

Table 414. Congressional Campaign Finances—Receipts and Disbursements: 2003 to 2008

[708.5 represents \$708,500,000. Covers all campaign finance activity during 2-year calendar period indicated for primary, general, run-off, and special elections. Data have been adjusted to eliminate transfers between all committees within a campaign. For further information on legal limits of contributions, see Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended]

Item	House of Representatives						Senate					
	Amount (mil. dol.)			Percent distribution			Amount (mil. dol.)			Percent distribution		
	2003–04	2005–06	2007–08	2003–04	2005–06	2007–08	2003–04	2005–06	2007–08	2003–04	2005–06	2007–08
Total receipts ¹	708.5	875.4	1,005.2	100	100	100	497.6	564.6	434.1	100	100	100
Individual contributions	396.7	478.9	538.8	56	55	54	324.1	383.2	267.0	65	68	62
Other committees	225.4	279.8	300.4	32	32	30	63.7	68.9	78.2	13	12	18
Candidate loans	47.4	56.1	77.6	7	6	8	39.8	47.0	24.2	8	8	6
Candidate contributions	7.8	14.7	32.4	1	2	3	38.2	37.5	5.7	8	7	1
Democrats	307.4	417.5	561.0	43	48	56	250.6	291.8	237.3	50	52	55
Republicans	399.2	453.6	440.8	56	52	44	246.1	245.8	196.1	49	44	45
Others	1.9	4.2	3.4	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.9	26.9	0.7	(Z)	5	(Z)
Incumbents	452.6	532.6	581.7	64	61	58	171.7	278.4	234.1	35	49	54
Challengers	118.2	188.7	252.2	17	22	25	79.5	186.6	135.0	16	33	31
Open seats	137.8	154.1	171.3	19	18	17	246.4	99.6	65.1	50	18	15
Total disbursements	660.3	854.8	929.9	100	100	100	496.4	562.9	449.4	100	100	100
Democrats	288.5	395.5	491.0	44	46	53	254.6	288.6	229.6	51	51	51
Republicans	370.0	455.2	435.6	56	53	47	241.0	249.3	202.0	49	44	45
Others	1.8	4.1	3.3	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	0.8	25.0	17.9	(Z)	4	4
Incumbents	410.1	519.2	527.6	62	61	57	171.7	274.3	251.2	35	49	56
Challengers	116.6	185.6	246.7	18	22	27	76.6	187.1	132.9	15	33	30
Open seats	133.6	150.0	155.6	20	18	17	248.1	101.5	65.4	50	18	15

Z Less than \$50,000 or 0.5 percent. ¹ Includes other types of receipts, not shown separately. ² Elections in which an incumbent did not seek reelection.

Source: U.S. Federal Election Commission, *FEC Reports on Financial Activity, Final Report, U.S. Senate and House Campaigns*, biennial.