

Metadata Description

Data Dictionary - Contributions by Individuals

General Description

2015-current: greater than \$200.00. The Commission categorizes contributions from individuals using the calendar year-to-date amount for political action committee (PAC) and party committee receipts and the election-cycle-to-date amount for candidate receipts to determine whether the contribution meets the categorization threshold of greater than \$200.00.

1989-2014: \$200 and above. The Commission categorized contributions from individuals using the reporting period amount to determine whether a contribution met the categorization threshold of \$200.00 or more.

1975-1988: \$500 and above. The Commission categorized contributions from individuals using the reporting period amount to determine whether a contribution met the categorization threshold of \$500.00 or more.

Header file and file format information

A comma delimited header file is available for [download](#).

The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal). The Contributions by Individuals File contains the following information:

Column Name	Field Name	Position	Null?	Data Type	Description
CMTE_ID	Filer Identification Number	1	N	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a committee by the Federal Election Commission
AMNDT_IND	Amendment Indicator	2	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	Indicates if the report being filed is new (N), an amendment (A) to a previous report, or a termination (T) report.
RPT_TP	Report Type	3	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	Indicates the type of report filed. List of report type codes
TRANSACTION_PGI	Primary-General Indicator	4	Y	VARCHAR2 (5)	This code indicates the election for which the contribution was made. EYYYY (election plus election year) P = Primary G = General O = Other C = Convention R = Runoff S = Special E = Recount
IMAGE_NUM	Image Number	5	Y	VARCHAR2 (11) or VARCHAR2(18)	11-digit Image Number Format YYOORRRFFFF YY - scanning year OO - office (01 - House, 02 - Senate, 03 - FEC Paper, 9x - FEC Electronic) RRR - reel number FFFF- frame number 18-digit Image Number Format (June 29, 2015) YYYYMMDDSSPPPPPPPP YYYY - scanning year MM - scanning month DD - scanning day SS - source (02 - Senate, 03 - FEC Paper, 9x - FEC Electronic) PPPPPPPP - page (reset to zero every year on January 1)
TRANSACTION_TP	Transaction Type	6	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	Transaction types 10, 11, 15, 15C, 15E, 15I, 15T, 19, 22Y, 24I, 24T, 20Y and 21Y are included in the INDIV file. Beginning with 2016 transaction types 30, 30T, 31, 31T, 32, 32T, 40T, 40Y, 41T, 41Y, 42T and 42Y are also included in the INDIV file. For more information about transaction type codes see this list of transaction type codes
ENTITY_TP	Entity Type	7	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	ONLY VALID FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS received after April 2002. CAN = Candidate CCM = Candidate Committee COM = Committee IND = Individual (a person) ORG = Organization (not a committee and not a person) PAC = Political Action Committee PTY = Party Organization
NAME	Contributor/Lender/Transfer Name	8	Y	VARCCHAR2 (200)	

CITY	City/Town	9	Y	VARCHAR2 (30)	
STATE	State	10	Y	VARCHAR2 (2)	
ZIP_CODE	Zip Code	11	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)	
EMPLOYER	Employer	12	Y	VARCHAR2 (38)	
OCCUPATION	Occupation	13	Y	VARCHAR2 (38)	
TRANSACTION_DT	Transaction Date(MMDDYYYY)	14	Y	DATE	
TRANSACTION_AMT	Transaction Amount	15	Y	NUMBER (14,2)	
OTHER_ID	Other Identification Number	16	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)	For contributions from individuals this column is null. For contributions from candidates or other committees this column will contain that contributor's FEC ID.
TRAN_ID	Transaction ID	17	Y	VARCHAR2 (32)	ONLY VALID FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS. A unique identifier associated with each itemization or transaction appearing in an FEC electronic file. A transaction ID is unique for a specific committee for a specific report. In other words, if committee, C1, files a Q3 New with transaction SA123 and then files 3 amendments to the Q3 transaction SA123 will be identified by transaction ID SA123 in all 4 filings.
FILE_NUM	File Number / Report ID	18	Y	NUMBER (22)	Unique report id
MEMO_CD	Memo Code	19	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	'X' indicates that the amount is NOT to be included in the itemization total.
MEMO_TEXT	Memo Text	20	Y	VARCHAR2 (100)	A description of the activity. Memo Text is available on itemized amounts on Schedules A and B. These transactions are included in the itemization total.
SUB_ID	FEC Record Number	21	N	NUMBER (19)	Unique row ID