

District of Columbia

Federal Research Funding Statistics



A Brighter Future

NIH- and NSF-supported research drives discovery that transforms medicine, improves treatments, and will one day lead to cures. NIH and NSF funding is an investment in our country's future, reducing health care costs, supporting quality jobs, and increasing economic activity. No one knows what setbacks we will face, what medical breakthroughs and advances will go undiscovered if science funding is not maintained.

HEALTH AND DISCOVERY

- Basic science provides the foundation for biomedical research.
- Scientists cannot always predict where the next big idea will come from, or what the applications of today's research will be.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

- Neurological illnesses and mental disorders cost the U.S. over **\$760 billion** a year. The only way to decrease these costs is to improve treatments.
- NIH funding led to the creation of over **500,000 quality jobs**.
- Every dollar from the NIH and NSF generates approximately **\$2 in economic output**.

THE FUTURE OF THE SCIENTIFIC ENTERPRISE

- Young scientists are moving to other careers due to stagnant funding. Only **3%** of NIH primary investigators are under 36, compared to **18% in 1982**.
- Private industry cannot pick up the slack. Even as public funding for research and development has stagnated over the past 10 years, **industry investment has dropped**.
- The scientific enterprise depends on **consistent funding**.

About SfN

With around 30,000 members, the Society for Neuroscience is the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians devoted to advancing understanding of the brain and nervous system.

BY THE NUMBERS

161

SfN members in District of Columbia

\$162,190,000

NSF funding to District of Columbia in FY2025

\$250,065,214

NIH funding to District of Columbia in FY2025

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Last year, District of Columbia's research institutions benefited from **418 NIH awards**¹, which according to a recent study² supported **444 jobs**.

In FY2025, 98 awards were granted to investigators at 38 businesses, universities, and other research institutions in the District of Columbia through the NSF.³

¹NIH.gov, FY2025; ²United for Medical Research, FY2025
³NSF Award Summary, FY2025



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