

NIH LRP Trends Report

Extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRP) Fiscal Years 2004-2013

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NIH Loan Repayment Programs

Facilitating the Path to a Biomedical Research Career

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRP) help attract and retain early career health professionals by helping them to repay the high educational debt associated with medical education and training.

Since 1998, the U.S. Congress has created eight loan repayment programs administered by NIH -- three for individuals who conduct research as employees of the NIH (Intramural) and five for individuals who conduct research funded by domestic non-profit institutions or U.S. government organizations (Extramural). Extramural programs are available in five research areas: clinical, pediatric, health disparities, contraception and infertility, and clinical research for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The LRPs repay up to \$35,000 of eligible educational debt per year, and to be considered for these programs, applicants must commit to performing qualified research for at least two years. They must also possess a doctoral degree or advanced certification; have educational loan debt equal to at least 20 percent of their annual salary; conduct research for an average of at least 20 hours per week; and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Awardees may apply for additional one- or two-year renewal awards as long as they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

Acronyms

IC = NIH Institutes and Centers LRP = Loan Repayment Program(s) New = First award Renew = Subsequent award(s)

Academic Doctorate = PhD, DrPH, EdD, or ScD degree
Physician Doctorate = MD or DO degree
Physician Doctorate + Academia Doctorate = dual MD/PhD degrees
Professional Clinical Doctorate = DDS, DMD, DVM, DPT, ND, OD, PharmD, or PsyD degrees

NIH Institutes and Centers (IC)

Institutes

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

National Eye Institute (NEI)

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

National Institute on Aging (NIA)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)

National Library of Medicine (NLM)

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)

Centers

John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC)

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS; established in 2011)

National Center for Research Resources (NCRR; discontinued in 2011)

Clinical Center (CC)

Center for Information Technology (CIT)

Legislative History

1988

Public Law (PL) 100-67:

PHS Act, Sec. 487A (42 USC 288-1) authorizes the AIDS Research LRP (Intramural) – (AIDS-LRP)

1993

PL 103-43 - NIH Revitalization Act:

PHS Act, Sec. 487B (42 USC 288-2) authorizes the Contraception & Infertility Research LRP (CIR-LRP)

PL 103-43 – NIH Revitalization Act:

PHS Act, Sec. 487C (42 USC 288-3) authorizes the General Research LRP (Intramural) – (GR-LRP)

PL 103-43 – NIH Revitalization Act

PHS Act, Sec. 487E (42 USC 288-5) authorizes the Clinical Research LRP for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (Intramural) – (CR-LRP)

2000

PL 106-310 - Children's Health Act of 2000:

PHS Act, Sec. 487F (42 USC 288-6) authorizes the Pediatric Research LRP (PR-LRP).

2001

PL 106-505 - Public Health Improvement Act:

PHS Act, Sec 487F (42 USC 288-5a) authorizes the Loan Repayment Program Regarding Clinical Researchers (LRP-CR)

PL 106-525 - Minority Health and Health Disparities Research & Education Act:

PHS Act, Sec 485G (42 USC 287c-33) authorizes the Health Disparities LRP (HD-LRP)

PL 106-554 - Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001:

PHS Act, Sec. 487E expanded to include non-NIH employees, authorizing the Extramural Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (ECR-LRP)

Executive Summary

- The NIH LRP have made approximately 15,508 awards totaling more than \$714 million.
- 26 NIH Institutes and Centers have distributed awards. Since 2003, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIHMD), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) have each contributed more than \$50 million to the LRPs.*
- Applicants' overall success rate is 50 percent. Thirty-nine percent of new and 69 percent of renewal applicants have received awards.
- > Of the 5 programs, Clinical Research and Pediatric Research are the largest and account for nearly 81 percent of all awards.
- Applications grew by 32 percent from 2004 to 2005, but have been stable since 2005.
- The average debt of new award recipients is \$95,235. Over 40 percent of new awardees have reported more than \$100,000 of eligible educational debt.
- Overall, men and women have been equally competitive. However, more women have received awards from the Health Disparities Research LRP.

^{*} For a full list of NIH Institutes and Centers, please see page 6.

The Five Extramural Loan Repayment Programs

Clinical Research

Clinical research is patient-oriented clinical research conducted with human subjects, or research on the causes and consequences of disease in human populations involving material of human origin (such as tissue specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator or colleague directly interacts with human subjects in an outpatient or inpatient setting to clarify a problem in human physiology, pathophysiology or disease, or epidemiologic or behavioral studies, outcomes research or health services research, or developing new technologies, therapeutic interventions, or clinical trials.

Pediatric Research

Qualified Pediatric Research is defined as research directly related to diseases, disorders, and other conditions in children.

Health Disparities Research

The scope of research qualified for this program includes basic research, clinical research or behavioral research directly related to health disparity populations and the medically underserved. Group is defined as a health disparity population: if there is a significant disparity in the overall rate of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, or survival rates in the population as compared to the health status of the general population.

Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

For this program, an individual from a disadvantaged background is defined according to low family income levels set by the U.S. Bureau of the Census – as published in the Federal Register.

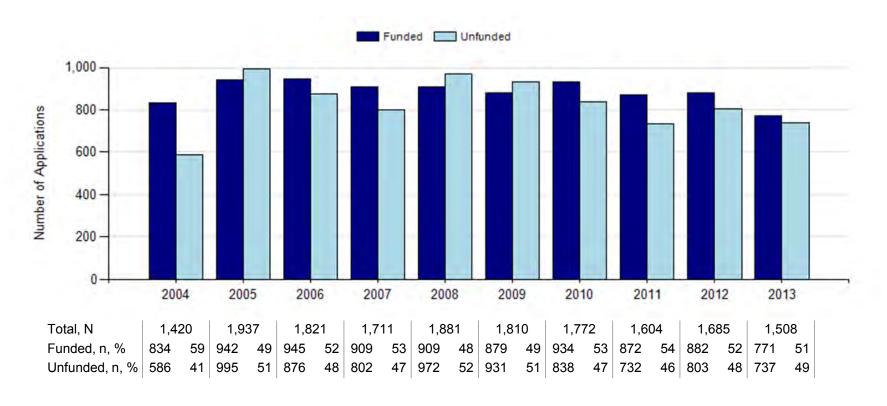
To meet this low-income requirement candidates must demonstrate their disadvantaged status by submitting (1) a written statement from former school(s) where he/she qualified for Federal disadvantaged assistance, (2) verification of receipt of loans from either the Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL) or Loans for Disadvantaged Student Program, or (3) verification of a scholarship from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Scholarship for Individuals with Exceptional Financial Need.

Contraception and Infertility Research

Contraception research is defined as research whose ultimate goal is to provide new or improved methods of preventing pregnancy. Infertility research is defined as research whose long-range objective is to evaluate, treat, or ameliorate conditions which result in the failure of couples to either conceive or bear young.

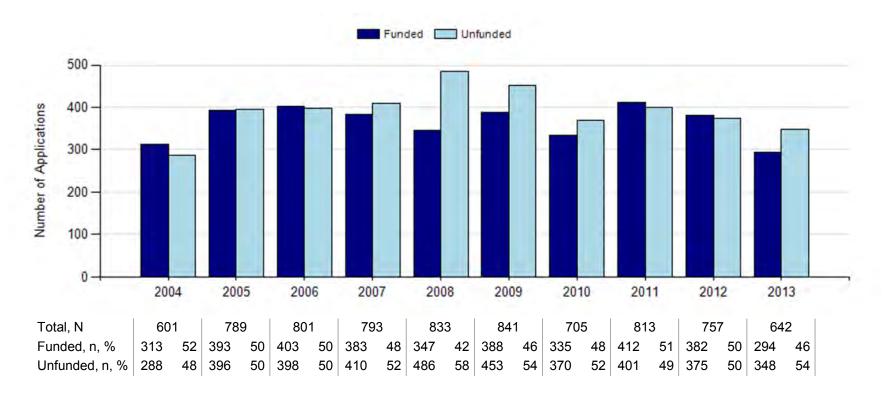
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Clinical Research



