To determine approximate net worth of each of Oklahoma's Congressional candidates and incumbents who filed Personal Financial Disclosure forms with the U.S. House of Representatives, each of the most recent financial disclosure forms were **downloaded** from the U.S. House of Representatives, and the data was entered into a spreadsheet.

Because the asset value, liability amounts and (in most cases) income amounts provided in the disclosure documents are presented as range values rather than an exact number, the minimum amounts and maximum amounts of each category were entered in separate columns as "low end" and "high end" values. In addition, only income from 2017 was counted under the income columns, so a full year's worth of income could be determined (the reports were filed in mid-2018, meaning a full year's worth of data for that year was not available).

The low and high end Income amounts and asset value amounts were calculated separately, as were low and high end amounts for reported liabilities. Because personal residences do not have to be included as assets in the financial disclosures, if a candidate included a mortgage on their personal residence as a liability without including the home as an asset, the mortgage was excluded from the calculation.

The high-end and low-end values for each of the categories (income, asset value and liabilities) were then totaled for each candidate. The "high-end" amount of liabilities was then subtracted from the "low-end" amount of each candidate's total asset value, and the "low-end" liabilities amount was subtracted from the "high-end" asset value amount. The result was a range of the candidate's net worth. Each candidate's "low-end" and "high-end" net worth were then averaged, providing an "approximate net worth" for each candidate that fell between the two. The method used here is **similar to that used** in the past by The Center for Responsive Politics to calculate the net worth of each member of Congress.

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