Contributions by individuals file description

The contributions by individuals file contains information for contributions given by individuals. The method used to include contributions in this file has changed over time.

2015 - present: greater than $200

A contribution will be included if:

- The contribution's election cycle-to-date amount is over $200 for contributions to candidate committees

- The contribution's calendar year-to-date amount is over $200 for contributions to political action committees (PACs) and party committees.

1989 - 2014: $200 and above

A contribution will be included if the reporting period amount is $200 or more.

1975 - 1988: $500 and above

A contribution will be included if the reporting period amount is $500 or more.

The file contains information about the committee receiving the contribution, the report where the contribution is disclosed, the individual giving the contribution, the contribution's date, amount, and additional information about the contribution (if provided).The end-of-line (EOL) marker is line feed '\n' (LF, 0x0A, 10 in decimal).

Contributions by individuals file format

Column name	Field name	Position	Null	Data type	Description	Example data

CMTE_ID	Filer identification number	1	N	VARCHAR2 (9)	A 9-character alpha-numeric code assigned to a committee by the Federal Election Commission	C00100005
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.	N
RPT_TP	Report type	3	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	Indicates the type of report filed List of report type codes	12G
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	P2018
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, 90-99- 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, 90-99 - FEC Electronic) PPPPPPPP - page (reset to zero every year on January 1)	201810170912345<
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	30T
ENTITY_TP	Entity type	7	Y	VARCHAR2 (3)	ONLY VALID FOR	IND

					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	VARCHAR2 (200)		Abigail Adams
CITY	City	9	Y	VARCHAR2 (30)		Braintree
STATE	State	10	Y	VARCHAR2 (2)		MA
ZIP_CODE	ZIP code	11	Y	VARCHAR2 (9)		02184
EMPLOYER	Employer	12	Y	VARCHAR2 (38)		Self employed
OCCUPATION	Occupation	13	Y	VARCHAR2 (38)		Homemaker
TRANSACTION_DT	Transaction date (MMDDYYYY)	14	Y	DATE		10132018
TRANSACTION_AMT	Transaction amount	15	Y	NUMBER (14,2)		1000.00
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.	C00100309
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.	SA11A1A.8317
FILE_NUM	File number / Report ID	18	Y	NUMBER (22)	Unique report id	1197695
MEMO_CD	Memo code	19	Y	VARCHAR2 (1)	'X' indicates that the	X

					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.	Reattributed from John Adams 10/5/
SUB_ID	FEC record number	21	N	NUMBER (19)	Unique row ID	123456789123456

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