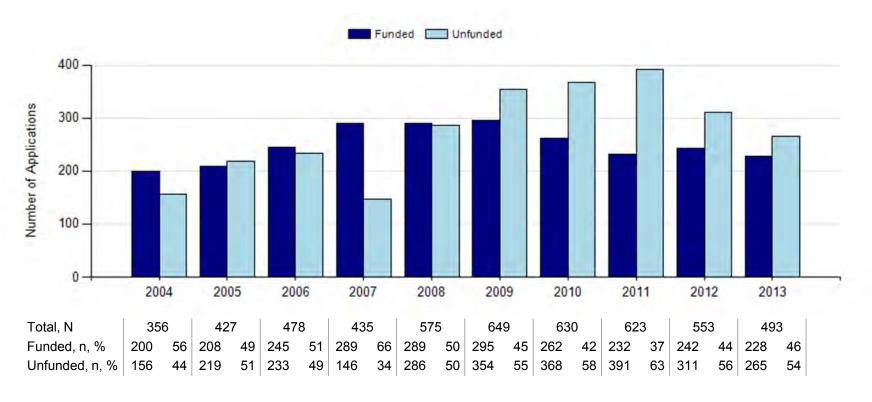
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Pediatric Research



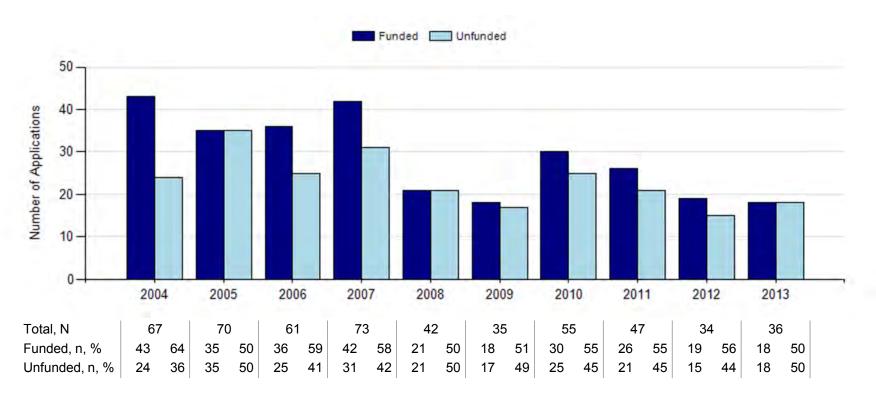
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Health Disparities Research



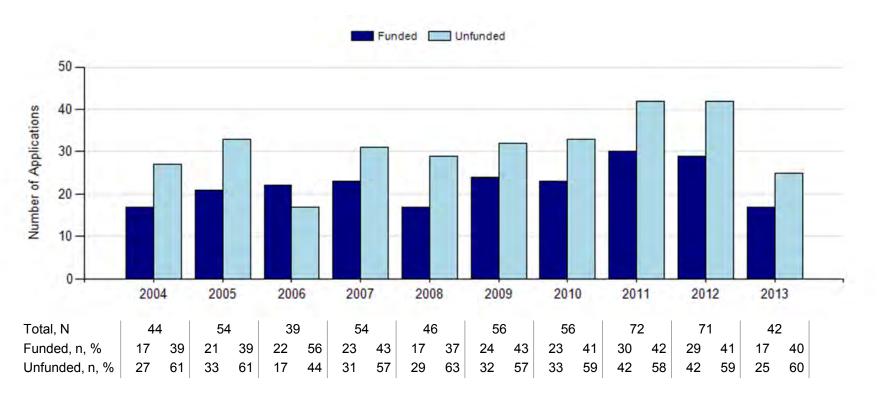
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Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds



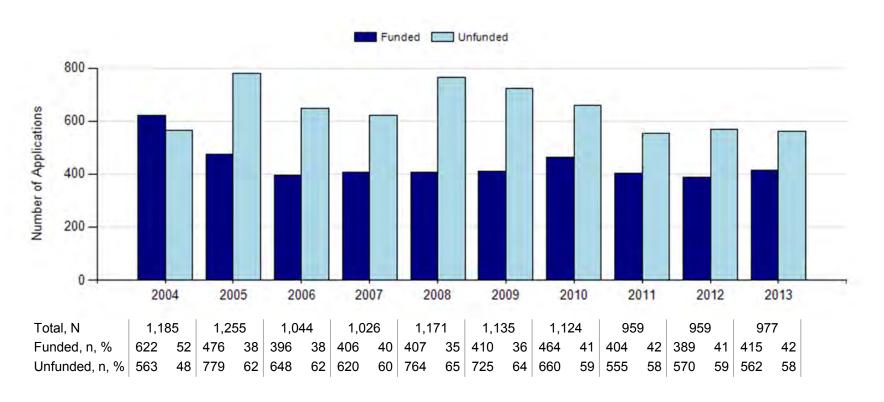
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Contraception and Infertility Research



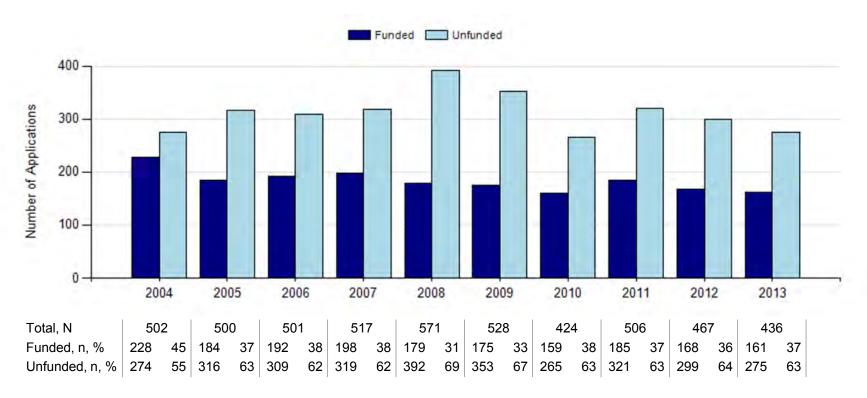
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Clinical Research



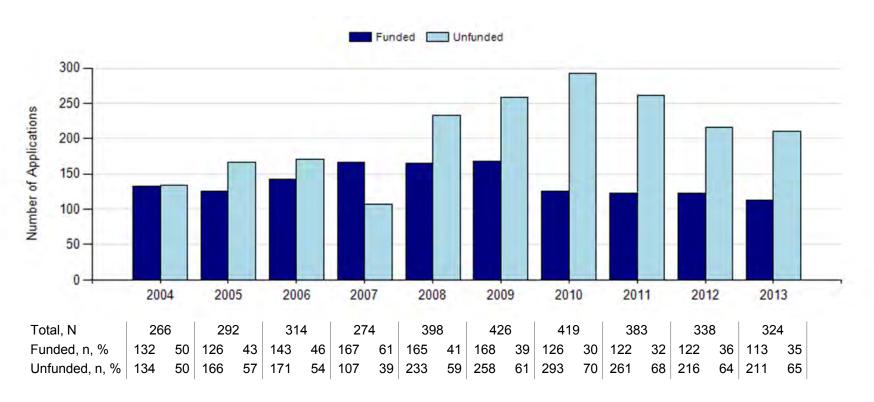
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Pediatric Research

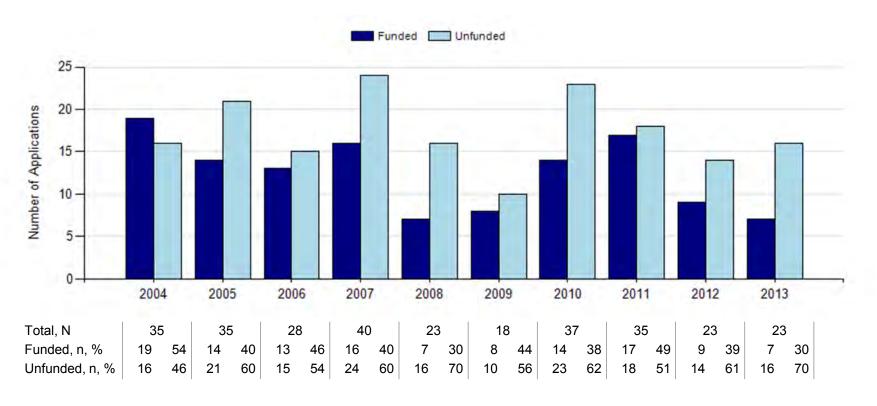


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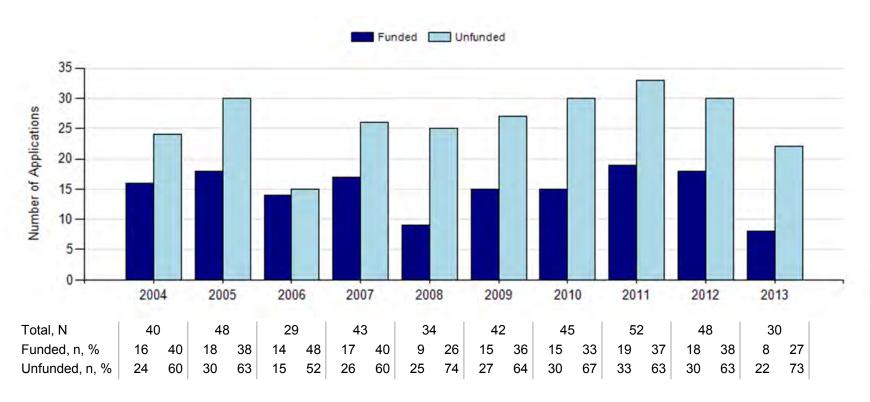
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Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds



