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ABSTRACT

This document provides a concise overview of current and historical interrelationships and patterns of national scientific and engineering resources. Major points of the report are: (1) research and development (R&D) expenditures in the U.S. are expected to reach \$28.0 billion in 1972; (2) total R&D spending is estimated to rise 4.3% between 1971 and 1972; (3) R&D is expected to account for 2.5% of the estimated 1972 U.S. gross national product; (4) approximately 54% of the national R&D effort is supported with federal funds; (5) the industrial sector is the second largest source of R&D funds, providing 40% of the funds; (6) an estimated 519,000 scientists and engineers were employed in R&D during 1971; (7) more than one-third of the scientists and engineers in the U.S. are engaged in R&D; (8) nearly 40% of the national R&D effort is devoted to research; and (9) universities and colleges are expected to perform more than 55% of the national basic research effort during 1972. (HS)

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## note

This report does not reflect funding levels for research and development proposed to the Congress in the President's budget for fiscal year 1973. Also, data for 1972 are estimated and are discussed only when there has been a significant change over previous years.

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## FOREWORD

The information presented in this report is based primarily on results from various periodic National Science Foundation surveys on the support and performance of research and development in the United States. The document provides a concise overview of current and historical interrelationships and patterns of national scientific and engineering resources. The R&D funding series begins with 1953, the first year for which survey data are available and extends through 1972 with estimates for this last year. While these analyses are carried out in terms of basic research, applied research, and development, somewhat similar information in terms of major areas of national interest (budget functions) can be found in *An Analysis of Federal R&D Funding by Budget Function, 1960-72* (NSF 71-25). Time series on R&D scientific and engineering manpower employed by each sector, covering the period 1954-71, are also presented.

Research and development experienced rapid growth from the end of World War II through the mid-sixties. This rise was stimulated by increasingly complex defense needs, the highly successful space program, and the demand for new and improved consumer and capital goods. During the latter portion of the sixties, the national R&D effort grew more slowly, primarily reflecting a leveling in Federal Government spending. Although total Federal R&D support remained stable during this period, important shifts in direction—some-what away from space and defense, and more toward other national goals— took place. Over the same time period, private R&D funding continued to increase at an impressive pace, although at a lower rate than in earlier years. The 1970 and 1971 R&D spending patterns generally followed the trends of the late sixties. For 1972, however, moderate R&D growth, shared by all sectors of the economy, is foreseen.

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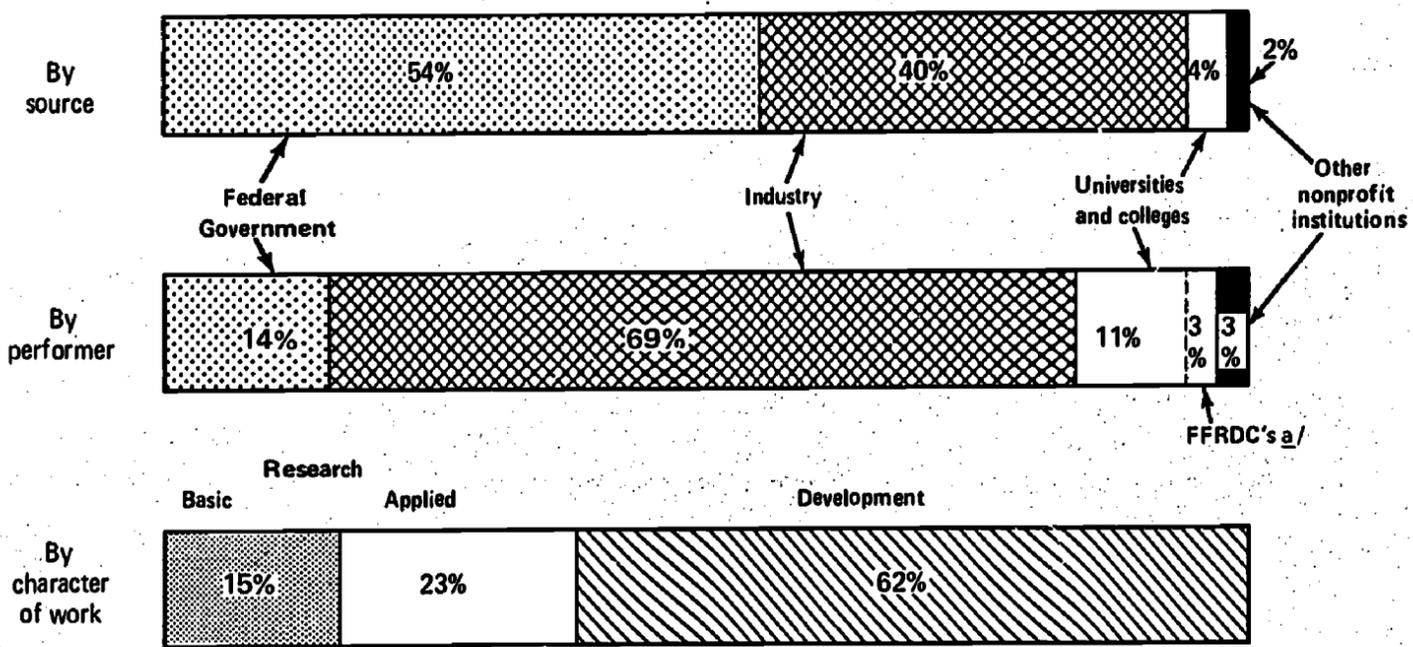
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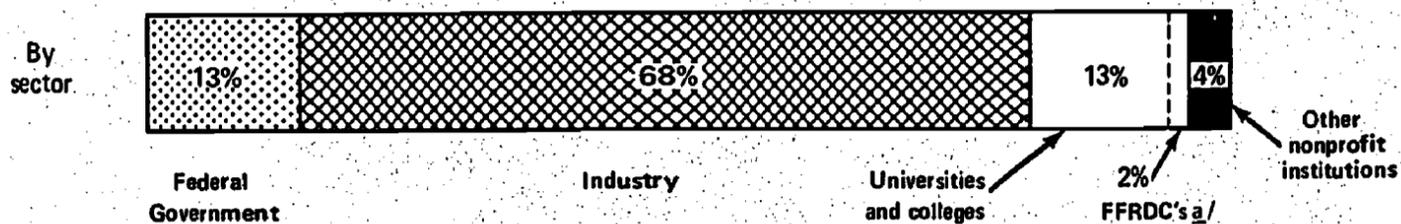


## The national R&D effort

EXPENDITURES FOR R&D = \$28 billion, 1972 (est.)



EMPLOYED R&D SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS = 519,000, <sup>b/</sup> 1971 (est.)



<sup>a/</sup> Federally Funded Research and Development Centers administered by universities and colleges.

<sup>b/</sup> Full-time equivalents.

Source: National Science Foundation

## SUMMARY

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- R&D expenditures in the United States are expected to reach \$28.0 billion in 1972, up from \$26.8 billion in 1971.

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- Total R&D spending is estimated to rise 4.3 percent between 1971 and 1972; the 1970-71 increase was only 2.1 percent.

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- Research and development is expected to account for 2.5 percent of the estimated 1972 U.S. gross national product (GNP), down from 2.6 percent in 1971. In 1964, the R&D/GNP ratio reached a high of 3.0 percent.

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- Approximately 54 percent of the national R&D effort is supported with Federal funds, primarily from the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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- The industrial sector is the second largest source of R&D funds. It is anticipated that companies will provide two-fifths of total U.S. R&D funds in 1972, up steadily from 31 percent in 1964.

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- An estimated 519,000 scientists and engineers (full-time-equivalent) were employed in research and development during 1971, 5 percent fewer than in 1970. Nearly 70 percent of these R&D professionals worked for industrial firms.

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- More than one-third of the scientists and engineers in the United States are engaged in research and development. This ratio rose steadily during the fifties and early sixties; since 1964 the proportion has declined somewhat.

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- Nearly 40 percent of the national R&D effort is devoted to research. For 1972 basic research expenditures are projected at \$4.1 billion, with applied research at \$6.4 billion. In 1971, \$4.0 billion and \$6.1 billion, respectively, were spent on these activities.

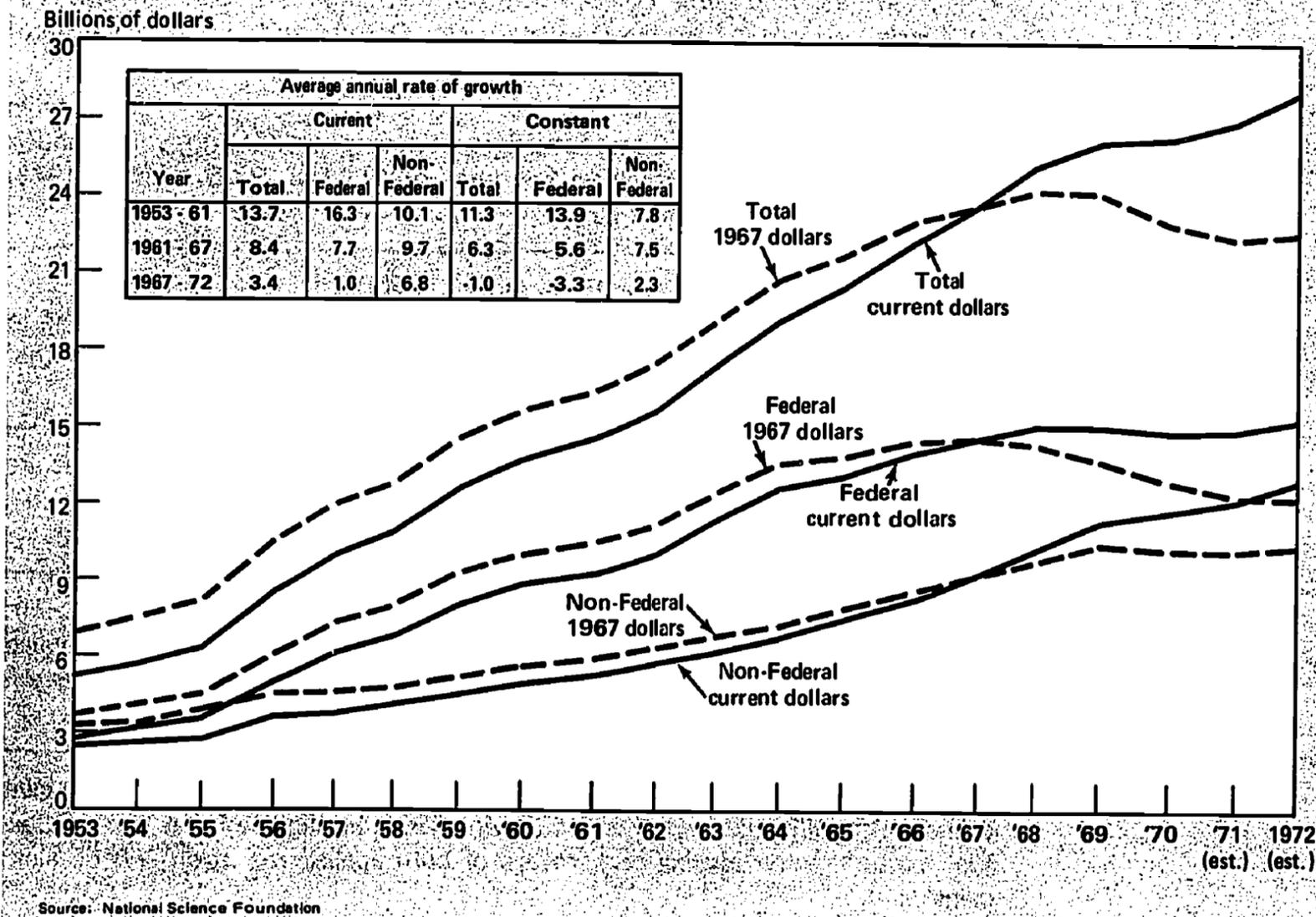
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- Universities and colleges are expected to perform more than 55 percent of the national basic research effort during 1972, up slightly from 1971. Industrial firms are the leading performers of both applied research and development.

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### R&D funding trends, 1953-72

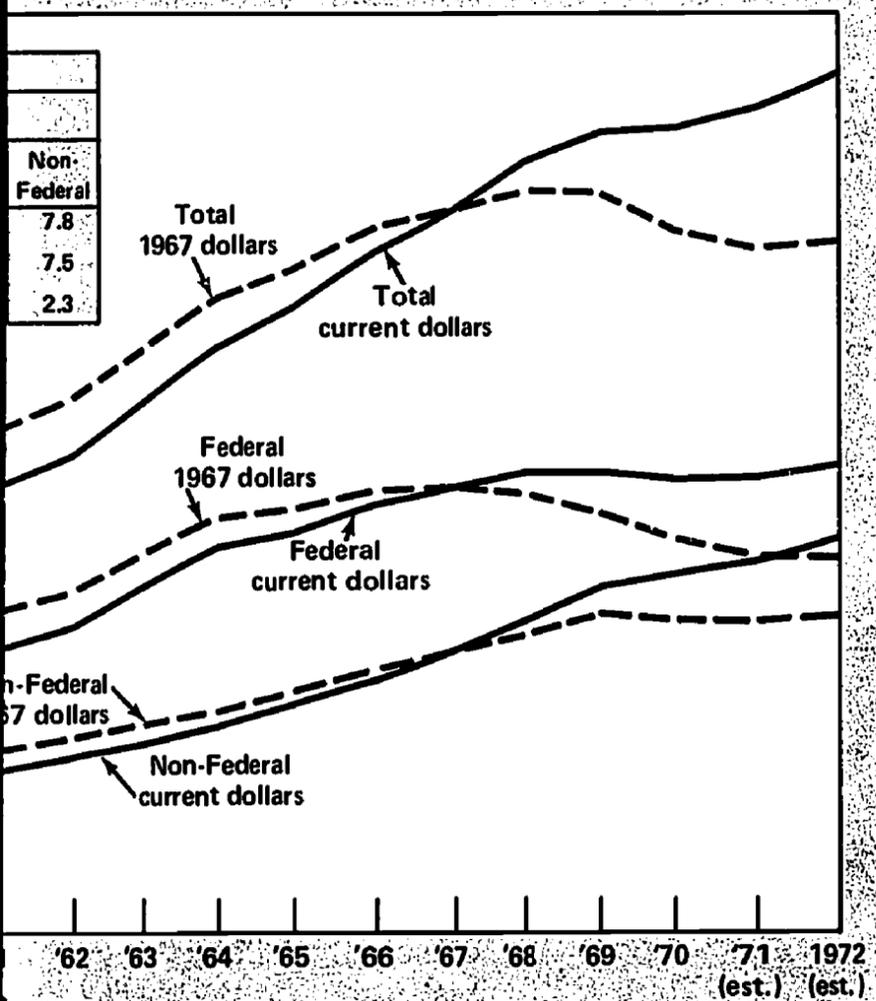


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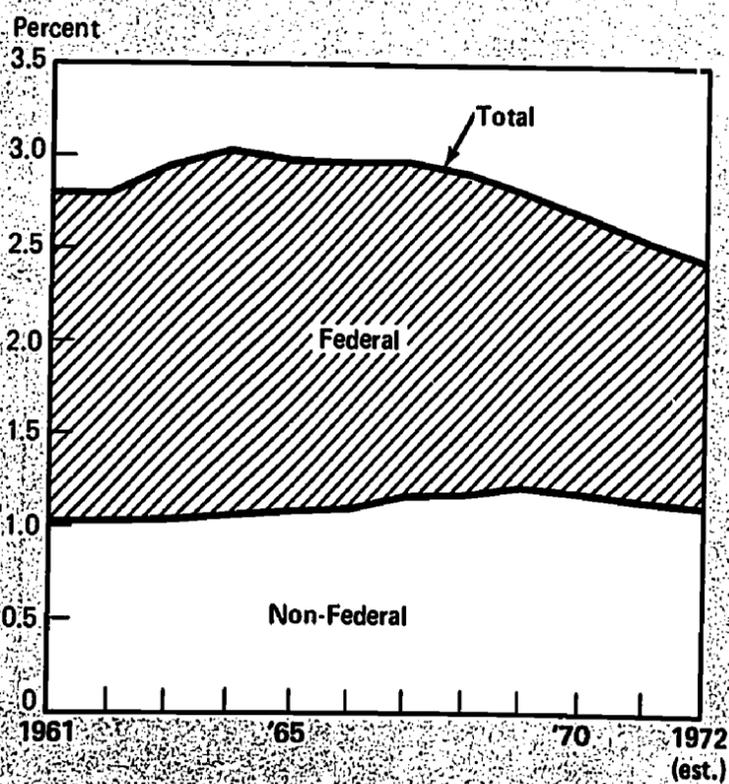
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### R&D Funding Patterns

- The support of research and development has undergone a marked change since 1966. Through the mid-sixties, the Federal Government provided the major impetus behind our R&D growth. Since that time, however, decreased emphasis on defense and space research and development has been more than offset by increases in non-Federal R&D programs, particularly those supported by industry funds. The recent economic slowdown has caused a leveling in these funds since 1969. However, total R&D expenditures in the United States are expected to reach a level of \$28.0 billion in 1972, 4 percent above the amount spent in 1971. In constant dollars, however, research and development is expected to increase by only 1 percent between the two years.

### Research and development / Gross national product, 1961-72



Source: National Science Foundation

#### R&D/OTHER ECONOMIC INDICATORS

• The relationship of R&D expenditures to the GNP affords a comparison of the relative importance of these R&D activities to the economy over time.

