

## Cancer Research Funding

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), a component of the National Institutes of Health, is the Nation's principal agency for cancer research. As a Federal Government research agency, the Institute receives its funds from the U.S. Congress. These funds support research at the Institute's headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland and in laboratories and medical centers throughout the United States. The Institute coordinates a national research program on cancer causes and prevention, detection and diagnosis, and treatment through various research projects and clinical trials. Information about these projects is in the NCI's Cancer Research Portfolio at <http://researchportfolio.cancer.gov> on the Internet.

The NCI's total budget for Fiscal Year 2005 was \$4.83 billion. The NCI will invest an estimated \$4.79 billion during Fiscal Year 2006. The budget is expected to decrease to \$4.75 billion in Fiscal Year 2007. Other Federal agencies, state and local governments, voluntary organizations, industry, and private institutions also spend a substantial amount of money on cancer-related research and services.

The following table shows NCI spending in Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, and 2007 for the four most common types of cancer in the United States (excluding basal and squamous cell skin cancers):



Cancer Site	2005 Spending (actual, in millions)	2006 Spending (estimated, in millions)	2007 Spending (estimated, in millions)
Breast	\$560.1	\$557.3	\$551.1
Colorectal	\$253.1	\$251.9	\$249.1
Lung	\$266.1	\$264.8	\$261.9
Prostate	\$309.0	\$309.0	\$305.6

Information about funding for other types of cancer and additional information about NCI's budget are available on NCI's Financial Management Branch's home page at <http://fmb.cancer.gov/> on the Internet.

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### **Related Resources**

#### **Publications (available at <http://www.cancer.gov/publications>)**

- *The Nation's Investment in Cancer Research: A Plan and Budget Proposal*

### **National Cancer Institute (NCI) Resources**

#### **Cancer Information Service (toll-free)**

Telephone: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

TTY: 1-800-332-8615

#### **Online**

NCI's Web site: <http://www.cancer.gov>

*LiveHelp*, NCI's live online assistance:

<https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/livehelp/welcome.asp>

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