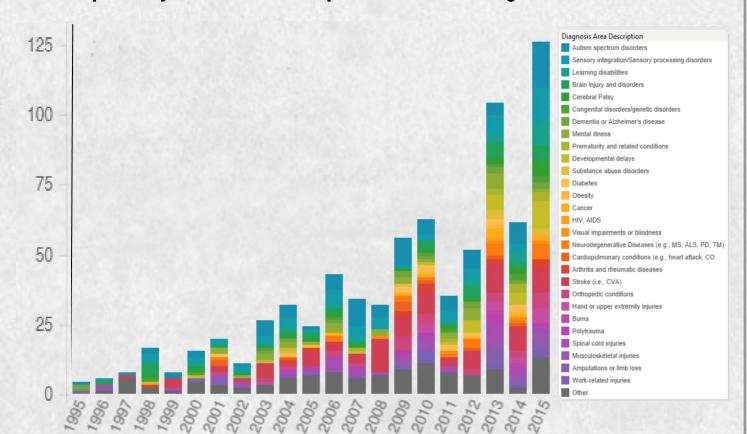
## What's Happening in Occupational Therapy Research?

Data from the American Occupational Therapy Association includes information about 438 research projects from 1982 through 2016.

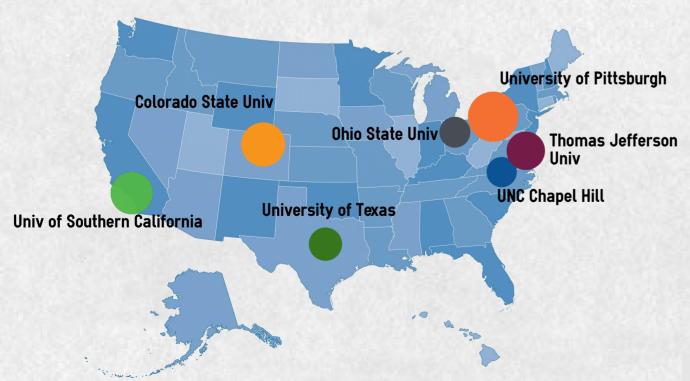


Total research funding and projects has grown dramtically, especially in brain development related diagnosis such as Autism.





## Seven Research Institutions have received 80% of total funding since 1982





## Who is doing research?





## When did important research topics appear?

Using a burst analysis of research key words, the following important trends were observed over time:

1980s

Alzheimer's, Amputation and Arthritis

"Three A's" were important from the early 1980's through the mid 1990s

1990s

Stroke, Cerebral Palsy and Sensory Integration

These topic keywords appeared beginning in 1992. Research regarding Strokes has remained important through today.

2000s

Autism

The 2000s saw huge growth in research. Most notably, Autism research had a big spike in 2007.

2010s

**Multiple Topics** 

During the last 5 years, total research has grown dramatically, with Learning Disabilities, Prematurity, Diabetes, Orthopedics, and Developmental Delays as large growth topics.