• In 1972 total R&D expenditures in the United States are expected to amount to 2.5 percent of the estimated GNP. This ratio is down from 2.6 percent in 1971 and 3.0 percent in 1964, due primarily to a leveling off of Federal R&D funding in recent years.

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Table 1. R&D spending patterns of selected countries

Country	Average annual R&D growth			Total 1967
	Total R&D	Government	Non-Government	
Canada . . . . .	9%	10%	8%	\$ 40
Japan . . . . .	33	39	30	15
West Germany . . .	16	13	19	35
United States . . . .	5	2	11	120

\* All data are rounded to the nearest \$5.

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• As shown in table 1, the average annual rate of R&D growth in the United States between 1967 and 1969 was substantially lower than that of other major R&D performing countries for which data are available. This lower rate in the United States was caused primarily by a leveling off of Federal R&D spending in recent years.

• Total research and development per capita in the United States in 1969 was nearly three times that of other major R&D-performing countries (table 1). When Government support of research and development is removed from these data, the U.S. advantage becomes markedly less.

**Table 1. R&D spending patterns of selected countries, by source, 1967-69**

Country	Average annual R&D growth			R&D per capita <sup>a</sup>					
	Total R&D	Government	Non-Government	Total R&D		Government		Non-Government	
				1967	1969	1967	1969	1967	1969
Canada .....	9%	10%	8%	\$ 40	\$ 45	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$20
Japan .....	33	39	30	15	30	5	10	10	20
West Germany ...	16	13	19	35	50	15	20	20	30
United States ....	5	2	11	120	130	70	75	50	55

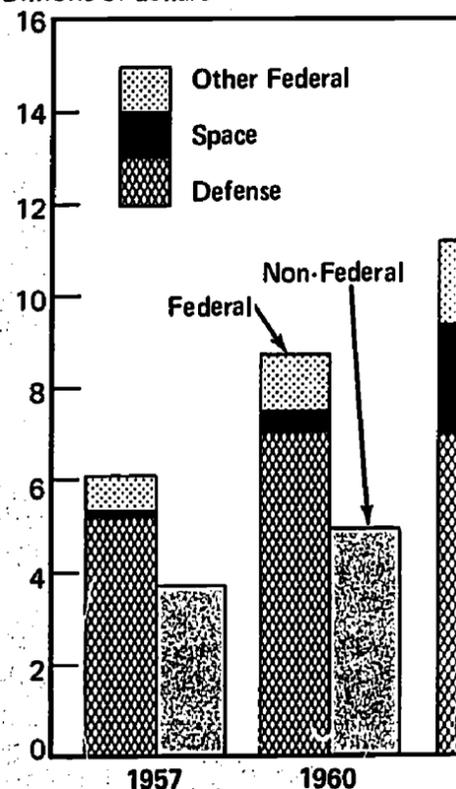
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### R&D BY SELECTED OBJECTIVE

- In 1972 research and development devoted to space (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)) and defense (Department of Defense (DOD) and certain Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) programs) is expected to amount to \$11.0 billion, 2 percent above the amount spent on these activities in 1971, but 7 percent below the 1968 high of \$11.8 billion.
- Other Federal objectives include the civilian type work of the AEC, the health and education programs of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), the basic research programs supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the R&D spending of other Federal agencies. In 1972 it is expected that \$4.2 billion will be spent on these programs; this is 6 percent more than in 1971 and 30 percent more than in 1969.
- The remaining \$12.8 billion of R&D spending in 1972 will come from non-Federal sources and will include the R&D activities of nonprofit institutions, the basic research programs of universities and colleges, and, in particular, the development programs carried on by industrial firms. In 1971 \$12.1 billion was spent on non-Federal programs.

Billions of dollars



Source: National Science Foundation

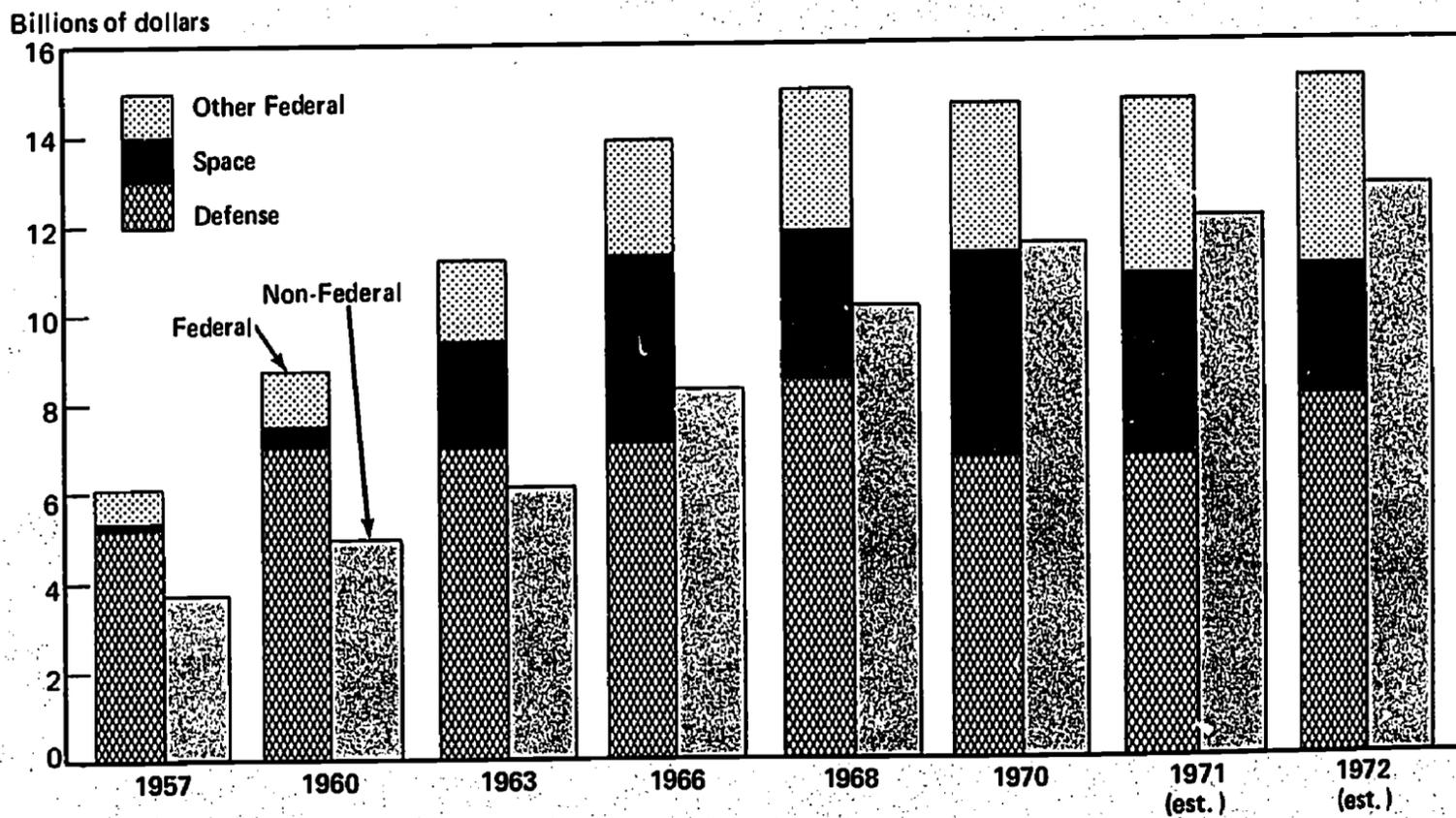
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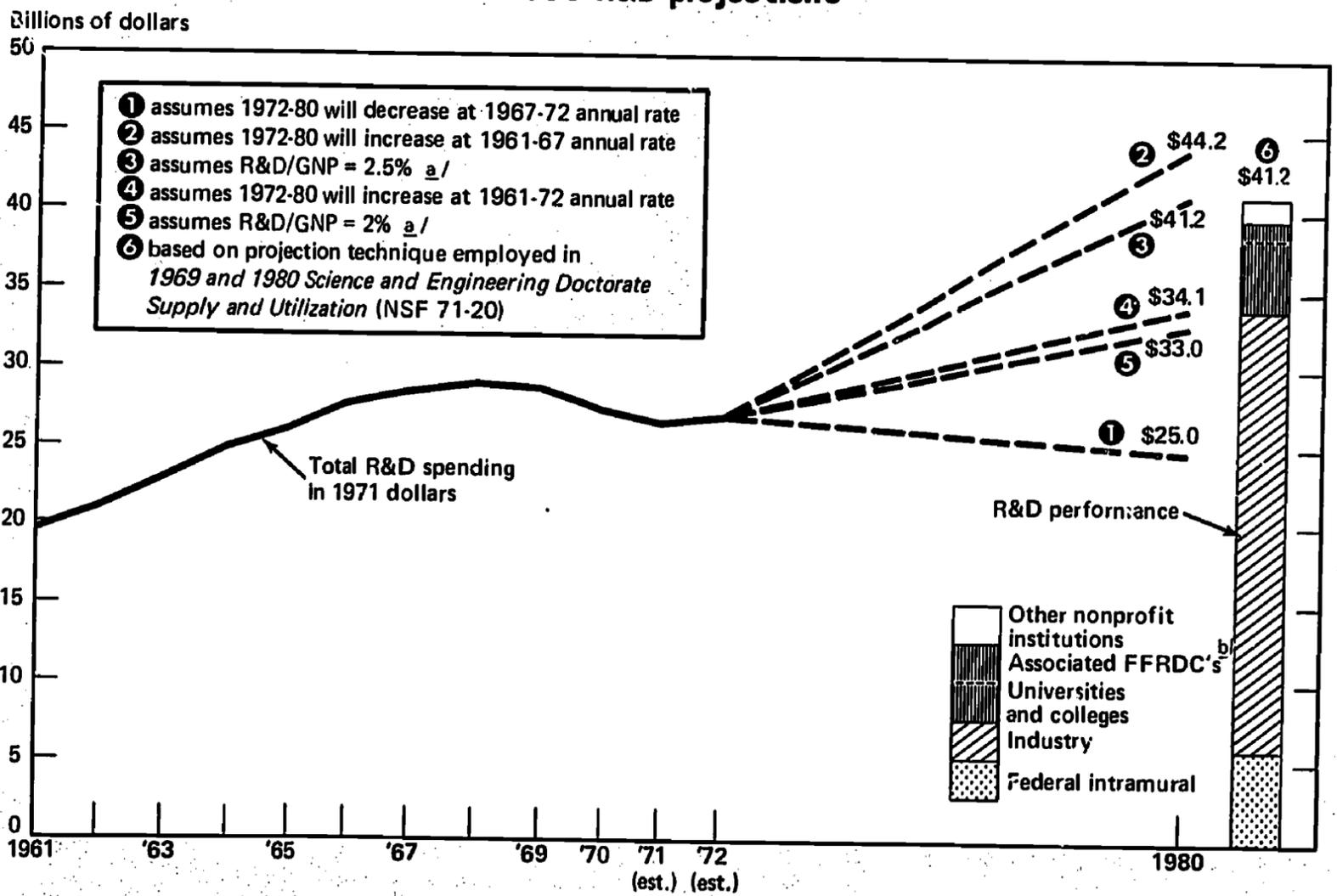
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### R&D spending by objective, 1957-72

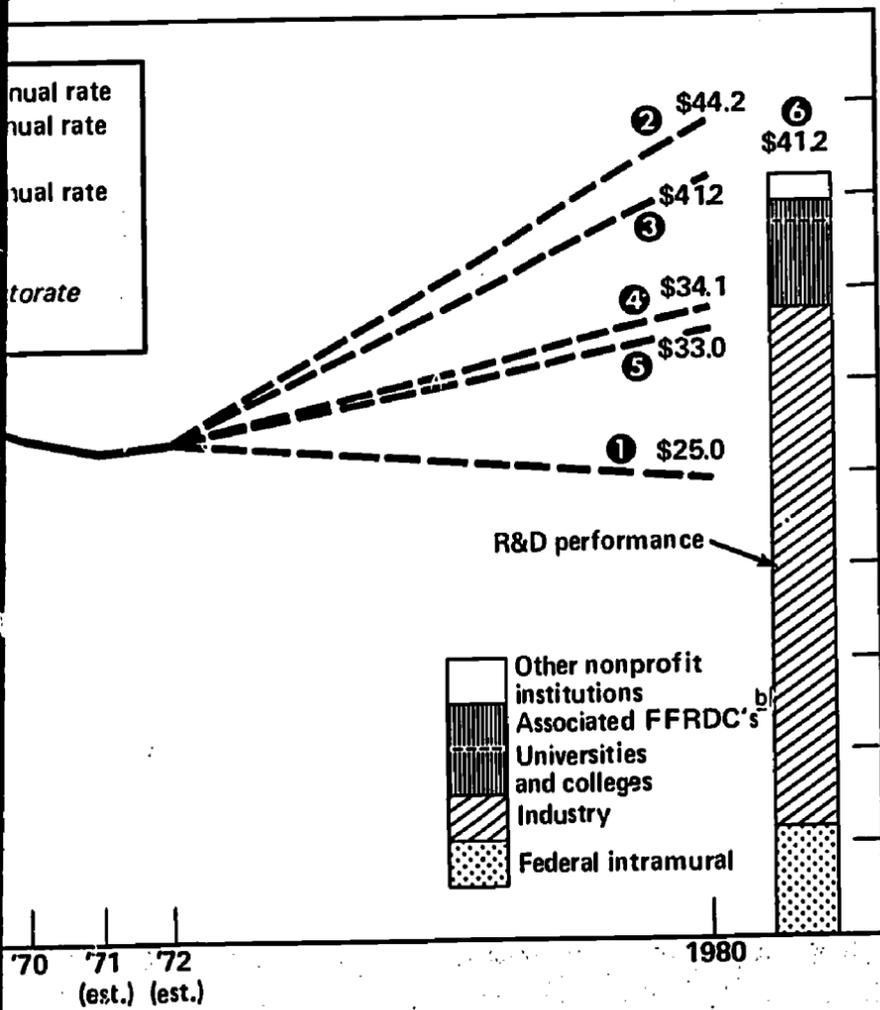


Source: National Science Foundation

## 1980 R&D projections



## R&D projections



## R&D PROJECTIONS

- Based on several alternative assumptions, the R&D totals of the National Science Foundation can be projected to 1980. The projections for 1980 shown in this report are based on past trends and are not a prediction since the level of R&D activity in 1980 depends on such unknowns as future Government actions, the state of the economy, etc.

- The GNP for the United States, expressed in 1971 dollars, is projected at \$1.6 trillion in 1980 (estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics). If the GNP approximates this level and the 1980 R&D/GNP ratio were to remain at the 1972 proportion of 2.5 percent, R&D spending in 1980 in 1971 dollars would reach \$41.2 billion; if the ratio were to decrease to 2.0 percent, the R&D level would be \$33.0 billion.

- If R&D spending were to increase over the period (1972-80) at annual rates equal to those between 1961-67, 1961-72, or 1967-72, the U.S. R&D effort in 1971 dollars would range between \$25.0 billion and \$44.2 billion in 1980.

- By utilizing the projection technique employed in the report, 1969 and 1980 Science and Engineering Doctorate Supply and Utilization (NSF 71-20) total R&D spending in 1980, expressed in 1971 dollars, can be shown by performing sector. This is basically achieved by maintaining Federal R&D support as a fixed 1.4 percent of the GNP and basing non-Federal spending on growth trends of previous years.

### TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

• The following tables present estimated 1972 data on funds by source and performance for total research and development, as well as basic research, applied research, and development. They permit comparisons of the various sectors of the economy as sources of R&D funds and as performers of research and development.

• Federal agencies are expected to contribute 54 percent of all R&D funds in 1972, over one-half of which will be performed in industry. An additional 26 percent is scheduled for the intramural laboratories of Federal agencies.

• The second largest source of R&D funds is industry which is expected to spend \$11.3 billion on these programs in 1972, up from \$10.7 billion in 1971.

• Universities and colleges are the largest performers of basic research with a projected \$2.3 billion for these activities in 1972, the same as in 1971.

• The industrial sector is the largest performer of both applied research and development. In 1972 industry is expected to perform \$18.6 billion on these activities. In 1971, industry spent \$17.7 billion on applied research and development.

**Table 2. Intersectoral transfers of funds used for development, basic research, applied research and development**

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
[Millions of dollars]

Sources of funds	Performance		
	Federal Government	Industry <sup>b</sup>	Universities and colleges
Federal Government .....	4,000	8,050	1,700
Industry .....	.....	11,150 <sup>b</sup>	1,000
Universities and colleges .....	.....	.....	1,000
Other nonprofit institutions .....	.....	.....	1,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>4,000</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Percent distribution, performers</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>17.2</b>

**BASIC RESEARCH**  
[Millions of dollars]

Sources of funds	Performance		
	Federal Government	Industry <sup>b</sup>	Universities and colleges
Federal Government .....	675	150	1,300
Industry .....	.....	435 <sup>e</sup>	800
Universities and colleges .....	.....	.....	1,000
Other nonprofit institutions .....	.....	.....	1,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>675</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>2,300</b>
<b>Percent distribution, performers</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>56.4</b>

<sup>a</sup> All data are estimated from reports by performers.

