

Appendix table 5-15

Federal share of current funding for research equipment at academic institutions, by field: Selected years, 1983–2001

(Percent)

| Field | 1983 | 1985 | 1987 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| All fields | 62.3 | 64.4 | 62.9 | 60.4 | 59.9 | 59.6 | 59.8 | 61.2 | 60.6 | 59.3 | 59.5 | 58.6 | 59.8 | 58.1 | 56.1 | 55.2 |
| Sciences | 61.6 | 64.7 | 63.9 | 61.0 | 60.1 | 60.1 | 60.8 | 61.9 | 60.6 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 59.4 | 59.8 | 58.0 | 56.4 | 55.7 |
| Physical sciences | 78.8 | 79.8 | 78.5 | 73.6 | 75.3 | 73.5 | 76.4 | 74.1 | 72.8 | 74.6 | 73.0 | 70.9 | 73.9 | 74.9 | 70.1 | 67.0 |
| Astronomy..... | 84.0 | 69.3 | 75.1 | 69.2 | 63.1 | 61.6 | 68.9 | 65.6 | 63.9 | 61.6 | 70.9 | 65.2 | 81.8 | 86.7 | 83.6 | 83.6 |
| Chemistry | 71.7 | 76.6 | 74.1 | 70.2 | 71.4 | 68.1 | 71.9 | 70.4 | 68.5 | 70.1 | 68.7 | 65.5 | 67.1 | 67.3 | 61.5 | 57.8 |
| Physics | 83.4 | 84.5 | 82.2 | 78.3 | 81.1 | 79.0 | 80.8 | 75.8 | 79.0 | 81.7 | 77.2 | 76.2 | 76.4 | 79.7 | 76.9 | 72.1 |
| Other | 84.4 | 70.9 | 80.1 | 66.6 | 69.5 | 76.8 | 76.9 | 84.5 | 70.8 | 67.6 | 72.3 | 73.8 | 81.5 | 67.6 | 55.6 | 76.3 |
| Mathematics | 66.4 | 82.1 | 77.6 | 67.5 | 65.8 | 62.7 | 68.3 | 75.1 | 73.5 | 65.6 | 74.7 | 59.3 | 70.7 | 64.7 | 67.6 | 52.7 |
| Computer sciences..... | 72.7 | 83.0 | 79.3 | 71.9 | 65.8 | 74.6 | 65.7 | 69.9 | 68.9 | 63.5 | 70.8 | 68.9 | 70.4 | 69.1 | 60.6 | 64.4 |
| Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences..... | 61.7 | 67.7 | 65.0 | 66.1 | 65.9 | 61.4 | 67.4 | 70.8 | 72.9 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 73.1 | 67.9 | 67.6 | 64.2 | 62.0 |
| Atmospheric sciences | 71.3 | 84.2 | 79.8 | 65.1 | 76.8 | 75.8 | 78.2 | 78.1 | 81.6 | 71.5 | 64.1 | 74.6 | 81.5 | 79.6 | 80.3 | 76.2 |
| Earth sciences..... | 54.9 | 56.4 | 51.8 | 63.0 | 56.8 | 53.2 | 58.2 | 61.5 | 66.9 | 62.8 | 65.4 | 70.0 | 66.4 | 59.2 | 50.8 | 55.4 |
| Ocean sciences..... | 63.7 | 74.2 | 75.1 | 74.8 | 75.1 | 71.7 | 76.6 | 79.9 | 80.3 | 76.5 | 81.7 | 76.3 | 70.8 | 72.2 | 74.5 | 63.8 |
| Other..... | 63.5 | 60.7 | 55.4 | 60.6 | 61.4 | 52.4 | 56.0 | 64.5 | 64.8 | 68.6 | 61.2 | 72.3 | 53.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 56.8 |
| Life sciences | 54.9 | 55.6 | 56.0 | 55.2 | 53.2 | 53.6 | 53.8 | 54.3 | 52.5 | 48.6 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 50.9 | 49.4 | 52.1 | 51.6 |
| Agricultural sciences..... | 26.8 | 29.1 | 31.8 | 30.8 | 28.3 | 30.6 | 36.5 | 36.7 | 35.3 | 31.9 | 30.3 | 31.4 | 31.8 | 33.0 | 27.7 | 27.7 |
