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ALABAMA

colleges and universities receive

$13.5 million

in

annual federal investment in

Social & Behavioral Science Research

Federal agencies supporting social & behavioral science research in Alabama include:

- Dept. of Health and Human Services (including NIH): $8.6M
- Dept. of Defense: $1.4M
- National Science Foundation: $808,000
- Dept. of Agriculture: $273,000

Alabama institutions supported by federal social & behavioral science investment include:

- University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa: $4.4M
- University of Alabama at Birmingham: $3.7M
- Auburn University, Auburn: $2.6M
- Alabama A&M University: $1.3M
- University of Alabama in Huntsville: $720,000
- Tuskegee University: $622,000

Federal investments in social and behavioral science research contribute to Alabama's economy and generate knowledge that helps us make America healthier, safer, and more prosperous.

Source: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Higher Education Research and Development Survey, FY 2015
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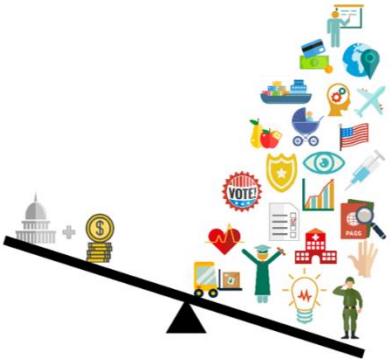
WHY SOCIAL SCIENCE?

The U.S. federal government's **modest annual investment** in social and behavioral science research yields **significant benefits** for the American people.

Of the $37.9 billion the federal government spends on research and development annually, less than 5% ($1.9 billion) is invested in Social and Behavioral Science Research.

"Social and behavioral science" encompasses a collection of STEM disciplines engaged in the rigorous study of why and how humans behave as they do as individuals, groups and within institutions, organizations, and society. It often refers to the disciplines of and fields within anthropology, communication, demography, economics, geography, history, law, linguistics, political science, psychology, sociology, and statistics, as well as countless multidisciplinary subfields.



Federally-supported scientific research—including social and behavioral science research—provides an evidence base that policy makers can use to produce science-backed strategies for addressing issues of national importance, such as crime prevention, health care for the underserved, the safety of our troops, early childhood education, and improved efficiency of American businesses, to name a few. Learn more at www.whysocialscience.com at www.cossa.org.

Knowledge derived from social and behavioral science research has made our population healthier, our democracy fairer, our nation safer, and our economy stronger. But more still needs to be done—investment in social and behavioral science must continue to grow to yield benefits for the American people.

COSSA is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for and widespread use of social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

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