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### **Chapter 5: Congressional Staff and Operating Expenses**

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*Note about data contained in this chapter:* Calculating the size of Congressional staff over time is difficult. *Vital Statistics* has used, for many years, the first quarter report in the *Statement of Disbursements of the House* and a semi-annual *Report of the Secretary of the Senate*, to estimate annual totals for full-time employees. These figures have been subject to inevitable error and volatility. The Congressional Research Service, by contrast, conducts a hand-count of House and Senate telephone directories to estimate the size of congressional staff. We are exploring adopting CRS's methodology, and looking for other alternatives, for this chapter. Please contact us at [vitalstatistics@brookings.edu](mailto:vitalstatistics@brookings.edu) with questions and comments.



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Table 5-1 Congressional Staff, 1979 - 2011

	1979	1981	1983	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1979	1981	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997
<b>House</b>																			
Committee staff <sup>a</sup>	2,027	1,917	2,068	2,146	2,136	2,267	2,321	2,147 <sup>b</sup>	1,266	1,276	2,027	1,917	2,146	2,136	2,267	2,321	2,147 <sup>b</sup>	1,266	1,276
Personal staff	7,067	7,487	7,606	7,528	7,584	7,569	7,278	7,400	7,186	7,282	7,067	7,487	7,528	7,584	7,569	7,278	7,400	7,186	7,282
Leadership staff <sup>c</sup>	162	127	135	144	138	133	149	132	134	126	162	127	144	138	133	149	132	134	126
Officers of the House, staff <sup>d</sup>	1,487	1,686	1,728	1,818	1,845	1,215	1,293	1,194	1,327	1,146	1,487	1,686	1,818	1,845	1,215	1,293	1,194	1,327	1,146
Subtotal, House	10,743	11,217	11,537	11,636	11,703	11,184	11,041	10,878	9,913	9,830	10,743	11,217	11,636	11,703	11,184	11,041	10,873	9,913	9,830
<b>Senate</b>																			
Committee staff <sup>a</sup>	1,410	1,150	1,176	1,178	1,207	1,116	1,154	994	796	1,216	1,410	1,150	1,178	1,207	1,116	1,154	994	796	1,216
Personal staff	3,593	3,945	4,059	4,097	4,075	3,837	4,294	4,138	4,247	4,410	3,593	3,945	4,097	4,075	3,837	4,294	4,138	4,247	4,410
Leadership staff <sup>c</sup>	91	106	120	118	103	105	125	132	126	148	91	106	118	103	105	125	132	126	148
Officers of the Senate, staff <sup>d</sup>	828	878	948	976	904	926	1,092	1,165	994	958	828	878	976	904	926	1,092	1,165	994	958
Subtotal, Senate	5,922	6,079	6,303	6,369	6,289	5,984	6,665	6,429	6,163	6,732	5,922	6,079	6,369	6,289	5,984	6,665	6,429	6,163	6,732
Joint committee staffs	138	126	123	131	132	138	145	145	108	120	138	126	131	132	138	145	145	108	120
<b>Support agencies</b>																			
General Accountability Office	5,303	5,182	4,960	5,042	5,016	5,063	5,054	4,958	4,342	3,500	5,303	5,182	5,042	5,016	5,063	5,054	4,958	4,342	3,500
Congressional Research Service	847	849	853	860	860	860	831	835	746	726	847	849	860	860	860	831	835	746	726
Congressional Budget Office	207	218	211	222	226	226	226	230	214	232	204	218	222	226	226	226	230	214	232
Office of Technology Assessment	145	130	130	143	143	143	143	143	n.a. <sup>f</sup>	n.a.	145	130	143	143	143	143	n.a. <sup>f</sup>	n.a.	
Subtotal, Support agencies	6,502	6,379	6,154	6,267	6,245	6,292	6,254	6,166	5,302	4,458	6,499	6,379	6,267	6,245	6,292	6,254	6,166	5,302	4,458
Miscellaneous																			
Architect	2,296	1,986	2,061	2,073	2,412	2,088	2,099	2,060	2,151	1,854	2,296	1,986	2,073	2,412	2,088	2,099	2,060	2,151	1,854
Capitol Police <sup>g</sup>	1,167	1,163	1,148	1,227	1,250	1,259	1,265	1,159	1,076	1,076	1,167	1,163	1,227	1,250	1,259	1,265	1,159	1,076	1,076
Subtotal, Miscellaneous	3,463	3,149	3,209	3,300	3,662	3,347	3,364	3,219	3,227	2,930	3,463	3,149	3,300	3,662	3,347	3,364	3,219	3,227	2,930
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,768</b>	<b>26,950</b>	<b>27,326</b>	<b>27,703</b>	<b>28,031</b>	<b>26,945</b>	<b>27,469</b>	<b>26,837</b>	<b>24,713</b>	<b>24,070</b>	<b>26,765</b>	<b>26,950</b>	<b>27,703</b>	<b>28,031</b>	<b>26,945</b>	<b>27,469</b>	<b>26,832</b>	<b>24,713</b>	<b>24,070</b>

n.a. = not available

Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees.