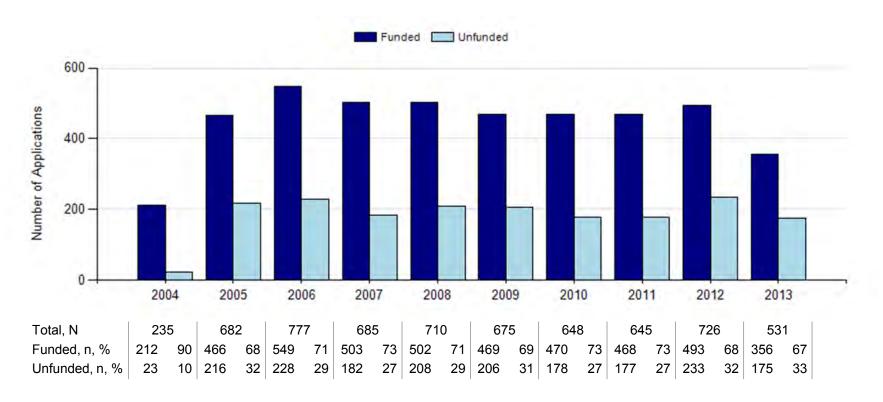
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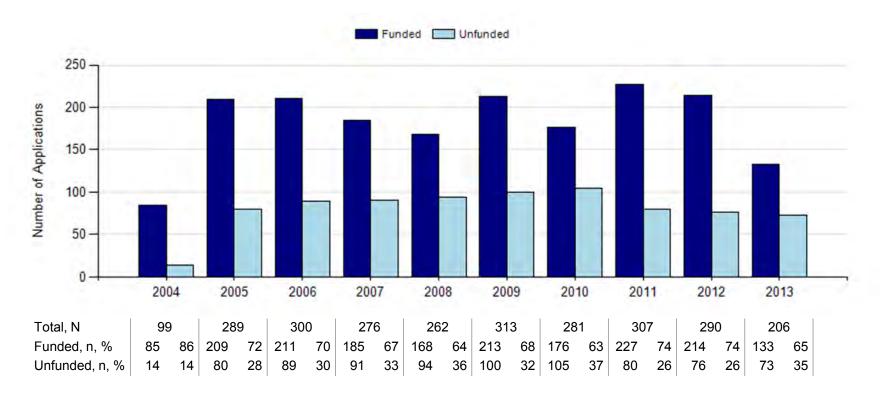
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Clinical Research



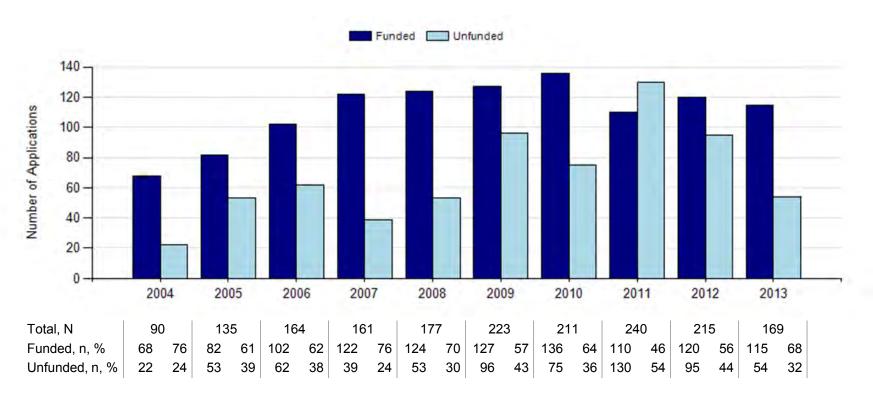
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Pediatric Research



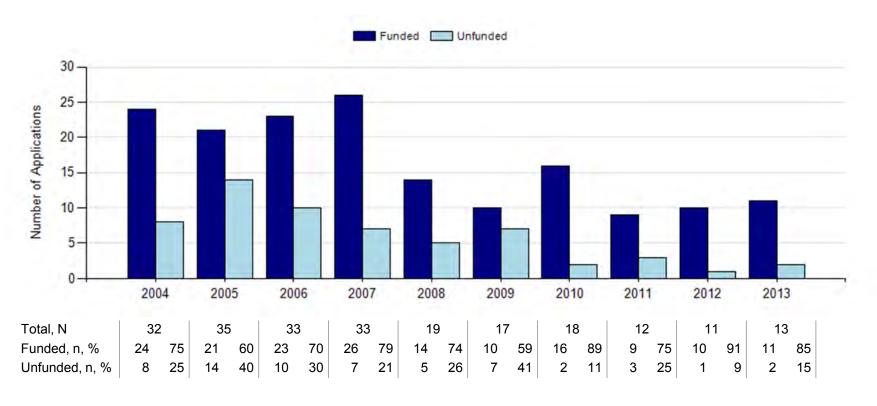
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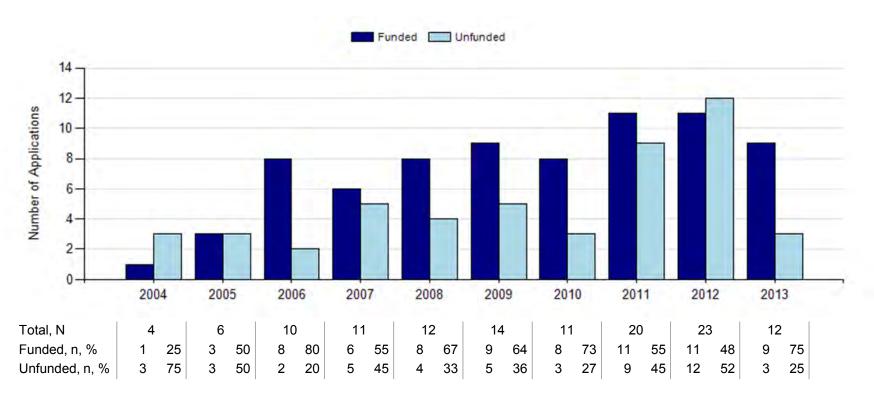
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Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds



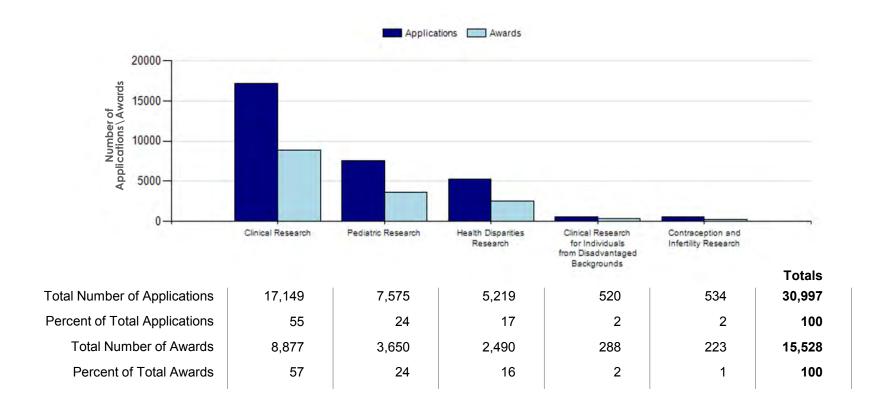
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Contraception and Infertility Research



