

Table 2
International comparison of business enterprise expenditures on research and development as a percentage of gross domestic product, by selected OECD countries

	2010 ^p	2009 ^p	2008 ^r	2007 ^r	1995
	percent				
Israel	3.51	3.55	3.80	3.90	1.51
Finland	2.69	2.80	2.75	2.51	1.43
Sweden	2.35	2.54	2.74	2.47	2.43
Japan	..	2.54	2.70	2.68	1.90
Korea	2.8	2.64	2.53	2.45	1.70
Switzerland	..	..	2.20	..	..
United States	..	2.04	2.04	1.93	1.76
Denmark	2.08	2.08	1.99	1.80	1.04
Austria	1.88	1.85	1.85	1.77	..
Germany	1.9	1.91	1.86	1.77	1.45
Iceland	..	..	1.44	1.46	0.49
France	1.38	1.39	1.33	1.31	1.39
Australia	..	1.30	1.38	1.27	0.82
Belgium	1.32	1.34	1.34	1.32	1.19
Luxembourg	1.16	1.26	1.22	1.32	..
Slovenia	1.43	1.20	1.07	0.87	0.71
United Kingdom	1.08	1.12	1.10	1.11	1.24
Ireland	1.22	1.16	0.94	0.84	0.88
Canada	0.91	0.99	0.98	1.09	0.99
Norway	0.87	0.92	0.84	0.84	0.96
Netherlands	0.87	0.86	0.89	0.96	1.03
Spain	0.71	0.72	0.74	0.71	0.38
Italy	0.67	0.67	0.65	0.61	0.52
OECD total	..	1.62	1.63	1.58	1.37

Note(s): Countries are presented in descending order of Business expenditures on research and development as a percentage of GDP based on their information for the most recent year reported on the table.

Source(s): OECD, Main Science and Technology Indicators. Volume 2011/1.