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The all candidates file contains summary financial information for each candidate who raised or spent money during the period, regardless of when they are up for election.

The file has one record per candidate and shows information about the candidate, total receipts, transfers received from authorized committees, total disbursements, transfers given to authorized committees, cash-on-hand totals, loans and debts, and other financial summary information. The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal).

Data timing

This file is completely dependent on summary information reported by the campaign. The time period covered by this file may be more recent than other data files (like the post-cycle candidate summary file). During the primary election season, the period covered may be different for candidates in different states, depending on their primary dates. Since the data is timelier, some of the information in this file is less precise than information in the post-cycle candidate summary file. For example, breakouts by special interest group code are not possible.

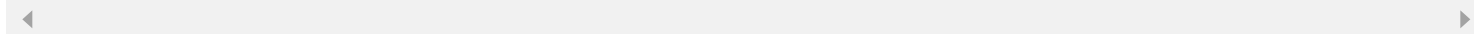
Double-counted financial activity

A candidate's financial summary may have double-counted financial activity. If a candidate has more than one committee authorized to raise and spend funds on their behalf, the activity in this file combines these committees. If the committees transfer funds back and forth to each other, this activity would be counted twice. Information about "transfers to authorized committees" and "transfers from authorized committees" is included in the file. If there are values in both of these fields, subtract these from the total receipts and total disbursements for a more accurate value of the candidate's total activity.

All candidates file format

Column name	Field name	Position	Null	Data type	Description	Example data
CAND_ID	Candidate identification	1	N	VARCHAR2 (9)		H8VA01233
CAND_NAME	Candidate name	2	Y	VARCHAR2(200)		Martha Washington
CAND_ICI	Incumbent challenger status	3	Y	VARCHAR2(1)		I
PTY_CD	Party code	4	Y	VARCHAR2(1)		NON
CAND_PTY_AFFILIATION	Party affiliation	5	Y	VARCHAR2(3)		NON
TTL_RECEIPTS	Total receipts	6	Y	Number(14,2)		345,456.34
TRANS_FROM_AUTH	Transfers from authorized committees	7	Y	Number(14,2)		4000.00
TTL_DISB	Total disbursements	8	Y	Number(14,2)		175645.21
TRANS_TO_AUTH	Transfers to authorized committees	9	Y	Number(14,2)		0.00
COH_BOP	Beginning cash	10	Y	Number(14,2)		845901.23
COH_COP	Ending cash	11	Y	Number(14,2)		915671.43
CAND_CONTRIB	Contributions from candidate	12	Y	Number(14,2)		500.00
CAND_LOANS	Loans from candidate	13	Y	Number(14,2)		250000.00
OTHER_LOANS	Other loans	14	Y	Number(14,2)		0.00
CAND_LOAN_REPAY	Candidate loan repayments	15	Y	Number(14,2)		100000.00
OTHER_LOAN_REPAY	Other loan repayments	16	Y	Number(14,2)		0.00
DEBTS_OWED_BY	Debts owed by	17	Y	Number(14,2)		250.00
TTL_INDIV_CONTRIB	Total individual contributions	18	Y	Number(14,2)		450000.00
CAND_OFFICE_ST	Candidate state	19	Y	VARCHAR2(2)		VA
CAND_OFFICE_DISTRICT	Candidate district	20	Y	VARCHAR2(2)		01
SPEC_ELECTION	Special election status	21	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	Election result data included in 1996-2006 files only.	W
PRIM_ELECTION	Primary election status	22	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	Election result data included in 1996-2006 files only.	L
RUN_ELECTION	Runoff election status	23	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	Election result data included in 1996-2006 files only.	L
GEN_ELECTION	General election status	24	Y	VARCHAR2(1)	Election result data included in 1996-2006 files only.	W
GEN_ELECTION_PRECENT	General election percentage	25	Y	Number(7,4)	Election result data included in	63.2

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OTHER_POL_CMTE_CONTRIB	Contributions from other political committees	26	Y	Number(14,2)		200000.00
POL_PTY_CONTRIB	Contributions from party committees	27	Y	Number(14,2)		200000.00
CVG_END_DT	Coverage end date	28	Y	DATE(MM/DD/YYYY)	Through date	10/19/2018
INDIV_REFUNDS	Refunds to individuals	29	Y	Number(14,2)		4000.00
CMTE_REFUNDS	Refunds to committees	30	Y	Number(14,2)		100.00



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