

# Update from NIOSH

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# Occupational Safety and Health Act

To assure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women.



# Federal Government

**Regulation/Enforcement**

**Research and  
Authoritative Recommendations**

**Department of Labor  
(DOL)**

**Department of  
Health and Human Services  
(HHS)**

**Mine Safety  
and Health  
Administration  
(MSHA)**

**Occupational  
Safety and Health  
Administration  
(OSHA)**

**Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention  
(CDC)**

**National Institute for  
Occupational Safety  
and Health (NIOSH)**

# NIOSH Strategic Mission

- Conduct research to reduce worker illness and injury, and to advance worker well-being
- Promote safe and healthy workers through interventions, recommendations and capacity building
- Enhance international worker safety and health through global collaborations

# About NORA



## Partnerships, Research and Practice

The National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) is a partnership program to stimulate innovative research and improved workplace practices. Unveiled in 1996, NORA entered its third decade (2016-2026) with an enhanced structure. It now consists of ten industry sectors based on major areas of the U.S. economy, and seven health and safety cross-sectors organized according to the major health and safety issues affecting the U.S. working population.

The national agenda is developed and implemented through the [NORA Sector and Cross-Sector Councils](#). Each council develops and maintains an Agenda for its sector or cross-sector. The [collection of agendas](#) comprises the agenda for the nation for improvements in occupational safety and health.

Once agendas are in place, councils work on those areas through information sharing, partnerships, and enhancing dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices. As the steward of NORA, NIOSH supports this effort in two main ways. First, NIOSH sector/cross-sector program leaders co-chair the NORA Councils. Second, NIOSH uses the national agenda as a critical input into its own strategic planning process.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nora/about.html>

# NIOSH Strategic Plan: FYs 2019–2023

## Now available as a pdf

The [NIOSH Strategic Plan: FYs 2019-2023 \(Version 3 March 2019\)](#)  is now available as a pdf that matches the content of this website. As a living document, the NIOSH Strategic Plan is updated periodically to reflect research findings and newly uncovered research gaps.

The NIOSH Strategic Plan reports the Institute's research and service goals for fiscal years 2019-2023. These goals address a broad range of occupational health and safety hazards, affecting an ever-changing workforce. Jobs in the U.S. economy continue to shift from manufacturing to services. Longer hours, compressed workweeks, an aging workforce, reduced job security, and part-time and temporary work have also changed the workforce. These changes represent a major challenge for NIOSH as it manages limited resources to address its research priorities.

NIOSH established seven strategic goals that best represent the health and safety issues facing the U.S. workforce:

1. Reduce occupational cancer, cardiovascular disease, adverse reproductive outcomes, and other chronic diseases.
2. Reduce occupational hearing loss.
3. Reduce occupational immune, infectious, and dermal disease.
4. Reduce occupational musculoskeletal disorders.
5. Reduce occupational respiratory disease.
6. Improve workplace safety to reduce traumatic injuries.
7. Promote safe and healthy work design and well-being.

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/about/strategicplan/default.html>

# NIOSH Restructuring



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## Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

A Notice by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on 04/10/2019



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Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 84 FR 10518-10519, dated March 21, 2019) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The reorganization is needed to provide streamlined and focused research programs in Cincinnati, as well as to better deliver administrative and management functions by the Office of Administrative and Management Services within the NIOSH Office of the Director.

I. Under Part C, Section C-B, Organization and Functions, the following organizational units are deleted in their entirety:

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# Changes to NIOSH Structure

- 3 Divisions in Cincinnati Consolidated into 2
- Division of Field Studies and Engineering
  - Field Research Branch
  - Health Informatics Branch
  - Engineering and Physical Hazards Branch
- Division of Science Integration
  - Science Applications Branch
  - Social Science and Translation Research Branch
  - Emerging Technologies Branch
- Branches in Cincinnati focused on laboratory research merged with Health Effects Laboratory Division in Morgantown
- New Office of the Deputy Director for Management

# Budgetary Update

- Federal fiscal year: October 1 – September 30
- FY 2019 budget authority of \$336.3M – increase of \$1.1M
- FY 2020 budget to be determined
  - President’s budget, \$146.3M decrease
  - House Appropriations Committee budget, \$10M increase
  - Senate Appropriations Committee, pending

# Extramural Funding Statistics

Fiscal Year	Award Mechanism	Applications	New Awards	Success Rate
2018	R01	80	8	10%
2018	R03	31	3	10%
2018	R21	100	8	8%
2016	R01	80	8	10%
2016	R03	31	1	3%
2016	R21	76	2	3%
2015	R01	70	13	19%
2015	R03	28	3	11%
2015	R21	67	4	6%

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