

Table 4. Federal budget authority for basic research, by budget function, ordered by FY 2024 R&D and R&D plant total: FYs 2024–26

(Millions of dollars and percent change)

Budget function	2024 actual (\$millions)	2025 preliminary ^a (\$millions)	2026 proposed (\$millions)	2024–25 (% change)	2025–26 (% change)
All functions conducting R&D	44,942	44,686	29,533	-0.6	-33.9
National defense	2,820	2,715	2,263	-3.7	-16.7
Health	22,734	22,421	14,158	-1.4	-36.9
General science and basic research	12,140	12,216	8,121	0.6	-33.5
Space flight, research, and supporting activities	4,344	4,414	2,564	1.6	-41.9
Energy	27	11	12	-57.6	4.9
Natural resources and environment	40	40	15	0.0	-62.5
Agriculture	1,388	1,421	1,069	2.4	-24.8
Commerce and housing credit	314	260	210	-17.2	-19.2
Transportation	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Veterans benefits and services	765	818	823	6.9	0.6
Education, training, employment, and social services	351	351	283	0.0	-19.4
Administration of justice	17	16	13	-5.9	-18.8
International affairs	2	2	2	0.0	0.0
Income security	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Community and regional development	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Medicare	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

^a The preliminary data available from the agencies for FY 2025 at the time of this report reflect mainly the annualized continuing resolution funding levels that existed through early March 2025, which were later extended by a continuing resolution to the end of FY 2025.

Note(s):

Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Percent change is calculated on unrounded data.

Source(s):

Agencies' submissions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) per MAX Schedule C, agencies' budget justification documents, supplemental data obtained from agencies' budget offices, and Executive Office of the President, OMB, *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2026*.