a. This includes select and special committee staffs. Therefore, the figures do not agree with those in table 5-5.

b. In addition to the staffs (twenty-nine members) of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, which retained twenty-nine staff members, three other select committees were in operation in 1993: the Select Committee on Aging, the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, and the Special and Select Committee on Funerals. The 104th Congress did not reauthorize those committees, but the committees stayed on for a few months to complete previous business. Although the committees did little business in 1993, they did retain small staffs during that time.

c. This includes legislative counsels' offices.

d. These include doorkeepers, parliamentarians, sergeants-at-arms, the clerk of the House, Senate majority and minority secretaries, and postmasters.

e. This does not include the Joint Committee on the Library.

f. The Office of Technology Assessment was eliminated in 1995.

g. This includes sworn officers only.

Sources: *Report of the Secretary of the Senate*, various editions; *Statement of Disbursements of the House*, various

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Table 5-1

	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
House												
Committee staff <sup>a</sup>	1,267	1,201	1,255	1,231	1,280	1,272	1,225	1,014	1,362	1,324	1,469	1,316
Personal staff	7,216	7,209	7,263	7,048	6,742	6,804	7,117	6,735	6,903	6,907	7,330	
Leadership staff <sup>c</sup>	179	166	158	160	161	176	179	148	195	171	231	202
Officers of the House, staff <sup>d</sup>	974	892	1,023	1,099	453	490	358	394	421	451	465	463
Subtotal, House	9,636	9,468	9,699	9,538	8,636	8,742	8,879	8,291	8,881	8,853		
Senate												
Committee staff <sup>a</sup>	910	889	961	924	903	957	929	874	919	913		
Personal staff	4,272	3,994	4,024	3,998	3,687	3,934	3,944	3,753	3,908	3,884	4,067	
Leadership staff <sup>c</sup>	219	221	201	227	245	189	225	236	199	214		
Officers of the Senate, staff <sup>d</sup>	990	950	940	940	995	1,114	1,077	1,085	1,089	1,086		
Subtotal, Senate	6,391	6,054	6,126	6,089	5,830	6,194	6,175	5,948	6,115	6,097		
Joint committee staffs	104	94	104	103	107	98	90	91	101	96		
Support agencies												
General Accountability Office	3,275	3,155	3,275	3,269	3,252	3,215	2,388	3,172	3,137	3,191	3,350	3,134
Congressional Research Service	703	722	681	692	729	700	669	658	705	675	679	658
Congressional Budget Office	232	228	232	236	236	235	235	232	233	238	254	248
Office of Technology Assessment	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.									
Subtotal, Support agencies	4,210	4,105	4,188	4,197	4,217	4,150	3,292	4,062	4,075	4,104	4,283	4,040
Miscellaneous												
Architect	2,012	2,012	2,081	2,133	2,183	1,533	2,158	2,150	2,212	2,212		
Capitol Police <sup>g</sup>	1,251	1,215	1,570	1,771	1,592	1,730						
Subtotal, Miscellaneous	3,263	3,227	3,651	3,904	3,775	3,263	2,158	2,150	2,212	2,212		
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,604</b>	<b>22,948</b>	<b>23,768</b>	<b>23,831</b>	<b>22,565</b>	<b>22,447</b>	<b>20,594</b>	<b>20,542</b>	<b>21,384</b>	<b>21,362</b>		

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Table 5-2 Staffs of Members of the House and Senate, 1891 - 2010