<sup>b</sup> Expenditures for Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC's) administered by both industry and by nonprofit institutions are included in the totals of their respective

**Table 2. Intersectoral transfers of funds used for performance of research and development, basic research, applied research, and development, 1972 (estimated)**

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT<sup>a</sup>**  
[Millions of dollars]

Sources of funds	Performers					Total	Percent distribution, sources
	Federal Government	Industry <sup>b</sup>	Universities and colleges <sup>c</sup>	Associated FFRDC's <sup>d</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>		
Federal Government .....	4,000	8,050	1,750	775	635	15,210	54.3
Industry .....		11,150 <sup>e</sup>	65	.....	105	11,320	40.4
Universities and colleges .....		.....	1,060 <sup>e</sup>	.....	.....	1,060	3.8
Other nonprofit institutions .....		.....	175	.....	235 <sup>e</sup>	410	1.5
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>4,000</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>28,000</b>	
			3,825				
<b>Percent distribution, performers</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>		<b>100.0</b>
			13.7				

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	Federal Government	Industry <sup>b</sup>	Universities and colleges <sup>c</sup>	Associated FFRDC's <sup>d</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>		
Federal Government .....	675	150	1,355	300	110	2,590	62.9
Industry .....		435 <sup>e</sup>	40	.....	25	500	12.1
Universities and colleges .....		.....	825 <sup>e</sup>	.....	.....	825	20.0
Other nonprofit institutions .....		.....	115	.....	90 <sup>e</sup>	205	5.0
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>675</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>4,120</b>	
			2,635				
<b>Percent distribution, performers</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>		<b>100.0</b>
			64.0				

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sectors. FFRDC's are organizations exclusively or substantially financed by the Federal Government to meet a particular requirement or to provide major facilities for research and training purposes.

**Table 2. Intersectoral transfers of funds used for performance of research and development, basic research, applied research, and development, 1972 (estimated)—Con.**

**APPLIED RESEARCH <sup>a</sup>**  
[Millions of dollars]

Sources of funds	Performers					Total	Percent distribution, sources
	Federal Government	Industry <sup>b</sup>	Universities and colleges <sup>c</sup>	Associated FFRDC's <sup>d</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>		
Federal Government .....	1,475	1,150	290	225	325	3,465	54.3
Industry .....	.....	2,500 <sup>e</sup>	17	.....	50	2,567	40.2
Universities and colleges .....	.....	.....	210 <sup>e</sup>	.....	.....	210	3.3
Other nonprofit institutions .....	.....	.....	48	.....	90 <sup>e</sup>	138	2.2
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,475</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>6,380</b>	
			790				
<b>Percent distribution, performers</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>		<b>100.00</b>
			12.4				

**DEVELOPMENT <sup>a</sup>**  
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	Federal Government	Industry <sup>b</sup>	Universities and colleges <sup>c</sup>	Associated FFRDC's <sup>d</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>		
Federal Government .....	1,850	6,750	105	250	200	9,155	52.3
Industry .....	.....	8,215 <sup>e</sup>	8	.....	30	8,253	47.2
Universities and colleges .....	.....	.....	25 <sup>c</sup>	.....	.....	25	.1
Other nonprofit institutions .....	.....	.....	12	.....	55 <sup>e</sup>	67	.4
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,850</b>	<b>14,965</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>17,500</b>	
			400				
<b>Percent distribution, performers</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>		<b>100.0</b>
			2.3				

<sup>c</sup> Includes agricultural experiment stations.

<sup>d</sup> Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC's) administered by individual universities and colleges and by university-consortia.

<sup>e</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

Source: National Science Foundation.

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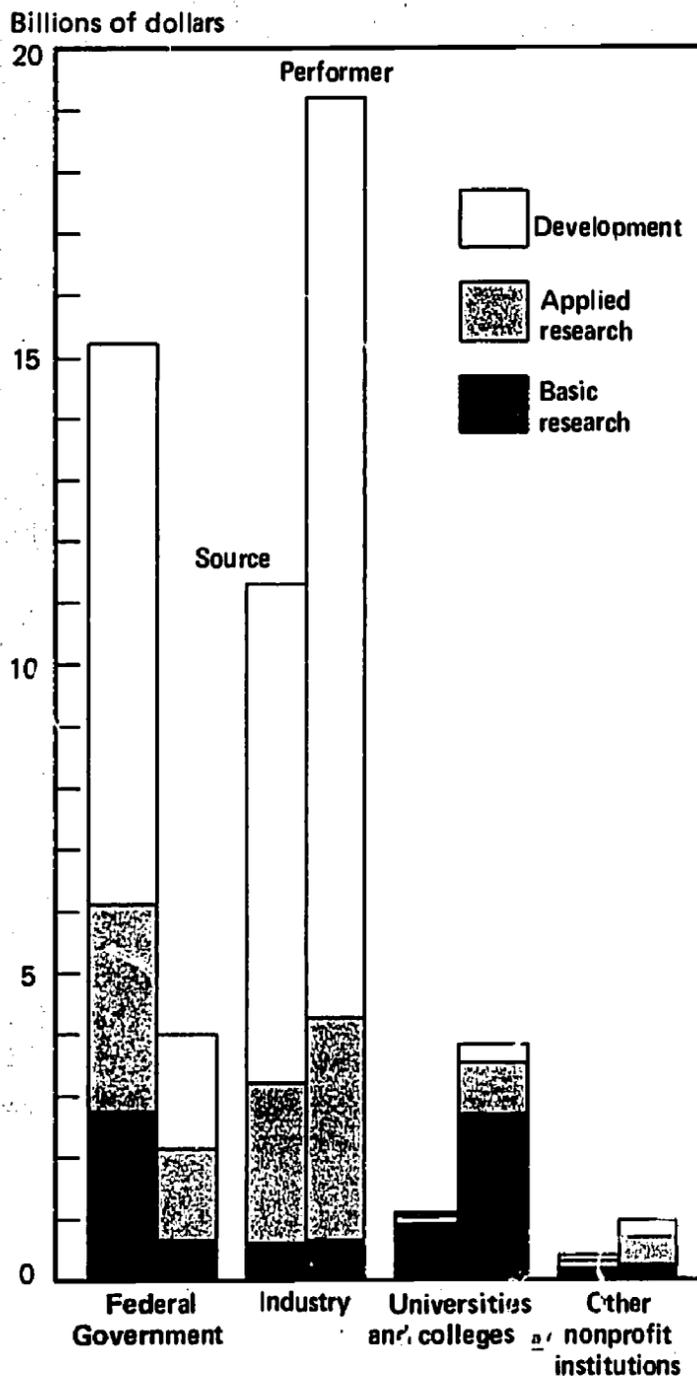
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<sup>e</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

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Source: National Science Foundation.

**Support and performance of R&D in the United States, 1972 (est.)**



<sup>a</sup> Federally Funded Research and Development Centers associated with this sector performed \$775 million of R&D in 1972.

NOTE: Performer bars include FFRDC's associated with that sector.

Source: National Science Foundation

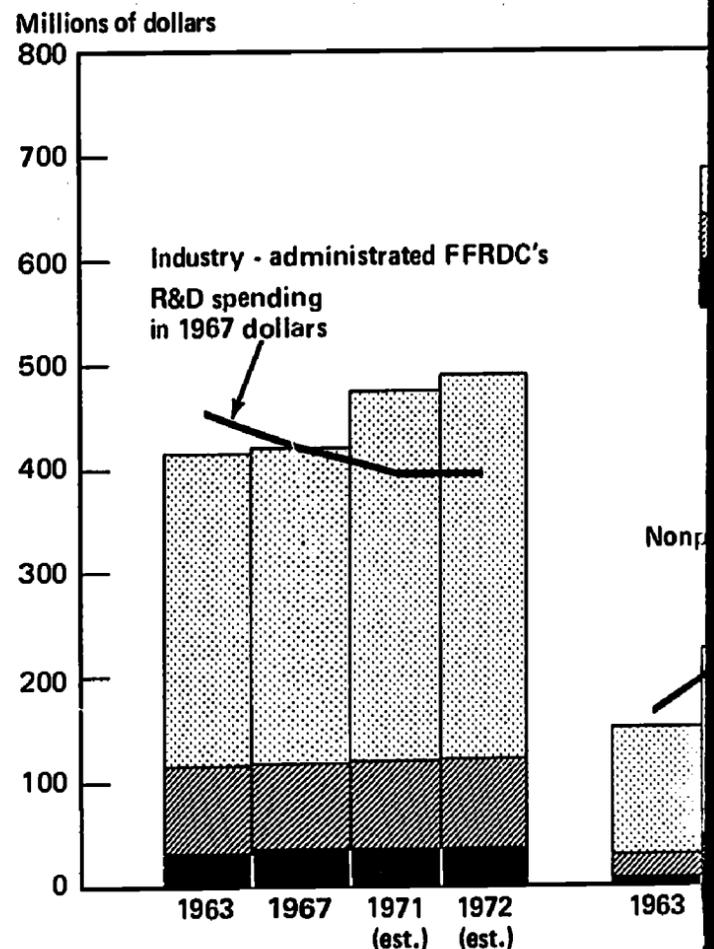
### FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

- Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC's) are organizations which undertake R&D activities for the exclusive or almost exclusive use of the Federal Government. They are administered by industrial, nonprofit, or educational institutions, generally on a nonprofit basis.

- In 1971 FFRDC's are expected to perform an estimated \$1.5 billion of R&D activities. This represents a 12-percent increase over the 1967 level of \$1.3 billion and 35 percent above the 1963 figure of \$1.1 billion. Between 1971 and 1972, R&D spending in FFRDC's are expected to increase by 2 percent.

- Over one-half of these 1972 R&D dollars are expected to be spent in university and college-administered FFRDC's. Industry-administered FFRDC's should account for an additional one-third of the R&D spending while those administered by nonprofit institutions are expected to contribute the remaining 17 percent.

### R&D performance



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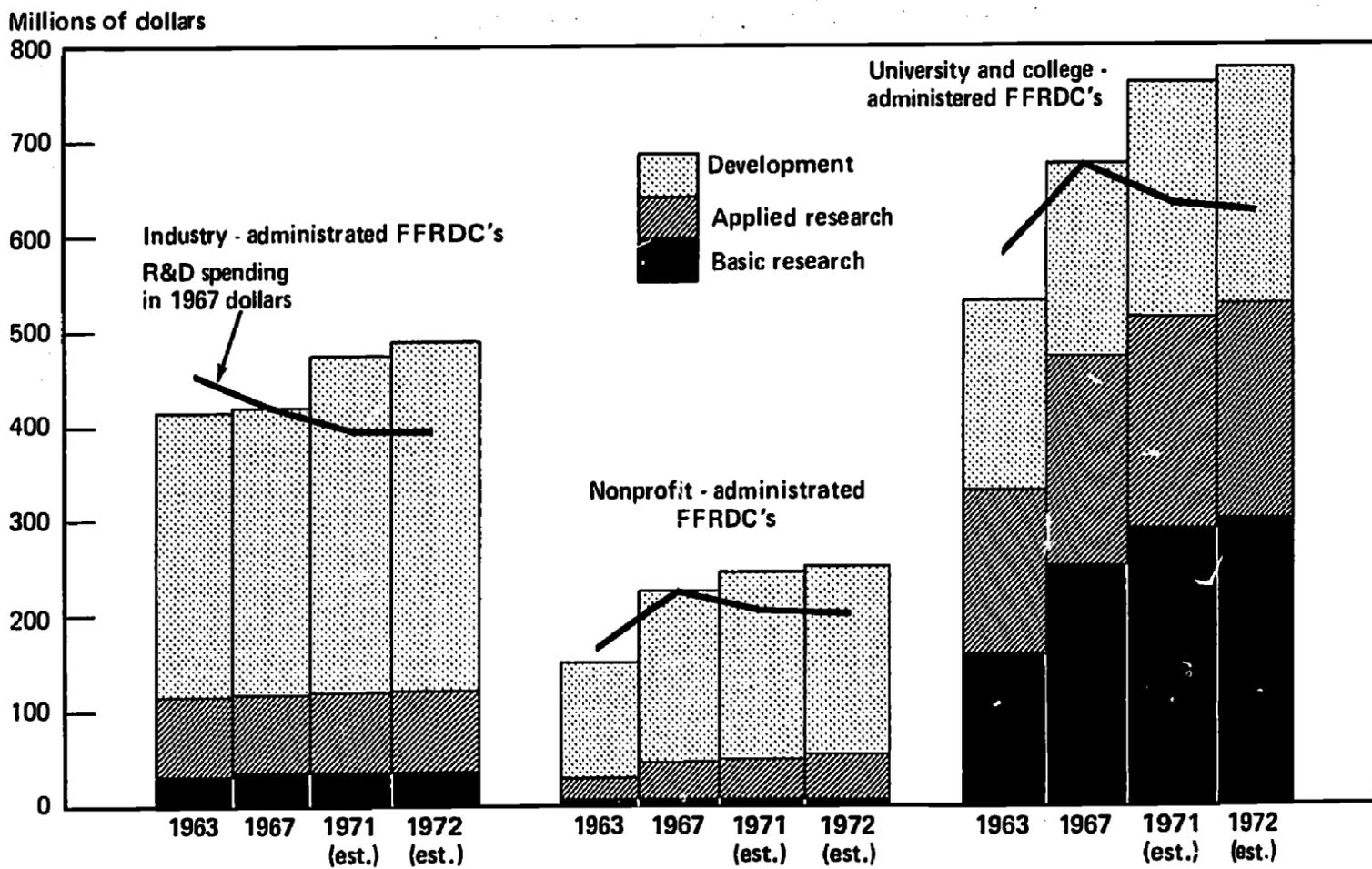
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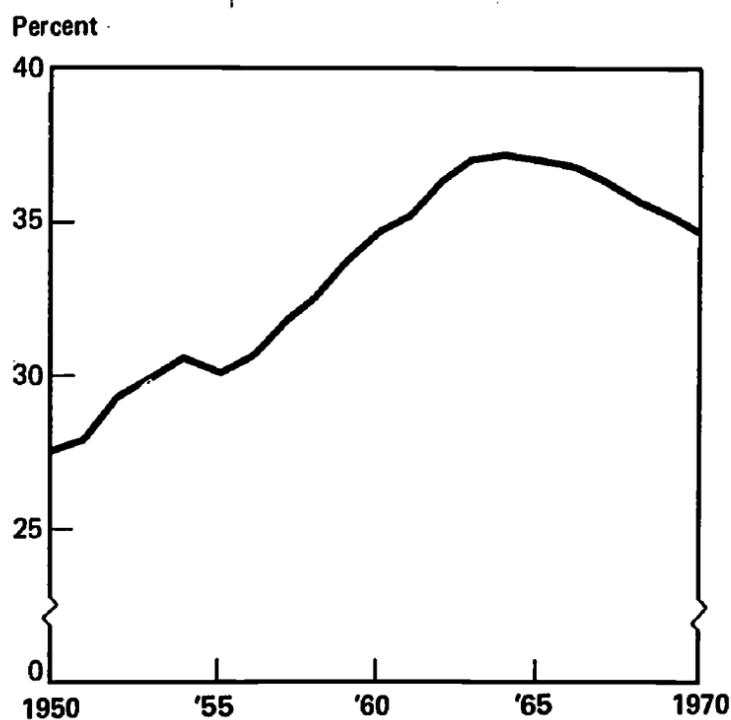
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## R&D Manpower

- The proportion of all natural scientists and engineers engaged in R&D activities grew steadily from 1950 to 1964 rising from about 27.5 percent to over 37 percent. However, over the years 1965 to 1970 the proportion dropped year by year to about 35 percent.