| Biological sciences..... | 66.0 | 67.3 | 64.5 | 62.9 | 60.2 | 60.5 | 61.1 | 60.8 | 61.0 | 56.0 | 58.8 | 55.7 | 56.5 | 56.9 | 60.2 | 58.7 |
| Medical sciences..... | 58.5 | 57.4 | 57.5 | 55.4 | 54.3 | 54.4 | 53.4 | 54.1 | 51.9 | 48.3 | 49.9 | 51.4 | 53.2 | 47.1 | 51.4 | 51.5 |
| Other..... | 58.2 | 49.1 | 47.6 | 56.8 | 50.6 | 50.8 | 44.3 | 45.6 | 41.5 | 34.6 | 36.6 | 48.8 | 43.5 | 41.4 | 44.2 | 49.5 |
| Psychology..... | 69.7 | 71.5 | 76.6 | 65.3 | 63.8 | 64.6 | 63.8 | 68.6 | 59.9 | 63.5 | 62.6 | 62.7 | 62.6 | 65.6 | 64.3 | 63.9 |
| Social sciences | 32.9 | 40.1 | 29.0 | 33.5 | 32.4 | 36.6 | 43.1 | 40.1 | 41.5 | 39.5 | 40.1 | 37.2 | 40.1 | 38.7 | 33.2 | 38.2 |
| Economics | 40.4 | 35.6 | 28.9 | 25.8 | 27.2 | 33.8 | 48.4 | 39.3 | 43.5 | 38.9 | 40.2 | 31.2 | 34.5 | 37.7 | 54.8 | 40.9 |
| Political science | 36.9 | 32.1 | 26.8 | 23.0 | 24.4 | 32.0 | 45.8 | 30.6 | 49.0 | 36.8 | 33.8 | 36.0 | 47.3 | 33.2 | 39.0 | 39.0 |
| Sociology | 59.6 | 53.5 | 37.6 | 38.0 | 43.2 | 52.6 | 52.2 | 52.9 | 46.0 | 46.7 | 48.4 | 43.3 | 47.9 | 43.4 | 46.1 | 38.1 |
| Other | 21.4 | 39.1 | 26.2 | 39.7 | 32.8 | 32.3 | 33.8 | 38.0 | 36.1 | 38.1 | 38.8 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 38.6 | 22.6 | 37.3 |
| Other sciences | 59.8 | 46.1 | 51.1 | 49.6 | 46.1 | 38.3 | 28.4 | 41.3 | 45.6 | 63.9 | 39.9 | 63.4 | 47.3 | 26.8 | 25.6 | 39.5 |
| Engineering | 65.3 | 62.9 | 59.1 | 57.9 | 58.9 | 57.9 | 56.3 | 58.8 | 60.6 | 60.4 | 61.1 | 56.0 | 59.7 | 58.6 | 55.2 | 53.6 |
| Aeronautical/astronautical | 76.7 | 75.0 | 74.7 | 76.8 | 81.1 | 83.8 | 75.1 | 81.3 | 76.9 | 77.4 | 71.3 | 70.2 | 69.1 | 70.8 | 64.1 | 71.7 |
| Bioengineering/biomedical | NA | 53.1 | 42.3 | 46.8 | 43.2 | 47.4 |
| Chemical | 58.1 | 58.7 | 53.6 | 52.2 | 46.1 | 49.0 | 50.5 | 46.7 | 58.0 | 58.8 | 56.7 | 55.0 | 55.6 | 49.2 | 52.3 | 51.7 |
| Civil | 51.5 | 58.5 | 57.6 | 55.5 | 58.7 | 46.7 | 44.9 | 44.5 | 44.6 | 44.2 | 44.3 | 43.7 | 43.2 | 49.2 | 35.3 | 39.2 |
| Electrical/electronic..... | 71.1 | 68.5 | 69.0 | 60.8 | 61.8 | 58.2 | 59.4 | 65.9 | 66.8 | 61.8 | 68.7 | 61.6 | 66.8 | 65.5 | 61.7 | 58.7 |
| Mechanical | 68.5 | 65.1 | 63.9 | 57.2 | 56.8 | 51.8 | 60.1 | 64.5 | 65.8 | 63.7 | 63.2 | 62.7 | 64.3 | 63.8 | 65.0 | 59.4 |
| Materials..... | NA | NA | NA | NA | 66.5 | 59.7 | 48.8 | 51.0 | 48.6 | 50.5 | 53.3 | 51.4 | 59.5 | 61.0 | 60.9 | 45.2 |
| Other..... | 63.2 | 58.5 | 51.1 | 55.6 | 52.2 | 59.0 | 56.4 | 55.1 | 56.8 | 62.7 | 60.6 | 47.8 | 52.6 | 49.4 | 46.3 | 52.1 |

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