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2013 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) RANKINGS BY TOTAL R&D EXPENDITURES

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PURPOSE:

This fact sheet displays the total research and development expenditures of Nevada institutions, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), compared to fourteen individual research universities across the country. The table below offers the total research and development (R&D) expenditures of selected universities (institution(s)) for the year 2013.

WHAT IS NSF?

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense..."¹ NSF provides the tools necessary for basic research and empowers people to create transformative knowledge. This type of support is a primary driver of the U.S. economy, enhances the nation's security, and advances knowledge to sustain global leadership "NSF is the funding source for approximately 27 percent of the total federal budget for basic research conducted at U.S. colleges and universities."²

2013 TOTAL R&D EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING LEVEL³

INSTITUTION	TOTAL R&D EXPENDITURES
Colorado State University	\$313,238,000
Oregon State University	\$240,507,000
Mississippi State University	\$206,424,000
University of Louisville	\$186,772,000
Kansas State University	\$183,096,000
University of Alaska	\$162,658,000
Tulane University	\$160,414,000
Clemson University	\$152,444,000
North Dakota State University	\$150,173,000
University of New Hampshire	\$147,446,000
Auburn University	\$147,229,000
New Mexico State University	\$142,365,000
Oklahoma State University	\$136,637,000
University of Central Florida	\$126,681,000
State of Nevada (UNLV and UNR)	\$122,732,000

¹ NSF, <https://nsf.gov/about/glance.jsp>

² Ibid; In many fields such as mathematics, computer science and the social sciences, NSF is the major source of federal backing.

³ NSF, <https://ncesdata.nsf.gov/profiles/site?method=rankingBySource&ds=herd>