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R&D obligations																			
1955	2,533	2,151	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	67	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	315
1956	2,988	2,535	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	83	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	370
1957	3,932	3,327	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	140	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	465
1958	4,570	3,801	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	177	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	592
1959	6,694	5,556	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	233	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	904
1960	7,552	6,107	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	305	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,140
1961	9,059	7,005	NA	137	777	373	73	125	NA	55	NA	NA	405	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	108
1962	10,290	7,238	NA	187	1,413	448	108	136	NA	101	NA	NA	551	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	107
1963	12,495	7,764	NA	246	2,812	515	120	146	NA	142	NA	NA	626	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	125
1964	14,225	7,829	NA	277	4,241	571	134	165	NA	122	NA	NA	728	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	160
1965	14,614	7,342	NA	304	4,887	585	159	195	NA	147	NA	NA	792	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	203
1966	15,320	7,536	NA	377	4,976	575	189	201	NA	251	NA	NA	900	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	315
1967	16,529	8,566	18	409	4,778	600	320	218	43	380	37	154	915	NA	48	41	*	3	na
1968	15,921	8,275	17	437	4,304	657	331	217	48	304	44	166	1,021	NA	50	45	1	5	na
1969	15,641	8,356	26	433	3,799	597	323	221	54	404	32	169	1,088	NA	78	50	5	5	na
1970	15,339	7,981	32	452	3,606	574	340	238	79	535	47	164	1,084	NA	136	59	9	6	na
1971	15,543	8,110	32	513	3,048	556	416	259	90	728	65	215	1,288	NA	145	63	10	7	na
1972	16,496	8,902	29	625	2,932	574	479	294	50	558	66	235	1,547	NA	106	69	23	8	na
1973	16,800	9,002	28	658	2,824	630	554	308	50	572	78	290	1,585	NA	106	74	33	7	na
1974	17,410	9,016	24	749	2,702	759	516	313	51	693	82	236	2,069	NA	71	85	35	9	na
1975	19,039	9,679	29	813	2,764	1,363	624	342	65	635	93	239	2,170	NA	72	95	44	12	na
1976	20,780	10,430	42	858	3,130	1,649	683	383	69	631	109	255	2,351	NA	48	98	35	12	na
1977	23,450	11,864	66	974	2,832	2,562	753	457	71	708	101	230	2,629	NA	55	107	30	13	na
R&D budget authority																			
1978	25,976	12,899	57	1,050	2,939	3,134	904	501	77	768	92	345	2,968	NA	67	111	44	20	na
1979	28,208	13,791	117	1,119	3,136	3,461	1,010	552	93	798	127	354	3,401	NA	57	123	47	23	na
1980	29,739	14,946	125	1,233	2,738	3,603	999	585	101	887	119	468	3,694	NA	47	126	45	22	na
1981	33,735	18,413	160	1,340	3,111	3,501	1,061	659	106	869	104	298	3,871	NA	43	143	34	22	na

