

OCPF REPORTS

Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance

2020 ELECTION

This special edition of OCPF REPORTS guides readers to campaign finance data related to the 2020 election.

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HOUSE AND SENATE

BY THE NUMBERS - Jan. 1 - July 31

NUMBER OF 2020 HOUSE CANDIDATES: 254

NUMBER OF 2020 SENATE CANDIDATES: 54

***TOTAL RAISED BY 2020 HOUSE CANDIDATES: \$3,873,627**

***TOTAL SPENT BY 2020 HOUSE CANDIDATES: \$2,848,620**

AVERAGE RAISED BY 2020 HOUSE CANDIDATES: \$15,250

AVERAGE SPENT BY 2020 HOUSE CANDIDATES: \$11,215

***TOTAL RAISED BY 2020 SENATE CANDIDATES: \$1,985,243**

***TOTAL SPENT BY 2020 SENATE CANDIDATES: \$1,368,340**

AVERAGE RAISED BY 2020 SENATE CANDIDATES: \$36,763

AVERAGE SPENT BY 2020 SENATE CANDIDATES: \$25,339

***Based on bank reports**

The 308 House and Senate candidates in 2020 have reported a total of \$4,216,960 in expenditures, through July 31. In a typical state election year, House and Senate candidate spend between \$12 million and \$14 million (full calendar year).

[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW ACTIVITY FOR ALL HOUSE AND SENATE CANDIDATES ON THE 2020 BALLOT.

How do House and Senate candidates disclose campaign finance activity?

Each month, a candidate's bank files a report disclosing the total amount deposited into a candidate's account, and itemizes each expenditure made by check and debit card. The candidate itemizes the names and addresses of donors by filing "deposit reports" with OCPF.

COUNTY CANDIDATES

**THE 2020 ELECTION FEATURES COUNTY
RACES FOR REGISTER OF PROBATE, TREASURER,
COMMISSIONER, AND NORFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF.
CLICK HERE TO FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL
COUNTY CANDIDATES ORGANIZED WITH OCPF.**

CONTESTED REGISTER OF PROBATE RACES (Expenditures: Jan. 1–July 31)

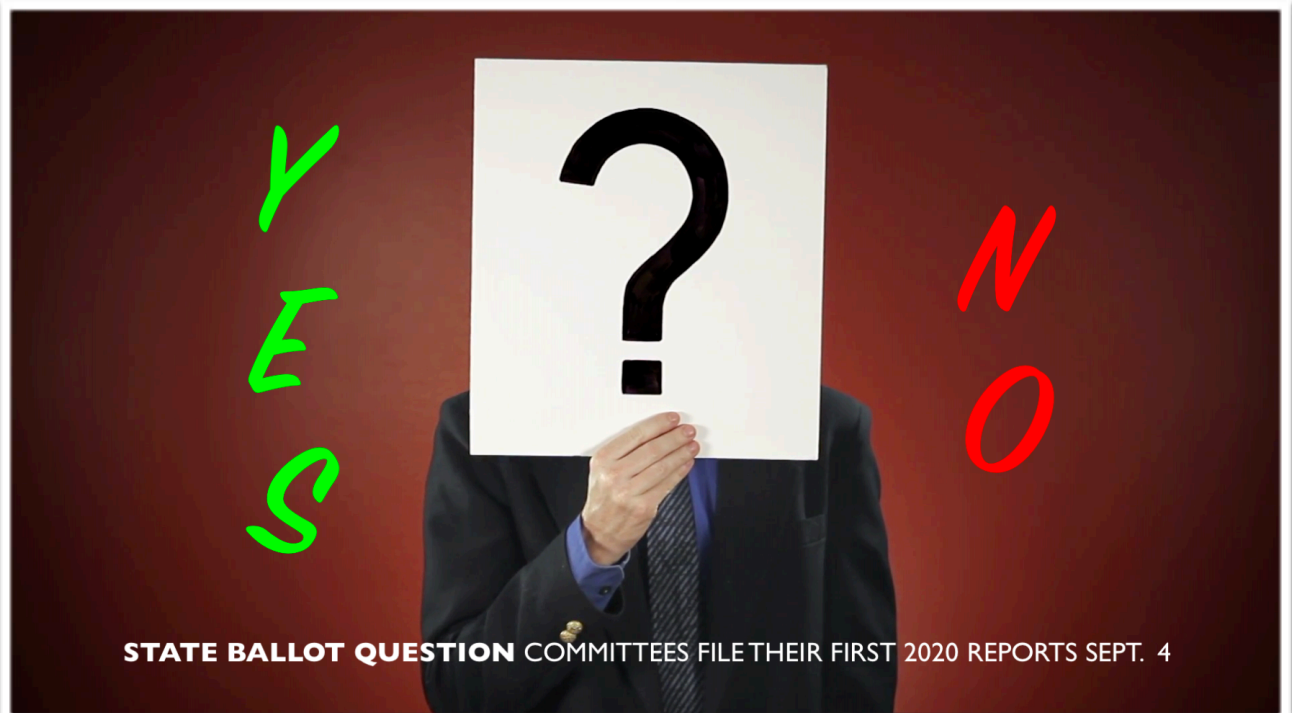
Bristol County	Thomas Hoyer*	Taunton	Expenditures: \$12,139
Bristol County	Melanie Patenaude Layden	Taunton	Expenditures: \$2,086
Hampden County	Bob Collamore	Springfield	Expenditures: \$1,791
Hampden County	Rosemary Saccomani	Agawam	Expenditures: \$5,155
Hampden County	Lori Landers-Carvalho	E. Longmeadow	Expenditures: \$36,665
Nantucket County	Sarah Maxwell	Nantucket	Expenditures: \$3,851
Nantucket County	Barbara Mendez	Nantucket	Expenditures: \$121
Norfolk County	Colleen Marie Brierley	Norwood	Expenditures: \$1,698
Norfolk County	Noel DiBona	Quincy	Expenditures: \$12,569
Norfolk County	Kathryn Hubley	Quincy	Expenditures: \$4,650
Norfolk County	Courtney Madden	Quincy	Expenditures: \$12,331
Norfolk County	Michael Walsh	Westwood	Expenditures: \$389
Suffolk County	Felix Arroyo*	Revere	Expenditures: \$3,405
Suffolk County	Kerby Roberson	Milton	Expenditures: \$15,272
Suffolk County	Althea Garrison	Boston	Expenditures: 0
Suffolk County	Melissa Tyler	Boston	Expenditures: \$3
Worcester County	Stephanie Fattman*	Sutton	Expenditures: \$80,280
Worcester County	John Dolan	Worcester	Expenditures: \$13,230
Worcester County	Kasia Wennerberg	Dudley	Expenditures: \$9,271