Applications and Awards by LRP

(New + Renewal)



(New + Renewal)

Clinical Research

Total Applications: 17,149
Total Awards: 8,877
Success Rate: 52%



(New + Renewal)

Pediatric Research

Total Applications: 7,575
Total Awards: 3,650
Success Rate: 48%



(New + Renewal)

Health Disparities Research

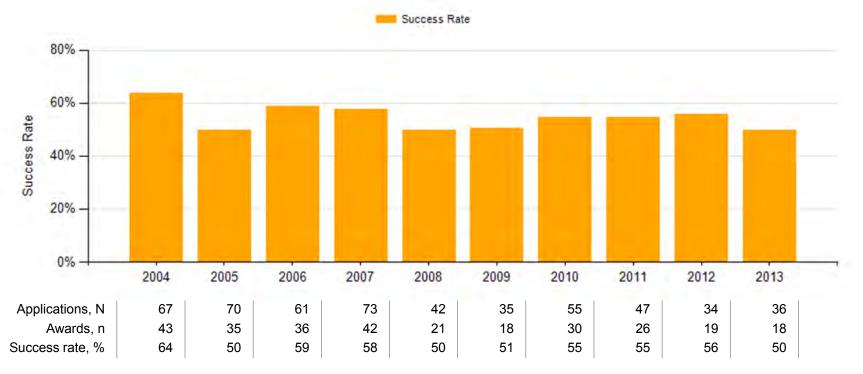
Total Applications: 5,219
Total Awards: 2,490
Success Rate: 48%



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Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

Total Applications: 520
Total Awards: 288
Success Rate: 55%



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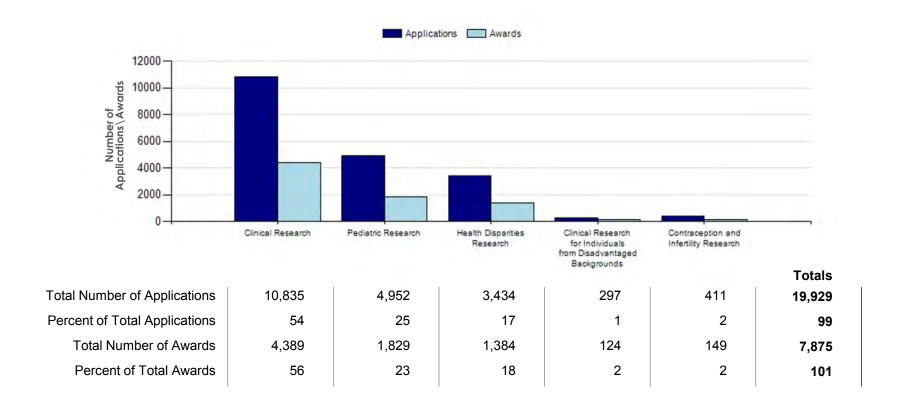
Contraception and Infertility Research

Total Applications: 534
Total Awards: 223
Success Rate: 42%



Applications and Awards by LRP

(New)



(New)

Clinical Research

Total Applications: 10,835
Total Awards: 4,389
Success Rate: 40%



(New)

Pediatric Research

Total Applications: 4,952 Total Awards: 1,829 Success Rate: 37%



(New)

Health Disparities Research

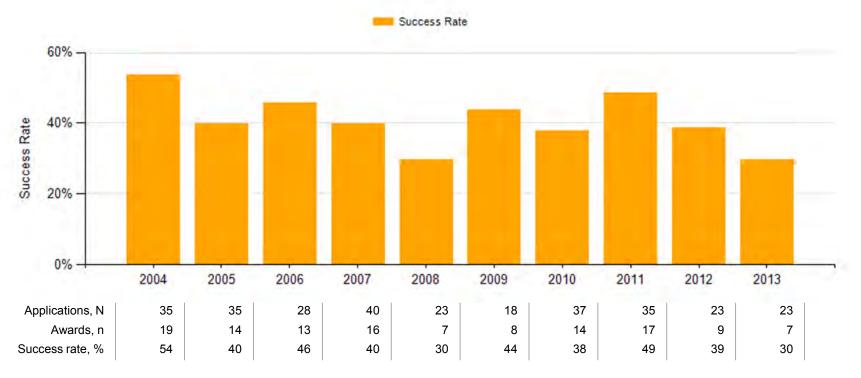
Total Applications: 3,434
Total Awards: 1,384
Success Rate: 40%



(New)

Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

Total Applications: 297
Total Awards: 124
Success Rate: 42%



(New)

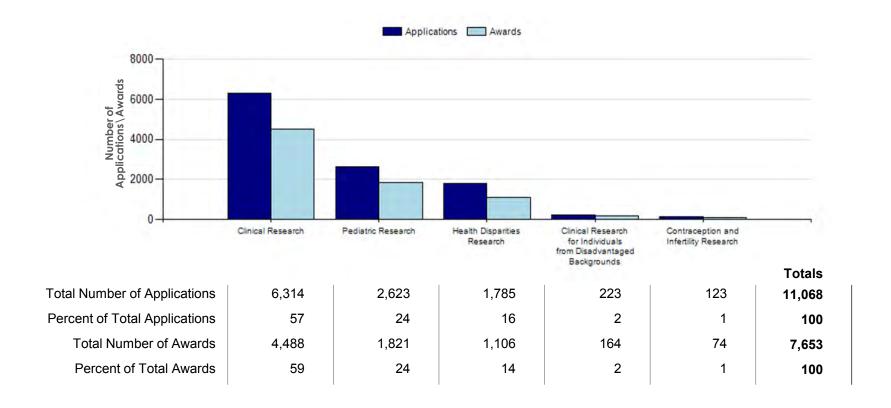
Contraception and Infertility Research

Total Applications: 411
Total Awards: 149
Success Rate: 36%



Applications and Awards by LRP

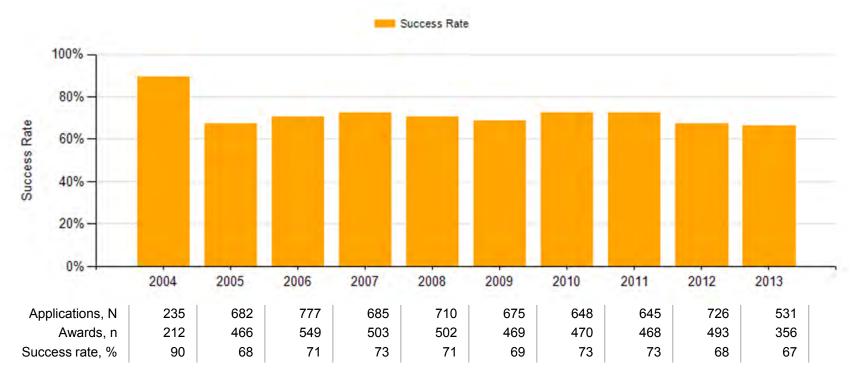
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(Renewal)

Clinical Research

Total Applications: 6,314
Total Awards: 4,488
Success Rate: 71%

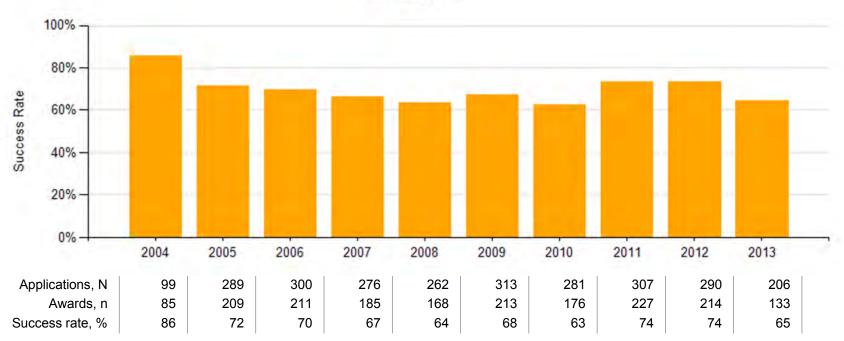


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Pediatric Research

Total Applications: 2,623
Total Awards: 1,821
Success Rate: 69%





(Renewal)

