
THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE BUDGET: TRACKING FEDERAL FUNDING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

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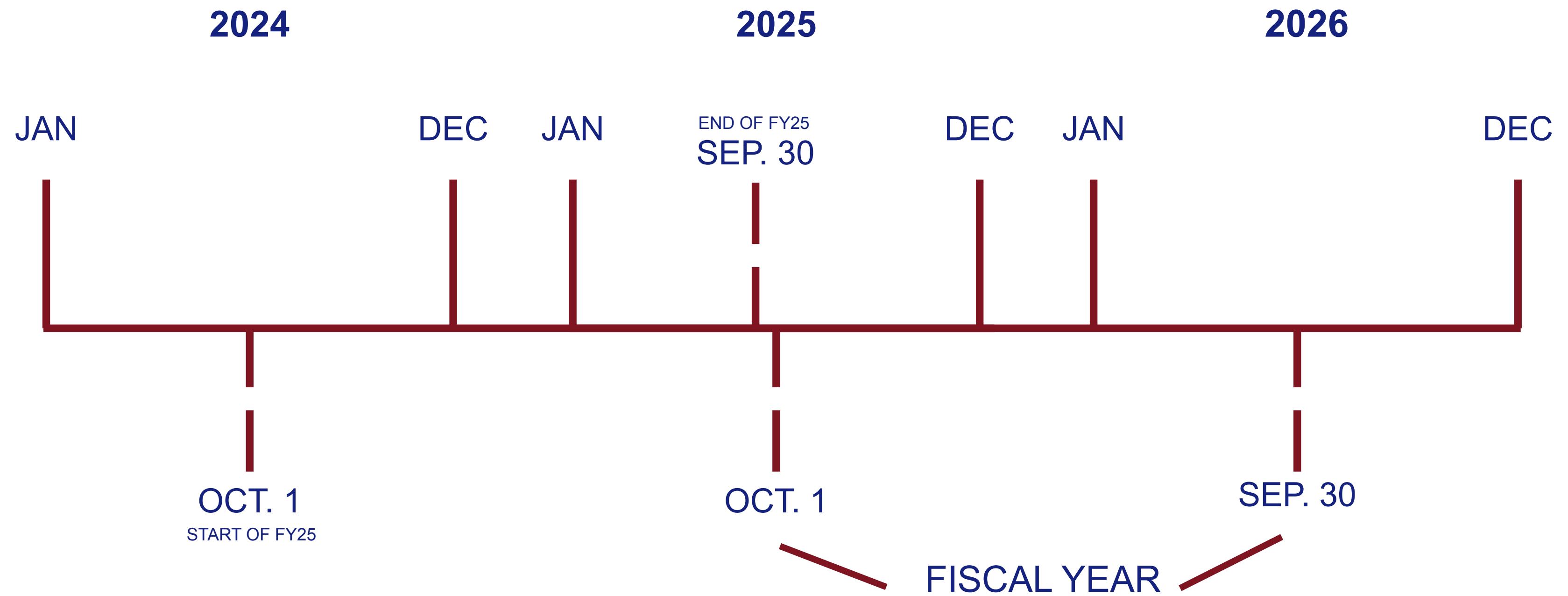
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EARLY BUDGET STAGES



