TENNESSEE

colleges and universities receive

$15.1 million

in annual federal investment in

Social & Behavioral Science Research

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

- Dept. of Health and Human Services (incl. NIH): $8.0M
- Other Federal Departments and Agencies: $3.3M
- National Science Foundation: $2.4M
- Dept. of Defense: $1.2M

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

- Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt University Medical Center: $8.9M
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville: $3.4M
- University of Memphis: $1.8M
- Tennessee State University: $436,000
- East Tennessee State University: $289,000
- Tennessee Technological University: $143,000

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


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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 $38.8 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.