## Health Research Investment Continues to Plateau in 2008

In 2008 and for the fourth year in a row, the percentage of each health dollar spent on research stagnated. The U.S. once again invested only 5.5 cents of each health dollar to solve the health challenges our nation faces.

Then the 2008 federal election and the economic downturn brought a recommitment to research. Congress and the Administration passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act early in 2009 prioritizing research and innovation. Specifically, $\$ 10.4$ billion was allocated to the National Institutes of Health to be awarded to research institutions across the country by September 2010.


Sources: NIH Data Book; Research!America, Investment in U.S. Health Research 2001, 2002, 2004-2008; Centers for Medicare \& Medicaid Services, National Health Expenditure Amounts 1965-2018

This dramatic infusion of resources has invigorated the scientific community, allowed them to pursue game-changing avenues of research and further revealed extraordinary untapped potential for progress. To build on this scientific momentum, the annual appropriation for NIH must reach $\$ 40$ billion as quickly as possible.

Only with robust investment will the U.S. be able to expand the capacity of NIH and other research institutions to improve health and drive economic growth.

## Research is a Solution to Rising Health Care Costs

When it comes to rising health care costs, would you say research to improve health is part of the problem or part of the solution?


## Majority of Americans Want More Funding for Research

How many cents out of each health dollar do you think we SHOULD spend?


Source: Your Congress-Your Health Survey, June 2009
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We estimate the amount of money spent on research to improve health at $\$ 131$ billion. This amount is only $5.5 \%$ of the \$2.38 trillion ${ }^{1}$ spent on health in the United States in 2008.

Total: Estimated U.S. Health Research Expenditures
130,525

| Pharmaceutical (Research and Development) ${ }^{2,3}$ | 37,725 |
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| Biotechnology (Research and Development) $^{3}$ | 27,475 |
| Medical Technology (Research and Development, 2007) | 9,600 |
| Subtotal: Industry | $\mathbf{7 4 , 8 0 0}$ |


| National Institutes of Health $^{5}$ | 29,328 |
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| National Science Foundation (Biological Sciences, Bioengineering, <br> Chemistry, Math, Physics, Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, <br> Computer and Information Science and Engineering, and Polar <br> Environment, Health and Safety) | 2,035 |
| Department of Defense (Medical, Chemical and Biological Defense) $^{7}$ | 2,007 |
| Department of Agriculture $^{8}$ | 985 |
| Department of Veterans Affairs (Medical and Prosthetic Research) $^{9}$ | 886 |
| Department of Energy (Biological and Environmental Research, <br> Advanced Scientific Computing Research) |  |
| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention $^{11}$ | 873 |
| Environmental Protection Agency (Clean Air, Clean Water, Health and <br> Human Ecosystems, Pesticides and Toxics) | 2936 |
| Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality ${ }^{13}$ | 436 |
| Department of Commerce (National Institute of Standards and <br> Technology) |  |
| Department of Homeland Security (Chemical and Biological) ${ }^{14}$ | 334 |
| Department of the Interior (Biological Research) |  |

Subtotal: Federal Government

| Universities (Institutional Funds, 2007) | 22 |
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| State and Local Government Contributions $(2007)^{22}$ | 10,435 |
| Philanthropic Foundations $(2007)^{23}$ | 3,418 |
| Voluntary Health Associations ${ }^{24}$ | 918 |
| Independent Research Institutes (Institutional Funds) | 2,183 |
| Subtotal: Other | 1,159 |

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## Method \& Rationale

The estimate of the U.S. investment in health research is determined by compiling the annual expenditures for all health-related research. This estimate is intended to be an upper limit, inclusive of all disciplines that contribute directly or indirectly to better human health. The percentage of the health dollar spent on research is determined by dividing the investment in research by the U.S. national health expenditures for 2008 estimated by the Centers for Medicare \& Medicaid Services. All data is 2008 unless otherwise noted.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) reports a biopharmaceutical (including biotechnology and pharmaceutical) industry-wide research and development (R\&D) figure of $\$ 65.2$ billion in 2008. PhRMA member companies invested $\$ 50.3$ billion, of which approximately $25 \%$
( $\$ 12.6$ billion) was invested in biologics and biotechnology R\&D. The analysis was performed by Burrill \& Company. In this estimate, the R\&D investment in pharmaceuticals represents the portion of biopharmaceutical R\&D not spent on biotechnology.

The Department of Agriculture estimate includes research funded by the Agricultural Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Research was determined to be health-related based on the agency's strategic objectives.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology estimate includes spending on Chemical Science and Technology, Physics, Materials Science and Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology and Technology Services.

University funds include all institutional funds spent on R\&D in science and engineering and represent an upper limit estimate. These are discretionary, general purpose funds that the university has chosen to designate as R\&D. When reporting institutional funds spent on R\&D to the National Science Foundation, universities can include unrestricted funds from all outside resources, tuition and fees, endowment income, gifts, other institutional funds, as well as indirect costs for externally funded R\&D projects.

The state and local government investment represents an estimate of all funds allocated to colleges and universities for R\&D.
Data reported by the Foundation Center are based on grants of $\$ 10,000$ or more awarded by a national sample of 1,339 larger U.S. foundations. Only grants in the medical research category are reported in this estimate. The grants reported by the Foundation Center represent about half of the total grant dollars awarded by all U.S. independent, corporate, community and grantmaking operating foundations.

The voluntary health associations estimate was calculated based on the 2007 or 2008 financial statements of VHAs that share financial information on their websites.

The estimate of spending by independent research institutes is based on a survey of Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI) members. Only funds from the institutes' endowments and "other" sources were included in this estimate to avoid double-counting funds from government or industry sources. To see a list of the current AIRI members, visit http://www. airi.org/about/member-list.aspx.
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