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1982	36,115	22,070	165	1,359	2,584	3,012	965	693	104	791	63	228	3,869	NA	32	139	31	10	na
1983	38,768	24,936	177	1,502	2,134	2,578	952	745	107	876	44	189	4,298	NA	32	157	37	6	na
1984	44,214	29,287	192	1,676	2,300	2,581	963	762	110	1,040	46	200	4,779	NA	26	218	24	8	na
1985	49,887	33,698	210	1,862	2,725	2,389	1,059	836	114	1,030	50	220	5,418	NA	21	193	47	17	na
1986	53,249	36,926	211	1,873	2,894	2,286	1,062	815	111	917	88	248	5,565	NA	14	183	41	14	na
1987	57,069	39,152	223	2,042	3,398	2,053	1,133	822	110	908	99	267	6,556	NA	25	215	49	17	na
1988	59,106	40,099	224	2,160	3,683	2,126	1,160	882	122	896	108	285	7,076	NA	23	195	51	17	na
1989	62,115	40,642	279	2,373	4,555	2,419	1,255	907	128	1,064	74	347	7,773	NA	27	212	45	15	na
1990	63,781	39,925	375	2,410	5,765	2,726	1,386	950	140	1,045	67	374	8,308	NA	33	216	44	17	na
1991	65,898	39,328	378	2,635	6,511	2,953	1,582	1,052	178	1,231	88	433	9,226	NA	30	219	51	4	na
1992	68,398	40,083	371	2,659	6,744	3,099	1,688	1,155	192	1,523	127	365	10,055	NA	37	245	51	4	na
1993	69,884	41,249	382	2,691	6,988	2,677	1,802	1,152	220	1,703	57	348	10,280	NA	36	250	49	*	na
1994	68,331	37,764	254	2,712	7,414	2,873	2,062	1,193	380	1,888	68	373	10,993	NA	45	265	46	0	na
1995	68,791	37,204	287	2,794	7,916	2,844	1,988	1,194	525	1,833	70	369	11,407	NA	43	257	59	1	na
1996	69,049	37,801	252	2,846	7,844	2,521	1,802	1,176	432	1,795	50	331	11,867	NA	16	259	56	2	na
1997	71,653	39,591	190	2,944	7,844	2,372	1,886	1,203	409	1,785	48	373	12,670	NA	9	267	59	2	na
1998	73,569	39,823	163	4,360	8,198	948	1,855	1,249	398	1,833	42	444	13,576	NA	18	587	72	2	na
1999	77,637	41,306	190	4,690	8,245	1,131	1,842	1,288	432	1,725	59	403	15,553	NA	38	644	88	3	na
2000	78,664	42,580	200	4,977	5,363	996	1,999	1,426	406	1,636	46	418	17,869	NA	25	645	73	6	na
2001	86,756	45,713	252	5,468	6,126	1,314	2,096	1,657	429	1,640	54	411	20,758	NA	30	719	88	3	na
2002	97,624	53,016	279	5,753	6,270	1,327	2,160	1,606	467	1,838	50	411	23,560	NA	37	756	91	3	na
2003	112,544	63,048	269	6,129	7,355	1,403	2,151	1,708	463	1,869	48	430	26,517	NA	38	817	299	0	na
2004	121,867	69,593	264	6,466	7,612	1,343	2,168	1,750	454	1,863	47	459	28,251	NA	47	866	684	0	na
2005	126,601	74,047	255	6,570	7,300	1,296	2,168	1,820	423	1,847	45	470	28,824	NA	35	742	758	0	na
2006	131,624	78,037	255	6,691	8,204	1,195	2,120	1,869	390	1,711	55	495	28,797	NA	27	769	1,008	0	na
2007	138,087	82,272	246	7,809	9,024	1,893	1,936	1,857	428	1,361	49	536	29,461	NA	27	819	369	0	na
2008	140,113	84,713	255	8,234	8,323	1,896	2,106	1,864	450	1,394	50	497	29,063	NA	27	886	355	0	na
2009 ^b	156,009	85,166	255	11,840	6,891	3,318	2,245	1,935	618	1,440	62	479	40,389	30	63	943	335	0	na
Non-ARRA	140,903	84,866	255	8,885	6,205	2,014	2,171	1,935	507	1,336	62	469	30,827	30	63	943	335	0	na

