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Australian Government Support for R&D, 1978-79 to 2014-15

The following brief provides information on Australian Government Support for R&D from 1978-79 to 2014-15, expressed both in current prices and as a share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The levels of R&D support have been obtained from the Science, Research and Innovation Budget Tables, Science and Innovation Budget Tables, and Science and Technology Budget Statements from 1989-90 to 2014-15, and represent the most up to date figures available for R&D support over the period from 1978-79 to 2014-15.

GDP values have been obtained from the most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian National Accounts publication (released 3 September 2014) for 1978-79 to 2013-14. The GDP value for 2014-15 was obtained by applying the nominal GDP growth figure for 2014-15 published in the 2014-15 Budget.

Year	GDP (\$ millions)	R&D Spending (\$ millions)	% GDP
1978-79	\$118,715	\$690	0.58%
1979-80	\$134,587	\$778	0.58%
1980-81	\$152,350	\$895	0.59%
1981-82	\$175,864	\$1,012	0.58%
1982-83	\$189,396	\$1,163	0.61%
1983-84	\$213,764	\$1,253	0.59%
1984-85	\$235,382	\$1,432	0.61%
1985-86	\$260,907	\$1,716	0.66%
1986-87	\$286,699	\$1,869	0.65%
1987-88	\$325,626	\$1,936	0.59%
1988-89	\$369,510	\$2,064	0.56%
1989-90	\$404,655	\$2,273	0.56%
1990-91	\$414,824	\$2,487	0.60%

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1991-92	\$423,104	\$2,801	0.66%
1992-93	\$443,989	\$3,123	0.70%
1993-94	\$466,652	\$3,452	0.74%
1994-95	\$495,922	\$3,558	0.72%
1995-96	\$529,282	\$3,838	0.73%
1996-97	\$556,902	\$3,717	0.67%
1997-98	\$589,017	\$3,692	0.63%
1998-99	\$620,555	\$3,787	0.61%
1999-00	\$661,135	\$4,029	0.61%
2000-01	\$705,562	\$4,206	0.60%
2001-02	\$753,859	\$4,624	0.61%
2002-03	\$801,261	\$4,967	0.62%
2003-04	\$861,982	\$5,671	0.66%
2004-05	\$922,710	\$5,239	0.57%
2005-06	\$998,312	\$6,083	0.61%
2006-07	\$1,087,555	\$6,613	0.61%
2007-08	\$1,178,952	\$6,719	0.57%
2008-09	\$1,258,654	\$7,513	0.60%
2009-10	\$1,296,324	\$8,384	0.65%
2010-11	\$1,406,671	\$8,970	0.64%
2011-12	\$1,486,071	\$9,805	0.66%
2012-13	\$1,524,044	\$9,578	0.63%
2013-14	\$1,586,168	\$9,578	0.60%
2014-15	\$1,633,753	\$9,192	0.56%

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