

Table 415. Contributions to Congressional Campaigns by Political Action Committees (PAC) by Type of Committee: 1997 to 2008

[In millions of dollars (158.7 represents \$158,700,000). Covers amounts given to candidates in primary, general, run-off, and special elections during the 2-year calendar period indicated. For number of political action committees, see Table 410]

Type of committee	Total ¹	Democrats	Republicans	Incumbents	Challengers	Open seats ²
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES						
1997-98	158.7	77.6	80.9	124.0	14.9	19.8
1999-00	193.4	98.2	94.7	150.5	19.9	23.0
2001-02	206.9	102.6	104.2	161.0	13.8	32.1
2003-04	225.4	98.6	126.6	187.3	15.6	22.5
2005-06	279.8	125.0	154.8	232.0	24.4	23.5
2007-08, total ³	300.4	184.3	116.1	245.7	35.8	18.9
Corporate	108.0	56.7	51.3	99.4	5.0	3.6
Trade association ⁴	85.6	47.6	38.0	73.6	7.2	4.8
Labor	53.4	49.7	3.7	37.5	11.3	4.6
Nonconnected ⁵	43.9	25.1	18.8	27.0	11.6	5.4
SENATE						
1997-98	48.1	20.7	27.3	34.3	6.6	7.2
1999-00	51.9	18.7	33.2	33.5	7.1	11.3
2001-02	59.2	25.4	33.8	37.0	14.2	8.1
2003-04	63.7	28.4	35.3	39.3	5.6	18.8
2005-06	68.9	28.6	37.5	50.0	9.9	8.7
2007-08, total ³	78.2	33.5	44.3	56.6	12.8	9.0
Corporate	32.4	11.2	21.2	26.8	2.5	3.1
Trade association ⁴	19.4	7.2	12.2	14.9	2.5	2.0
Labor	7.0	6.5	0.5	2.8	2.9	1.2
Nonconnected ⁵	17.5	7.8	9.7	10.7	4.4	2.5

¹ Includes other parties, not shown separately. ² Elections in which an incumbent did not seek reelection. ³ Includes other types of political action committees not shown separately. ⁴ Includes membership organizations and health organizations. ⁵ Represents "ideological" groups as well as other issue groups not necessarily ideological in nature.

Source: U.S. Federal Election Commission, *FEC Reports on Financial Activity, Party and Non-Party Political Committees, Final Report*, biennial.