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ARRA	15,106	300	0	2,955	686	1,304	74	0	111	104	0	10	9,562	0	0	0	0	0	na
2010	146,596	86,517	194	9,280	8,232	2,455	2,237	2,043	550	1,496	109	535	31,488	36	77	1,034	313	0	na
2011	142,457	82,972	196	9,483	8,398	2,233	2,171	1,916	548	1,420	83	578	30,903	180	68	1,160	172	0	na
2012	141,450	79,559	269	9,304	10,661	2,197	2,147	1,920	607	1,486	58	597	31,243	80	18	1,160	143	1	na
2013	130,861	70,620	350	8,802	10,476	2,269	2,020	1,753	719	1,337	54	536	30,044	72	26	1,164	618	0	na
2014	133,547	70,611	410	9,482	11,055	2,387	2,172	1,967	877	1,261	66	515	30,927	25	58	1,101	634	0	na
2015	136,090	72,560	290	10,068	10,875	3,153	2,161	1,989	809	1,363	55	491	30,331	71	55	1,178	639	0	na
2016	147,813	79,828	288	10,042	12,789	3,473	2,294	2,030	887	1,326	65	474	32,365	21	105	1,222	605	0	na
2017 ^c	124,710	57,055	289	9,947	10,134	3,519	2,378	2,090	901	1,444	71	478	34,255	21	74	1,346	707	0	na
2018	140,701	68,325	238	10,692	10,455	4,212	2,383	2,074	840	1,551	144	534	37,151	20	106	1,286	690	0	na
2019	145,615	71,396	235	10,961	10,016	4,433	2,486	2,205	783	1,582	165	517	38,755	20	102	1,370	590	0	na
2020 ^d	163,875	79,389	226	11,620	14,158	4,391	2,653	2,332	858	1,674	97	527	43,936	20	106	1,366	522	0	na
2021 ^d	158,550	77,219	230	12,118	11,512	4,381	3,395	2,514	946	1,685	104	554	40,877	20	91	1,436	475	0	na
2022 ^d	180,196	83,857	173	13,246	14,453	6,340	2,848	3,000	5,976	2,274	8	679	44,943	20	90	1,588	701	0	na
2023	193,078	101,060	178	13,715	10,841	6,342	3,175	2,654	3,362	1,651	5	527	47,576	20	106	1,366	500	0	na
2024	182,441	95,870	198	13,662	10,149	5,996	541	2,679	2,479	2,141	5	792	45,623	0	95	1,826	385	0	na
2025 preliminary ^e	175,451	89,745	134	13,259	10,595	5,895	541	2,672	2,181	2,157	5	751	45,201	0	94	1,839	381	0	na
2026 proposed	136,900	83,071	198	8,599	6,770	1,916	369	2,277	2,444	1,840	5	375	26,742	0	95	1,864	335	0	na
R&D and R&D plant budget authority ^f																			
2000	83,581	43,161	200	5,593	8,437	1,000	2,082	1,561	530	1,664	46	429	18,121	NA	25	645	73	14	na
2001	91,505	46,202	252	6,353	8,951	1,320	2,138	1,826	468	1,654	54	424	21,023	NA	30	719	88	3	na
2002	103,057	53,731	279	6,605	9,227	1,332	2,175	1,909	549	1,889	50	426	23,998	NA	37	756	91	3	na
2003	118,065	63,708	269	6,999	9,677	1,412	2,198	2,042	534	1,888	48	444	27,677	NA	38	817	316	0	na
2004	126,270	70,344	264	7,352	9,746	1,369	2,244	1,910	499	1,881	47	469	28,480	NA	47	866	752	0	na
2005	131,259	74,641	255	7,477	9,656	1,324	2,245	2,094	475	1,866	45	495	29,129	NA	35	742	779	0	na
2006	136,019	78,737	255	7,539	10,401	1,244	2,219	2,118	461	1,730	55	523	28,932	NA	27	769	1,008	0	na