Health Disparities Research

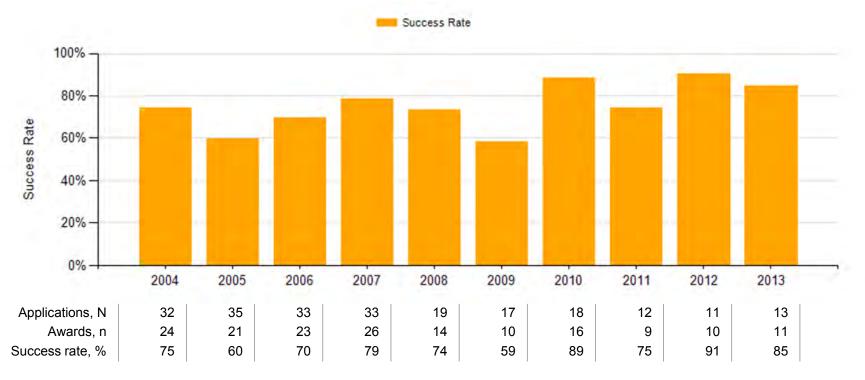
Total Applications: 1,785
Total Awards: 1,106
Success Rate: 62%



(Renewal)

Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

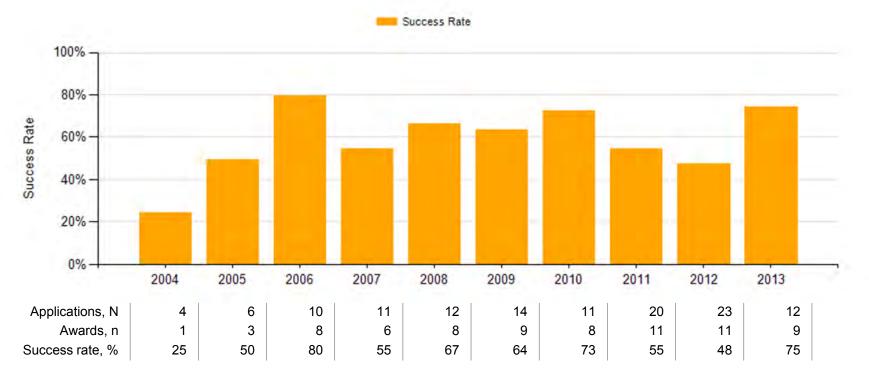
Total Applications: 223
Total Awards: 164
Success Rate: 74%



(Renewal)

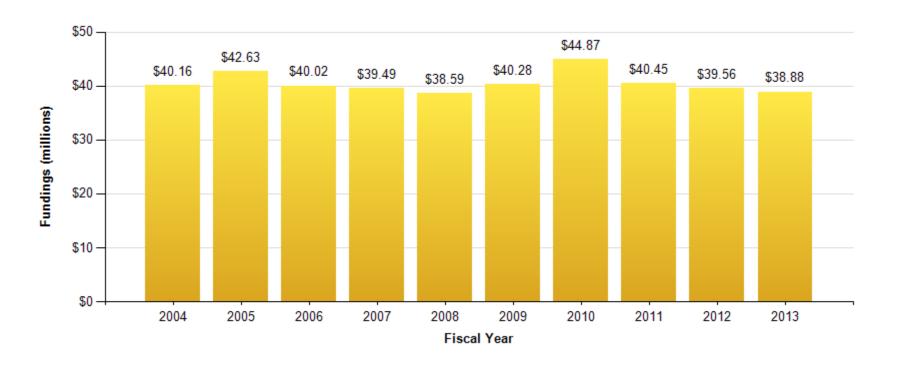
Contraception and Infertility Research

Total Applications: 123
Total Awards: 74
Success Rate: 60%



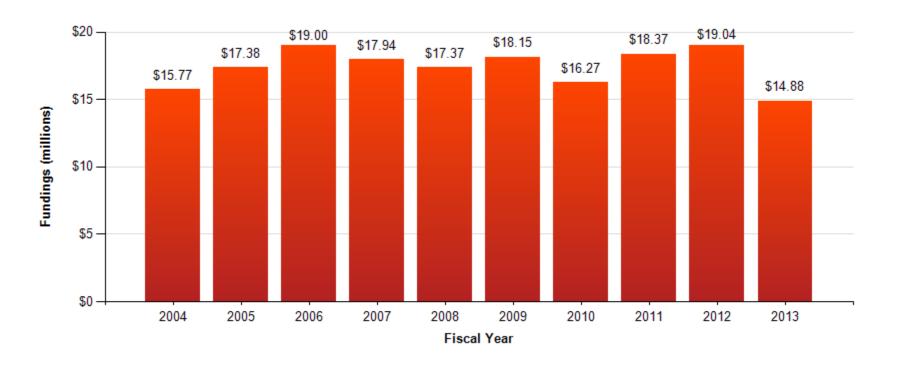
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Clinical Research



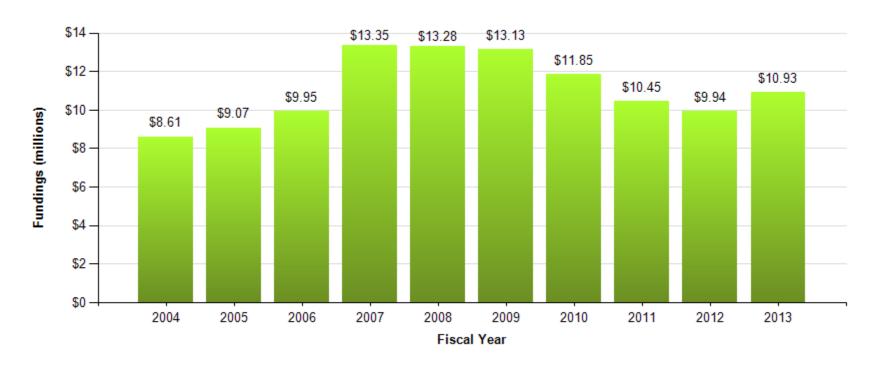
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Pediatric Research



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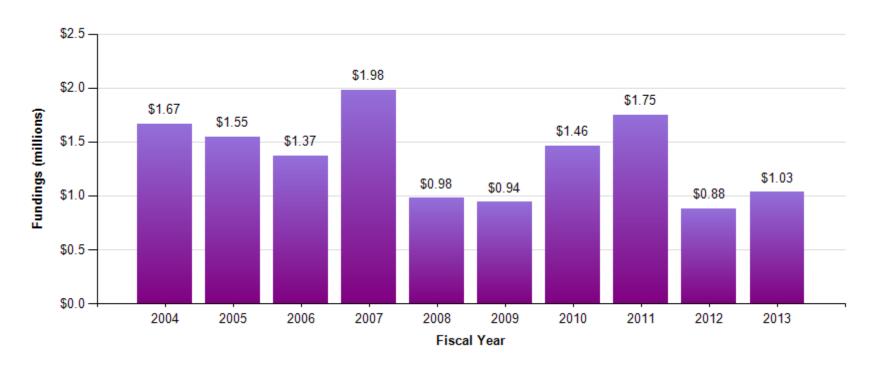
Health Disparities Research



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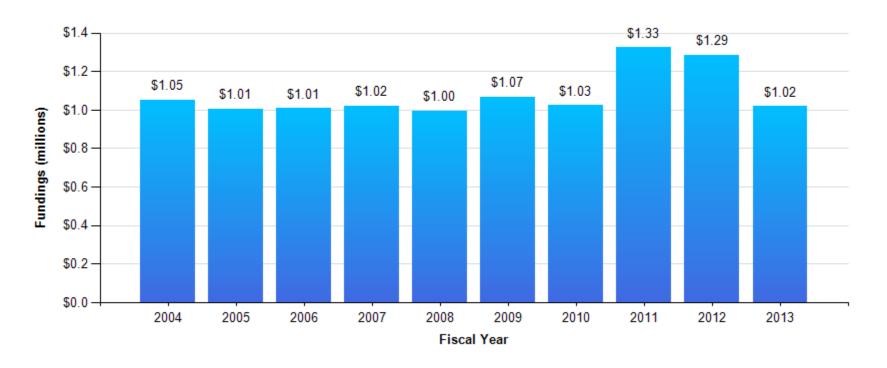
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Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds



(New + Renewal)

Contraception and Infertility Research



Funding by Institutes and Centers

(New & Renewal)

