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1953	389.2	2,894.4	0.13447	5.2	38.4	1.33	0.93	0.29	0.07	0.03	0.58	0.71	0.03
1954	390.5	2,877.7	0.13570	5.6	41.4	1.44	1.04	0.29	0.08	0.03	0.61	0.79	0.04
1955	425.5	3,083.0	0.13801	6.2	44.8	1.45	1.04	0.30	0.08	0.03	0.59	0.82	0.04
1956	449.4	3,148.8	0.14272	8.5	59.6	1.89	1.40	0.38	0.09	0.03	0.74	1.11	0.04
1957	474.0	3,215.1	0.14743	9.9	67.2	2.09	1.55	0.42	0.09	0.04	0.73	1.31	0.04
1958	481.2	3,191.2	0.15079	10.9	72.4	2.27	1.68	0.45	0.10	0.04	0.77	1.45	0.05
1959	521.7	3,412.4	0.15288	12.5	81.7	2.39	1.76	0.47	0.11	0.04	0.78	1.57	0.05
1960	542.4	3,500.3	0.15496	13.7	88.5	2.53	1.85	0.50	0.13	0.05	0.83	1.64	0.05
1961	562.2	3,590.1	0.15660	14.6	93.0	2.59	1.84	0.55	0.15	0.05	0.85	1.69	0.06
1962	603.9	3,810.1	0.15850	15.6	98.6	2.59	1.83	0.54	0.16	0.06	0.85	1.68	0.06
1963	637.5	3,976.1	0.16033	17.5	109.3	2.75	1.92	0.58	0.18	0.06	0.86	1.83	0.07
1964	684.5	4,205.3	0.16277	19.1	117.4	2.79	1.91	0.62	0.20	0.06	0.86	1.86	0.07
1965	742.3	4,478.6	0.16574	20.3	122.2	2.73	1.86	0.59	0.21	0.06	0.88	1.78	0.07
1966	813.4	4,773.9	0.17038	22.1	129.5	2.71	1.87	0.56	0.22	0.07	0.90	1.74	0.07
1967	860.0	4,904.9	0.17533	23.3	133.2	2.71	1.86	0.56	0.24	0.07	0.95	1.69	0.07
1968	940.7	5,145.9	0.18281	24.7	134.9	2.62	1.81	0.52	0.23	0.06	0.96	1.59	0.07
1969	1,017.6	5,306.6	0.19176	26.0	135.6	2.55	1.75	0.51	0.22	0.06	0.98	1.50	0.07
1970	1,073.3	5,316.4	0.20188	26.3	130.1	2.45	1.64	0.52	0.23	0.06	0.97	1.40	0.08
1971	1,164.9	5,491.4	0.21213	27.0	127.1	2.31	1.53	0.50	0.22	0.06	0.93	1.31	0.08
1972	1,279.1	5,780.0	0.22130	28.7	129.9	2.25	1.49	0.49	0.22	0.06	0.92	1.25	0.08
1973	1,425.4	6,106.4	0.23343	31.0	132.6	2.17	1.45	0.45	0.21	0.06	0.93	1.16	0.07
1974	1,545.2	6,073.4	0.25442	33.4	131.1	2.16	1.44	0.45	0.21	0.06	0.96	1.12	0.08
1975	1,684.9	6,060.9	0.27800	35.7	128.3	2.12	1.39	0.45	0.21	0.06	0.94	1.10	0.08
1976	1,873.4	6,387.4	0.29330	39.4	134.5	2.10	1.39	0.44	0.21	0.06	0.94	1.08	0.08
1977	2,081.8	6,682.8	0.31152	43.3	139.1	2.08	1.39	0.43	0.21	0.06	0.94	1.06	0.08
1978	2,351.6	7,052.7	0.33343	48.7	146.1	2.07	1.37	0.43	0.21	0.06	0.95	1.04	0.08
1979	2,627.3	7,276.0	0.36109	55.4	153.4	2.11	1.41	0.42	0.22	0.06	0.99	1.04	0.08
1980	2,857.3	7,257.3	0.39371	63.2	160.6	2.21	1.51	0.42	0.23	0.06	1.08	1.05	0.08
1981	3,207.0	7,441.5	0.43096	72.3	167.7	2.25	1.57	0.41	0.22	0.06	1.12	1.05	0.08
1982	3,343.8	7,307.3	0.45760	80.7	176.5	2.41	1.71	0.42	0.23	0.06	1.22	1.11	0.09
1983	3,634.0	7,642.3	0.47551	89.9	189.2	2.48	1.75	0.44	0.23	0.06	1.25	1.14	0.09
1984	4,037.6	8,195.3	0.49267	102.2	207.5	2.53	1.81	0.43	0.23	0.06	1.29	1.15	0.09
1985	4,339.0	8,537.0	0.50826	114.7	225.6	2.64	1.90	0.44	0.24	0.06	1.34	1.21	0.09

