	151.4	32.2	1,021.4	254.5	96.4	7.2	15.6	11.2
1973	2,232.0	608.1	176.1	39.4	1,048.2	229.0	98.5	3.4	16.2	13.1
1974	2,387.7	695.9	124.0	31.5	1,144.7	223.1	127.1	6.2	16.8	18.3
1975	2,588.4	733.5	118.5	47.9	1,260.6	257.5	128.2	13.8	14.0	14.3
1976	2,767.5	786.0	131.1	59.8	1,341.7	284.9	126.5	7.9	12.9	16.6
1977	3,258.6	914.1	208.1	53.1	1,555.1	324.1	162.5	5.6	15.6	20.4
1978	3,698.6	1,029.3	247.7	65.4	1,759.2	356.8	192.8	5.8	17.1	24.6
1979	4,192.7	1,089.1	277.1	66.6	2,079.9	393.6	240.3	6.7	19.8	19.5
1980	4,674.2	1,182.5	325.3	70.4	2,320.3	436.8	279.5	7.5	23.9	28.1
1981	5,041.3	1,301.8	292.9	73.3	2,503.2	490.6	313.1	8.6	26.5	31.2
1982	5,481.6	1,465.5	270.9	87.4	2,727.1	516.7	355.6	9.0	24.5	24.9
1983	6,260.1	1,689.8	292.9	83.0	3,112.3	604.0	409.6	8.0	32.1	28.5
1984	7,067.4	1,861.1	377.9	91.1	3,530.8	668.9	473.6	8.2	28.1	27.7
1985	7,818.7	1,923.4	380.1	122.6	4,038.7	724.2	555.8	12.4	30.5	30.9
1986	8,153.1	2,018.9	511.6	117.6	4,132.1	724.1	572.1	13.0	30.9	32.7
1987	8,942.4	2,046.2	467.0	119.9	4,665.6	906.7	657.7	13.3	37.5	28.5
1988	9,473.6	2,050.3	596.9	133.0	4,868.3	989.8	728.6	17.7	42.7	46.3
1989	10,602.0	2,313.4	773.2	223.9	5,221.4	1,098.1	838.9	42.2	43.6	47.4
1990	11,285.6	2,294.6	887.5	246.8	5,548.2	1,227.3	924.1	59.2	50.4	47.6
1991	12,170.8	2,391.6	949.9	264.0	6,064.5	1,306.2	1,015.5	80.8	49.1	49.1
1992	12,489.9	2,337.6	920.3	247.2	6,331.8	1,394.1	1,097.2	65.5	42.4	53.8
1993	13,399.1	2,661.8	896.3	243.6	6,833.7	1,402.7	1,164.9	71.3	71.7	53.3
1994	13,523.5	2,497.8	1,109.6	237.6	6,992.3	1,336.0	1,132.9	74.4	75.2	67.6
1995	13,877.0	2,693.5	1,214.2	239.8	6,943.9	1,438.8	1,148.3	75.2	78.7	44.6
1996	14,464.0	2,676.7	1,108.8	272.8	7,443.5	1,521.0	1,234.6	76.1	80.2	50.5
1997	14,941.9	2,688.3	1,166.7	294.7	7,695.8	1,600.0	1,289.6	88.4	68.4	49.9
1998	15,613.0	2,918.5	1,119.4	326.4	7,951.7	1,642.3	1,397.6	121.8	84.9	50.4
1999	17,443.7	3,255.2	1,082.8	313.4	9,107.1	1,565.5	1,650.0	354.9	61.4	53.4
2000	19,569.8	3,621.8	1,356.5	171.3	10,056.7	1,674.0	1,985.3	521.6	75.7	106.9
2001	21,958.1	4,193.8	917.1	175.1	11,792.2	1,762.1	2,441.7	540.5	71.6	64.0
2002	23,668.3	4,460.0	1,231.9	239.6	12,668.2	1,805.2	2,531.7	563.4	71.5	96.8
2003	24,751.4	4,662.1	1,279.6	312.8	13,151.8	1,827.8	2,703.9	582.1	85.4	146.1
2004	26,120.7	4,671.6	1,969.4	292.2	13,398.5	2,005.8	2,746.1	606.8	197.9	232.3
2005	27,140.3	4,772.7	2,051.0	270.1	13,989.9	2,021.2	2,914.2	670.7	235.9	214.6
2006	26,584.6	4,763.6	1,858.9	220.4	13,657.6	2,096.8	2,867.4	755.8	152.7	211.2
2007	26,865.8	4,572.2	1,736.2	341.3	14,220.3	1,982.8	2,793.8	889.5	101.3	228.4
2008	27,154.0	4,767.5	1,545.4	574.9	14,645.7	1,484.3	2,935.2	915.8	75.9	209.1
2009	32,879.4	5,529.8	1,631.6	678.3	18,229.6	1,964.3	3,487.4	1,059.1	94.3	204.8
2010	31,795.3	5,190.9	1,746.9	591.6	17,403.1	1,870.6	3,530.4	1,139.4	103.2	219.2
2011	29,313.6	4,869.8	1,726.5	483.0	15,771.4	2,010.1	3,066.5	1,101.9	75.8	208.7
2012	30,958.9	5,579.4	2,155.3	434.1	15,729.8	2,550.5	3,123.1	1,096.2	80.4	210.0

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2013	29,779.4	5,217.2	2,052.3	463.3	14,950.2	2,738.5	2,999.8	1,099.9	66.0	192.3
2014	31,587.9	5,669.4	2,516.0	459.1	15,654.7	2,744.3	3,124.8	1,156.6	78.0	185.0
2015	31,527.1	5,813.7	2,536.5	507.0	15,295.5	2,920.5	2,985.7	1,200.2	61.2	206.7
2016	32,292.7	6,120.5	2,446.5	472.0	15,550.6	2,845.0	3,179.4	1,393.3	81.4	203.9
2017	33,271.5	6,116.1	2,692.3	600.3	15,847.1	3,078.3	3,359.1	1,315.2	66.3	196.6
2018	36,195.1	6,688.7	2,786.8	584.4	17,503.5	3,283.4	3,657.8	1,401.0	87.0	202.5
2019	40,017.3	7,240.4	3,636.6	555.7	18,626.5	4,419.7	3,724.6	1,478.1	86.0	249.5
2020	41,546.6	7,688.1	3,146.8	799.9	20,128.2	3,455.5	4,325.6	1,667.7	114.3	220.6
2021 (preliminary)	41,231.3	8,291.8	2,714.8	780.8	19,526.2	3,527.1	4,276.1	1,781.3	113.7	219.5

FFRDC = federally funded research and development center.

^a Intramural activities cover costs associated with the administration of intramural R&D programs and extramural R&D procurements by federal personnel as well as actual intramural performance.

Note(s):

Because of rounding, detail may not add to total. FFRDC funding over the years may be affected by the creation of new FFRDCs and the phasing out of other FFRDCs as well as changes in the type of FFRDC administrator. For details, see the notes in the Master Government List of Federally Funded R&D Centers at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/ffrdclist/#ffrdc>. FYs 2009 and 2010 obligations include additional funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. FYs 2020 and 2021 obligations include additional funding provided by supplemental COVID-19 related appropriations (e.g., Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security [CARES] Act).

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Federal Funds for Research and Development.