Year	Employees in House	Employees in Senate
1891	n.a.	39
1914	n.a.	72
1930	870	280
1935	870	424
1947	1,440	590
1957	2,441	1,115
1967	4,055	1,749
1972	5,280	2,426
1976	6,939	3,251
1977	6,942	3,554
1978	6,944	3,268
1979	7,067	3,593
1980	7,371	3,746
1981	7,487	3,945
1982	7,511	4,041
1983	7,606	4,059
1984	7,385	3,949
1985	7,528	4,097
1986 <sup>a</sup>	7,920	3,774
1987	7,584	4,075
1988	7,564	3,977
1989	7,569	3,837
1990	7,496	4,162
1991	7,278	4,294
1992	7,597	4,249
1993	7,400	4,138
1994	7,390	4,200
1995	7,186	4,247
1996	7,288	4,151
1997	7,282	4,410
1998	7,269	4,281
1999	7,216	4,272
2000	7,226	4,087
2001	7,209	3,994
2002	7,263	4,024
2003	7,048	3,998
2004	6,742	3,687
2005	6,804	3,934
2006	7,117	3,944
2007	6,735	3,753
2008	6,903	3,908
2009	6,907	3,884
2010	7,330	4,067

n.a. = not available

Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees.

a. Senate figures reflect the period immediately after Gramm-Rudman mandated staffing cuts. House figures are for the entire fiscal year, thus averaging post-Gramm-Rudman staffing levels with previous, higher levels.

Sources: *Report of the Secretary of the Senate*, various editions; *Statement of Disbursements of the House*, various editions.



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Table 5-3 House Staff Based in District Offices, 1970 - 2010

Year	Employees	Percentage of total personal staffs in district offices
1970	1,035	n.a.
1971	1,121	n.a.
1972	1,189	22.5
1973	1,347	n.a.
1974	1,519	n.a.
1975	1,732	n.a.
1976	1,943	28.0
1977	2,058	29.6
1978	2,317	33.4
1979	2,445	34.6
1980	2,534	34.4
1981	2,702	36.1
1982	2,694	35.8
1983	2,785	36.6
1984	2,872	38.9
1985	2,871	38.1
1986	2,940	43.6
1987	2,503	33.0
1988	2,954	39.6
1989	2,916	38.5
1990	3,027	40.4
1991	3,022	41.5
1992	3,128	41.2
1993	3,130	42.3
1994	3,335	45.1
1995	3,459	48.1
1996	3,144	43.1
1997	3,209	44.1
1998	3,214	44.2
1999	3,192	44.2
2000	3,216	44.5
2001	3,004	41.7
2002	3,302	45.5
2003	3,241	45.9
2004	3,392	50.3
2005	3,450	50.7
2006	3,506	49.3
2007	3,314	49.2
2008	3,418	49.5
2009	3,377	48.9
2010	3,581	48.9

n.a. = not available

Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees.

Sources: *Congressional Staff Directory*; *Statement of Disbursements of the House*, various editions.



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Table 5-4 Senate Staff Based in State Offices, 1972 - 2010

Year	Employees	Percentage of total personal staffs in district offices
1972	303	12.5
1978	816	25.0
1979	879	24.4
1980	953	25.4
1981	937	25.8
1982	1,053	26.1
1983	1,132	27.9
1984	1,140	28.9
1985	1,180	28.8
1986	1,249	33.1
1987	1,152	28.3
1988	1,217	30.6
1989	1,200	31.3
1990	1,293	31.1
1991	1,316	30.6
1992	1,368	32.2
1993	1,335	32.3
1994	1,345	32.0
1995	1,278	30.1
1996	1,290	31.1
1997	1,366	31.0
1998	1,381	32.3
1999	1,414	33.2
2000	1,405	34.4
2001	1,228	30.7
2002	1,456	36.2
2003	1,440	36.0
2004	1,468	39.8
2005	1,534	39.0
2006	1,562	39.6
2007	1,495	39.8
2008	1,590	40.7
2009	1,589	40.9
2010	1,668	41

Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees.

Sources: *Congressional Staff Directory*; *Report of the Secretary of the Senate*, various editions.



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Table 5-5 Staffs of House and Senate Standing Committees, 1891 - 2009

Year	Employees in House	Employees in Senate	Year	Employees in House	Employees in Senate
1891	62	41	1986	1,954	1,075
1914	105	198	1987	2,024	1,074
1930	112	163	1988	1,976	970
1935	122	172	1989	1,986	1,013
1947	167	232	1990	1,993	1,090
1950	246	300	1991	2,201	1,030
1955	329	386	1992	2,178	1,008
1960	440	470	1993	2,118	897
1965	571	509	1994	2,046	958
1970	702	635	1995	1,246	732
1971	729	711	1996	1,177	793
1972	817	844	1997	1,250	1,002
1973	878	873	1998	1,305	747
1974	1,107	948	1999	1,238	805
1975	1,460	1,277	2000	1,176	762
1976	1,680	1,201	2001	1,177	805
1977	1,776	1,028	2002	1,222	869
1978	1,844	1,151	2003	1,193	857
1979	1,909	1,269	2004	1,249	838
1980	1,917	1,191	2005	1,272	887
1981	1,843	1,022	2006	1,225	929
1982	1,839	1,047	2007	1,014	874
1983	1,970	1,075	2008	1,362	919
1984	1,944	1,095	2009	1,324	913
1985	2,009	1,080			

Notes: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees.