IC	Funding	Awards	Percent	Mean Award	Standard Deviation
NCMHD	\$101,397,041	2,263	14%	\$44,732	\$31,237
NHLBI	\$95,739,779	1,708	13%	\$56,008	\$33,676
NCI	\$89,585,084	1,813	13%	\$49,264	\$32,854
NIAID	\$57,840,017	1,271	8%	\$44,880	\$32,150
NICHD	\$54,813,242	1,190	8%	\$45,365	\$32,714
NIMH	\$47,726,038	1,231	7%	\$38,188	\$29,544
NIDDK	\$41,929,495	735	6%	\$56,521	\$31,289
NIDA	\$32,696,654	921	5%	\$35,501	\$28,870
NINDS	\$28,305,022	579	4%	\$47,795	\$32,880
NCRR*	\$24,228,979	608	3%	\$46,521	\$34,162
NIA	\$22,780,766	507	3%	\$39,123	\$29,929
NIAMS	\$22,550,699	486	3%	\$48,046	\$33,406
NEI	\$17,786,311	364	2%	\$47,550	\$33,272
NIAAA	\$15,565,655	324	2%	\$33,703	\$27,824
NIMHD	\$15,533,482	456	2%	\$41,441	\$26,757
NIDCD	\$9,636,449	277	1%	\$34,061	\$26,105
NIGMS	\$7,134,518	113	1%	\$63,732	\$35,260
NIDCR	\$6,880,927	144	1%	\$47,189	\$32,206
NIEHS	\$5,480,498	125	1%	\$31,964	\$27,202
NCCAM	\$5,026,683	153	1%	\$47,096	\$33,435
NCATS*	\$4,532,142	95	1%	\$47,252	\$31,088
NHGRI	\$2,491,970	54	<1%	\$45,756	\$30,497
NLM	\$1,986,656	35	<1%	\$56,762	\$33,165
NIBIB	\$1,404,258	26	<1%	\$56,093	\$32,516
FIC	\$636,099	7	<1%	\$90,871	\$28,716
NINR	\$418,533	23	<1%	\$18,197	\$13,002
Total	\$714,106,994	15,528	100%	\$46,048	\$32,182

^{*} See page 6 for changes to these NIH centers

Applications, Awards, and Success Rates by LRP (1 of 4)

(New + Renewal) FY 2012 - FY 2013

100	FY	2004-20	13		FY 2013			FY 2012			
LRP	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %		
Clinical Research	17,149	8,877	52	1,508	771	51	1,685	882	52		
Pediatric Research	7,575	3,650	48	642	294	46	757	382	50		
Health Disparities Research	5,219	2,490	48	493	228	46	553	242	44		
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	520	288	55	36	18	50	34	19	56		
Contraception and Infertility Research	534	223	42	42	17	40	71	29	41		
Total	30,997	15,528	50								

Applications, Awards, and Success Rates by LRP (2 of 4)

(New + Renewal) FY 2009 - FY 2011

100	FY 2011				FY 2010		FY 2009			
LRP	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	
Clinical Research	1,604	872	54	1,772	934	53	1,810	879	49	
Pediatric Research	813	412	51	705	335	48	841	388	46	
Health Disparities Research	623	232	37	630	262	42	649	295	45	
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	47	26	55	55	30	55	35	18	51	
Contraception and Infertility Research	72	30	42	56	23	41	56	24	43	

Applications, Awards, and Success Rates by LRP (3 of 4)

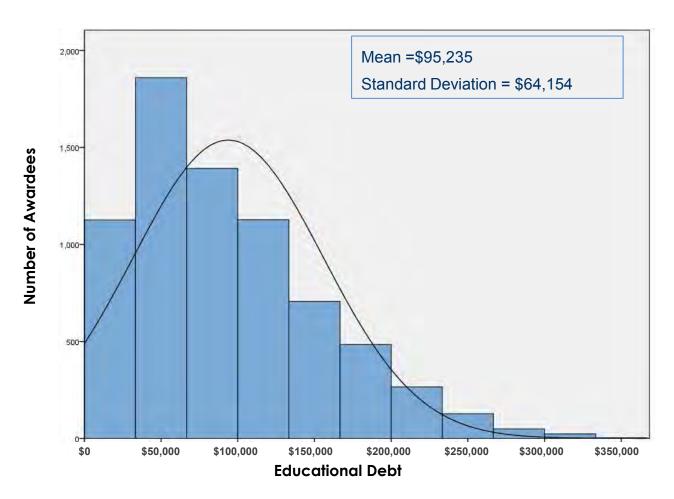
(New + Renewal) FY 2006 - FY 2008

100	FY 2008				FY 2007		FY 2006			
LRP	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	
Clinical Research	1,881	909	48	1,711	909	53	1,821	945	52	
Pediatric Research	833	347	42	793	383	48	801	403	50	
Health Disparities Research	575	289	50	435	289	66	478	245	51	
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	42	21	50	73	42	58	61	36	59	
Contraception and Infertility Research	46	17	37	54	23	43	39	22	56	

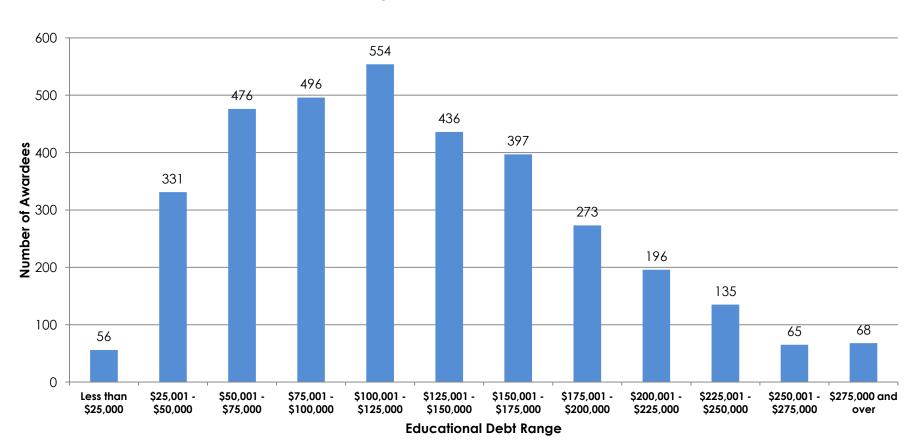
Applications, Awards, and Success Rates by LRP (4 of 4)

(New + Renewal) FY 2004 - FY 2005

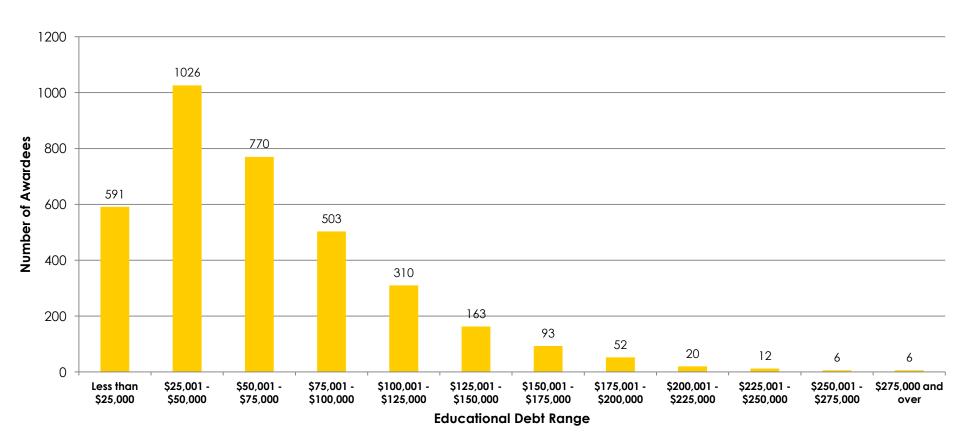
LDD		FY 2005		FY 2004				
LRP	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %	Applications N	Awards n	Success Rate %		
Clinical Research	1,937	942	49	1,420	834	59		
Pediatric Research	789	393	50	601	313	52		
Health Disparities Research	427	208	49	356	200	56		
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	70	35	50	67	43	64		
Contraception and Infertility Research	54	21	39	44	1 <i>7</i>	39		



