

Research and development, 2016 (preliminary data)

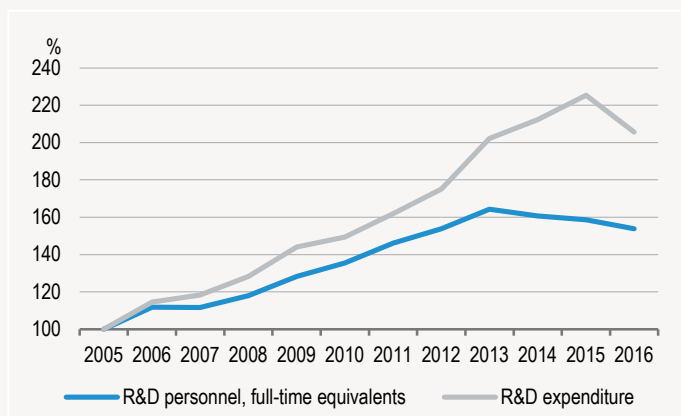
Over HUF 427 billion, 1.22% of GDP was used for research and development activities at the level of the national economy in 2016. The R&D expenditures decreased by 8.8% at current prices compared to 2015.

R&D expenditures of research units both in the business enterprise sector and the government sector fell by 7.9%, and a decrease of 16.1% was recorded for research units in higher education. R&D expenditures financed by the sources of business enterprises rose by 3.5% however the increase could not offset the decrease connected to the uses of financial sources received from operational programmes dedicated to research and development.

The number of research units and the headcount of people engaged in research activities went on decreasing. In 2016, 2,727 research units were operating in Hungary, 2.6% less than in the previous year. The headcount of R&D personnel was 54.6 thousand. Although the number of researchers became 1.3% more, the headcount of people engaged in research activities fell by 2.8% due to the decrease in the number of technicians and other support staff. R&D personnel in FTE diminished at a higher rate, by 3.0%.

Figure 1

R&D personnel and R&D expenditure
(year 2005=100%)



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