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1986	4,579.6	8,832.6	0.51849	120.2	231.9	2.63	1.88	0.43	0.25	0.06	1.33	1.19	0.10
1987	4,855.2	9,137.7	0.53134	126.4	237.8	2.60	1.86	0.42	0.26	0.06	1.29	1.21	0.11
1988	5,236.4	9,519.4	0.55008	133.9	243.4	2.56	1.81	0.41	0.27	0.06	1.30	1.15	0.11
1989	5,641.6	9,869.0	0.57165	141.9	248.2	2.52	1.77	0.40	0.28	0.07	1.33	1.07	0.11
1990	5,963.1	10,055.1	0.59304	152.0	256.3	2.55	1.80	0.39	0.28	0.07	1.40	1.03	0.12
1991	6,158.1	10,044.2	0.61310	160.9	262.4	2.61	1.86	0.38	0.30	0.08	1.50	0.99	0.13
1992	6,520.3	10,398.0	0.62707	165.4	263.7	2.54	1.79	0.37	0.30	0.08	1.48	0.93	0.13
1993	6,858.6	10,684.2	0.64194	165.7	258.2	2.42	1.68	0.36	0.30	0.08	1.41	0.88	0.13
1994	7,287.2	11,114.6	0.65564	169.2	258.1	2.32	1.61	0.34	0.30	0.08	1.36	0.83	0.13
1995	7,639.7	11,413.0	0.66939	183.6	274.3	2.40	1.70	0.33	0.30	0.08	1.45	0.82	0.13
1996	8,073.1	11,843.6	0.68164	197.3	289.5	2.44	1.76	0.31	0.29	0.08	1.53	0.79	0.13
1997	8,577.6	12,370.3	0.69340	211.9	305.6	2.47	1.81	0.29	0.29	0.08	1.59	0.75	0.13
1998	9,062.8	12,924.9	0.70119	225.8	322.0	2.49	1.84	0.29	0.28	0.08	1.63	0.73	0.13
1999	9,631.2	13,543.8	0.71112	244.5	343.8	2.54	1.89	0.28	0.29	0.08	1.71	0.69	0.14
2000	10,251.0	14,096.0	0.72723	267.9	368.5	2.61	1.95	0.28	0.29	0.09	1.81	0.66	0.14
2001	10,581.9	14,230.7	0.74360	278.5	374.6	2.63	1.91	0.31	0.31	0.10	1.78	0.70	0.15
2002	10,929.1	14,472.7	0.75515	277.9	368.0	2.54	1.77	0.32	0.34	0.11	1.65	0.72	0.17
2003	11,456.5	14,877.3	0.77007	291.4	378.4	2.54	1.75	0.33	0.35	0.11	1.63	0.74	0.18
2004	12,217.2	15,449.8	0.79077	302.7	382.8	2.48	1.70	0.31	0.35	0.11	1.57	0.74	0.17
2005	13,039.2	15,988.0	0.81556	325.3	398.9	2.49	1.73	0.30	0.35	0.11	1.59	0.73	0.17
2006	13,815.6	16,433.1	0.84072	350.9	417.4	2.54	1.79	0.30	0.34	0.10	1.64	0.72	0.17
2007	14,474.2	16,762.4	0.86349	377.9	437.6	2.61	1.86	0.30	0.34	0.10	1.71	0.73	0.18
2008	14,769.9	16,781.5	0.88013	404.8	459.9	2.74	1.97	0.31	0.35	0.11	1.75	0.80	0.20
2009	14,478.1	16,349.1	0.88556	402.9	455.0	2.78	1.95	0.33	0.38	0.12	1.70	0.87	0.21
2010	15,049.0	16,789.8	0.89632	406.6	453.6	2.70	1.85	0.34	0.39	0.12	1.65	0.84	0.21
2011	15,599.7	17,052.4	0.91481	426.2	465.9	2.73	1.89	0.34	0.39	0.12	1.71	0.81	0.21
2012	16,254.0	17,442.8	0.93185	433.7	465.4	2.67	1.86	0.32	0.37	0.11	1.70	0.76	0.21
2013	16,880.7	17,812.2	0.94770	454.2	479.3	2.69	1.91	0.30	0.36	0.11	1.76	0.71	0.22
2014	17,608.1	18,261.7	0.96421	475.9	493.6	2.70	1.94	0.30	0.35	0.11	1.81	0.67	0.22
2015	18,295.0	18,799.6	0.97316	494.5	508.1	2.70	1.94	0.29	0.35	0.12	1.82	0.65	0.23
2016	18,804.9	19,141.7	0.98240	521.7	531.0	2.77	2.02	0.27	0.36	0.12	1.92	0.63	0.23
2017	19,612.1	19,612.1	1.00000	553.5	553.5	2.82	2.07	0.27	0.36	0.12	1.97	0.62	0.23
2018	20,656.5	20,193.9	1.02291	603.8	590.3	2.92	2.16	0.28	0.36	0.12	2.06	0.63	0.22

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2019	21,540.0	20,715.7	1.03979	665.3	639.8	3.09	2.31	0.29	0.36	0.12	2.24	0.63	0.22
2020	21,354.1	20,267.6	1.05361	716.5	680.0	3.36	2.54	0.30	0.38	0.13	2.44	0.69	0.23
2021	23,681.2	21,494.8	1.10172	788.7	715.9	3.33	2.57	0.28	0.36	0.12	2.50	0.62	0.21
2022[e]	26,006.9	22,034.8	1.18026	891.8	755.6	3.43	2.68	0.28	0.36	0.11	2.59	0.63	0.21
2023[f]	27,720.7	22,671.1	1.22273	939.6	768.4	3.39	2.65	0.27	0.37	0.10	2.56	0.62	0.21

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[a] 2017 = 1.00000 is the implicit price deflator for GDP.
[b] Federal includes federal intramural R&D and R&D by federally funded R&D centers.
[c] Other R&D performer includes R&D in the United States performed by nonfederal government and nonprofit organizations.
[d] Other R&D funding source includes funding for U.S. R&D by nonfederal government, higher education, and nonprofit organizations.
[e] Some data for 2022 are preliminary and may be revised later.
[f] Data for 2023 include estimates and are likely to be revised later.

Note(s):
Detail may not add to total because of rounding. For trend comparisons, use only the historical data reported in this table because some back-year data may have been revised.

Source(s):
GDP data from Bureau of Economic Analysis, Gross Domestic Product, https://www.bea.gov/national/, accessed 4 October 2024; R&D data from National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Patterns of R&D Resources (annual series).