SHAPING PRESIDENT'S VISION

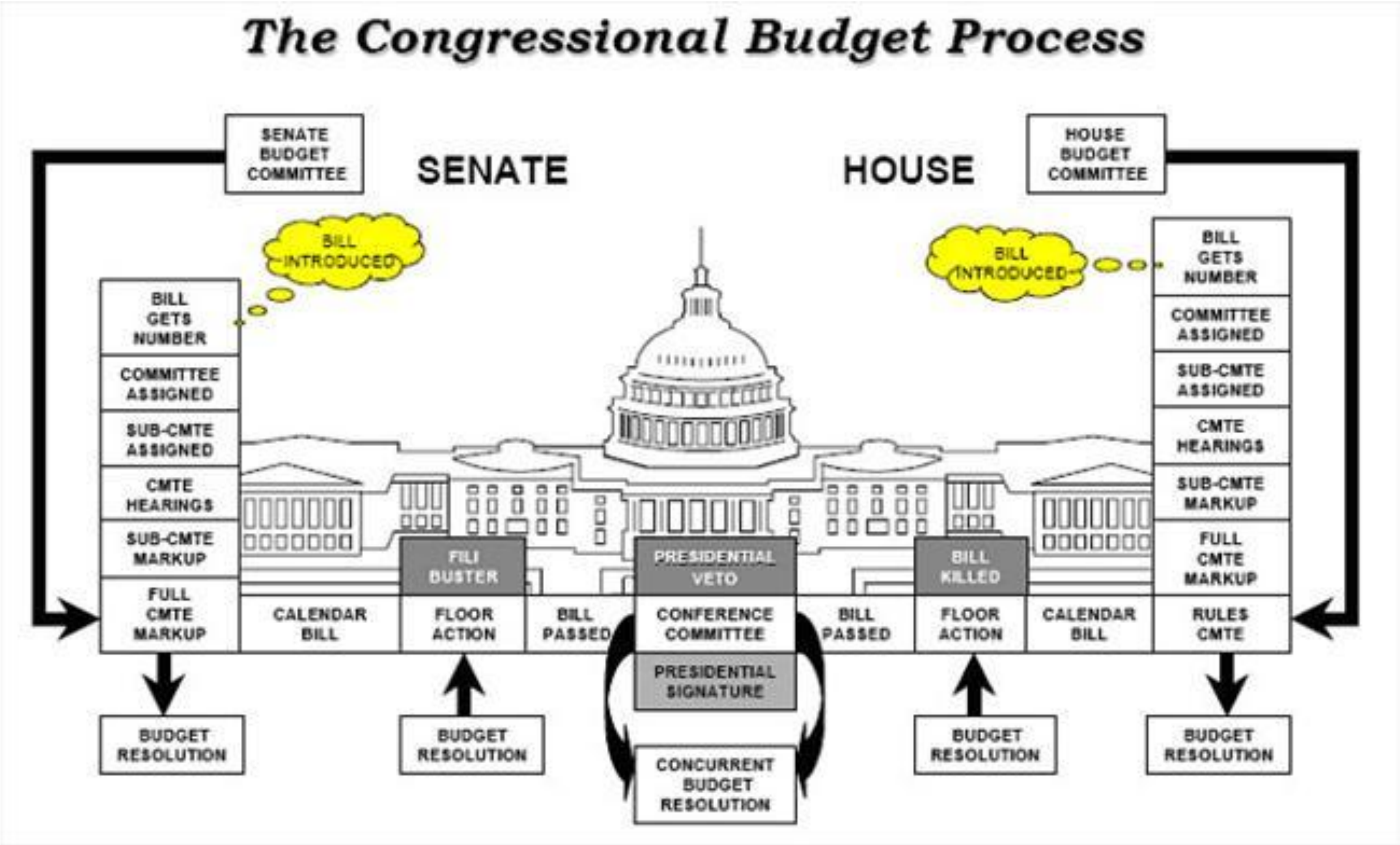
PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FISCAL YEAR 2026 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING REQUEST

Support Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Research. The Budget maintains funding for research in artificial intelligence and quantum information science at key agencies, to ensure the United States remains on the cutting edge of these critical technologies' development and responsible use.

BUDGET BECOMES A PROPOSAL



BREAKING DOWN THE BUDGET



NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2025	\$24,838,327,000
Committee recommendation	24,899,679,000

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
[In thousands of dollars]

	Committee recommendation
Science:	
Earth Science	2,166,000
Planetary Science	2,551,800
Astrophysics	1,604,900
Heliophysics	887,300
Biological and Physical Science	90,000
Total, Science	7,300,000

USGS Faces Potential Office Closures

MAR 12, 2025

At least 30 USGS buildings appear to be on the list for potential closure.



DOE Secretary Defends Budget Boost

JUN 20, 2025

Democrats and Republicans alike rallied behind the secretary and staff at a recent hearing.



DOE Secretary Defends Budget Boost

MAY 08, 2025

The national law



Funding Cuts Hit STEM Career Pipelines

MAY 02, 2025

NSF has already terminated hundreds of STEM education-related grants, and Trump's 2026 budget proposes even deeper cuts across the federal government.



