

The Cost of Winning an Election, 1986-2016 (in nominal
Table 3-1 and 2016 dollars)

	House Winners		Senate Winners	
	Nominal Dollars	2016 Dollars	Nominal Dollars	2016 Dollars
2016	1,516,021	1,516,021	10,464,068	10,464,068
2014	1,466,533	1,486,795	9,655,660	9,789,066
2012	1,596,953	1,669,382	10,351,556	10,821,044
2010	1,434,760	1,579,196	8,993,945	9,899,359
2008	1,362,239	1,518,564	7,101,029	7,915,916
2006	1,259,791	1,499,795	8,835,416	10,518,659
2004	1,038,391	1,319,328	7,183,825	9,127,413
2002	911,644	1,216,237	3,728,644	4,974,434
2000	845,907	1,178,999	7,198,423 ^a	10,032,938
1998	677,807	998,027	4,655,806	6,855,374
1996	686,198	1,049,664	3,921,653	5,998,879
1994	541,121	876,335	4,488,195	7,268,544
1992	556,475	951,945	3,353,115	5,736,073
1990	423,245	777,213	3,298,324	6,056,778
1988	400,386	812,303	3,746,225	7,600,340
1986	359,577	787,418	3,067,559	6,717,478

Note: Inflation adjustment based on average 2016 CPI.

<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/tables.htm>

a. Jon Corzine (D-N.J.) spent \$63,209,506. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) spent \$29,941,194. The remaining Senate winners in 2000 spent an average of \$4,737,365.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.