Figure 4
Federal obligations for research and experimental development, by performer and agency: FY 2021

Federal agencies
FFRDCs
Businesses
Higher education
Nonprofit organizations
State and local governments
Non-U.S. performers

Millions of current dollars

Department of Agriculture
Department of Energy
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Science Foundation
Department of Defense
Department of Health and Human Services

FFRDC = federally funded research and development center.

Note(s):
Because of rounding, detail may not add to total. Federal agencies’ activities cover costs associated with the administration of federal R&D performance and R&D procurements from nonfederal performers by federal personnel, transfers of funds to other federal agencies for purposes related to R&D, and actual federal performance. Higher education include both public and private institutions as well as University Affiliated Research Centers. FY 2021 obligations include additional funding provided by supplemental COVID-19 pandemic-related appropriations (e.g., Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security [CARES] Act). See technical table A-2 for additional notes associated with the agencies listed in this table (https://ncses.nsf.gov/surveys/federal-funds-research-development/2022#methodology).

Source(s):