Figures for 1947-1986 are for the statutory and investigative staffs of standing committees. They do not include select committee staffs, which varied between 31 and 238 in the House and between 62 and 172 in the Senate during the 1970s. For that reason, the numbers do not agree with those in table 5-1. In an attempt to provide further accuracy, we have counted certain individuals as .5 of a staff member on the basis of the length of employment and salary received. Rounding of those numbers then means that figures in this table do not necessarily equal those of the individual committees in tables 5-6 and 5-7.

Source: *Statement of Disbursements of the House*, various editions.



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Table 5-6

Staffs of House Standing Committees, 1947 - 2009

Committee	1947	1960	1970	1975	1981	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1994	1995	1996
Appropriations	29	59	71	98	127	182	188	196	218	227	202	126	143
Government Reform and Oversight (Government Operations)	9	54	60	68	84	86	80	82	90	86	82	75	100
Commerce (Energy and Commerce)	10	45	42	112	151	162	153	138	155	140	139	67	93
Ways and Means	12	22	24	63	91	99	108	94	94	142	122	60	67
International Relations (Foreign Affairs)	10	14	21	54	84	97	101	98	104	96	98	62	69
Transportation and Infrastructure (Public Works)	6	32	40	88	86	84	83	83	97	89	87	70	74
Judiciary	7	27	35	69	75	81	81	80	71	75	74	47	61
Resources (Natural Resources) <sup>b</sup>	4	10	14	57	70	73	71	67	85	71	66	56	62
Banking and Financial Services (Banking)	4	14	50	85	87	90	78	108	112	100	98	46	56
Science (Science, Space and Technology)	— <sup>a</sup>	17	26	47	74	78	70	79	84	87	86	48	56
National Security (Armed Services)	10	15	37	38	49	64	69	66	82	76	78	44	70
Budget	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	67	93	109	124	96	101	98	98	61	67
Agriculture	9	10	17	48	62	67	228	69	69	70	66	48	50
House Oversight (House Administration) <sup>c</sup>	7	4	25	217	252	275	43	275	317	317	316	270	33
Rules	4	2	7	18	43	45	62	41	49	48	47	37	36
Veterans' Affairs	7	18	18	26	34	32	11	41	44	46	45	28	28
Small Business	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	27	54	53	44	54	53	45	40	24	28
Standards of Official Conduct	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	5	5	9	9	85	8	11	9	9	10	9
Post Office and Civil Service <sup>d</sup>	6	9	46	61	74	83	77	83	87	76	70	6	
Merchant Marine and Fisheries <sup>d</sup>	6	9	21	28	82	79	42	74	76	75	75	6	
District of Columbia <sup>d</sup>	7	8	15	43	41	42	42	39	40	34	36	6	
Education and the Workforce													
Homeland Security													

Notes: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees. Many of the committee names and jurisdictions changed in the 104th Congress. For continuity, we have included the old committee names in parentheses. The committees are ranked in order of their staff size in 2001.

a. Not a standing committee

Committee. The staff figures for 1947-1991 are actually those of the Interior Committee.

c. After 1972, the figures include employees of House Information Systems, the House of Representatives' central computer facility.

d. These three committees were eliminated in the first few weeks of the 104th Congress. The jurisdictions of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and the District of Columbia Committee became part of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee. The jurisdiction of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee was divided among several other committees.

Source: *Statement of Disbursements of the House*, various editions.

