

Field Definitions for Individual Contribution Data

Field	Definition	Source
Cycle	The election cycle in which the contribution was reported.	CRP
ContribID	A unique identifier for individual donors and their immediate families	CRP
Fam	A field distinguishing between individuals within the same Contribid – spouse/children will have them same contribid but will differ in the fam field	CRP
Contrib	The name of the contributor, usually in the format Last name, First Name.	FEC
City	The donor's city. This could be based on a home address or an employer's address.	FEC
State	The donor's state. This could be based on a home address or an employer's address.	FEC
Zip	The donor's zip code. This could be based on a home address or an employer's address.	FEC
FECOccEmp	The donor's disclosed employer and/or occupation.	FEC
Orgname	The standardized organization name for the contributor. This is usually based on the donor's employer. The donor may not have an income producing occupation (e.g. homemaker)	CRP
UltOrg	The standardized parent organization for the organization listed in the Orgname field. If there is no parent identified, this field will be blank or null.	CRP
RealCode	The standard five character code identifying the donor's industry or ideology. Usually based on Orgname (e.g., the orgname "Microsoft Corp" would normally get realcode C5120 for computer software.)	CRP
Source	The code for the source used for coding Orgname, Ultorg and Realcode.	CRP
Date	The reported date of the contribution.	FEC
Amount	The amount contributed. This will be negative for refunds.	FEC
RecipID	The recipient's id number. If the contribution is to a candidate this will be the candidate's unique candidate id number. Otherwise, it will be the FEC committee id number.	CRP
Recipient	The standardized name for the recipient. If the contribution is to a candidate committee, it will be the candidate's name.	CRP
Party	The party (if any) of the recipient. "D" for Democratic, "R" for Republican, "I" for Independent, "L" for Libertarian, "3" for other	CRP

	third party and “U” for Unknown. This field will be blank or null for PACs other than leadership PACs.	
RecipCode	A two-character code defining the type of recipient. For candidates, the first character is party (“D” for Democratic, “R” for Republican, “3” for Independent or third party, “U” for Unknown.) The second character is “W” for Winner, “L” for Loser, “I” for incumbent, “C” for Challenger, “O” for “Open Seat”, and “N” for Non-incumbent. “N” is reserved for candidates that are neither in office nor running during the cycle in question. For party committees, the first character is party and the second character is “P.” For PACs, the first character is “P” and the second character is “B” for Business, “L” for Labor”, “I” for Ideological, “O” for “Other” and “U” for unknown.	CRP
Type	The transaction type code for the contribution. 15 is a contribution, 15e is an earmarked contribution (made through a group such as Club for Growth or Emily’s List), 15j is a contribution through a joint fund raising committee and 22y is a refund. “10” indicates “soft” or nonfederal money for the 2002 cycle and earlier. For the 2004 cycle and later type “10” indicates Levin funds.	FEC
FECTransID	A unique record identifier within a given cycle.	FEC
CmteID	The committee id number for the recipient. Note that a candidate can have more than one committee – this field indicates the exact committee receiving the contribution.	FEC
Lastname	The last name of the contributor.	