

Federal Election Commission (FEC) Enforcement Statistics for Fiscal Years 1977-2021¹

(Updated May 25, 2021 to include data through April 30, 2021)

Fiscal Year	Total Penalty Amount of All Closed Enforcement Matters	Matters Under Review (MUR)				Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)				Administrative Fine (AF)				Total AF Penalties by Two-Year Cycle ⁵
		Total Matter Under Review (MUR) Cases Closed	Total MURs w/Conciliation Agreement	Average Civil Penalty per MUR w/Conciliation Agreement	Total MUR Civil Penalties	Total Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Cases Closed ²	Total ADRs w/ Approved Settlements	Average Civil Penalty w/ Approved Settlements	Total ADR Civil Penalties	Total Administrative (AF) Fine Cases Closed ³	Total AF Cases w/Fines	Average AF Penalty	Total AF Penalties ⁴	
2021	\$619,493	73	7	\$24,000	\$168,000	28	27	\$4,939	\$133,340	105	84	\$3,788	\$318,153	
2020	\$834,419	35	6	\$11,700	\$70,200	39	36	\$6,704	\$241,345	294	179	\$2,921	\$522,874	\$841,369
2019	\$2,707,686	189	42	\$50,588	\$2,123,436	47	39	\$6,814	\$265,755	130	110	\$2,895	\$318,495	
2018	\$891,829	167	19	\$29,747	\$595,200	41	35	\$4,728	\$165,465	29	24	\$5,465	\$131,164	\$584,560
2017	\$1,894,073	151	23	\$51,709	\$1,384,300	21	15	\$4,203	\$63,055	200	176	\$2,538	\$446,718	
2016	\$787,983	148	30	\$19,848	\$595,425	38	26	\$2,262	\$58,800	44	36	\$3,716	\$133,758	\$423,931
2015	\$777,821	88	14	\$24,755	\$346,569	49	37	\$3,813	\$141,079	191	162	\$1,791	\$290,173	
2014	\$597,429	132	16	\$12,890	\$206,235	72	60	\$4,256	\$255,381	60	54	\$2,515	\$135,813	\$763,221
2013	\$1,394,648	134	30	\$24,346	\$730,390	33	17	\$2,168	\$36,850	217	185	\$3,391	\$627,408	
2012	\$887,786	77	24	\$26,226	\$603,200	41	37	\$3,828	\$141,626	48	45	\$3,177	\$142,960	\$770,368
2011	\$1,007,739	145	18	\$29,285	\$527,125	25	19	\$2,313	\$43,950	333	294	\$1,485	\$436,664	
2010	\$822,537	135	16	\$42,013	\$672,200	45	40	\$2,328	\$93,100	47	42	\$1,363	\$57,237	\$493,901
2009	\$1,468,727	228	31	\$26,035	\$807,100	80	73	\$2,718	\$198,395	337	284	\$1,631	\$463,232	
2008	\$2,442,454	71	23	\$103,698	\$2,385,043	11	7	\$3,221	\$22,550	28	13	\$2,682	\$34,861	\$498,093
2007	\$4,511,834	165	55	\$73,427	\$4,038,478	71	45	\$1,931	\$86,900	274	246	\$1,571	\$386,456	
2006	\$5,918,133	126	30	\$179,499	\$5,563,069	61	44	\$3,001	\$132,049	91	82	\$2,720	\$223,015	\$609,471
2005	\$2,088,954	80	21	\$68,014	\$1,428,300	82	49	\$3,026	\$148,250	224	206	\$2,487	\$512,404	
2004	\$3,461,275	72	26	\$115,811	\$3,011,095	43	26	\$2,669	\$69,400	138	112	\$3,400	\$380,780	\$893,184
2003	\$2,995,466	86	41	\$54,034	\$2,215,375	61	32	\$975	\$31,200	403	378	\$1,981	\$748,891	
2002	\$1,180,079	91	41	\$20,236	\$829,688	28	17	\$1,353	\$23,000	122	108	\$3,031	\$327,391	\$1,076,282
2001	\$1,488,733	128	59	\$15,132	\$892,780	37	25	\$1,286	\$32,143	361	344	\$1,639	\$563,810	
2000	\$857,500	148	74	\$11,588	\$857,500									
1999	\$937,605	147	34	\$27,577	\$937,605									
1998	\$1,096,299	213	48	\$22,840	\$1,096,299									
1997	\$875,052	236	46	\$19,023	\$875,052									
1996	\$1,239,152	220	51	\$24,297	\$1,239,152									
1995	\$1,999,350	260	77	\$25,966	\$1,999,350									
1994	\$909,054	complete data)	64	\$14,204	\$909,054									
1993	\$572,599	115	54	\$10,604	\$572,599									
1992	\$466,903	complete data)	128	\$3,648	\$466,903									
1991	\$430,112	complete data)	161	\$2,672	\$430,112									
1990	\$227,900	complete data)	132	\$1,727	\$227,900									
1989	\$428,124	145	137	\$3,125	\$428,124									
1988	\$271,730	190	159	\$1,709	\$271,730									
1987	\$301,765	182	125	\$2,414	\$301,765									
1986	\$210,200	167	120	\$1,751	\$210,200									
1985	\$170,285	268	169	\$1,007	\$170,285									
1984	\$71,850	106	56	\$1,283	\$71,850									
1983	\$110,200	123	47	\$2,345	\$110,200									
1982	\$237,370	109	44	\$5,395	\$237,370									
1981	\$65,200	175	63	\$1,035	\$65,200									
1980	\$129,550	219	60	\$2,159	\$129,550									
1979	\$80,130	380	72	\$1,113	\$80,130									
1978	\$75,725	237	44	\$1,721	\$75,725									
1977	\$8,695	160	7	\$1,281	\$8,695									

¹ As part of the upgrading of its information systems, the Commission has transferred historical enforcement matter information from an obsolete program to a modern database. Commission staff are continually reviewing historical files to verify the data entered for the years 1977- 1998. The information covering may be subject to modification as the data transfer is completed and verified.

² The ADR program began in October 2000.

³ The AF program began in July 2000.

⁴ A large proportion of Reason to Believe findings in Administrative Fine cases are made in connection with the reporting requirements surrounding the general election and the Year-End Report to close out the two-year election cycle. While the end of the election cycle falls at the end of the even-numbered calendar year, it falls in the first quarter of the odd-numbered fiscal year.

⁵ AF Two-Year Total column, reflecting the sum of two fiscal years: 2001-2, 2003-4, 2005-6, 2007-8, 2009-10, 2011-12.