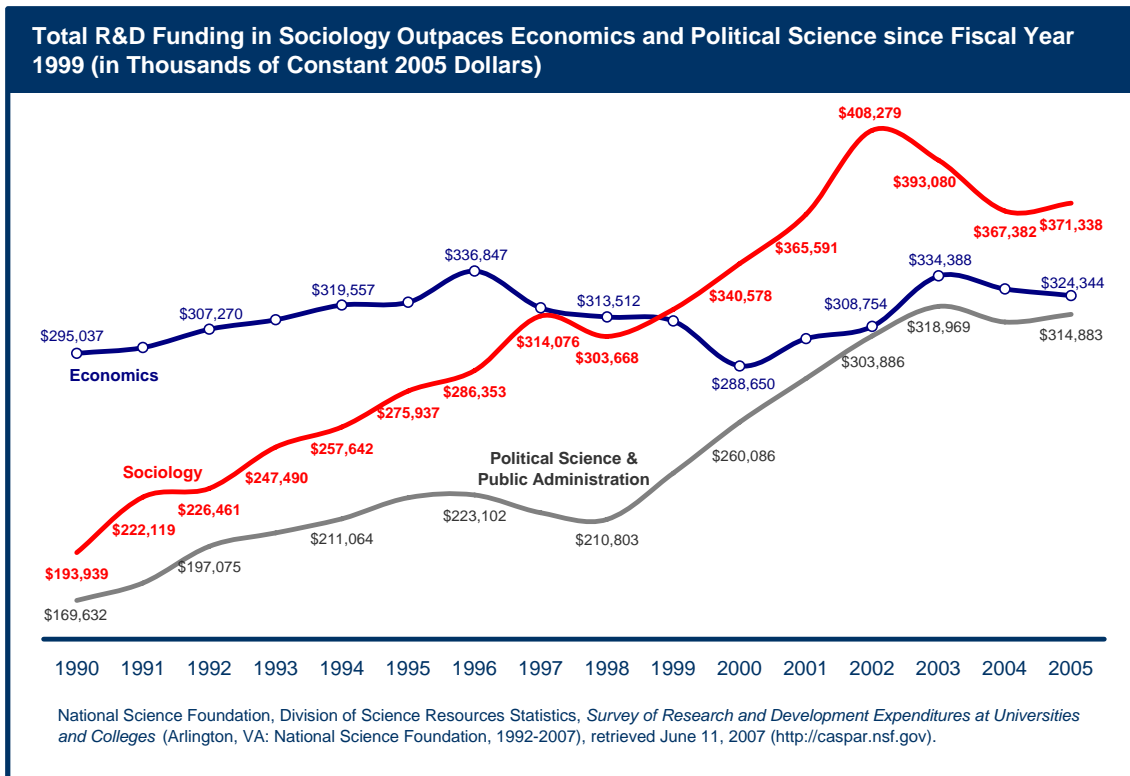


Research is a major activity, along with teaching, that results in the reproduction and replenishment of sociology. As a result, the discipline is continuously able to answer new questions about social processes, contexts, conditions, and transformations. Carrying out this research often requires seeking grant support from a variety of institutional funders.

Total Research and Development funding dollars for sociology from public and private sources doubled in real dollars between 1990 and 2003. Although overall R&D funding has declined somewhat since then, sociology was awarded over \$370 million in 2005 compared to about \$320 million each for economics and political science.



Sociologists are recipients of grants to measure and analyze critical public issues including assimilation, immigration, terrorism, work and family, child health, and to train students to become researchers, analysts, and teachers in these topic areas. The grants come from a wide range of government agencies, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institute of Aging (NIA), as well as many private foundations.