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## National Science Foundation Fact Sheet

- The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency, established by Congress in 1950. The NSF promotes the progress of science, to advance the nation's health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure national defense. NSF supports approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted by America's colleges and universities. NSF is the major source of federal assistance in many fields including: the social sciences, mathematics and computer science.
- The Social, Behavioral and Economic Directorate is one of seven at NSF. The SBE Division funds several large infrastructure projects that provide essential data to the population research community. These projects include the Panel Income Study of Income Dynamics, General Social Survey, and the Census Bureau Research Data Centers. Another source of funding is available through the NSF Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) priority area. The HSD initiative seeks to promote research and educational activities to explore the human causes and responses to change. More information about the HSD initiative is available on the NSF website at <http://www.nsf.gov/index.jsp>.
- On August 2, 2007 Congress passed H.R. 2272, America Competes Act. One component of the bill establishes new grants to train and hire 25,000 teachers in mathematics, engineering and science. The bill also reauthorizes the NSF for three years at levels that will allow the agency to maintain its timetable of doubling the budget in seven years. Social Science is included in the list of Priority Treatment subject areas for "Meeting Critical National Science Needs." President Bush signed the bill into law on August 9, 2007.
- NSF falls under the jurisdiction of the Commerce, Justice, Science, Appropriations Subcommittees in the House and Senate. NSF received \$5.91 billion for fiscal year 2007. NSF requested \$6.43 billion for FY 2008.
- PAA and APC participate in the Coalition for National Science Funding – an alliance of over 100 professional societies, universities, and corporations advocating support for the NSF. <http://www.csnfweb.org/>.
- For additional information about NSF, go to <http://www.nsf.gov/>.

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