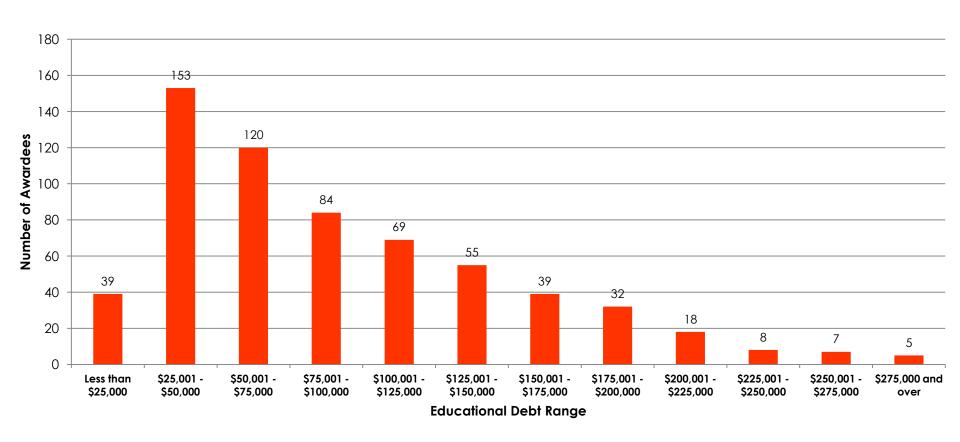
Physician Doctorate



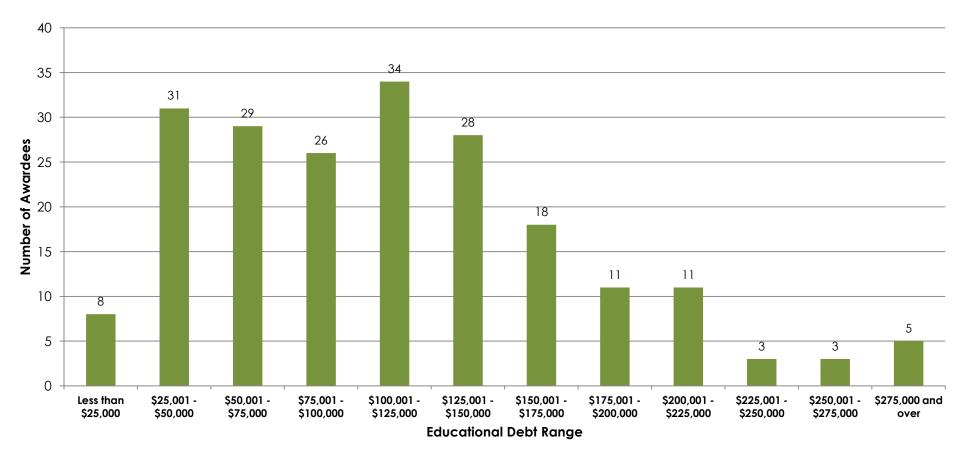
Academic Doctorate



Physician Doctorate + Academic Doctorate

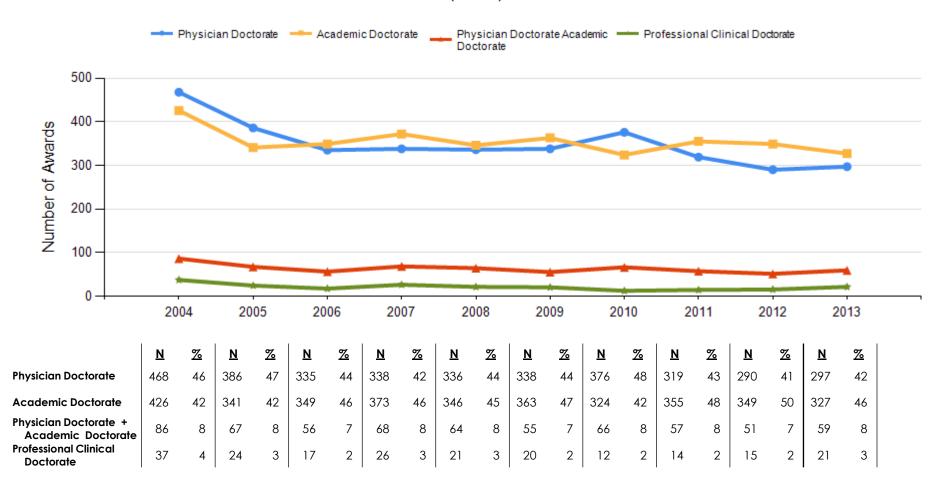


Professional Clinical Doctorate



Distribution of Awards by Degree Type

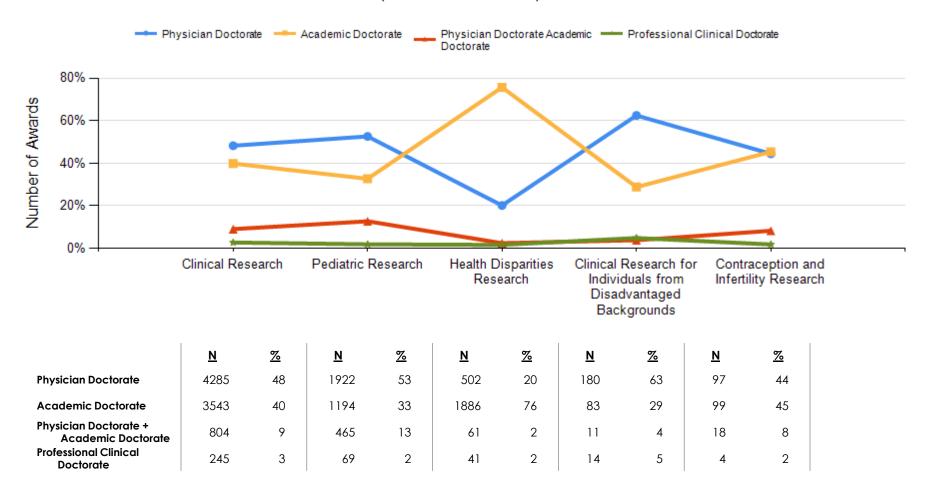
(New)



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Distribution of Awards by Degree Type and LRP

(New + Renewal)

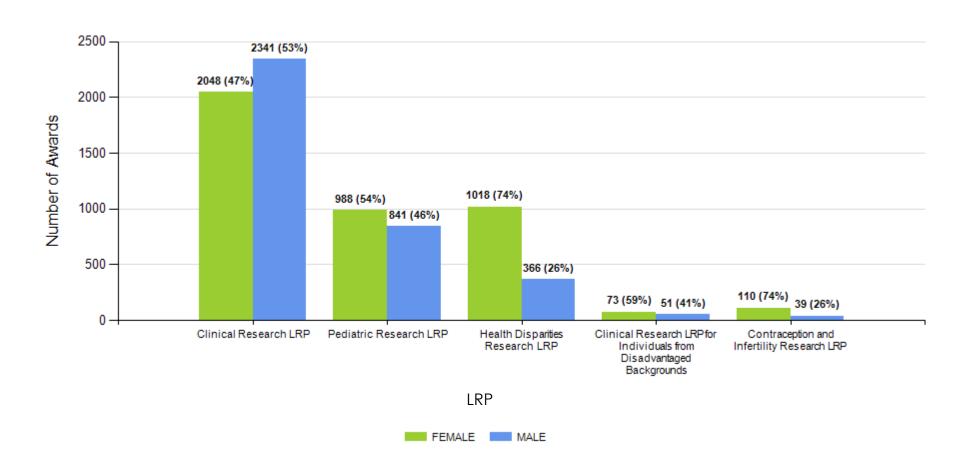


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Gender Distribution Among New LRP Applicants

		Females		Males					
Fiscal Year	Applications	Awards	Success Rate	Applications	Awards	Success Rate			
	N	n	%	N	n	%			
2004	1,081	540	50	947	477	50			
2005	1,109	412	37	1,021	406	40			
2006	1,055	402	38	861	356	41			
2007	1,047	444	42	853	360	42			
2008	1,217	421	35	980	346	35			
2009	1,196	415	35	953	361	38			
2010	1,153	407	35	896	371	41			
2011	1,119	402	36	816	345	42			
2012	1,082	403	37	753	303	40			
2013	1,061	391	37	729	313	43			