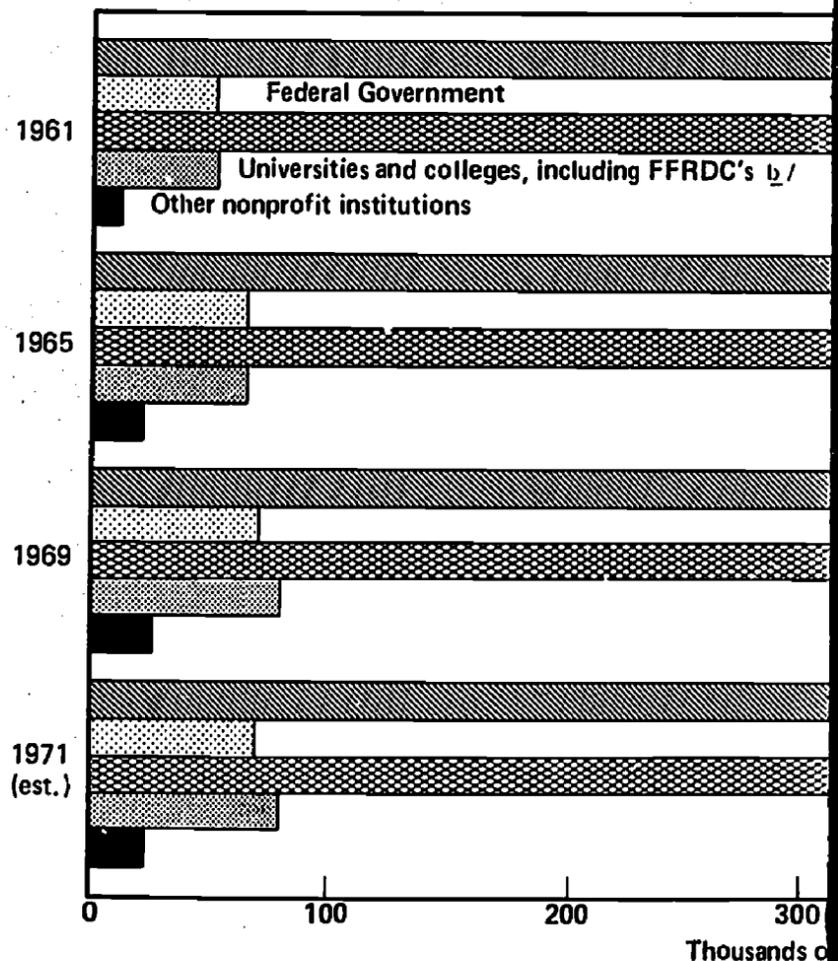
**Proportion of all natural scientists and engineers engaged in R&D, 1950-70**



Source: National Science Foundation

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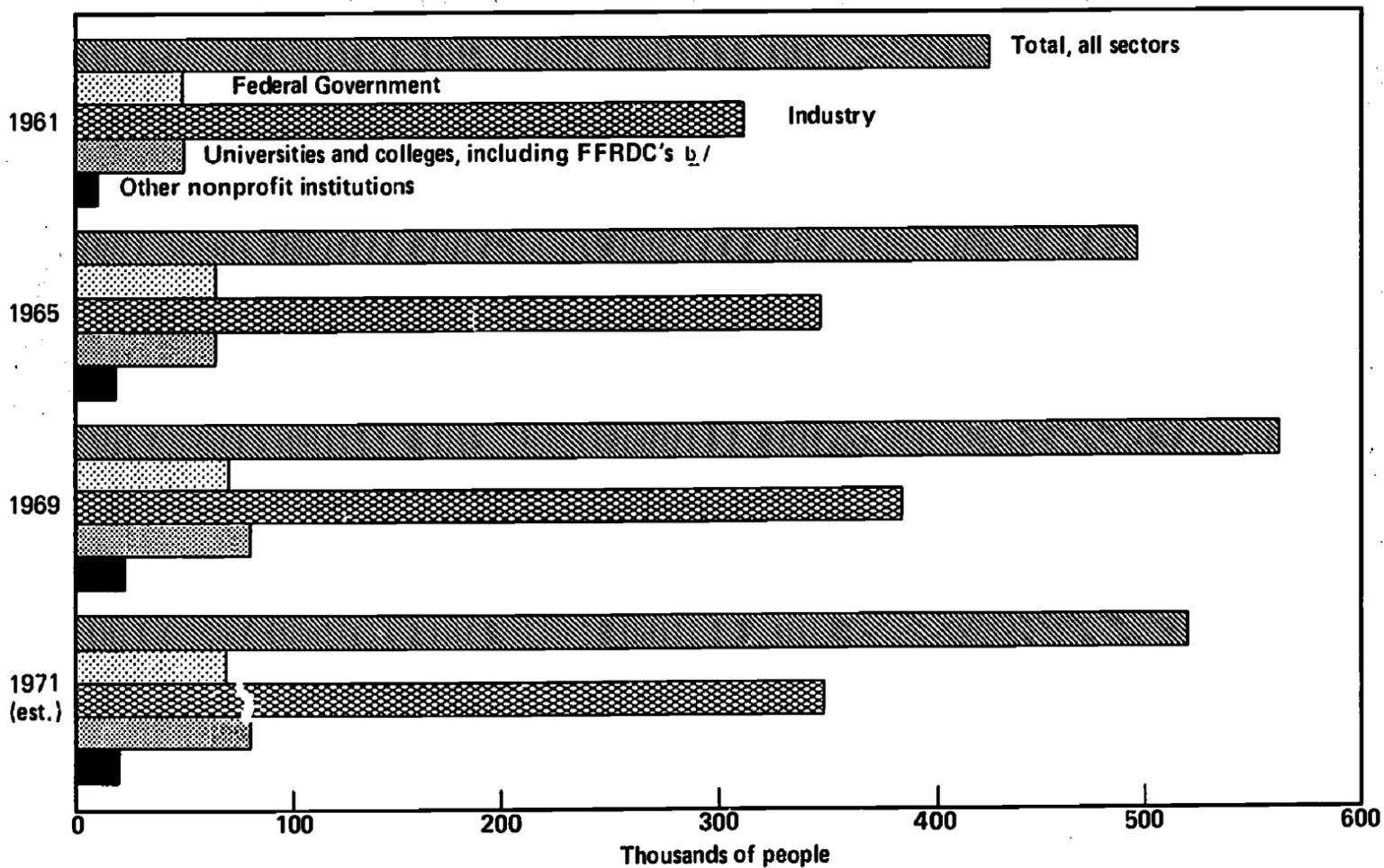
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### FTE<sup>a/</sup> scientists and engineers employed in R&D, by sector, selected years, 1961-71



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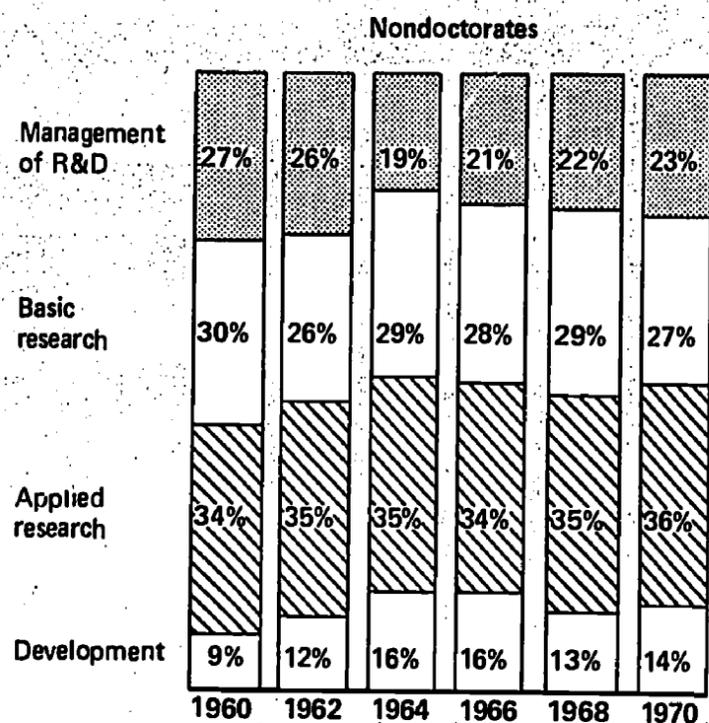
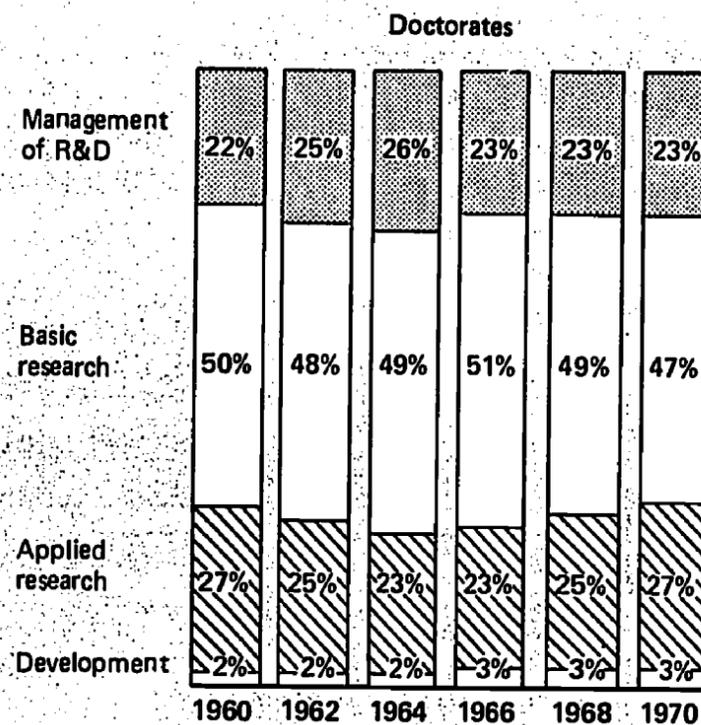
- Concurrent with the decline in the proportion of natural scientists and engineers in research and development in recent years, R&D scientists and engineers experienced a higher unemployment rate than other scientists and engineers.<sup>1</sup> In mid-1971, for example, 3.5 percent of all R&D scientists and all R&D engineers were unemployed; while a lesser 1.9 percent of all other scientists and 2.6 percent of all other engineers were unemployed.

- The national average cost per R&D professional (total R&D costs related to FTE employment of scientists and engineers) was \$51,700 in 1971 compared to \$41,200 in 1965 and \$34,200 in 1961. Expressed in constant dollars (1971=100), the comparable ratios are \$51,700, \$52,600, and \$46,300, respectively.

- The distribution of natural R&D scientists (excluding engineers) among the four activities—basic research, applied research, development, and the management of R&D—has changed little over the 1960 decade. This distribution however is different for doctorate and nondoctorate scientists. For example, the proportion of doctorates engaged in basic research varied between 47 and 51 percent while that for nondoctorates ranged between 26 and 30 percent as measured at biennial intervals between 1960 and 1970. These patterns are by no means uniform for the various fields of science. Whereas about three-fifths of the doctorates in physics and biology are in basic research, only a quarter of the agricultural scientists are in this activity. Similarly, only about one-tenth of the nondoctorate mathematicians were in basic research while nearly two-fifths of the nondoctorates in physics and earth scientists were so engaged.

<sup>1</sup> National Science Foundation, Science Resources Studies Highlights, "Unemployment Rates for Scientists, Spring 1971" (NSF 71-26), July 2, 1971 and "Unemployment Rate for Engineers, June-July 1971" (NSF 71-33), September 23, 1971 (Washington, D.C. 20550).

### Distribution of R&D natural scientists<sup>a/</sup>, by work activity, 1960-70



<sup>a/</sup> Excludes engineers.

Source: National Science Foundation

### TRENDS IN R&D MANPOWER, BY SECTOR <sup>2</sup>

A look at the employment of R&D scientists and engineers by sector shows 359,300 FTE scientists and engineers in industry in January 1971, a figure 6 percent below the 384,100 in 1970 (table 3). This was the largest decrease in this group since 1957, when comparative data first became available. The next largest decrease occurred between 1969 and 1970, when the total declined 1

<sup>2</sup> Based on latest detailed data available for each sector.

percent, from 387,100. Over the previous years the numbers had increased 69 percent to 229,400 in 1957.

The major factor in the 1970-71 decline was the 16-percent decline in R&D scientists and engineers in the aircraft and missile industry where the total dropped from 90,600 in 1970 to 76,500 in 1971. Also of some importance in the 1970-71 decline was the 7-percent decline in the electronics industry from 101,500 to 94,300, in the electrical and electronic equipment industry.

Table 3. Full-time-equivalent number of R&D scientists and engineers in industry, 1957-1971

Industry	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1970	1971
Total .....	229,400	243,800	268,400	292,000	312,100	312,000	327,300	340,100	359,300
Chemical and allied products .....	29,400	31,000	33,500	36,100	37,000	36,500	38,300	38,300	37,000
Petroleum refining and extraction .....	6,900	7,400	7,700	9,200	9,000	9,100	8,900	8,900	8,900
Rubber products .....	4,700	4,700	4,800	5,300	5,500	5,600	5,800	5,800	5,800
Stone, clay, and glass products .....	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,600	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Primary metals .....	5,100	5,200	5,700	6,900	6,900	6,000	5,200	5,200	5,200
Electrical equipment and communication .....	42,900	47,900	54,800	72,100	79,200	82,300	85,800	85,800	85,800
Motor vehicles and other transportation equipment .....	13,600	15,000	16,800	17,800	19,100	20,800	21,100	21,100	21,100
Aircraft and missiles .....	58,700	58,600	65,900	72,400	78,500	79,400	90,700	90,700	76,500
Professional and scientific instruments .....	10,200	11,000	12,000	10,000	11,100	9,800	9,400	9,400	9,400
Other manufacturing industries .....	57,900	63,000	67,200	62,100	54,500	50,600	50,100	50,100	49,300
Nonmanufacturing industries .....					7,500	7,000	8,200	8,200	8,200

<sup>a</sup> Data included in the "other manufacturing" group.

<sup>b</sup> For years 1957-60, manufacturing and nonmanufacturing combined—also includes food and kindred products; textiles and apparel; lumber and wood products; paper and allied products; fabricated metal products; and machinery.

Source: National Science Foundation.

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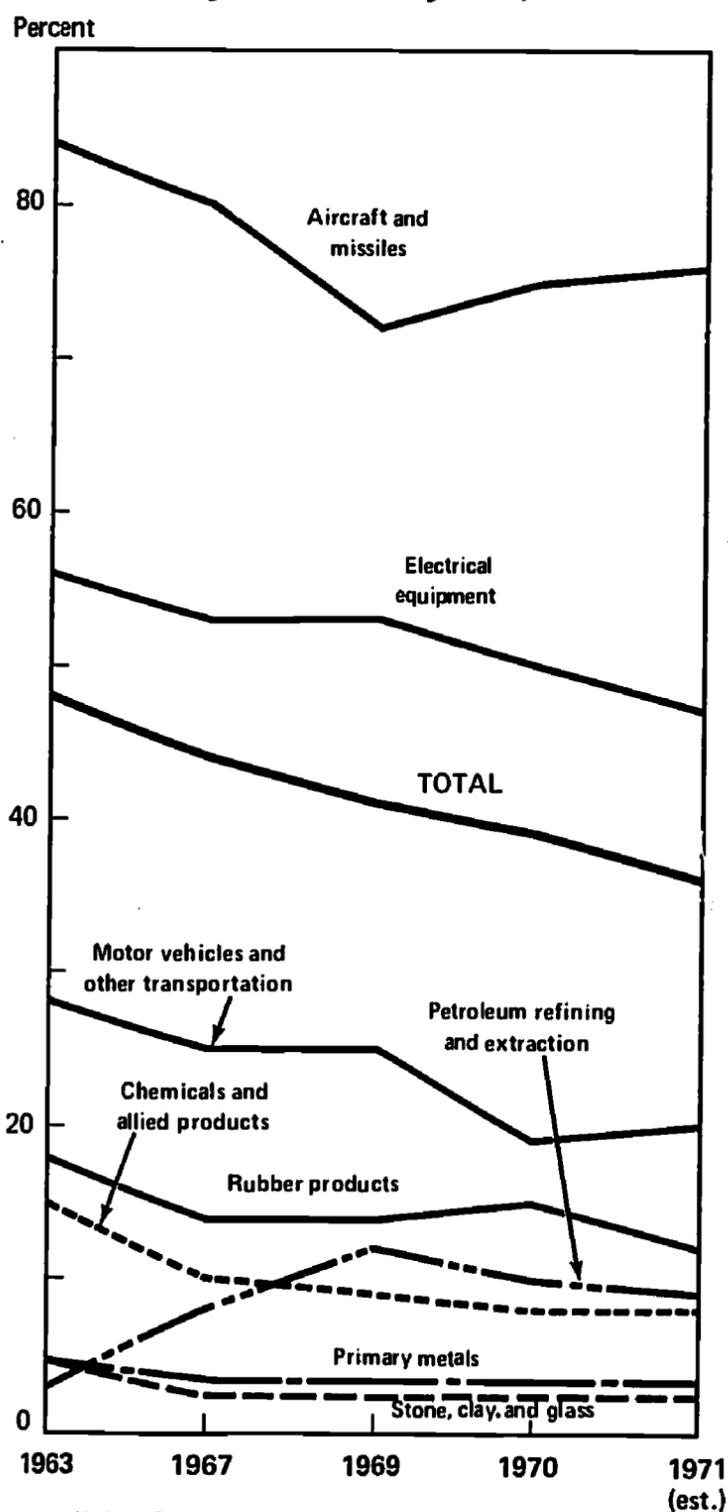
Data available since 1963 on the numbers of R&D scientists and engineers in industry show a trend decline in the proportion whose employment derives from Federal funds, from 48 percent of the total in 1963 to 36 percent in 1971 (table 4). One-third of this decline had already occurred by 1967, when Federal funds supported only 44 percent of the R&D scientists and engineers in industry.