The NSF logo. NSF

Trump Challenges 'Emergency'

by disputing "emergency" appropriations



Graduate Programs

are expected to fall amid anticipation of federal budget cuts,



FYI BUDGET TRACKER



Federal Science Budget Tracker

FYI's Federal Science Budget Tracker provides up-to-date information on appropriations proposals and outcomes for agencies that fund the physical sciences. For each agency, you can **click through** to a page with program-level budget details, a timeline of actions, and historical budget data.

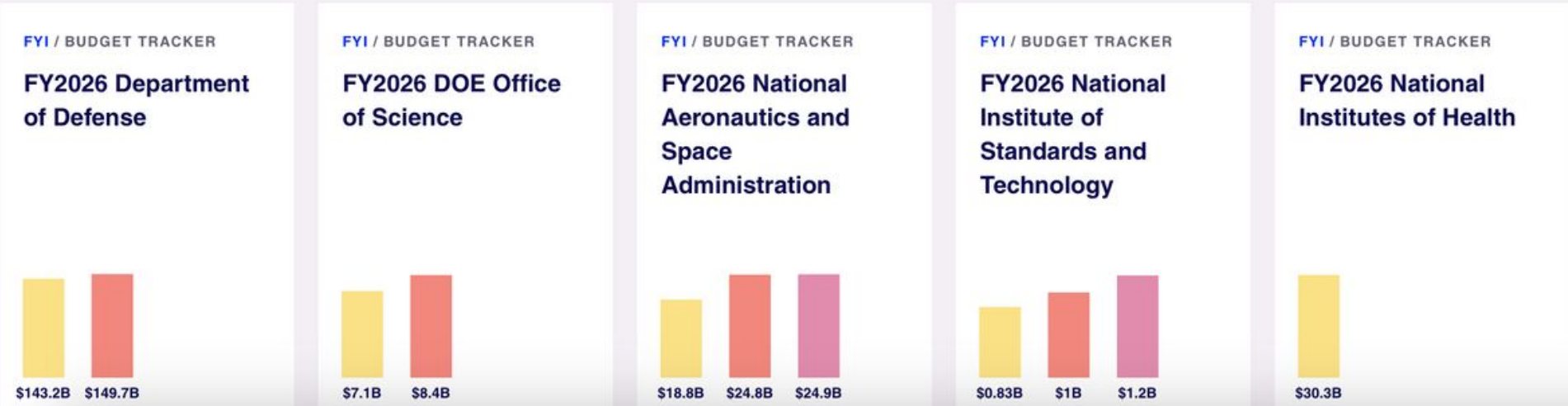
These trackers are updated as spending proposals become available and legislative action occurs. Previous-year spending levels are also available back to fiscal year 2017.

Note: We are in the process of upgrading the tracker to better display historical data. However, we caution that figures for many agency programs are not always comparable over time due to budget restructurings and reallocations of funds. There are also often differences between how budget figures are reported by agencies versus how they are reported by Congress.

[Learn more](#) about our methodology and the federal budget process.