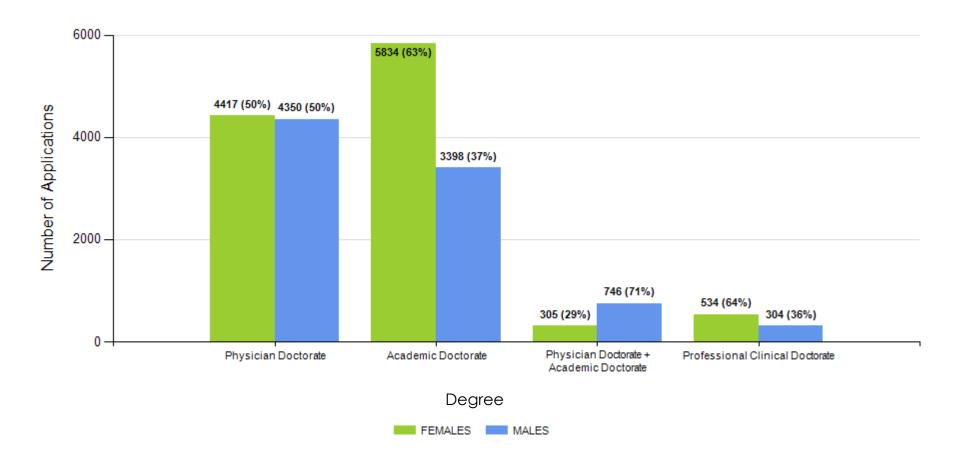
Gender Distribution Among New Awardees by LRP



Success Rates by Gender Among New Awardees by LRP

		Females		Males					
LRP	Applications	Awards	Success Rate	Applications	Awards	Success Rate			
	N	n	%	N	n	%			
Clinical Research	5,350	2,048	38	5,485	2,341	43			
Pediatric Research	2,838	988	35	2,114	841	40			
Health Disparities Research	2,456	1,018	41	978	366	37			
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	185	73	39	112	51	46			
Contraception and Infertility Research	291	110	38	120	39	33			

Distribution of Degrees by Gender Among New LRP Applicants



Note: Percents do not total to 100 due to rounding error.

Distribution of New Awards by Race

Fiscal Year	Wh	nite	Othe Resp		Asi	an	Afri	k or can rican	More One		Ame Indi Alas Nai	kan	Hawa Other	tive iian or Pacific nder
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
2004	684	67	135	13	114	11	68	7	10	1	6	1	*	
2005	518	63	122	15	79	10	78	10	18	2	*		*	
2006	477	63	113	15	79	10	80	11	*		5	1	*	
2007	483	60	117	15	89	11	96	12	15	2	5	1	*	
2008	485	63	101	13	91	12	75	10	12	2	*		*	
2009	524	67	83	11	72	9	68	9	22	3	6	1	*	
2010	510	66	93	12	94	12	51	7	19	2	10	1	*	
2011	478	64	73	10	90	12	61	8	38	5	7	1	*	
2012	469	66	69	10	87	12	56	8	21	3	*		*	
2013	487	96	60	9	73	10	62	9	20	3	*		*	
2004 - 2013	5,113	65	966	12	867	11	694	9	179	2	49	1	7	<1%

^{*}Excluded from the graph are cases in which fewer than 5 awardees were counted in a given year. The category Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander had no year with 5 or more awardees. **Percents do not total to 100 due to rounding error.

Distribution of Applications by LRP and Race

LRP	Wh	iite	Other/No Response		Asian		Black or African American		More Than One Race		American/ Alaskan Native		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Clinical Research	7,602	70	1,335	12	1,134	10	539	5	190	2	30	<1	*	
Pediatric Research	3,569	72	587	12	486	10	202	4	82	2	18	<1	8	<1
Health Disparities Research	1,341	39	459	13	258	8	1,167	34	150	4	53	2	6	<1
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	85	28	62	21	31	10	96	32	15	5	8	<1	*	
Contraception and Infertility Research	272	66	51	12	45	11	29	7	11	3	*		*	

^{*}Excluded from the table are cases in which fewer than 5 awardees were counted in a given year.

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Distribution of Awards by Race

LRP	Wh	nite	Othe Resp	-	Asid	an	Blac Afric Ame	can	More Tha Rac		Alas	ican/ kan live	Hawa Other	tive iian or Pacific nder
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Clinical Research	3,119	71	512	12	527	12	148	3	69	2	13	<1	*	
Pediatric Research	1,337	73	207	11	191	10	52	3	33	2	6	<1	*	
Health Disparities Research	519	38	194	14	121	9	458	33	65	4	24	2	*	
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	39	31	27	22	16	13	30	24	8	7	*		*	
Contraception and Infertility Research	99	66	26	17	12	8	6	4	*		*		- -*	

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Applicant Demographics by Ethnicity

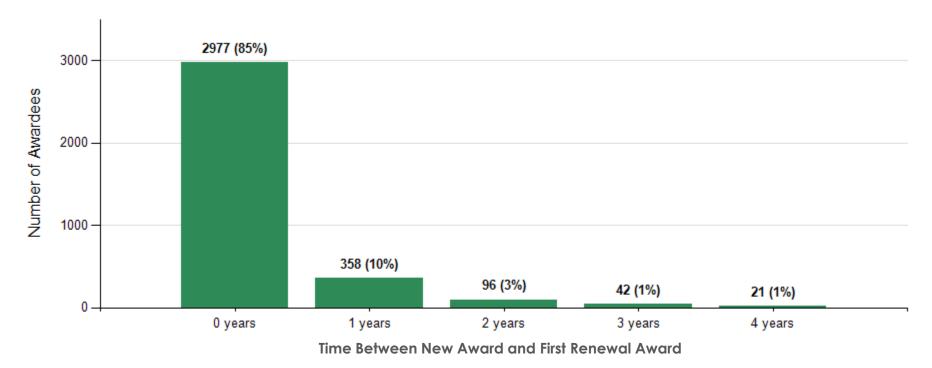
LRP	Applications	Hispanic	or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino		
	N	n	%	n	%	
Clinical Research	10,835	516	5	10,319	95	
Pediatric Research	4,952	253	5	4,699	95	
Health Disparities Research	3,434	419	12	3,015	88	
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	297	66	22	231	78	
Contraception and Infertility Research	411	2829	7	382	93	
Total	19,929	1,283	6	18,646	94	

Awardees Demographics by Ethnicity

LRP	Awards	Hispanic	or Latino	Not Hispan	ic or Latino
	N	n	%	n	%
Clinical Research	4,389	197	4	4,192	96
Pediatric Research	1,829	75	4	1,754	96
Health Disparities Research	1,384	174	13	1,210	87
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds	124	36	29	88	71
Contraception and Infertility Research	149	14	9	135	91
Total	7,175	451	6	6,724	94

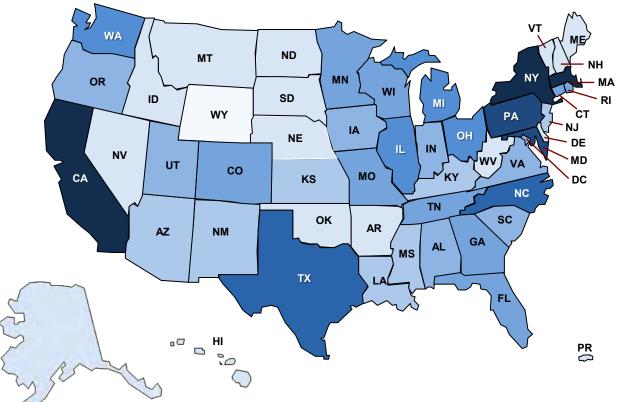
Years To First Renewal Award

(Awardees whose 1st award began 2004-2011 and were awarded with renewal award, n=3,494*)



^{*}Excluded are 21 individuals who had first renewal awards shorter than one year and total years in LRP was less than 3 years. For individuals that changed program during 2004-2011 (n=6) each program that has one new and one renewal award is counted. All 6 individuals that changed programs between 2004 and 2011 had only one program with one new and one renewal award that was counted. Excluded are 3 individuals that had award length longer then 2 years.

Distribution of Awardees by State



Number of Participants	States*
0	WY
1-25	AK, AR, DE, HI, ID, ME, MT, ND, NE, NH, NV, OK, PR, SD, VT, WV
26-50	AZ, KS, KY, LA, MS, NJ, NM
51-100	AL, DC, IA, IN, OR, SC, UT, VA
101-200	CO, CT, FL, GA, MN, MO, RI, WI, TN
201-300	IL, MI, OH, WA
301-400	NC, TX
401-500	MD, PA
501-1000	CA, MA, NY

^{*} Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; Eleven participants didn't provide correct work state.

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