

Variable	Description
feccandid	Unique ID assigned to each candidate by the Federal Election Commission. Consistent throughout cycles
cid	Unique ID assigned to each candidate by the Center for Responsive Politics (opensecrets.org)
candname	Candidate name
congyear	Congressional year (2008, 2010, 2012)
incumbent	1 if candidate is incumbent, 0 else
challenger	1 if candidate is challenger, 0 else
open	1 if seat is open, 0 else
rep	1 if candidate is Republican, 0 else
dem	1 if candidate is Democrat, 0 else
state	Two letter postal abbreviation
district	Congressional district (01-53). Note: States with only one representative are coded 01, not 00 as in some cases
office	four digit state-district code (ex. MD03)
congyear	1 = 2008, 2 = 2010, 3 = 2012
<i>Committees</i>	
adm	1 if candidate is on House Administration, 0 else
agr	1 if candidate is on Agriculture, 0 else
app	1 if candidate is on Appropriations, 0 else
arm	1 if candidate is on Appropriations, 0 else
arm	1 if candidate is on Armed Services, 0 else
bud	1 if candidate is on Budget, 0 else
bus	1 if candidate is on Small Business, 0 else
ecn	1 if candidate is on Economic, 0 else
edu	1 if candidate is on Education and the Workforce, 0 else
ene	1 if candidate is on Energy and Commerce, 0 else
arm	1 if candidate is on Financial Services, 0 else
for	1 if candidate is on Foreign Affairs, 0 else
hsc	1 if candidate is on Homeland Security, 0 else
int	1 if candidate is on Intelligence, 0 else
jud	1 if candidate is on Judiciary, 0 else
lib	1 if candidate is on Library (joint committee), 0 else
nat	1 if candidate is on Natural Resources, 0 else
ogr	1 if candidate is on Oversight and Government Reform, 0 else
pri	1 if candidate is on Printing (joint committee), 0 else
rul	1 if candidate is on Rules, 0 else
sci	1 if candidate is on Science, Space and Technology, 0 else
tax	1 if candidate is on Tax (joint committee), 0 else
tra	1 if candidate is on Transportation, 0 else
vet	1 if candidate is on Veterans' Affairs, 0 else
way	1 if candidate is on Ways and Means, 0 else
leadership	1 if candidate is House leadership(Speaker of the House, Majority/Minority Leader, Majority/Minority Whip, Conference/Caucus Chairman, Republican Policy Committee Chairman, Assistant Democratic Leader)
leadershipcom	1 if candidate is committee ranking member

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Amount raised in direct individual contributions of amounts less than \$200