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Fiscal Year: 2026 ▾



WHAT FYI DOES

FY2026 Appropriations: NASA

FISCAL YEAR

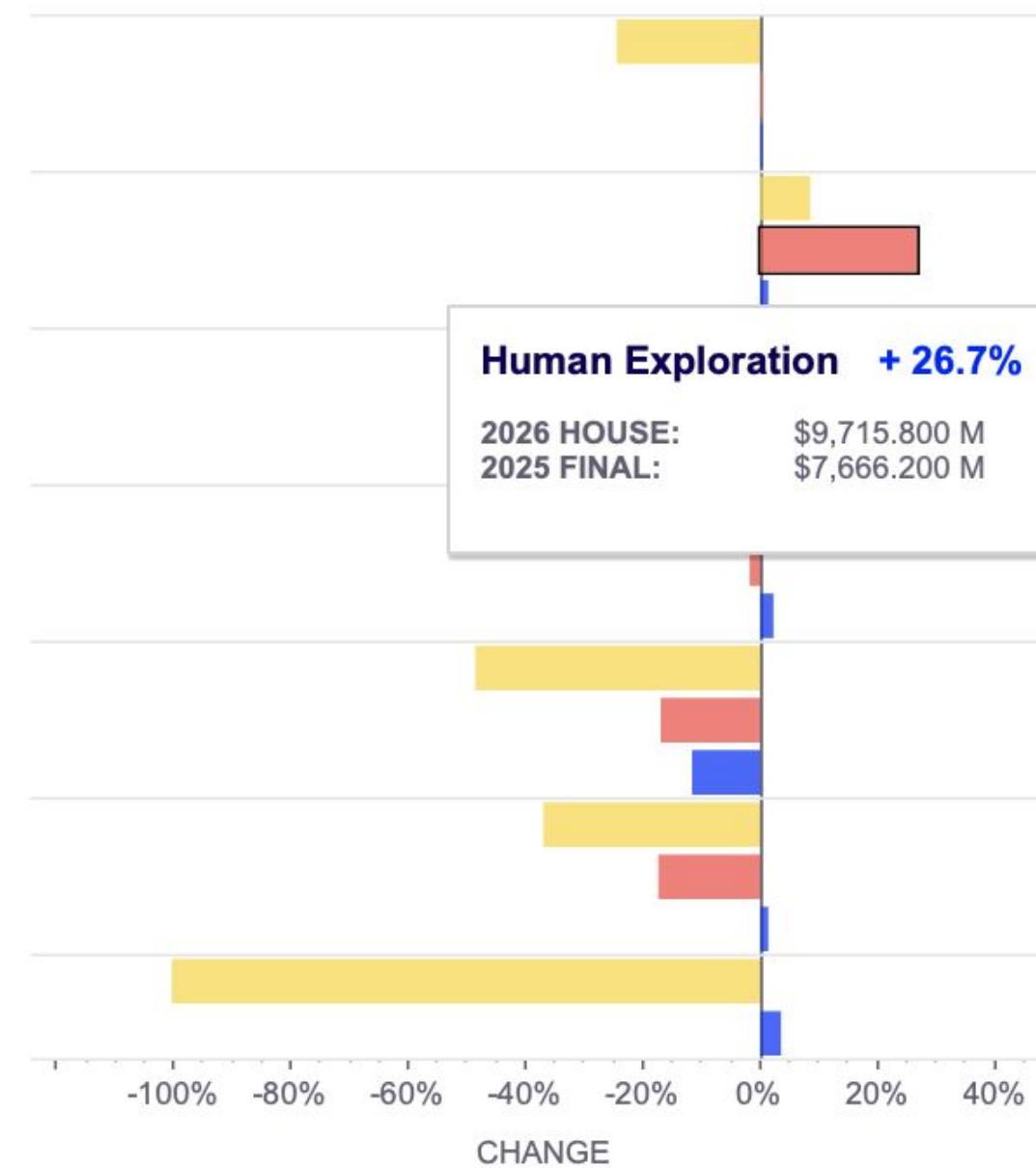
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REQUEST
SENATE
HOUSE

