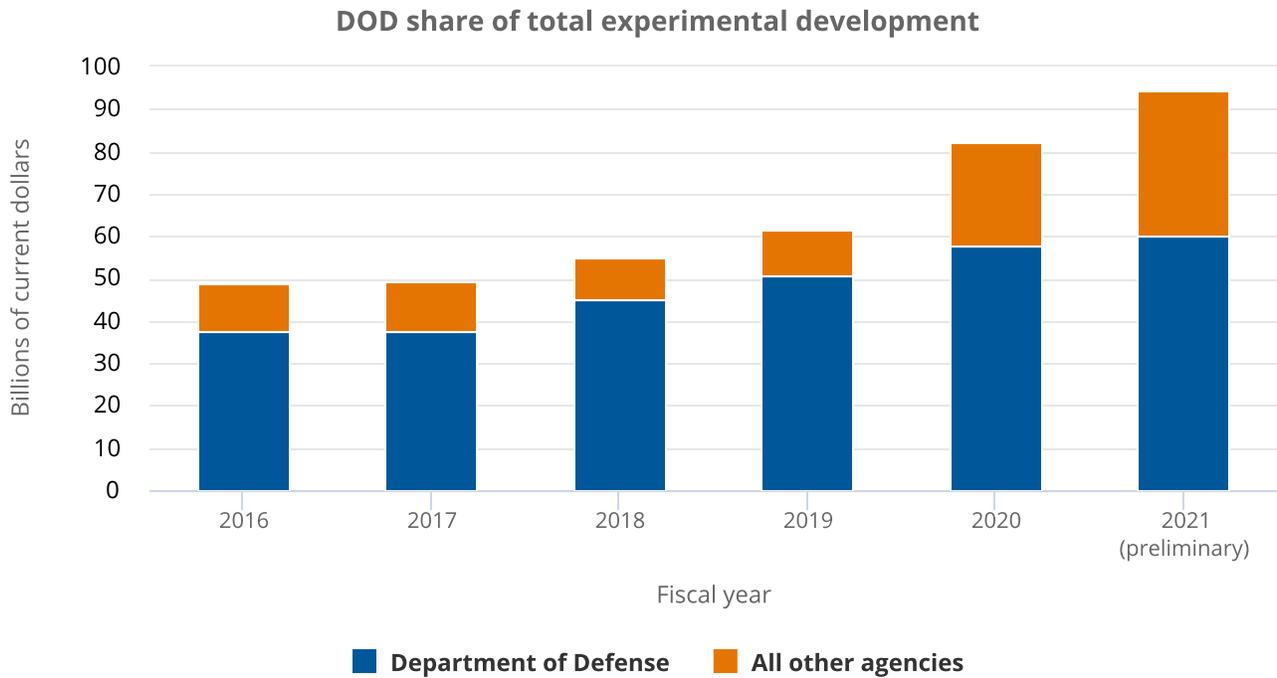
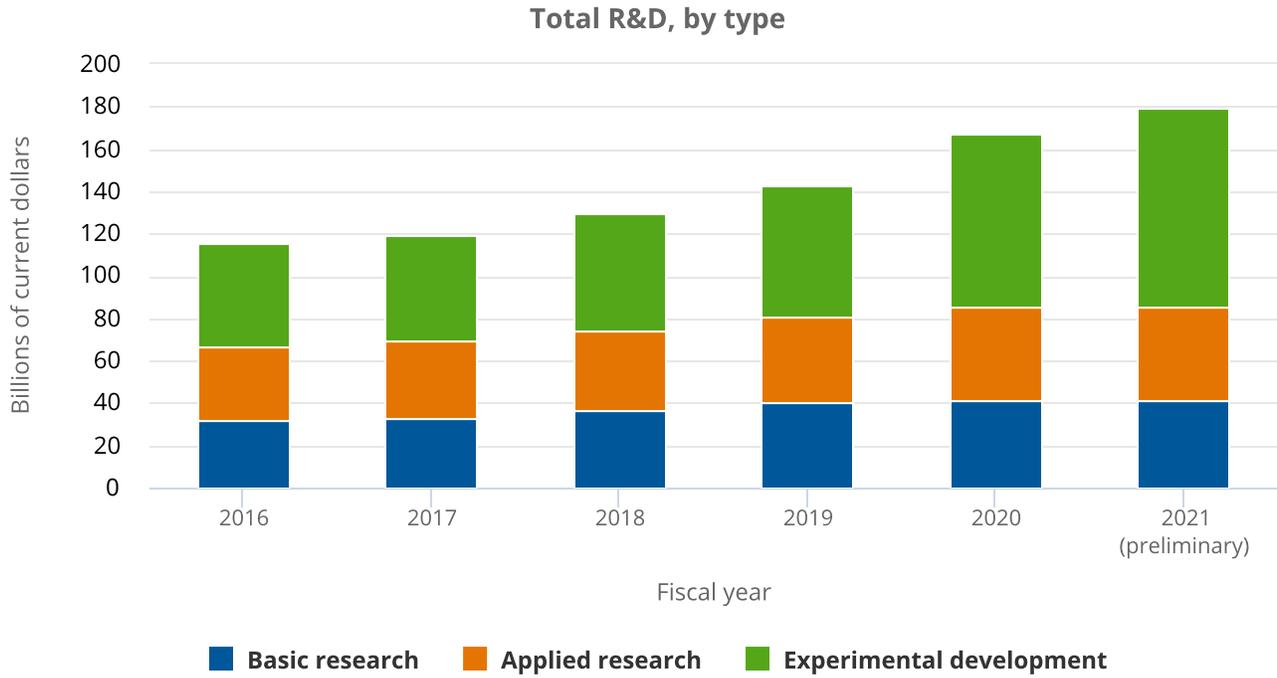


Figure 3

Federal obligations for research and development: FYs 2016–21



DOD = Department of Defense.

Note(s):

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 DOD Budget Activity 7 (Operational Systems Development) 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. 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). FY 2021 data are preliminary.

Source(s):

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