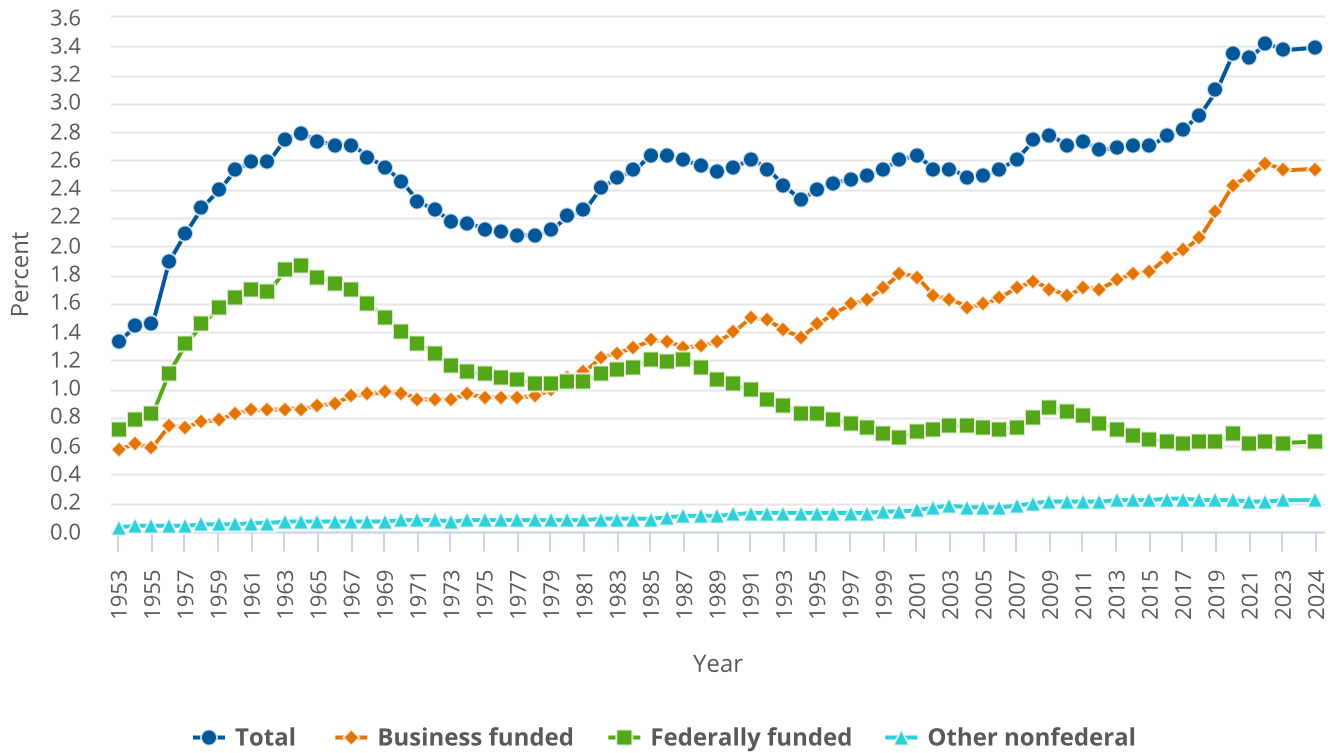


Figure 3. Ratio of U.S. R&D to GDP, by source of funds: 1953–2024



GDP = gross domestic product.

Note(s):

Some data for 2023 are preliminary and may be revised later. The data for 2024 include estimates and are likely to be revised later. The federally funded data represent the federal government as a funder of R&D by all performers; similarly the business funded data cover the business sector as a funder of R&D by all performers. The other nonfederal category includes the R&D funded by all other sources—mainly, by higher education, nonfederal government, and nonprofit organizations. The GDP data used reflect the Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Economic Accounts, Gross Domestic Product, <https://www.bea.gov/national/>, accessed 25 September 2025.

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