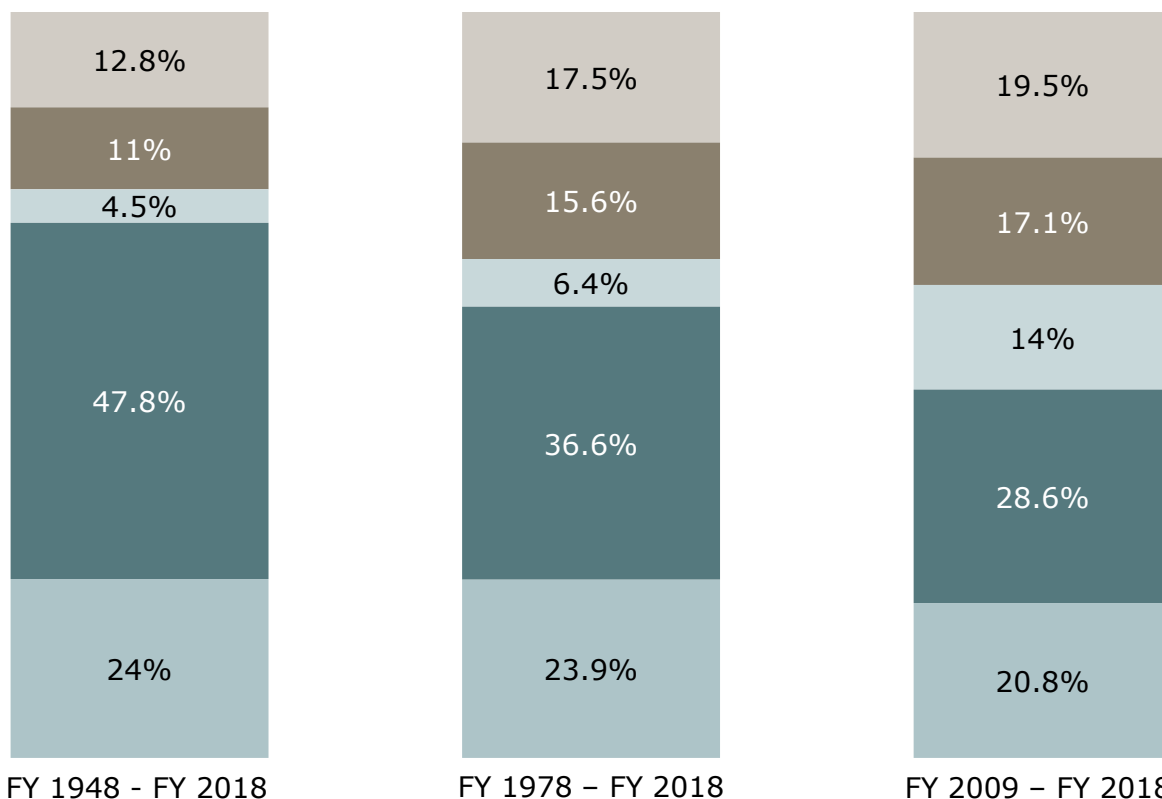


Since the inception of the Department of Energy (DOE) in 1977, the share of funding focused on nuclear energy has decreased

DOE energy technology share of funding, over three time periods

■ Renewables ■ Energy efficiency ■ Electric systems ■ Nuclear energy ■ Fossil energy



Analysis

- From FY 1948 to FY 1977, the majority of federal government support for energy research and development was dedicated to fossil energy and nuclear power technology
- The energy crisis in the 1970s incited the expansion of programs focusing on renewable energy and energy efficiency technology

**The DOE was established in 1977; it then brought all the preexisting energy research and development programs under its administration*

Sources: Corrie E. Clark, "Renewable Energy R&D Funding History: A Comparison with Funding for Nuclear Energy, Fossil Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Electric Systems," Congressional Research Service, June 18, 2018