



NIH and NCI: A Bipartisan Investment

ADVANCING RESEARCH, SAVING LIVES, AND SECURING THE FUTURE

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Cancer Institute (NCI) are the foundation of America's biomedical research enterprise. Thanks to sustained bipartisan support, research funded by these institutions has changed what is possible in medicine—detecting diseases earlier, delivering targeted therapies, and turning scientific breakthroughs into longer, healthier lives. This progress reaches every state, every district, and every family. It is one of the clearest examples of what federal investment can achieve.



REACHING EVERY STATE. SERVING EVERY FAMILY.

- **NIH fuels over 64,000 active research projects at more than 2,500 institutions**, touching every state, every district, and every corner of the country.
- **NCI anchors the national cancer research network through 71 NCI-Designated Cancer Centers** in 36 states and D.C., providing care, driving trials, and accelerating cures.
- **Patients treated at NCI-Designated Cancer Centers have a 25% greater chance of survival**, reflecting the direct impact of federally supported research and care.
- **The U.S. cancer death rate has dropped 34% since 1991**, saving an estimated 4 million lives and proving the power of research.
- **More than 18 million Americans are living after a cancer diagnosis.** That's not just a statistic. It is a national achievement made possible by research, discovery, and bipartisan commitment.



DRIVING JOBS, GROWTH, AND AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

- **NIH fuels over 400,000 high-skill jobs** across research, medicine, data science, and biotech, supporting the talent behind every breakthrough.
- **NIH-funded research generates \$94.6 billion in annual economic activity**, strengthening local economies in all 50 states.
- **For about \$138 per American per year**, NIH delivers discoveries, jobs, and cures. It's a small investment with extraordinary returns.
- **Every \$1 invested in NIH returns \$2.56** to the U.S. economy, making it one of the most effective federal investments in health and innovation.

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BREAKTHROUGHS THAT SAVE LIVES

- **NIH-backed science contributed to 354 of 356 new FDA-approved drugs** over the past decade, from cancer immunotherapies to mRNA vaccines.
- **NCI leads more than 1,300 cancer clinical trials each year**, including research on rare, aggressive, and treatment-resistant cancers.
- **More than 36,000 active clinical trials** are supported by NIH and NCI, giving patients access to cutting-edge treatments and real hope.



FY2026 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

- **Provide at least \$51.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

This funding is essential not only to keep pace with biomedical inflation, but to sustain lifesaving research across all diseases. Without it, promising science will stall, clinical trials will be halted, and patients will lose access to breakthroughs that could extend or save their lives.

- **Provide at least \$7.934 billion for the National Cancer Institute (NCI)**

This investment is critical to protect the progress made against cancer and to ensure continued momentum in prevention, early detection, and treatment. Without it, research will slow, trials will be delayed, and the promise of new therapies will be pushed further out of reach for patients who cannot afford to wait.



THE BIPARTISAN LEGACY OF NIH AND NCI

For more than 75 years, Congress has made medical research a national priority. That bipartisan commitment has created the most advanced biomedical research enterprise in the world, an enterprise that serves every state, every district, and every family. Congress has sustained the investments that make it possible to turn scientific discovery into longer lives, better outcomes, and real hope for patients. The progress we see today is the result of deliberate, long-term leadership. It reflects a shared belief that science saves lives and that federal investment in research is essential to the health and strength of the nation.

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