

Table 426. 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 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.

Table 427. 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 422]

Type of committee	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Incumbents	Challengers	Open seats
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	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	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	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	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.