*Incumbent



Incumbents in **Bold** / Expenditures = Jan. 1 - July 31 / One Open Seat (Seventh District)

First District	Joseph Ferreira	Swansea	Expenditures: \$938
Second District	Robert Jubinville	Milton	Expenditures: \$0
Third District	Marilyn Petitto Devaney	Watertown	Expenditures: \$0
Fourth District	Christopher Iannella	Boston	Expenditures: \$897
Fifth District	Eileen Duff	Gloucester	Expenditures: \$4,214
Fifth District	Nicholas Torresi	Methuen	Expenditures: \$102
Sixth District	Terrence Kennedy	Lynnfield	Expenditures: \$10,250
Sixth District	Helina Fontes	Lynn	Expenditures: \$3,223
Seventh District	Paul DePalo	Worcester	Expenditures: \$6,415
Seventh District	Padraic Rafferty	Worcester	Expenditures: \$43,300
Eighth District	Mary Hurley	E. Longmeadow	Expenditures: \$11,273



There are two ballot questions on the statewide ballot in 2020 — Motor Vehicle Mechanical Data, and Ranked-choice Voting. Three ballot question committees are organized with OCPF, as of the publication of this newsletter, to support or oppose the questions.

[Click here](#) for OCPF's 2020 ballot question tracking page. The first 2020 reports are due by Sept. 4.

There are four candidates for Norfolk County Sheriff in 2020

Jan. 1 - July 31		
James Coughlin	Dedham	Expenditures: \$30,239
Jerry McDermott (I)	Westwood	Expenditures: \$62,318
Patrick McDermott	Quincy	Expenditures: \$70,806
William Phelan	Quincy	Expenditures: \$57,377

THERE ARE MORE THAN 250 TRADITIONAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES ORGANIZED WITH OCPF. PACS ARE FORMED TO SUPPORT AND OPPOSE CANDIDATES.

IN 2020, SO FAR, PACS HAVE REPORTED \$2,179,470* IN EXPENDITURES — AN AVERAGE OF \$8,513.

PACS CAN CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$500 PER CALENDAR YEAR TO EACH CANDIDATE.

***THE OCPF WEBSITE CORRECTLY SHOWS \$3,716,791 IN TOTAL EXPENDITURES. HOWEVER, \$1.5 MILLION WAS A DEPOSIT CORRECTION, AND NOT INCLUDED IN THE SPENDING TOTAL IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

TOP 10 TRADITIONAL PACs

(Cash on Hand as of July 31)

1. 1199 SEIU MA PAC	\$2,713,401
2. MA & Northern NE Laborers' District Council PAC	\$1,618,943
3. Local 509 SEIU Comm. on Pol Ed, MA Workers' PAC	\$500,031
4. MA Assoc. of Realtors PAC	\$483,306
5. Boston Police Patrolmens Assoc. PAC	\$466,231
6. New England Regional Council of Carpenters PAC	\$461,964
7. Ironworkers Union Local 7 PAC	\$421,356
8. MA Police Assoc. PAC	\$382,903
9. Pipefitters Local #537 PAC	\$375,468
10. Painters District Council #35 PAC	\$367,630

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL PAC LIST](#)

IEPACs



Spending on independent expenditures,
as reported by IEPACs

2013: \$2,434,580

2014: \$24,232,402 #

2015: \$34,729

2016: \$1,108,523

2017: \$66,100

2018: \$6,843,673 #

2019: \$354,085

*2020: \$327,806

*As of Aug. 18 / # Statewide election

They're called "independent expenditure" PACs (IEPACs) for a reason.