**3. Full-time-equivalent number of R&D scientists and engineers, by industry, January 1957-71**

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
	400	243,800	268,400	292,000	312,100	312,000	327,300	340,200	343,600	353,200	367,200	376,700	387,100	384,100	359,300
	400	31,000	33,500	36,100	37,000	36,500	38,300	37,800	40,000	40,000	38,700	40,800	42,200	42,100	42,500
	900	7,400	7,700	9,200	9,000	9,100	8,900	9,000	9,700	10,200	10,400	11,200	11,900	11,500	10,800
	700	4,700	4,800	5,300	5,500	5,600	5,800	6,000	5,800	5,700	5,800	6,100	6,300	6,800	6,600
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	100	5,200	5,700	6,900	6,900	6,000	5,200	5,100	5,500	5,500	5,900	5,900	6,200	6,300	6,200
	900	47,900	54,800	72,100	79,200	82,300	85,800	87,700	86,000	90,600	96,000	97,800	100,500	101,500	94,300
	600	15,000	16,800	17,800	19,100	20,800	21,100	23,000	23,900	24,600	25,000	24,000	24,700	25,100	24,900
	700	58,600	65,900	72,400	78,500	79,400	90,700	99,400	97,400	97,200	98,300	98,700	97,600	90,600	76,500
	200	11,000	12,000	10,000	11,100	9,800	9,400	9,700	10,300	11,200	11,400	12,500	13,400	13,400	13,800
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**R&D scientists and engineers supported by Federal funds as a proportion of all R&D scientists and engineers in industry, selected years, 1963-71**



Source: National Science Foundation

The trend decrease between 1963 and 1971 in the proportion of R&D scientists and engineers supported from Federal funds reflects the pattern found in all industries except petroleum refining and extraction. In this industry the proportion of federally funded R&D employment advanced from 3 percent of all scientists and engineers to 9 percent. In the large electrical equipment and communications industry the proportion of federally

**Table 4. Full-time-equivalent number of R&D scientists and engineers supported by Federal funds, January 1963-1971**

Industry	Number of R&D Scientists and Engineers		
	1963	1964	1971 (est.)
Total <sup>a</sup>	157,800	165,600	163,000
Chemical and allied products . . . . .	5,600	5,500	4,000
Petroleum refining and extraction . . . . .	300	(b)	1,000
Rubber products . . . . .	1,000	1,100	1,000
Stone, clay, and glass products . . . . .	200	200	200
Primary metals . . . . .	200	200	200
Electrical equipment and communication . . . . .	45,300	47,100	48,000
Motor vehicles and other transportation equipment . . . . .	6,100	(b)	(b)
Aircraft and missiles . . . . .	80,000	87,400	83,000
Professional and scientific instruments . . . . .	2,200	2,000	(b)
Other manufacturing industries . . . . .	1,000	500	(b)
Nonmanufacturing industries . . . . .	5,600	(b)	6,000

<sup>a</sup> Includes also a small number of scientists and engineers in food and kindred products; textiles and apparel; lumber, wood products, and furniture; paper and allied products; fabricated metal products; machinery; and for several years a small number in other manufacturing industries.

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**Table 4. Full-time-equivalent number of R&D scientists and engineers in industry supported by Federal funds, January 1963-71**

Industry	Employment based on Federal funds								
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Total <sup>a</sup> .....	157,800	165,600	163,200	162,900	161,300	156,800	157,700	148,200	129,600
Chemical and allied products .....	5,600	5,500	4,400	4,300	3,800	4,200	3,800	3,300	3,300
Petroleum refining and extraction .....	300	(b)	1,000	1,100	800	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,000
Rubber products .....	1,000	1,100	1,300	900	800	1,000	900	1,000	800
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	200	200	100	100	100	200	100	100	100
Primary metals .....	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Electrical equipment and communication .....	45,300	47,100	48,000	51,600	50,500	50,600	52,800	50,300	44,200
Motor vehicles and other transportation equipment .....	6,100	(b)	(b)	7,200	6,300	6,500	6,100	4,700	4,900
Aircraft and missiles .....	80,000	87,400	83,100	79,400	78,600	73,900	70,700	67,800	58,200
Professional and scientific instruments .....	2,200	2,000	(b)	3,300	2,700	2,400	3,600	3,000	2,300
Other manufacturing industries ..	1,000	500	(b)	100	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Nonmanufacturing industries .....	5,600	(b)	6,700	6,500	8,200	7,600	7,500	8,500	8,200

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<sup>b</sup> Not separately available but included in total.

Source: National Science Foundation.

Note: These data have been modified slightly by the National Science Foundation—due to adjustments necessitated by changes in industry classification of a few companies.

The number of scientists and engineers at colleges and universities engaged primarily in research and development increased from 38,800 in 1965 to 46,900 by 1971 (table 5). Life sciences accounted for by far the largest portion of the total, with the 64 percent in 1965 rising to 65 percent by 1971. Other physical sciences and mathematics also increased proportionately over the 6-year period, from 4 and 2 percent of the total, respectively, to 5 and 3 percent. Decreased proportions over the 6-year period occurred in engineering, from 11 to 10 percent; in chemistry and physics, each from 6 to 5 percent; and in the social sciences and psychology combined, from 7 to 6 percent.

**Table 5. Numbers of scientists and engineers primarily engaged in research and development in universities and colleges, by broad field of specialization, January 1965, 1969, and 1971.**

Broad field of specialization	1965	1969	1971
All fields .....	38,769	45,120	46,941
Engineering .....	4,153	4,976	4,839
Physical science .....	5,927	6,970	7,314
Chemistry .....	2,335	2,685	2,579
Physics .....	2,132	2,394	2,411
Other .....	1,460	1,891	2,324
Mathematics .....	932	1,669	1,446
Life sciences .....	24,955	28,307	30,433
Social science and psychology <sup>a</sup> .....	2,802	3,198	2,909

<sup>a</sup> Social science includes economists and sociologists.  
Source: National Science Foundation.

The 10,900 R&D scientists and engineers at FFRDC's administered by colleges and universities in 1971 were 2 percent under the 11,100 in 1965 (table 6). Engineering advanced from 44 percent of the total to 46 percent, and mathematics from 9 percent to 10 percent. Conversely, the proportion in the physical sciences declined from 41 percent of the total to 39 percent, and the life sciences proportion declined from 6 percent to 3 percent. The physical science reduction reflected decreased numbers of chemists and other physical scientists; the physicists increased from 22 percent of the science and engineering total to 24 percent.

**Table 6. Numbers of scientists and engineers primarily engaged in research and development in Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, by broad field of specialization, January 1965, 1969, and 1971**

Broad field of specialization	1965	1969	1971
Total .....	11,055	11,004	10,882
Engineering .....	4,914	4,960	5,034
Physical science .....	4,563	4,294	4,225
Chemistry .....	1,409	1,221	1,175
Physics .....	2,454	2,634	2,589
Other .....	700	439	461
Mathematics .....	940	1,085	1,083
Life sciences .....	656	414	376
Social science and psychology <sup>a</sup> .....	129	251	164

<sup>a</sup> Social science includes economists and sociologists.  
Source: National Science Foundation.

The nonprofit sector employed 21,600 R&D scientists and engineers in 1970, 17 percent above the 18,500 in 1965 (table 7). However, the 1970 total is also 3 percent below the 22,100 in 1967. Life sciences was the largest field of specialization in all years, accounting for 33 percent of the total in 1967, 34 percent in 1970, and 36 percent in 1965. Mathematics decreased even more over the period, from 11 percent of the total to 6 percent. The combined social science and psychology group advanced from 17 percent of the total to 22 percent, and engineering advanced from 20 to 22 percent.

**Table 7. Numbers of scientists and engineers primarily engaged in research and development in nonprofit institutions, by broad field of specialization, January 1965, 1967, and 1970**

Broad field of specialization	1965	1967	1970
All fields .....	18,499	22,129	21,556
Engineering .....	3,745	4,740	4,746
Physical science .....	2,991	3,571	3,370
Mathematics .....	2,065	2,172	1,366
Life sciences .....	6,600	7,338	7,274
Social science and psychology <sup>a</sup> .....	3,098	4,308	4,800

<sup>a</sup> Social science includes economists and sociologists.  
Source: National Science Foundation.

The Federal Government employed about 46,500 R&D scientists and engineers (excluding R&D management for which detailed data are lacking) in October 1969 (table 8). Over one-half—52 percent—were at the Department of Defense. The next largest group was the 16 percent at NASA. In 1967 DOD accounted for 49 percent of the 45,900 R&D scientists and engineers in Federal employ, while NASA accounted for 16 percent.

**Table 8. Distribution of R&D scientists and engineers<sup>a</sup> in the Federal Government, October 1967 and 1969**

Agency	1967	1969
All agencies .....	45,909	46,545
Department of Defense .....	22,717	24,237
Department of Agriculture .....	4,733	4,803
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare .....	1,654	1,747
Department of Interior .....	3,728	3,783
National Aeronautics and Space Administration .....	7,502	7,607
Department of Commerce .....	1,731	1,756
Department of Transportation ...	565	574
All other agencies .....	3,279	2,038

<sup>a</sup> Excludes management and uniformed military scientists and engineers.

Source: National Science Foundation, based on data of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

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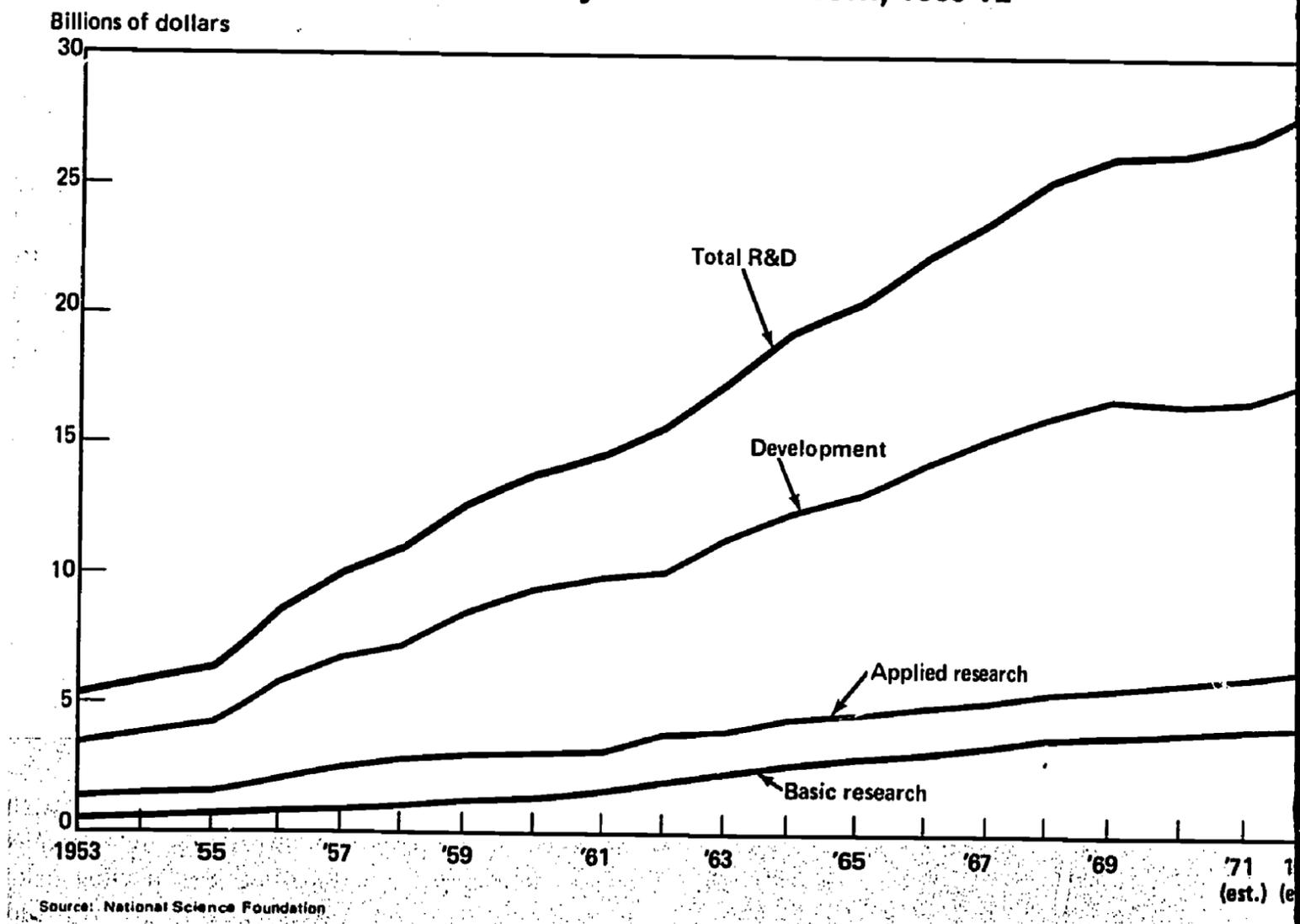
## Basic Research

- Basic research performance in the United States is expected to reach \$4.1 billion in 1972, a 2-percent increase from 1971. Between 1967 and 1972 basic research shows a rise of 23 percent,

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- Basic research accounts for 15 percent of national R&D total in the current period; in 1953 its share was 9 percent.

R&D trends by character of work, 1953-72



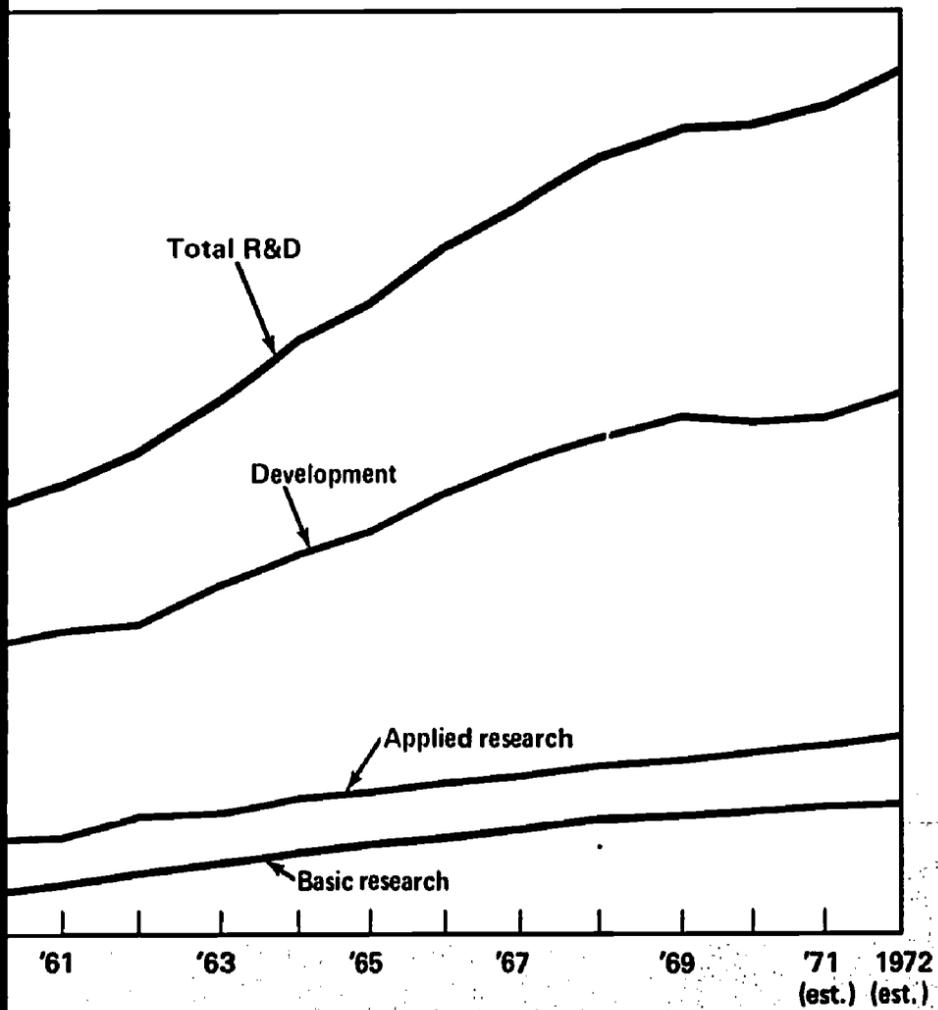
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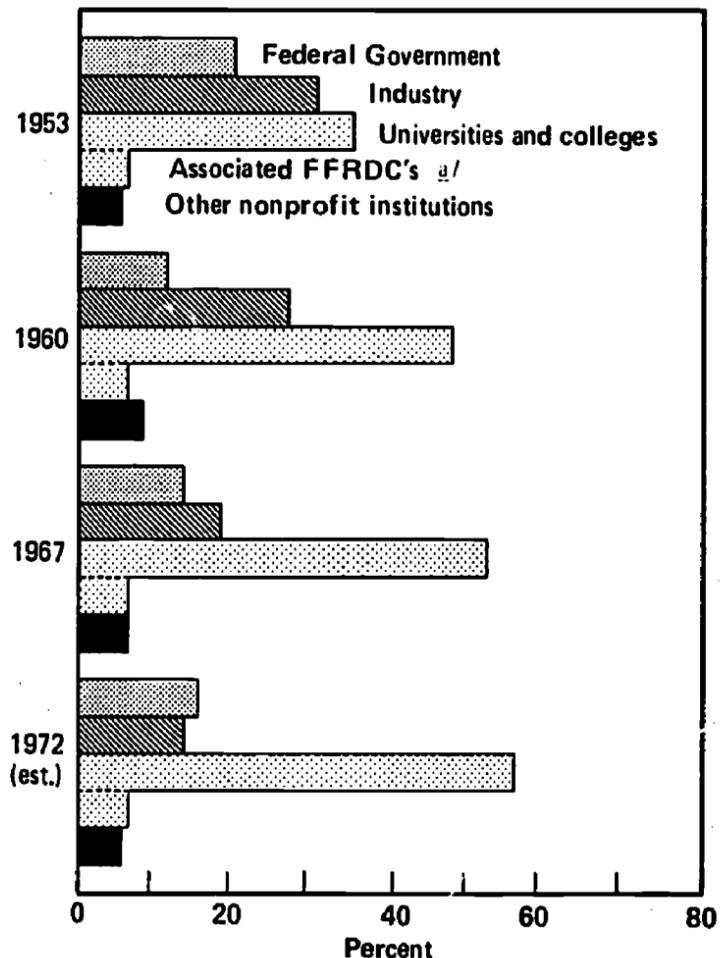
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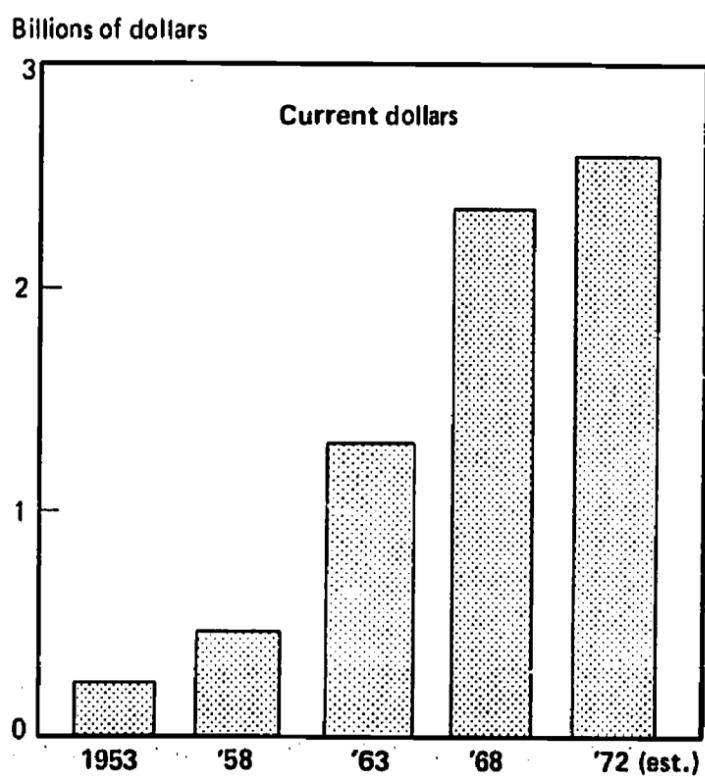


