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The Baltimore region maintained its top ranking for academic research and development investment among 20 U.S. regions studied for the 2007 State of the Region Report.

The report, compiled by the **Greater Baltimore Committee** and Baltimore Metropolitan Council, ranks the regions on 105 categories measuring business vitality, economic health and quality of life. The Baltimore region achieved top-five rankings in 24 categories.

Academic research and development expenditures in 2005 in the Baltimore region topped \$1.8 billion, compared with more than \$1.6 billion spent on academic research in the Boston region, according to National Science Foundation data in the report.

The region ranked poorly in crime, commuting time, manufacturing employment, housing starts and infant mortality rate, among other categories.