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House and Senate candidates spend $13.9 million in 2026, surpassing 2024 total

Legislative candidates in Massachusetts spent $13,871,084 in the first 10 months of 2026, according to an analysis of campaign finance reports filed with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

Among “on ballot” candidates, 250 for state representative spent $8.4 million, and 64 for state senate spent $5.5 million. The combined total has already surpassed 2024’s full-year total of $12.9 million.

The record was set in 2004, when 390 House and Senate candidates spent $17.6 million.

The 2026 totals cover Jan. 1 through Oct. 31 and come from “bank reports,” filed monthly by banks tracking funds deposited and spent from candidate checking accounts. Reports covering November are due Dec. 7, followed by reports covering December, due Jan. 5, to complete the election cycle.

Democratic House candidates spent $6.9 million, compared to $1.4 million for Republicans. On the Senate side, Democrats spent $5.1 million to $299,105 for Republicans. Democrats averaged $37,495 per House candidate and $108,918 per Senate candidate, and Republicans averaged $27,644 per House candidate and $24,925 per Senate candidate.

OCPF is an independent state agency that administers the Massachusetts campaign finance law. Nearly 3,000 candidates and committees are organized with the agency.

House and Senate campaign finance data is available at www.ocpf.us. To look up a candidate, enter their last name in the homepage search.

2026 Totals: Jan. 1 – Oct. 31

House (250 candidates): $8,420,416
Democrats (183): $6,861,553
Republicans (52): $1,437,493
Unaffiliated (15): $121,371

Senate (64 candidates): $5,450,668
Democrats (47): $5,119,160
Republicans (12): $299,105
Unaffiliated (5): $32,403