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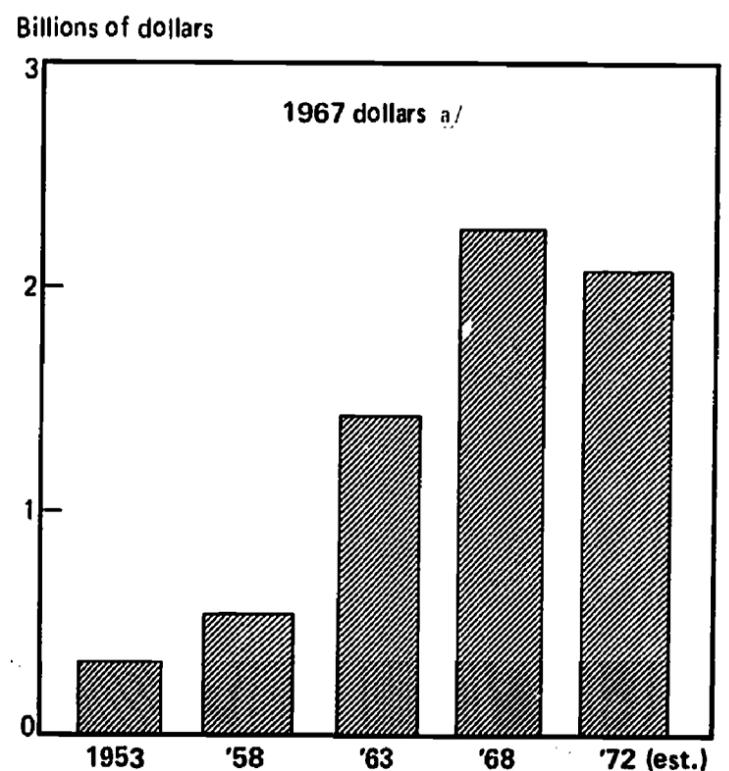
Source: National Science Foundation

- More than 55 percent of all basic research is performed in universities and colleges. This activity is particularly necessary to high-quality graduate education; the universities and colleges which grant doctorates perform over 95 percent of the sector's basic research.

### Federal Government basic research support, 1953-72



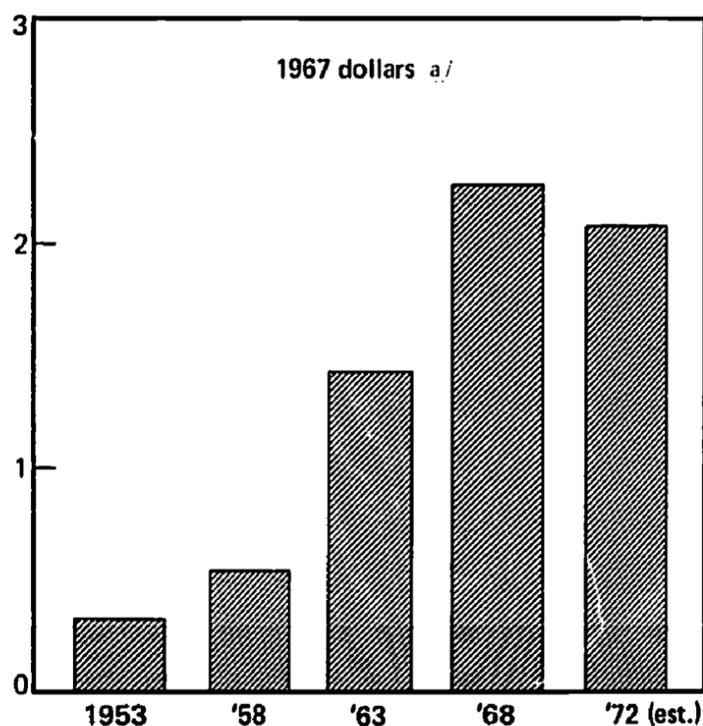
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## Research support, 1953-72

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- The Federal Government will finance an estimated 63 percent of the Nation's basic research in 1972. While Federal basic research support has increased more than Federal financing of total research and development in recent years (basic research support will be up an average of 2.4 percent between 1968 and 1972, compared to 0.4 percent for total R&D work), in terms of constant dollars there has been an overall 8-percent decrease in Federal basic research funds in the 1968-72 period.

- About nine-tenths of Federal basic research financing comes from DOD, NASA, AEC, HEW, and NSF.

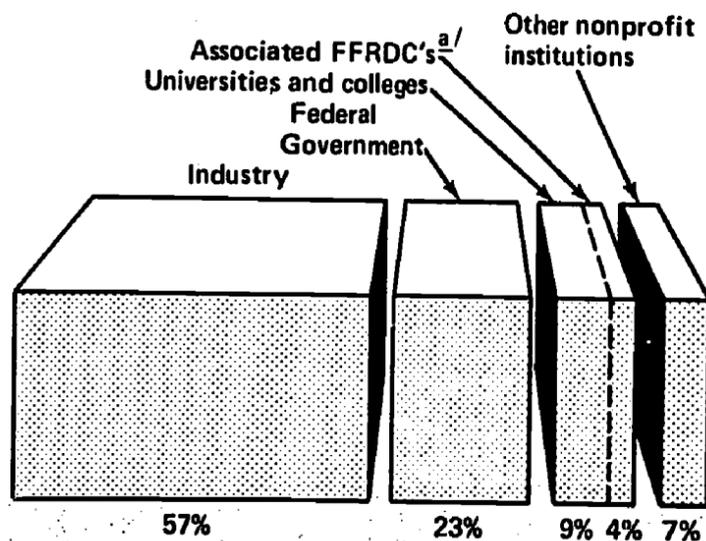
- Universities and colleges are expected to support 20 percent of basic research performance in 1972; industry, 12 percent; and nonprofit institutions, 5 percent.

- Although nonprofits' expenditures are relatively small, they are important financiers of innovative work and many are national leaders in their fields of R&D performance. Fifty percent of their support is devoted to basic research.

## Applied Research

- Funds for applied research are expected to increase to \$6.4 billion in 1972, 5 percent above the 1971 amount and 9 percent above the 1970 level.
- The portion of applied research funds in the R&D total has decreased slightly, from 25 percent in 1953 to an anticipated 23 percent in 1972.

### Applied research performance, 1972 (est.)



<sup>a/</sup> Federally Funded Research and Development Centers.

Source: National Science Foundation

- Industrial firms have accounted for 55–60 percent of all applied research performance in recent years. The profit orientation of industry leads it to devote about 95 percent of its R&D resources to the generally more immediate pay-offs associated with applied research and development. The chemicals, electrical equipment and communication, and aircraft and missiles industries are the leading applied research performers, making up over one-half of the industry total.

- Federal agencies will perform about 23 percent of the Nation's applied research in 1972. Four agencies—DOD, NASA, HEW, and the Department of Agriculture—account for about four-fifths of the Federal work.

- The major share of the national applied research effort is financed by Federal funds at present; this is expected to amount to about 54 percent in 1972. Industry also contributes heavily to the activity, being expected to support an additional 40 percent. The chemicals industry is largest in terms of applied research financing.

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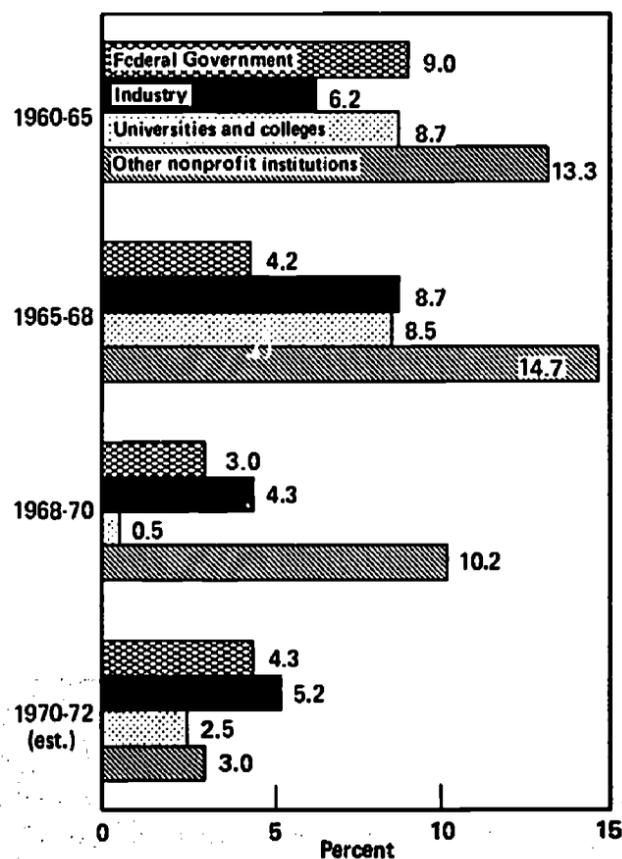
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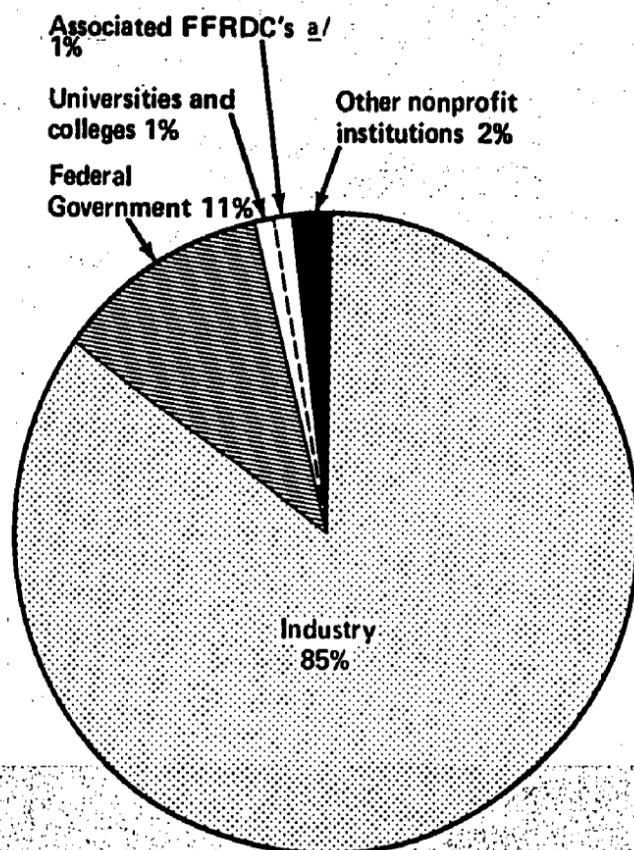
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- About \$17.5 billion is expected to be allocated to development activities in 1972. Development will probably account for 62 percent of total R&D funds, a share that has recently been decreasing.

- Industrial firms perform 85 percent of country's development, devoting about three quarters of their total R&D outlays to this activity. The new and improved products and processes which result range from consumer products to sophisticated defense and space exploration systems.

### Development performance, 1972 (est.)



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Source: National Science Foundation

- Leading industries in terms of development performance are aircraft and missiles, and electrical equipment and communication. Both are heavily involved in Federal contracting for defense and space work.

- The machinery, motor vehicles, and chemical industries are also major development performers. Their programs are primarily company financed.

- Federal agencies will account for approximately 11 percent of development performance in 1972. This includes funds expended to administer contract programs carried on in other sectors. Defense makes up about 80 percent of this total. NASA, HEW, and the Departments of Transportation and Interior also have significant programs.

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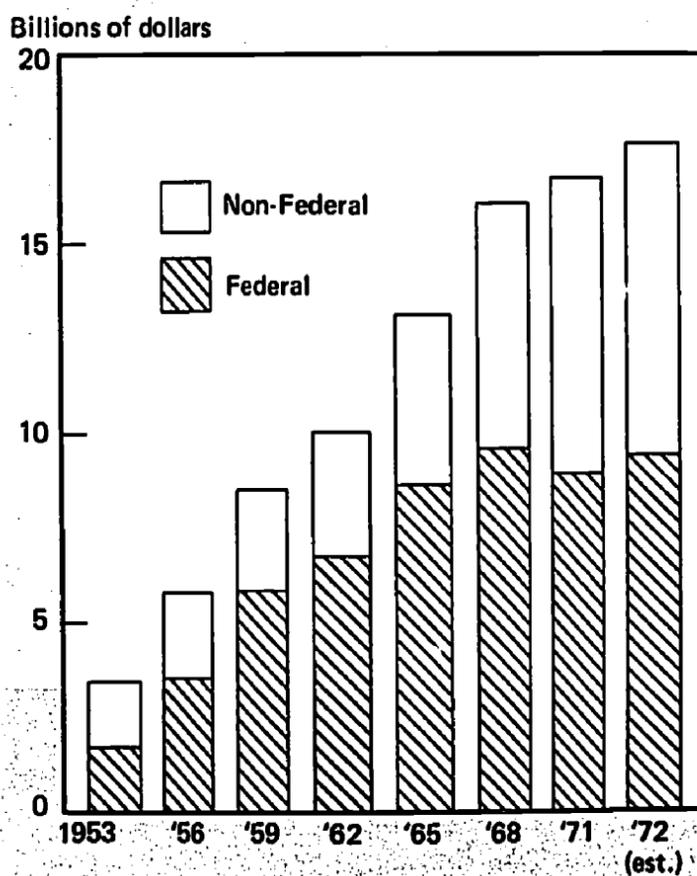
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## APPENDIX A

### Basis for Sectoring

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The **industry sector** consists of both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing companies. Manufacturing is classified in major industry groups; and nonmanufacturing, which includes organizations such as those in selected service industries, is treated as a unit. FFRDC's administered by industrial firms are also included.

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Institutions in the **other nonprofit sector** fall into two general groups: (1) organizations that are primarily granting in nature, namely private philanthropic foundations and voluntary health agencies, and (2) public and private organizations that are involved in performing research and development, comprising separately incorporated nonprofit research institutes, professional societies, academies of science, museums, zoological gardens, botanical gardens, arboretums, nonprofit hospitals, and FFRDC's administered by nonprofit organizations.

In this report, both the university and the other nonprofit sectors contain private and public institutions--the latter are closely associated with State or local government. A number of organizations in both sectors, as well as in industry, also receive State and local government funds.

## Technical Notes

### Revisions of R&D Time Series Since December 1970

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**Development.** The NSF survey concept of development may be summarized as “. . . the systematic use of scientific knowledge directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes.”

### Current Operating Costs

Funds used for research and development, reported in this study, refer to current operating costs, consisting of both direct and indirect costs including depreciation, insofar as this information is available to respondents. Capital expenditures are excluded by definition and this is followed in both the industry and other nonprofit sectors. Under the accounting practices of some Federal agencies, particularly the Department of Defense, data on Federal R&D funds, which are available in detail only in terms of obligations rather than expenditures, do not include an allowance for depreciation but do include some obligations for capital items.

### Performer-Reporting Basis

In the Foundation's surveys, respondents in all four sectors indicate the amounts they spend on research and development in their own sector and the sources of these funds. The National Science Foundation bases all national totals on data as reported by performers because institutions doing research and development are in the

best position to: (a) indicate how much they spent in the actual conduct of research and development in a given year, (b) classify their work as basic, applied, etc., and (c) identify the sector of the economy in which their financing originated. The use of performer reporting throughout also reduces the possibility of double counting. Because the national time series on Federal funds spent in research and development are based on expenditures reported by organizations which have actually performed the research and development, they differ from the series in the **Federal Funds for Research, Development, and Other Scientific Activities** on agency obligations for research and development to be performed in the non-Federal sectors. Federal agency obligations are used in the series only for intramural performance in agency laboratories where they are treated as the equivalent of expenditures. Expenses of Federal personnel engaged in planning and administering intramural and extramural R&D programs are also included in the intramural performance total.

