

Cost to Replace the Influence of Private Wealth on the American Democratic Process (all federal elections)

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4	Here are the amounts spent on all federal elections, by cycle. These figures include all money spent by presidential candidates, Senate and House candidates, political parties and independent interest groups trying to influence federal elections:		
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6		Amount	Source/calculation
7	2016 Presidential Election Cycle		
8	TOTAL Cost all congressional races 2015-2016 cycle	\$4,057,519,568	https://www.opensecrets.org/overview/cost.php
9	TOTAL Cost presidential race 2016	\$2,386,733,696	"
10	TOTAL Cost all federal elections 2015-2016 election cycle	\$6,444,253,265	line 8 + line 9
11	TOTAL Cost per person	\$19.87	line 10 divided by line 49
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13	PER YEAR Cost all congressional races 2015-2016 cycle	\$ 2,028,759,784	line 9 divided by 2
14	PER YEAR Cost presidential race 2016	\$ 596,683,424	line 10 divided by 4
15	PER YEAR Cost all federal elections 2015-2016 election cycle	\$ 2,625,443,208	line 14 + line 15
16	PER YEAR Cost per person for 2016 election	\$ 8.10	line 15 divided by line 49
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19	2012 Presidential Election Cycle		
20	TOTAL Cost all congressional races 2011-2012 cycle	\$3,664,141,430	https://www.opensecrets.org/overview/cost.php
21	TOTAL Cost presidential race 2016	\$2,621,415,792	"
22	TOTAL Cost all federal elections 2015-2016 election cycle	\$6,285,557,223	line 19 + line 20
23	TOTAL Cost per person	\$ 19.38	line 23 divided by line 49
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25	PER YEAR Cost all congressional races 2011-2012 cycle	\$ 1,832,070,715	line 21 divided by 2
26	PER YEAR Cost presidential race 2012	\$ 655,353,948	line 22 divided by 4
27	PER YEAR Cost all federal elections 2011-2012 election cycle	\$ 2,487,424,663	line 26 + line 27
28	PER YEAR Cost per person for all federal elections 2012	\$ 7.90	line 28 divided by line 60
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31	2008 Presidential Election Cycle		
32	TOTAL Cost all congressional races 2007-2008 cycle	\$2,485,952,737	https://www.opensecrets.org/overview/cost.php
33	TOTAL Cost presidential race 2016	\$2,799,728,146	"
34	TOTAL Cost all federal elections 2015-2016 election cycle	\$5,285,680,883	line 33 + line 34
35	TOTAL Cost per person	\$ 16.30	line 35 divided by line 49
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37	PER YEAR Cost all congressional races 2007-2008 cycle	\$ 1,242,976,369	line 30 divided by 2
38	PER YEAR Cost presidential race 2008	\$ 699,932,037	line 31 divided by 4
39	PER YEAR Cost all federal elections 2007-2008	\$ 1,942,908,405	line 35 plus line 36
40	PER YEAR Cost per person for all federal elections 2008	\$ 6.39	line 37 divided by line 71
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42	see population info on page 2		

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45	US population on/near presidential election dates 2008, 2012, 2016		
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47	U.S. POPULATION PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY - NOV 8 2016		
48	Total population	324,319,317	https://www.census.gov/popclock/ Table 1 of https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/voting-and-registration/p20-580.html
49	Total Age 18 and over	245,502,000	
50	Percent of total Age 18 and over	76%	
51	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens	224,059,000	
52	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens	69%	
53	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters	157,596,000	
54	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters	49%	
55	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters & Voted	137,537,000	
56	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters & Vo	42%	
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58	U.S. POPULATION PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY - NOV 6 2012		
59	Total population	314,914,225	https://www.census.gov/popclock/ Table 1 of https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2012/demo/voting-and-registration/p20-568.html
60	Total Age 18 and over	235,248,000	
61	Percent of total Age 18 and over	73%	
62	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens	215,081,000	
63	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens	66%	
64	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters	153,157,000	
65	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters	47%	
66	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters & Voted	132,948,000	
67	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters & Vo	41%	
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69	U.S. POPULATION PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY - NOV 4 2008		
70	Total population (on 7/1/08)	304,090,000	http://www.multpl.com/united-states-population/table Table 1 of https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2008/demo/voting-and-registration/p20-562-rv.html
71	Total Age 18 and over	225,499,000	
72	Percent of total Age 18 and over	70%	
73	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens	206,072,000	
74	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens	64%	
75	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters	146,311,000	
76	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters	45%	
77	Total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters & Voted	131,144,000	
78	Percent of total Age 18 and over & Citizens & Registered voters & Vo	40%	
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