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CSIRO Funding trends

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CSIRO Funding	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
CSIRO funding, current prices (\$millions)	184.50	211.30	247.10	290.90	328.20	331.60	324.90
CSIRO funding, (2023-24 dollar, GDP deflator, \$millions)	1,094.20	1,135.05	1,213.04	1,280.96	1,310.25	1,228.24	1,149.47
CSIRO funding, (2023-24 dollar, CPI adjusted, \$millions)	1,085.11	1,119.41	1,207.66	1,281.81	1,301.55	1,264.45	1,162.27
Funding as a percentage of GDP	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.17%	0.17%	0.16%	0.14%
Funding per capita ((2023-24 dollar, GDP deflator)	75.38	77.24	81.28	84.36	85.12	78.84	72.81

Data used	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Gross domestic product: Current prices (\$millions)	118,753	134,614	152,360	175,860	189,414	213,693	235,503
GDP deflator (2023-24 = 100)	16.9	18.6	20.4	22.7	25.0	27.0	28.3
CPI deflator (2023-24 = 100)	17.0	18.9	20.5	22.7	25.2	26.2	28.0
Australian Estimated Resident Population	14,515,729	14,695,356	14,923,260	15,184,247	15,393,472	15,579,391	15,788,312

Source:

[Department of Industry, Science and Resources, 2025-26 Science, research and innovation \(SRI\) budget tables, August 2025](#)

Population figures:

[To 2021: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Historical population, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics Table 3](#)

[From 2021: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Resident Population ; Persons ; Australia ; from June 1981.](#)

Funding in real dollars calculated by the Parliamentary Library.



1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
344.30	367.80	347.80	348.10	375.20	414.40	446.30	456.20	460.40	461.60	417.60
1,143.21	1,140.07	1,005.19	922.87	936.63	1,002.77	1,064.89	1,078.48	1,078.47	1,057.15	931.43
1,135.13	1,109.80	979.20	911.63	912.04	974.89	1,037.63	1,041.46	1,032.37	990.26	869.01
0.13%	0.13%	0.11%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%	0.10%	0.10%	0.09%	0.08%
71.37	70.10	60.80	54.89	54.89	58.02	60.93	61.16	60.57	58.71	51.11

1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
260,875	286,366	324,582	368,280	404,703	415,332	423,280	444,229	466,617	495,846	528,969
30.1	32.3	34.6	37.7	40.1	41.3	41.9	42.3	42.7	43.7	44.8
30.3	33.1	35.5	38.2	41.1	42.5	43.0	43.8	44.6	46.6	48.1
16,018,350	16,263,874	16,532,164	16,814,416	17,065,128	17,284,036	17,478,635	17,634,808	17,805,468	18,004,882	18,224,767

1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
444.50	466.80	475.40	500.00	496.70	509.60	532.06	568.65	577.10	593.90	610.10
978.66	1,016.85	1,031.21	1,055.55	1,003.18	1,001.63	1,014.66	1,051.23	1,026.18	1,005.51	984.22
922.22	961.30	968.95	988.60	925.40	923.40	939.56	979.26	969.75	959.64	965.59
0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%
53.12	54.65	54.82	55.47	52.05	51.38	51.45	52.74	50.86	49.17	47.26

1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
556,665	589,240	621,807	662,674	707,402	756,446	803,108	864,089	925,442	999,585	1,089,023
45.4	45.9	46.1	47.4	49.5	50.9	52.4	54.1	56.2	59.1	62.0
48.2	48.6	49.1	50.6	53.7	55.2	56.6	58.1	59.5	61.9	63.2
18,423,037	18,607,584	18,812,264	19,028,802	19,274,701	19,495,210	19,720,737	19,932,722	20,176,844	20,450,966	20,827,622

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
663.10	675.79	704.88	720.42	724.94	733.82	778.18	745.27	750.28	787.27	793.55
1,021.53	993.35	1,022.93	985.53	973.54	986.76	1,032.87	994.34	1,008.90	1,021.16	1,010.15
1,004.78	1,009.68	1,021.27	1,008.00	1,002.21	990.80	1,019.93	962.26	958.92	987.11	974.73
0.06%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%
48.07	45.79	46.43	44.11	42.82	42.66	44.00	41.75	41.71	41.52	40.47

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1,179,629	1,261,441	1,304,322	1,418,559	1,500,738	1,537,271	1,599,333	1,624,165	1,657,914	1,757,655	1,842,045
64.9	68.0	68.9	73.1	74.5	74.4	75.3	75.0	74.4	77.1	78.6
66.0	66.9	69.0	71.5	72.3	74.1	76.3	77.4	78.2	79.8	81.4
21,249,199	21,691,653	22,031,750	22,340,024	22,733,465	23,128,129	23,475,686	23,815,995	24,190,907	24,592,588	24,963,258

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
834.56	837.87	960.54	950.29	1,001.07	1,014.39	931.40
1,026.69	1,011.36	1,125.01	1,038.34	1,027.10	1,014.39	906.47
1,009.03	1,016.58	1,122.24	1,046.00	1,039.25	1,014.39	912.34
0.04%	0.04%	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.03%
40.52	39.43	43.80	39.91	38.53	37.30	

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1,947,319	1,981,663	2,085,822	2,330,329	2,567,513	2,672,659	2,786,247
81.3	82.8	85.4	91.5	97.5	100.0	102.8
82.7	82.4	85.6	90.9	96.3	100.0	102.1
25,334,826	25,649,248	25,685,412	26,018,700	26,659,900	27,196,000	