There have been surveys in all four sectors thus far in the NSF time series for the following years: 1953-54, 1957-58, 1964 and 1966. In

general, the Federal Government and other nonprofit institutions have been surveyed every year, but it has not been possible to maintain the same methodology for the universities and other nonprofit institutions. National data for other years are based on data on the performance of total research and development, basic research, applied research, and development from the Federal Government and other nonprofit sectors and on estimates for the universities and other nonprofit sectors.

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### **Defense-Space Classification**

Defense expenditures consist of all R&D spending by DOD and a portion of AEC funds. Space R&D expenditures are those of NASA. The space activities of DOD are included as spending on defense. The space activities of other Federal agencies are not included; it is estimated they account for less than 5 percent of all space R&D spending. This series has been revised to include R&D performance reporting where available.

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 [Millions of dollars]

Year	Total R&D	Federal Government		Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges			
		Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources		
			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>
1953 ...	5,207	1,010	1,010	3,630	1,430	2,200	<sup>e</sup> 334	138	19	151
1954 ...	5,738	1,020	1,020	4,070	<sup>e</sup> 1,750	<sup>e</sup> 2,320	377	160	22	167
1955 ...	6,279	905	905	4,640	<sup>e</sup> 2,180	<sup>e</sup> 2,460	<sup>e</sup> 409	169	25	185
1956 ...	8,483	1,040	1,040	6,605	3,328	3,277	<sup>e</sup> 480	213	29	204
1957 ...	9,912	1,220	1,220	7,731	4,335	3,396	<sup>e</sup> 531	229	34	230
1958 ...	10,870	1,374	1,374	8,389	4,759	3,630	592	254	39	257
1959 ...	12,540	1,640	1,640	9,618	5,635	3,983	<sup>e</sup> 682	306	39	290
1960 ...	13,730	1,726	1,726	10,509	6,081	4,428	<sup>e</sup> 825	405	40	328
1961 ...	14,552	1,874	1,874	10,908	6,240	4,668	<sup>e</sup> 969	500	40	371
1962 ...	15,665	2,098	2,098	11,464	6,435	5,029	<sup>e</sup> 1,143	613	40	424
1963 ...	17,371	2,279	2,279	12,630	7,270	5,360	<sup>e</sup> 1,359	760	41	485

Depended annually for performance of research and development by sector, distributed by source, 1953-72<sup>a</sup>  
 [Millions of dollars]

Total funds used	Industry <sup>b</sup>		Total funds used	Universities and colleges				Total funds used	Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>	Total funds used	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>		
	Sources			Sources					Source		Sources		
	Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions		Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>d</sup>
530	1,430	2,200	<sup>e</sup> 334	138	19	151	26	121	121	112	60	20	32
570	<sup>e</sup> 1,750	<sup>e</sup> 2,320	377	160	22	167	28	141	141	<sup>e</sup> 130	67	25	38
540	<sup>e</sup> 2,180	<sup>e</sup> 2,460	<sup>e</sup> 409	169	25	185	30	180	180	<sup>e</sup> 145	75	28	42
505	3,328	3,277	<sup>e</sup> 480	213	29	204	34	194	194	<sup>e</sup> 164	84	30	50
531	4,335	3,396	<sup>e</sup> 531	229	34	230	38	240	240	190	95	30	65
589	4,759	3,630	592	254	39	257	42	293	293	<sup>e</sup> 222	111	31	80
518	5,635	3,983	<sup>e</sup> 682	306	39	290	47	338	338	<sup>e</sup> 262	140	35	87
509	6,081	4,428	<sup>e</sup> 825	405	40	328	52	360	360	<sup>e</sup> 310	180	40	90
508	6,240	4,668	<sup>e</sup> 969	500	40	371	58	410	410	<sup>e</sup> 391	240	41	110
564	6,435	5,029	<sup>e</sup> 1,143	613	40	424	66	470	470	<sup>e</sup> 490	310	45	135
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			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions	
1964 ...	19,214	2,838		13,512			1,595					
			2,838		7,720	5,792		916	41	555	83	
1965 ...	20,439	3,093		14,185			<sup>e</sup> 1,822					
			3,093		7,740	6,445		1,073	41	615	93	
1966 ...	22,266	3,222		15,548			2,085					
			3,222		8,3 <sup>c</sup> 2	7,216		1,262	42	673	108	
1967 ...	23,642	3,395		16,415			<sup>e</sup> 2,329					
			3,395		8,395	8,020		1,409	48	753	119	
1968 ...	25,159	3,493		17,469			2,599					
			3,493		8,600	8,869		1,572	55	841	131	
1969 ...	26,179	3,498		18,321			<sup>e</sup> 2,705					
			3,498		8,450	9,871		1,600	60	900	145	
1970 ... (prel.)	26,287	3,876		17,858			2,856					
			3,876		7,784	10,074		1,658	62	970	166	
1971 ... (est.)	26,850	3,930		18,250			2,950					
			3,930		7,750	10,500		1,700	62	1,020	168	
1972 ... (est.)	28,000	4,000		19,200			3,050					
			4,000		8,050	11,150		1,750	65	1,060 <sup>c</sup>	175	

<sup>a</sup> All data are based on reports by performers.

<sup>b</sup> Expenditures for Federally Funded Research and Development Centers administered by both industry and by nonprofit institutions are included in the totals of their respective sectors.

<sup>c</sup> FFRDC's administered by individual universities and colleges and by university-consortia.

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government.

<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related data for this year or this item was not obtained.

Expended annually for performance of research and development by sector, distributed by source, 1953-72<sup>a</sup>—Cont.  
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Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges					Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>				
Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources				Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		
	Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other non-profit institutions				Federal Government	Industry	Other non-profit institutions <sup>d</sup>
13,512	7,720	5,792	1,595	916	41	555	83	629	629	640	450	47	143
14,185	7,740	6,445	<sup>e</sup> 1,822	1,073	41	615	93	629	629	<sup>e</sup> 710	498	53	159
15,548	8,332	7,216	2,085	1,262	42	673	108	630	630	781	546	59	176
16,415	8,395	8,020	<sup>e</sup> 2,329	1,409	48	753	119	673	673	<sup>e</sup> 830	577	66	187
17,469	8,600	8,869	2,599	1,572	55	841	131	719	719	<sup>e</sup> 879	608	73	198
18,321	8,450	9,871	<sup>e</sup> 2,705	1,600	60	900	145	725	725	930	640	81	209
17,858	7,784	10,074	2,856	1,658	62	970	166	737	737	<sup>e</sup> 960	650	90	220
18,250	7,750	10,500	2,950	1,700	62	1,020	168	760	760	960	630	100	230
19,200	8,050	11,150	3,050	1,750	65	1,060	175	775	775	975	635	105	235

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

<sup>b</sup> Development Centers administered by both industry and the totals of their respective sectors. Universities and colleges and by university-consortia.

<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related information because either no sector survey was conducted for this year or this item was not obtained in survey.

**Table B-2. Transfers of funds expended annually for performance of basic research**  
[Millions of dollars]

Year	Total basic research	Federal Government		Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges			
		Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources		
			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges
1953 ...	489	101	101	151	19	132	173	73	12	73
1954 ...	548	102	102	166	23	143	206	90	14	85
1955 ...	608	90	90	189	27	162	237	103	16	99
1956 ...	747	104	104	253	37	216	286	130	18	116
1957 ...	857	122	122	271	41	230	337	155	21	136
1958 ...	973	126	126	295	43	252	390	178	24	159
1959 ...	1,155	173	173	320	72	248	468	226	24	185
1960 ...	1,326	160	160	376	79	297	576	299	24	215
1961 ...	1,543	206	206	395	81	314	701	382	25	250
1962 ...	1,886	251	251	488	143	345	850	481	25	293
1963 ...	2,196	299	299	522	147	375	1,036	610	25	343

Amounts of funds expended annually for performance of basic research by sector, distributed by source, 1953-72<sup>a</sup>

[Millions of dollars]

Year	Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges					Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>		Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>			
	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources				Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		
		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>e</sup>	Other non-profit institutions		Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry	Other non-profit institutions <sup>d</sup>
1951	151	19	132	173	73	12	73	15	33	33	31	8	4	19
1952	166	23	143	206	90	14	85	17	39	39	35	11	4	20
1953	189	27	162	237	103	16	99	19	49	49	43	17	5	21
1954	253	37	216	286	130	18	116	22	51	51	53	23	5	25
1955	271	41	230	337	155	21	136	25	65	65	62	25	5	32
1956	295	43	252	390	178	24	159	29	78	78	84	35	6	43
1957	320	72	248	468	226	24	185	33	92	92	102	46	8	48
1958	376	79	297	576	299	24	215	38	97	97	117	58	10	49
1959	395	81	314	701	382	25	250	44	115	115	126	57	11	58
1960	488	143	345	850	481	25	293	51	136	136	161	80	12	69
1969	522	147	375	1,036	610	25	343	58	159	159	180	95	14	71

**Table B-2. Transfers of funds expended annually for performance of basic research by sector, distributed**  
 [Millions of dollars]

Year	Total basic research	Federal Government		Industry <sup>b</sup>		Universities and colleges				Total funds used		
		Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources				
			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry		Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other non-profit institutions
1964 ...	2,559	364	364	549	165	384	1,261	767	25	402	67	191
1965 ...	2,853	424	424	592	186	406	<sup>e</sup> 1,419	879	26	445	69	208
1966 ...	3,127	449	449	624	173	451	1,601	1,009	27	494	71	227
1967 ...	3,363	478	478	629	202	427	<sup>e</sup> 1,785	1,124	31	551	79	250
1968 ...	3,658	512	512	642	180	462	2,011	1,268	36	621	86	276
1969 ...	3,772	577	577	620	160	460	<sup>e</sup> 2,087	1,275	39	678	95	275
1970 ... (prel.)	3,921	658	658	599	150	449	2,185	1,288	40	747	110	269
1971 ... (est.)	4,050	670	670	595	160	435	2,275	1,330	40	793	112	290
1972 ... (est.)	4,120	675	675	585	150	435	2,335	1,355	40	825	115	300

<sup>a</sup> All data are based on reports by performers.

<sup>b</sup> Expenditures for Federally Funded Research and Development Centers administered by both industry and by nonprofit institutions are included in the totals of their respective sectors.

<sup>c</sup> FFRDC's administered by individual universities and colleges and by university-consortia.

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related information this year or this item was not obtained in survey.

Annually for performance of basic research by sector, distributed by source, 1953-72 <sup>a</sup>—Cont.

[Millions of dollars]

Sector <sup>b</sup>		Universities and colleges					Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>		Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>			
Sources		Total funds used	Sources				Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		
Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other nonprofit institutions		Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>d</sup>
5	384	1,261	767	25	402	67	191	191	194	108	15	71
6	406	<sup>e</sup> 1,419	879	26	445	69	208	208	<sup>e</sup> 210	120	16	74
3	451	1,601	1,009	27	494	71	227	227	<sup>e</sup> 226	132	18	76
2	427	<sup>e</sup> 1,785	1,124	31	551	79	250	250	<sup>e</sup> 221	125	19	77
0	462	2,011	1,268	36	621	86	276	276	<sup>e</sup> 217	118	20	79
0	460	<sup>e</sup> 2,087	1,275	39	678	95	275	275	213	111	22	80
0	449	2,185	1,288	40	747	110	269	269	<sup>e</sup> 210	105	25	80
0	435	2,275	1,330	40	793	112	290	290	220	110	25	85
0	435	2,335	1,355	40	825	115	300	300	225	110	25	90

<sup>b</sup> Funds administered by both industry and Federal Government in respective sectors.  
<sup>c</sup> Funds administered by university-consortia.

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related information because either no sector survey was conducted for this year or this item was not obtained in survey.

**Table B-3. Transfers of funds expended annually for performance of applied research**  
[Millions of dollars]

Year	Total applied research	Federal Government		Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges			
		Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources		
			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>
1953 ...	1,317	<sup>e</sup> 345	345	<sup>e</sup> 726	288	438	<sup>e</sup> 146	57	6	73
1954 ...	1,430	<sup>e</sup> 349	349	<sup>e</sup> 814	322	492	154	61	7	76
1955 ...	1,525	<sup>e</sup> 310	310	<sup>e</sup> 928	368	560	<sup>e</sup> 155	58	8	79
1956 ...	1,938	<sup>e</sup> 356	356	1,268	<sup>e</sup> 474	<sup>e</sup> 794	<sup>e</sup> 169	68	9	81
1957 ...	2,429	<sup>e</sup> 417	417	1,670	<sup>e</sup> 678	<sup>e</sup> 992	<sup>e</sup> 169	62	11	85
1958 ...	2,757	<sup>e</sup> 474	474	1,911	<sup>e</sup> 774	<sup>e</sup> 1,137	175	64	12	88
1959 ...	2,965	<sup>e</sup> 558	558	1,991	<sup>e</sup> 813	<sup>e</sup> 1,178	<sup>e</sup> 185	67	12	95
1960 ...	3,093	<sup>e</sup> 595	595	2,029	<sup>e</sup> 833	<sup>e</sup> 1,196	<sup>e</sup> 215	88	13	102
1961 ...	3,156	<sup>e</sup> 634	634	1,977	<sup>e</sup> 812	<sup>e</sup> 1,165	<sup>e</sup> 233	98	13	110
1962 ...	3,775	<sup>e</sup> 702	702	2,449	1,011	1,438	<sup>e</sup> 253	109	13	118
1963 ...	3,881	730	730	2,457	1,007	1,450	<sup>e</sup> 283	128	14	128

Funds expended annually for performance of applied research by sector, distributed by source, 1953--72

[Millions of dollars]

Total funds expended	Industry <sup>b</sup>		Total funds used	Universities and colleges				Total funds used	Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>	Total funds used	Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>		
	Sources			Sources					Source		Sources		
	Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other non-profit institutions		Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry	Other non-profit institutions <sup>d</sup>
726	288	438	<sup>e</sup> 146	57	6	73	10	44	44	56	36	11	9
814	322	492	154	61	7	76	10	51	51	<sup>e</sup> 62	39	13	10
928	368	<sup>e</sup> 560	<sup>e</sup> 155	58	8	79	10	65	65	<sup>e</sup> 67	41	15	11
1268	<sup>e</sup> 474	<sup>e</sup> 794	<sup>e</sup> 169	68	9	81	11	71	71	<sup>e</sup> 74	43	17	14
1570	<sup>e</sup> 678	<sup>e</sup> 992	<sup>e</sup> 169	62	11	85	11	86	86	87	49	17	21
1911	<sup>e</sup> 774	<sup>e</sup> 1,137	175	64	12	88	11	102	102	<sup>e</sup> 95	54	17	24
2991	<sup>e</sup> 813	<sup>e</sup> 1,178	<sup>e</sup> 186	67	12	95	12	119	119	<sup>e</sup> 111	67	18	26
3029	<sup>e</sup> 833	<sup>e</sup> 1,196	<sup>e</sup> 215	88	13	102	12	122	122	<sup>e</sup> 132	87	19	26
3977	<sup>e</sup> 812	<sup>e</sup> 1,165	<sup>e</sup> 233	98	13	110	12	135	135	<sup>e</sup> 177	125	19	33
4449	1,011	1,438	<sup>e</sup> 253	109	13	118	13	155	155	<sup>e</sup> 216	150	22	44
557	1,007	1,450	<sup>e</sup> 283	128	14	128	13	170	170	<sup>e</sup> 241	170	23	48

**Table B-3. Transfers of funds expended annually for performance of applied research by sector, distributed by source**  
[Millions of dollars]

Year	Total applied research	Federal Government		Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges				Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>		
		Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources				Total funds used	Source
			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>e</sup>	Other non-profit institutions		Federal Government
1964 ...	4,300	928		2,600			294					202	
			928		1,040	1,560		127	14	139	14		202
1965 ...	4,537	1,030		2,658			<sup>e</sup> 346					204	
			1,030		1,038	1,620		157	13	155	21		204
1966 ...	4,817	1,045		2,843			400					207	
			1,045		1,039	1,804		194	13	161	32		207
1967 ...	5,041	1,095		2,915			<sup>e</sup> 454					219	
			1,095		1,066	1,849		222	15	182	35		219
1968 ...	5,439	1,199		3,124			492					231	
			1,199		1,043	2,081		241	16	198	37		231
1969 ...	5,618	1,195		3,283			<sup>e</sup> 501					210	
			1,195		1,015	2,268		245	16	200	40		210
1970 ... (prel.)	5,833	1,375		3,275			527					216	
			1,375		1,011	2,264		266	16	200	45		216
1971 ... (est.)	6,065	1,435		3,425			530					220	
			1,435		1,075	2,350		265	16	204	45		220
1972 ... (est.)	6,380	1,475		3,650			565					225	
			1,475		1,150	2,500		290	17	210	48		225

<sup>a</sup> All data are based on reports by performers.

<sup>b</sup> Expenditures for Federally Funded Research and Development Centers administered by both industry and by nonprofit institutions are included in the totals of their respective sectors.

<sup>c</sup> FFRDC's administered by individual universities and colleges and by university-consortia.

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related information because this year or this item was not obtained in survey.

performance of applied research by sector, distributed by source, 1953-72 <sup>a</sup>—Cont.

