■ **Table 1.2.7**

Regional distribution of federal R&D expenditure per million inhabitants[1 2]

Federal Land	Financing of R&D							
	Millions of euros per million inhabitants							
	ACTUAL							
	1991	2010	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Baden-Württemberg	117	188	246	260	263	273	281	305
Bavaria	160	132	190	208	234	235	238	285
Berlin	205	355	517	556	614	620	656	658
Brandenburg	36	136	183	202	223	223	258	257
Bremen	296	411	645	655	631	650	682	652
Hamburg	237	301	378	415	488	597	593	579
Hesse	62	93	154	164	200	215	222	217
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	26	222	215	225	231	229	217	235
Lower Saxony	89	110	163	178	190	197	212	199
North Rhine-Westphalia	82	124	174	186	204	217	228	230
Rhineland-Palatinate	37	48	79	173	103	107	108	103
Saarland	32	86	151	149	172	186	191	197
Saxony	46	170	295	322	300	341	371	408
Saxony-Anhalt	27	106	142	155	152	155	176	202
Schleswig-Holstein	81	92	153	172	199	193	195	189
Thuringia	27	112	176	180	206	204	209	218
Länder, total	**96**	**144**	**207**	**227**	**242**	**253**	**264**	**275**

1 Data basis: R&D expenditure of the federal government in millions of euros (source: special evaluation of the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space, see Table 1.2.1). Annual average of the population based on the Census, as of August 2025/February 2026 (source: Working group “Regional Accounts”, “Reihe 1, Länderergebnisse Band 1”). The regional breakdown of federal R&D expenditure is based (in most cases) on the main locations of the R&D-performing institutions concerned. In the case of jointly funded research by the Federal Government and the Länder, and in compliance with their agreement on research funding, R&D expenditure has been broken down in accordance with the requirements of the funded institutions. R&D expenditure of the Federal institutions with research and development tasks has been broken down in accordance with the locations of the institutions' headquarters and main branch offices (i.e. offices that are virtually institutions in their own right). The regional breakdown does not reflect the regional impacts of sub-contracts in which funding has been transferred across Länder boundaries. Possible deviations from earlier publications due to subsequent changes in the allocation to R&D or subsequent changes in the allocation to the federal Länder are possible.

2 2010, R&D expenditure includes Investment and Redemption Fund excluding allocations to the Länder (Economic Stimulus Package – Konjunkturpaket II). 2019 to 2022, including “Energy and Climate Fund”; as of 2023, including “Climate and Transformation Fund”.

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Source: Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space, special evaluation; German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies, calculations

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