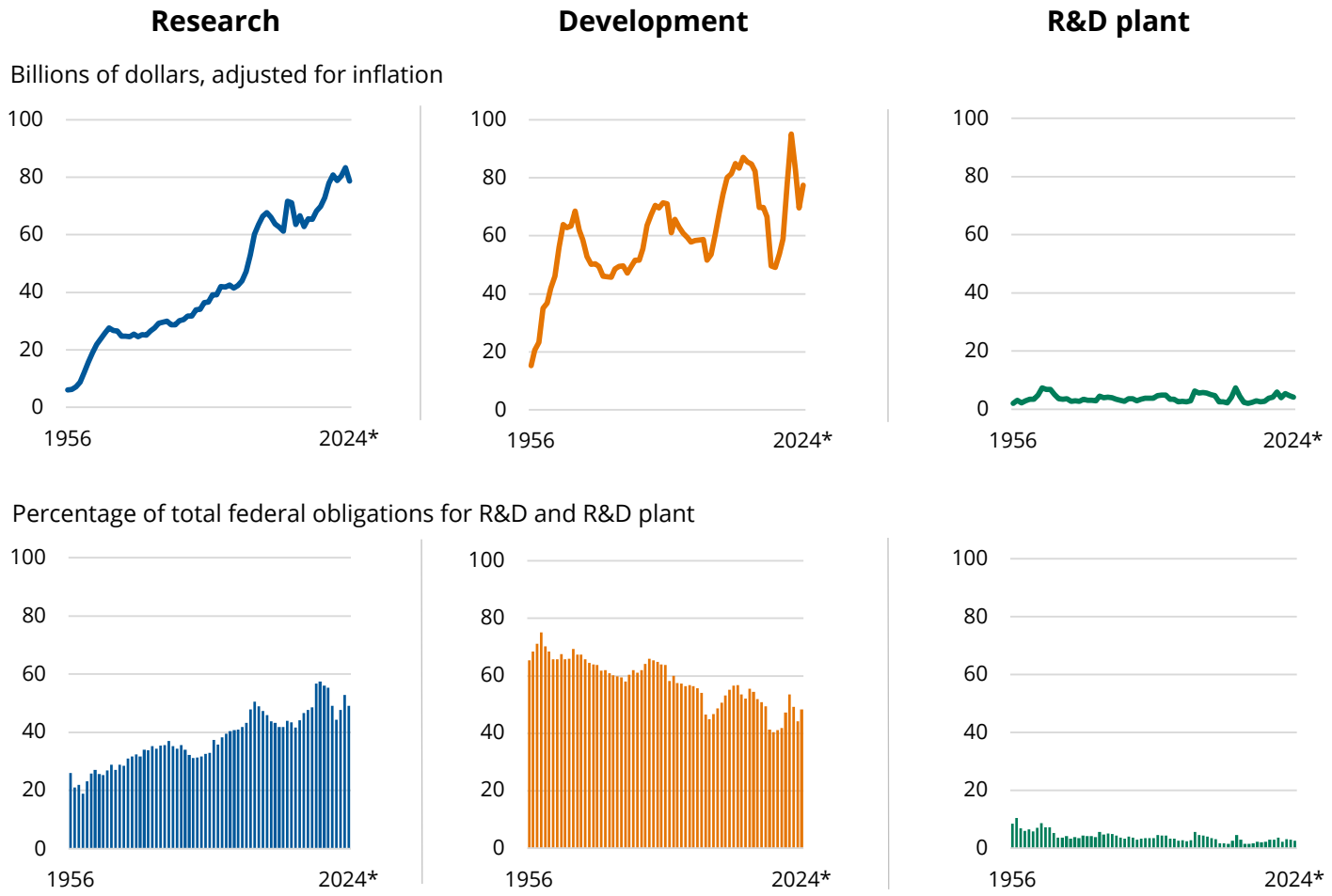
Figure 1. Federal obligations for research, development, and R&D plant: FYs 1956–2024



* Data for FY 2024 are preliminary.

Note(s):
Because of rounding, detail may not add to total. The federal fiscal year cycle changed for FY 1977, from 1 July–30 June to the current 1 October–30 September cycle; no data were collected for the 3-month transition period of July–September 1976. FYs 2009 and 2010 obligations include additional funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment 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." Therefore, the data are not directly comparable with totals reported in previous years. FYs 2020–22 obligations include additional funding provided by supplemental COVID-19 pandemic-related appropriations.

Source(s):
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Federal Funds for Research and Development.