These are political action committees that spend money to support or oppose candidates, **but without coordinating or consulting** with candidates or their campaign teams (independent).

IEPACs, also known as Super PACs, can raise and spend without limit. The number of IEPACs fluctuates year-to-year, but there are usually about 20 in the state.

Expenditures this year have trended toward direct mail and social media ads, mostly focused on special elections in the first half of 2020.

However, IEPACs have started spending money to support and oppose candidates on the Sept. 1 primary ballot and Nov. 3 general election ballot.

[Click here](#) to view the list of 2020 IEPAC expenditures.

FAQ: I'M A 2020 CANDIDATE IN THE DEPOSITORY SYSTEM OF REPORTING. HOW DO I DISCLOSE MY IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS?

ANSWER: DEPOSITORY CANDIDATES, INCLUDING HOUSE AND SENATE CANDIDATES, DISCLOSE IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS ANNUALLY (EACH JANUARY).

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

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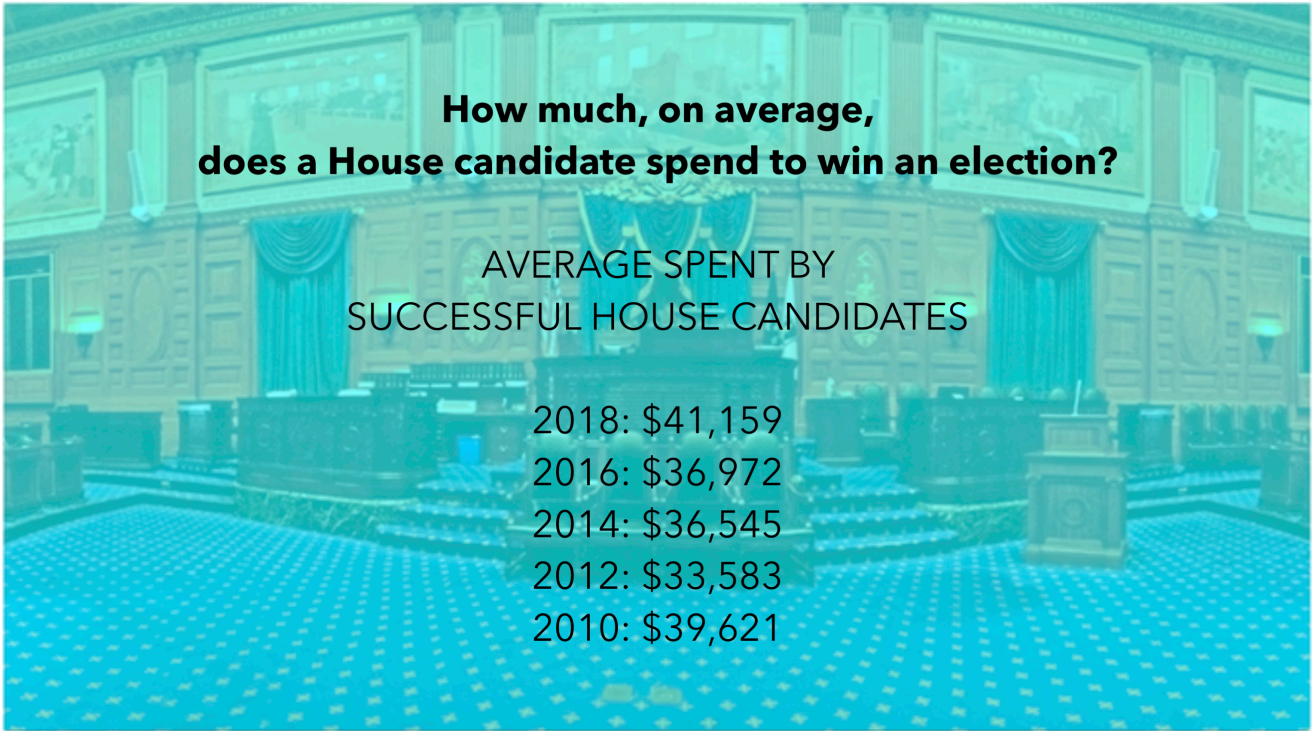


We launched a mobile website recently that allows candidates to submit a profile photo of themselves, which will appear on their OCPF disclosure pages.

Visit the "FILER INFORMATION" page on [Reporter 7](#) to post a photograph.

2020 House and Senate spending and fundraising totals are available by [clicking here](#).

FAQ: How much, historically, does a successful legislative candidate spend?



**How much, on average,
does a House candidate spend to win an election?**

AVERAGE SPENT BY
SUCCESSFUL HOUSE CANDIDATES

2018: \$41,159
2016: \$36,972
2014: \$36,545
2012: \$33,583
2010: \$39,621



**How much, on average,
does a Senate candidate spend to win an election?**

AVERAGE SPENT BY
SUCCESSFUL SENATE CANDIDATES

2018: \$93,445
2016: \$87,212
2014: \$77,390
2012: \$84,368
2010: \$130,999