[Millions of dollars]

Year <sup>d</sup>	Universities and colleges					Associated FFRDC's <sup>e</sup>		Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>			
	Total funds used	Sources				Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		
		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other non-profit institutions		Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry	Other non-profit institutions <sup>d</sup>
50	294	127	14	139	14	202	202	276	206	22	48
50	<sup>e</sup> 346	157	13	155	21	204	204	<sup>e</sup> 299	224	25	50
54	400	194	13	161	32	207	207	<sup>e</sup> 322	242	27	53
49	<sup>e</sup> 454	222	15	182	35	219	219	<sup>e</sup> 358	265	31	62
51	492	241	16	198	37	231	231	<sup>e</sup> 393	288	35	70
58	<sup>e</sup> 501	245	16	200	40	210	210	429	311	39	79
54	527	266	16	200	45	216	216	<sup>e</sup> 440	315	40	85
50	530	265	16	204	45	220	220	455	320	45	90
00	565	290	17	210	48	225	225	465	325	50	90

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

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<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related information because either no sector survey was conducted for this year or this item was not obtained in survey.

**Table B-4. Transfers of funds expended annually for performance of development by sector, dis**  
 [Millions of dollars]

Year	Total development	Federal Government		Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges				
		Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources			
			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other non-profit institutions
1953 ...	3,401	<sup>e</sup> 564	564	<sup>e</sup> 2,753	1,123	1,630	<sup>e</sup> 15	8	1	5	1
1954 ...	3,760	<sup>e</sup> 569	569	<sup>e</sup> 3,090	1,405	1,685	17	9	1	6	1
1955 ...	4,146	<sup>e</sup> 505	505	<sup>e</sup> 3,523	<sup>e</sup> 1,785	<sup>e</sup> 1,738	<sup>e</sup> 17	8	1	7	1
1956 ...	5,798	<sup>e</sup> 580	580	5,084	<sup>e</sup> 2,817	<sup>e</sup> 2,267	<sup>e</sup> 25	15	2	7	1
1957 ...	6,626	<sup>e</sup> 681	681	5,790	<sup>e</sup> 3,616	<sup>e</sup> 2,174	<sup>e</sup> 25	12	2	9	2
1958 ...	7,140	<sup>e</sup> 774	774	6,183	<sup>e</sup> 3,942	<sup>e</sup> 2,241	27	12	3	10	2
1959 ...	8,420	<sup>e</sup> 909	909	7,307	<sup>e</sup> 4,750	<sup>e</sup> 2,557	<sup>e</sup> 28	13	3	10	2
1960 ...	9,311	<sup>e</sup> 971	971	8,104	<sup>e</sup> 5,169	<sup>e</sup> 2,935	<sup>e</sup> 34	18	3	11	2
1961 ...	9,853	<sup>e</sup> 1,034	1,034	8,536	<sup>e</sup> 5,347	<sup>e</sup> 3,189	<sup>e</sup> 35	20	2	11	2
1962 ...	10,004	<sup>e</sup> 1,145	1,145	8,527	5,281	3,246	<sup>e</sup> 40	23	2	13	2
1963 ...	11,294	1,250	1,250	9,651	6,116	3,535	<sup>e</sup> 40	22	2	14	2

Depended annually for performance of development by sector, distributed by source, 1953-72 <sup>a</sup>  
 [Millions of dollars]

Industry <sup>b</sup>		Universities and colleges					Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>		Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>			
Sources		Total funds used	Sources				Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		
Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other non-profit institutions		Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry	Other non-profit institutions <sup>d</sup>
1,123	1,630	15	8	1	5	1	44	44	25	16	5	4
1,405	1,685	17	9	1	6	1	51	51	33	17	8	8
1,785	1,738	17	8	1	7	1	66	66	35	17	8	10
2,817	2,267	25	15	2	7	1	72	72	37	18	8	11
3,616	2,174	25	12	2	9	2	89	89	41	21	8	12
3,942	2,241	27	12	3	10	2	113	113	43	22	8	13
4,750	2,557	28	13	3	10	2	127	127	49	27	9	13
5,169	2,935	34	18	3	11	2	141	141	61	35	11	15
5,347	3,189	35	20	2	11	2	160	160	88	58	11	19
5,281	3,246	40	23	2	13	2	179	179	113	80	11	22
6,116	3,535	40	22	2	14	2	201	201	152	115	11	26

**Table B-4. Transfers of funds expended annually for performance of development by sector, distributed by source**  
[Millions of dollars]

Year	Total development	Federal Government		Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges				Total funds used	
		Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources				
			Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>e</sup>		Other nonprofit institutions
1964 ...	12,355	1,546		10,363			40					236
			1,546		6,515	3,848		22	2	14	2	
1965 ...	13,049	1,639		10,935			<sup>e</sup> 57					217
			1,639		6,516	4,419		37	2	15	3	
1966 ...	14,322	1,728		12,081			84					196
			1,728		7,120	4,961		59	2	18	5	
1967 ...	15,238	1,822		12,871			<sup>e</sup> 90					204
			1,822		7,127	5,744		63	2	20	5	
1968 ...	16,062	1,782		13,703			96					212
			1,782		7,377	6,326		33	3	22	8	
1969 ...	16,789	1,726		14,418			<sup>e</sup> 117					240
			1,726		7,275	7,143		80	5	22	10	
1970 ... (prel.)	16,533	1,843		13,984			144					252
			1,843		6,623	7,361		104	6	23	11	
1971 ... (est.)	16,735	1,825		14,230			145					250
			1,825		6,515	7,715		105	6	23	11	
1972 ... (est.)	17,500	1,850		14,965			150					250
			1,850		6,750	8,215		105	8	25	12	

<sup>a</sup> All data are based on reports by performers.

<sup>b</sup> Expenditures for Federally Funded Research and Development Centers administered by both industry and by nonprofit institutions are included in the totals of their respective sectors.

<sup>c</sup> FFRDC's administered by individual universities and colleges and by university-consortia.

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related information; this year or this item was not obtained in 1972.

of funds expended annually for performance of development by sector, distributed by source, 1953-72 <sup>a</sup>—Cont.

[Millions of dollars]

Year	Industry <sup>b</sup>			Universities and colleges					Associated FFRDC's <sup>c</sup>		Other nonprofit institutions <sup>b</sup>			
	Total funds used	Sources		Total funds used	Sources				Total funds used	Source	Total funds used	Sources		
		Federal Government	Industry <sup>d</sup>		Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges <sup>d</sup>	Other non-profit institutions		Federal Government		Federal Government	Industry	Other non-profit institutions <sup>d</sup>
1956	10,363	6,515	3,848	40	22	2	14	2	236	236	170	136	10	24
1959	10,935	6,516	4,419	<sup>e</sup> 57	37	2	15	3	217	217	<sup>e</sup> 201	154	12	35
1958	12,081	7,120	4,961	84	59	2	18	5	196	196	<sup>e</sup> 233	172	14	47
1962	12,871	7,127	5,744	<sup>e</sup> 90	63	2	20	5	204	204	<sup>e</sup> 251	187	16	48
1962	13,703	7,377	6,326	96	63	3	22	8	212	212	<sup>e</sup> 269	202	18	49
1965	14,418	7,275	7,143	<sup>e</sup> 117	80	5	22	10	240	240	288	218	20	50
1963	13,984	6,623	7,361	144	104	6	23	11	252	252	<sup>e</sup> 310	230	25	55
1965	14,230	6,515	7,715	145	105	6	23	11	250	250	285	200	30	55
1970	14,965	6,750	8,215	150	105	8	25	12	250	250	285	200	30	55

<sup>b</sup> Includes Development Centers administered by both industry and the totals of their respective sectors. Includes Development Centers and colleges and by university-consortia.

<sup>d</sup> Includes State and local government funds.

<sup>e</sup> Estimates derived from related information because either no sector survey was conducted for this year or this item was not obtained in survey.

**Table B-5. Sources of funds, by sector, used for research and development, 1953-72 <sup>a</sup>**

[Millions of dollars]

Year	Total	Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges	Other nonprofit institutions
1953	5,207	2,759	2,239	151	58
1954	5,738	3,138	2,367	167	66
1955	6,279	3,509	2,513	185	72
1956	8,483	4,859	3,336	204	84
1957	9,912	6,119	3,460	230	103
1958	10,870	6,791	3,700	257	122
1959	12,540	8,059	4,057	290	134
1960	13 730	8,752	4,508	328	142
1961	14,552	9,264	4,749	371	168
1962	15,665	9,926	5,114	424	201
1963	17,371	11,219	5,449	485	218
1964	19,214	12,553	5,880	555	226
1965	20,439	13,033	6,539	615	252
1966	22,266	13,992	7,317	673	284
1967	23,642	14,449	8,134	753	306
1968	25,159	14,992	8,997	841	329
1969	26,179	14,913	10,012	900	354
1970 (prel)	26,287	14,705	10,226	970	386
1971 (est)	26,850	14,770	10,662	1,020	398
1972 (est)	28,000	15,210	11,320	1,060	410

<sup>a</sup> Summary of R&D data in table B-1, by source.

Source: National Science Foundation.

used for research and development,  
 2<sup>a</sup>  
 [Millions of dollars]

	Industry	Universities and colleges	Other nonprofit institutions
	2,239	151	58
	2,367	167	66
	2,513	185	72
	3,336	204	84
	3,460	230	103
	3,700	257	122
	4,057	290	134
	4,508	328	142
	4,749	371	168
	5,114	424	201
	5,449	485	218
	5,880	555	226
	6,539	615	252
	7,317	673	284
	8,134	753	306
	8,997	841	329
	10,012	900	354
	10,226	970	386
	10,662	1,020	398
	11,320	1,060	410

**Table E-6. Sources of funds, by sector, used for basic research, 1953-72<sup>a</sup>**  
 [Millions of dollars]

Year	Total	Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges	Other nonprofit institutions
1953	489	234	148	73	34
1954	548	265	161	85	37
1955	608	286	183	99	40
1956	747	345	239	116	47
1957	857	408	256	136	57
1958	973	460	282	159	72
1959	1,155	609	280	185	81
1960	1,326	693	331	215	87
1961	1,543	841	350	250	102
1962	1,886	1,091	382	293	120
1963	2,196	1,310	414	343	129
1964	2,559	1,595	424	402	138
1965	2,853	1,817	448	445	143
1966	3,127	1,990	496	494	147
1967	3,363	2,179	477	551	156
1968	3,658	2,354	518	621	165
1969	3,772	2,398	521	678	175
1970 (prel)	3,921	2,470	514	747	190
1971 (est)	4,050	2,560	500	793	197
1972 (est)	4,120	2,590	500	825	205

<sup>a</sup> Summary of basic research data in table B-2, by source.  
 Source: National Science Foundation.

**Table B-7. Sources of funds, by sector, used for applied research, 1953-72<sup>a</sup>**

[Millions of dollars]

Year	Total	Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges	Other nonprofit institutions
1953	1,317	770	455	73	19
1954	1,430	822	512	76	20
1955	1,525	842	583	79	21
1956	1,938	1,012	820	81	25
1957	2,429	1,292	1,020	85	32
1958	2,757	1,468	1,166	88	35
1959	2,965	1,624	1,208	95	38
1960	3,093	1,725	1,228	102	38
1961	3,156	1,804	1,197	110	45
1962	3,775	2,127	1,473	118	57
1963	3,881	2,205	1,487	128	61
1964	4,300	2,503	1,596	139	62
1965	4,537	2,653	1,658	155	71
1966	4,817	2,727	1,844	161	85
1967	5,041	2,867	1,895	182	97
1968	5,439	3,002	2,132	198	107
1969	5,618	2,976	2,323	200	119
1970 (prel)	5,833	3,183	2,320	200	130
1971 (est)	6,065	3,315	2,411	204	135
1972 (est)	6,380	3,465	2,567	210	138

<sup>a</sup> Summary of applied research data in table B-3, by source.  
Source: National Science Foundation.

**Table B-8. Sources of funds**

Year	Total
1953	3,401
1954	3,760
1955	4,146
1956	5,798
1957	6,626
1958	7,140
1959	8,420
1960	9,311
1961	9,853
1962	10,004
1963	11,294
1964	12,355
1965	13,049
1966	14,322
1967	15,238
1968	16,062
1969	16,789
1970 (prel)	16,533
1971 (est)	16,735
1972 (est)	17,500

<sup>a</sup> Summary of development data in table B-3, by source.  
Source: National Science Foundation.

or applied research, 1953-72 <sup>a</sup>

Industry	Universities and colleges	Other nonprofit institutions
455	73	19
512	76	20
583	79	21
820	81	25
1,020	85	32
1,166	88	35
1,208	95	38
1,228	102	38
1,197	110	45
1,473	118	57
1,487	128	61
1,596	139	62
1,658	155	71
1,844	161	85
1,895	182	97
2,132	198	107
2,323	200	119
2,320	200	130
2,411	204	135
2,567	210	138

Table B-8. Sources of funds, by sector, used for development, 1953-72 <sup>a</sup>

[Millions of dollars]

Year	Total	Federal Government	Industry	Universities and colleges	Other nonprofit institutions
1953	3,401	1,755	1,636	5	5
1954	3,760	2,051	1,694	6	9
1955	4,146	2,381	1,747	7	11
1956	5,798	3,502	2,277	7	12
1957	6,626	4,419	2,184	9	14
1958	7,140	4,863	2,252	10	15
1959	8,420	5,826	2,569	10	15
1960	9,311	6,334	2,949	11	17
1961	9,853	6,619	3,202	11	21
1962	10,004	6,708	3,259	13	24
1963	11,294	7,704	3,548	14	28
1964	12,355	8,455	3,860	14	26
1965	13,049	8,563	4,433	15	38
1966	14,322	9,275	4,977	18	52
1967	15,238	9,403	5,762	20	53
1968	16,062	9,636	6,347	22	57
1969	16,789	9,539	7,168	22	60
1970 (prel)	16,533	9,052	7,392	23	66
1971 (est)	16,735	8,895	7,751	23	66
1972 (est)	17,500	9,155	8,253	25	67

<sup>a</sup> Summary of development data in table B-4, by source.

Source: National Science Foundation.

**Table B-9. Trends in defense, space and all other R&D outlays; by source, 1953-72**

Year	Defense-space outlays as a percent of total R&D			Nondefense-nonspace outlays as a percent of total R&D		
	Total	Defense related	Space related	Total	Non-Federal	Federal
1953	48.3	47.5	0.8	51.7	47.0	4.7
1954	49.1	48.2	0.9	50.9	45.3	5.6
1955	48.4	47.4	1.0	51.6	44.1	7.5
1956	49.5	48.6	0.9	50.5	42.7	7.7
1957	53.2	52.2	1.0	46.8	38.3	8.5
1958	53.0	52.0	1.0	47.0	37.5	9.5
1959	55.8	53.3	2.5	44.2	35.7	8.5
1960	54.7	51.6	3.1	45.3	36.3	9.0
1961	54.7	49.2	5.5	45.3	36.3	9.0
1962	53.7	47.0	6.7	46.3	36.6	9.6
1963	54.3	40.6	13.7	45.7	35.4	10.3
1964	54.6	36.1	18.5	45.4	34.6	10.8
1965	52.7	32.3	20.4	47.3	36.2	11.0
1966	50.9	32.0	18.9	49.1	37.2	11.9
1967	48.3	34.3	14.0	51.7	38.9	12.8
1968	47.1	33.9	13.2	52.9	40.4	12.5
1969	44.7	33.6	11.1	55.3	43.0	12.3
1970 (prel)	43.1	29.2	13.9	56.9	44.1	12.9
1971 (est)	40.3	28.7	11.6	59.7	45.0	14.7
1972 (est)	39.4	29.0	10.4	60.6	45.7	14.9

Source: National Science Foundation.

**Table B-10. Full-time-equivalent (FTE) scientists and engineers employed in research and development, by sector, selected years<sup>a</sup>**  
[In thousands]

Sector	1954	1958	1961	1965	1968	1969	1970 <sup>b</sup>	1971 <sup>b</sup>
Total .....	236.8	354.7	425.2	496.5	550.6	559.4	544.6	519.4
Federal Government <sup>c</sup> .....	37.4	46.1	50.6	64.2	68.3	70.3	69.8	68.5
Industry <sup>d,e</sup> .....	164.1	256.1	312.0	348.4	381.9	385.8	372.3	350.0
Universities and colleges, total .....	25.0	36.5	42.4	53.4	66.0	68.3	68.5	68.4
Scientists and engineers .....	20.3	29.2	33.6	40.4	49.0	50.4	50.3	49.8
Graduate students <sup>f</sup> .....	4.7	7.3	8.8	13.0	17.0	17.9	18.2	18.6
Associated FFRDC's, total .....	5.0	8.1	9.1	11.1	11.2	11.6	11.5	11.5
Scientists and engineers .....	4.9	7.9	8.8	10.7	10.7	11.1	11.0	11.0
Graduate students <sup>f</sup> .....	.1	.2	.3	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5
Other nonprofit institutions <sup>d</sup> .....	5.3	7.9	11.1	19.4	23.2	23.4	22.5	21.0

<sup>a</sup> Number of full-time employees plus the FTE of part-time employees.

<sup>b</sup> Estimate.

<sup>c</sup> Includes both civilian and military service personnel; military scientists and engineers in Department of Defense were estimated at 7,000 in 1954, 8,400 in 1958, 9,200 in 1961, 12,000 in 1965, 13,000 in 1968, and 14,000 in 1969 and 1970, and 12,500 in 1971.

<sup>d</sup> Includes professional R&D personnel employed at FFRDC's administered by organizations in the sector.

<sup>e</sup> Excludes social scientists.

<sup>f</sup> Numbers of FTE graduate students receiving stipends and engaged in research and development.

Note: Excludes scientists and engineers employed in State and local government agencies.

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