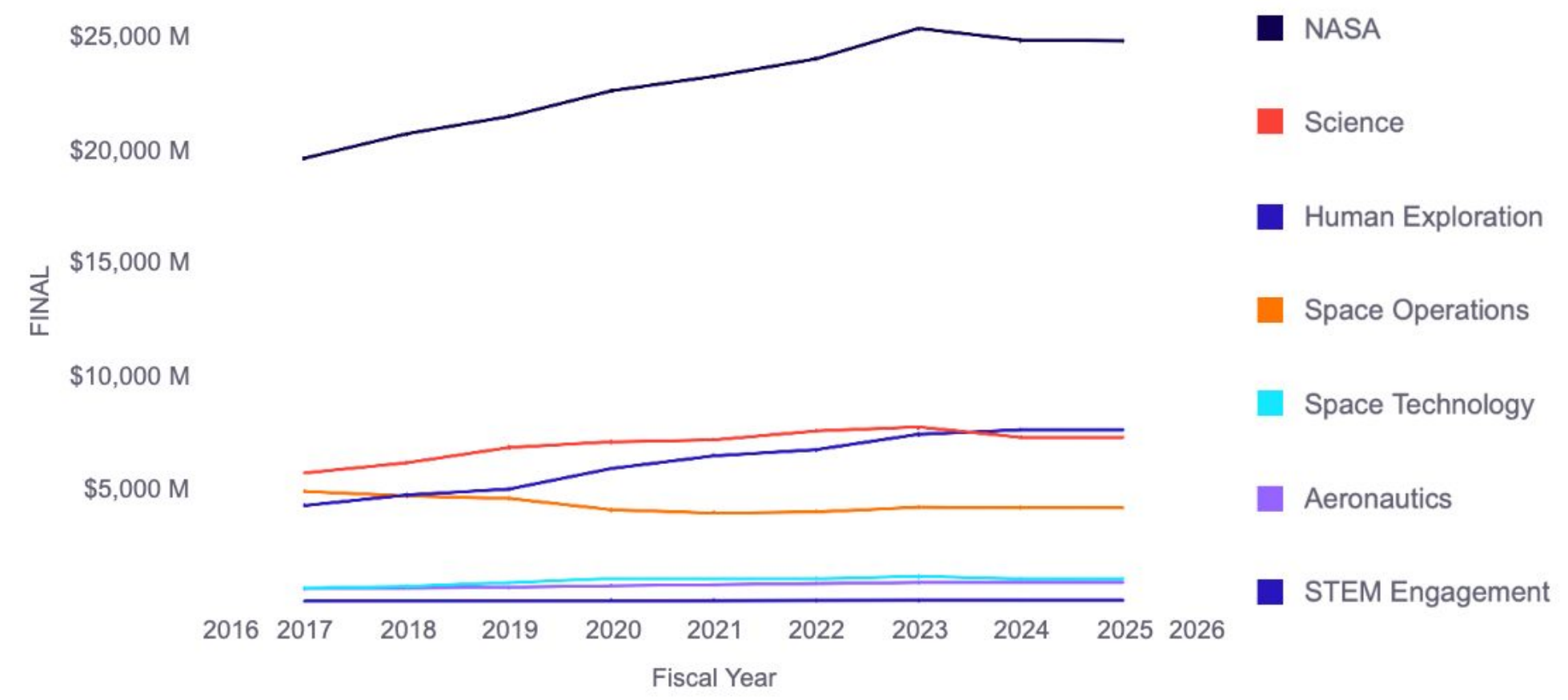
[View Science Mission Directorate chart](#)



	PRIOR YEAR	FINAL
NASA	\$24,838 M	
Human Exploration	\$7,666 M	
Science	\$7,334 M	
Space Operations	\$4,220 M	
Space Technology	\$1,100 M	
Aeronautics	\$935 M	
STEM Engagement	\$143 M	



Appropriations History



comparison to prior years in the top-line programs across the agency.

Budget Details

Selected programs (\$, millions)
% change over prior year enacted

☐ Show summary view
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click rows for subprogram details

PROGRAM	ENACTED	REQUEST	HOUSE	SENATE	FINAL
NASA	\$24,838	\$18,809	\$24,838	\$24,900	
Human Exploration	\$7,666	\$8,313	\$9,716	\$7,783	
Science Mission Directorate	\$7,334	\$3,908	\$6,000	\$7,300	
Astrophysics		\$523	\$1,485	\$1,605	
Biological and Physical Sciences		\$25	\$65	\$90	
Earth Science		\$1,036	\$1,325	\$2,166	
Heliophysics		\$433	\$625	\$887	
Planetary Science		\$1,891	\$2,500	\$2,552	
Space Operations	\$4,220	\$3,132	\$4,150	\$4,314	
Safety, Security, and Mission Services	\$3,092	\$2,118	\$3,044	\$3,107	
Space Technology	\$1,100	\$569	\$913	\$975	
Aeronautics	\$935	\$589	\$775	\$950	
Construction and Environmental Compliance a.	\$300	\$140	\$200	\$275	
STEM Engagement	\$143	\$0		\$148	
Inspector General	\$48	\$41	\$41	\$48	

CHANGE
-100% 100%

selected programs are shown in percent changes over the prior year.

Senators Press NOAA Nominees on Budget and Staffing Cuts

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Trump's nominee to lead NOAA said he backs the president's proposed cuts while expressing support for the agency's mission.



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