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2007	141,890	82,658	246	8,712	10,988	1,922	2,096	1,950	516	1,380	49	577	29,581	NA	27	820	369	0	na
2008	144,391	85,129	255	9,007	10,672	2,076	2,202	1,997	560	1,413	50	549	29,212	NA	27	886	355	0	na
2009 ^b	164,292	85,642	255	14,128	9,060	3,794	2,615	2,249	1,051	1,461	62	553	42,051	30	63	943	335	0	na
Non-ARRA	145,553	85,342	255	9,941	8,374	2,234	2,371	2,073	641	1,357	62	543	30,989	30	63	943	335	0	na
ARRA	18,739	300	0	4,187	686	1,560	244	176	410	104	0	10	11,062	0	0	0	0	0	na
2010	148,962	86,789	194	10,509	8,232	2,570	2,430	2,206	668	1,517	109	581	31,693	36	77	1,034	318	0	na
2011	144,379	83,226	196	10,581	8,658	2,265	2,314	1,768	650	1,420	83	636	30,990	180	68	1,160	184	0	na
2012	143,737	79,875	269	10,536	10,801	2,231	2,300	2,005	698	1,511	58	640	31,411	80	18	1,160	143	1	na
2013	132,477	70,781	350	9,620	10,476	2,289	2,169	1,818	795	1,359	54	572	30,200	72	26	1,164	730	0	na
2014	136,159	70,992	410	10,524	11,228	2,407	2,328	2,077	957	1,278	66	542	31,099	25	58	1,101	1,067	0	na
2015	138,544	72,950	290	11,088	10,928	3,173	2,358	2,149	889	1,389	55	527	30,495	71	55	1,178	949	0	na
2016	150,393	80,202	288	11,328	12,811	3,492	2,471	2,350	1,033	1,361	65	505	32,526	21	105	1,222	613	0	na
2017 ^c	127,306	57,530	289	11,289	10,187	3,544	2,533	2,302	1,036	1,479	71	505	34,393	21	74	1,346	707	0	na
2018	144,460	68,916	238	12,559	10,552	4,233	2,662	2,346	1,184	1,594	144	614	37,316	20	106	1,286	690	0	na
2019	149,971	72,027	235	13,165	10,133	4,473	2,845	2,719	920	1,621	165	587	38,998	20	102	1,370	590	0	na
2020 ^d	169,901	81,874	226	13,659	14,206	4,539	2,879	2,674	1,008	1,712	97	581	44,431	20	106	1,366	522	0	na
2021 ^d	161,676	78,368	230	14,150	11,566	4,512	3,637	2,800	1,069	1,720	104	588	41,090	20	91	1,436	453	0	na
2022 ^d	186,765	85,299	173	16,390	14,553	7,114	3,155	3,295	6,090	2,314	8	719	45,244	20	90	1,588	714	0	na
2023	198,941	102,310	106	15,701	10,920	6,460	3,336	2,972	3,729	1,689	5	581	49,067	20	106	1,366	500	0	na
2024	199,342	105,686	252	15,659	10,215	6,140	3,247	2,910	2,639	2,198	5	819	47,206	0	95	1,826	446	0	na
2025 preliminary ^e	188,596	96,695	220	14,626	10,647	6,004	3,196	2,889	2,302	2,234	5	790	46,613	0	94	1,839	442	0	na
2026 proposed	153,666	93,385	252	10,147	6,822	1,964	1,358	2,451	2,565	1,916	5	398	30,044	0	95	1,864	400	0	na

* = amount less than \$500,000. na = not applicable. NA = not available; data were not collected for all budget functions in all years.

ARRA = American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

^a Other includes amounts not explicitly tallied in one of the separately identified categories.

^b Total for FY 2009 is the sum of non-ARRA and ARRA funds.

^c The data for FY 2017 and onward reflect application of the narrowed definition of *development* described by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in its Circular A-11 of July 2016. The previous years' numbers reflect use of the former *development* definition.

^d Agencies in several functions received emergency COVID-19 pandemic-related funding for R&D or R&D plant in FYs 2020–22. This funding may be included in this table's data; agency reporting is not clear in all cases.

^e The preliminary data available from the agencies for FY 2024 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.

^f Data on budget authority for R&D plant were not tabulated before FY 2000.

Note(s):

Detail may not add to total because of rounding. In FY 1998, many Department of Energy programs were reclassified from Energy to General science and basic research. In FY 1998, the Department of Veterans Affairs began reporting medical care support funds as a part of its total research budgetary resources; the change is reflected in the budget authority for Veterans benefits and services. In FY 2000, the National Institutes of Health in the Department of Health and Human Services classified all of its previous development activities as basic research or applied research, with a resulting increase in Health basic research. In FY 2000, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) transferred funding for the International Space Station program from R&D to R&D plant; the change is reflected in the budget authority for Space flight, research, and supporting activities. In FY 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) changed its R&D portfolio to reclassify funding in General science and basic research and in Agriculture as Administration of justice. In FY 2007, DHS changed its R&D portfolio to reclassify funding in National defense and most Administration of justice as General science and basic research; in FY 2013, this was reclassified back to Administration of justice. In FYs 2009 and 2012, NASA revised the classification of its R&D and non-R&D funding.

Source(s):

Data from FYs 1955–2026 are from agencies' submissions to 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*.