



How to explore crucial Q3 2020 campaign finance filings

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Federal Election Commission Filings

- All congressional candidates and some PACs/super PACs are set to report their third quarter (July through September) fundraising and spending figures to the FEC by Oct. 15.
- Many key candidates will announce their Q3 fundraising totals before Oct. 15 but won't provide full details.
- Committees will be [releasing filings](#) throughout the day up until midnight.
- Sign up with [FEC Notify](#) to get important filings first.
- Navigating [committee profiles](#) is simple, but understand the data limitations.



Using OpenSecrets.org

- Our website will update summary data figures the morning after the Oct. 15 filings come in. See these in [candidate profiles](#) or [election pages](#).
- OpenSecrets will provide comprehensive data on top donors, industries, geography, gender and other information within a week or so of the filing deadline.
- [Outside spending](#) is updated daily on OpenSecrets.
- Our [online ads database](#) can also be a helpful tool.
- Explore [elections overview](#) to get a broad look at 2020 election trends.