

Record \$93M in Spending by Outside Groups in Wis in 2022

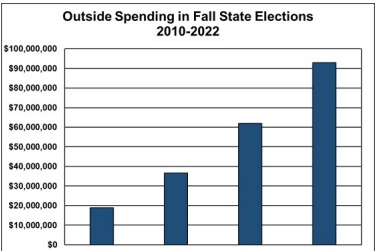
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MADISON - Spending by special interest groups in this fall's legislative races in Wisconsin and for the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and treasurer shattered the old record by 50 percent, a preliminary review by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign found.

The \$93.01 million spent in 2022 by outside groups crushed the previous record \$61.86 million set in 2018 for mid-term fall races that also featured both legislative and statewide contests in Wisconsin. And the 2022 spending figure was 154 percent higher than the \$36.63 million spent by outside groups in 2014 and nearly five times higher than the \$18.9 million spent on Wisconsin legislative and statewide races in 2010. (See [chart](#) below.)



Source: Wisconsin Legislative Committee on Government Operations, Wisconsin Statewide Election Fund