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Committee	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Appropriations	156	152	158	147	148	158	156	162	164	156	157	190	207
Government Reform and Oversight (Government Operations)	120	161	129	116	107	111	96	111	108	102	66	101	52
Commerce (Energy and Commerce)	94	91	90	87	87	97	96	90	94	87	67	102	71
Ways and Means	65	67	66	67	69	73	73	71	73	67	59	72	68
International Relations (Foreign Affairs)	73	66	68	64	68	68	73	72	75	76	58	122	75
Transportation and Infrastructure (Public Works)	84	75	80	70	80	75	70	72	65	72	66	76	85
Judiciary	85	74	70	73	73	75	69	73	73	74	58	68	70
Resources (Natural Resources) <sup>b</sup>	71	66	69	64	57	68	67	68	64	59	53	61	59
Banking and Financial Services (Banking)	64	52	59	54	57	66	63	64	62	62	58	80	65
Science (Science, Space and Technology)	63	57	59	58	62	65	59	61	60	51	44	59	54
National Security (Armed Services)	60	58	57	55	53	46	54	54	58	57	52	65	68
Budget	61	67	68	60	50	57	47	45	43	41	32	38	39
Agriculture	62	53	48	44	47	49	46	46	42	43	27	46	42
House Oversight (House Administration) <sup>c</sup>	36	41	35	34	40	40	43	42	41	37	27	40	40
Rules	41	36	35	35	37	33	35	33	34	35	23	29	30
Veterans' Affairs	27	25	30	30	26	30	32	28	28	67	25	31	32
Small Business	40	32	30	30	27	26	31	28	31	30	19	28	26
Standards of Official Conduct	11	12	13	13	11	12	13	11	12	11	11	16	4
Post Office and Civil Service <sup>d</sup>													
Merchant Marine and Fisheries <sup>d</sup>													
District of Columbia <sup>d</sup>													
Education and the Workforce										72	73	59	59
Homeland Security										46	41	39	53
												65	64

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Table 5-7

Staffs of Senate Standing Committees, 1947 - 2009

Committee	1947	1960	1970	1975	1979	1981	1985	1989	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Appropriations	23	31	42	72	80	79	82	80	72	70	60	59	76	70	79	80	91
Judiciary	19	137	190	251	223	134	141	127	108	110	74	100	141	90	122	86	89
Governmental Affairs (and Homeland Security)	29	47	55	144	179	153	131	111	96	95	66	63	147	70	75	73	73
Labor and Human Resources	9	28	69	150	155	119	127	122	108	117	80	83	94	76	73	74	78
Finance	6	6	16	26	67	50	54	55	46	54	46	49	51	41	44	43	65
Environment and Public Works	10	11	34	70	74	56	56	50	40	44	37	34	39	35	36	41	50
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	8	52	53	111	96	78	93	76	68	70	56	65	68	53	56	54	49
Armed Services	10	23	19	30	31	36	48	51	50	45	43	49	49	45	48	49	49
Budget	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	90	91	82	81	66	58	66	46	46	48	41	42	46	46
Foreign Relations	8	25	31	62	75	59	61	58	54	58	42	50	54	47	50	46	49
Energy and Natural Resources (Interior)	7	26	22	53	55	50	57	50	46	47	39	37	39	36	41	39	38
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	9	22	23	55	48	39	38	51	51	58	44	47	51	45	29	43	43
Agriculture	3	10	7	22	34	34	34	42	29	35	28	33	47	27	28	33	28
Small Business	— <sup>a</sup>	24	22	24	26	20	20	27	21	22	19	24					
Indian Affairs	— <sup>a</sup>	22	15	16	23	12	16	16	20								
Rules and	41	15	13	29	37	31	28	27	24	24	20	25	27	16	23	19	17
Veterans' Affairs	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	32	24	22	25	25	24	14	14	17	21	22	21	17	16

Notes: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees. Committees are ranked in the order of their staff size in 2001.

a. The committee did not yet exist or it existed only as a special committee.

Source: *Report of the Secretary of the Senate*, various editions.



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Committee	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Appropriations	96	105	112	111	114	112	104	100
Judiciary	99	98	76	91	95	82	97	92
Governmental Affairs (and Homeland Security)	83	81	77	79	100	96	91	102
Labor and Human Resources	93	64	81	70	81	66	77	71
Finance	59	62	55	50	68	65	74	78
Environment and Public Works	44	50	45	43	44	43	40	47
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	56	62	57	58	57	58	59	58
Armed Services	53	52	46	53	53	54	56	53
Budget	40	50	39	50	52	49	51	44
Foreign Relations	50	49	58	58	60	53	65	60
Energy and Natural Resources (Interior)	44	40	39	44	42	42	44	45
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	49	39	44	50	41	40	33	37
Agriculture	36	33	31	32	30	33	31	31
Small Business	26	25	25	27	31	28	32	31
Indian Affairs	17	17	17	16	21	15	19	16
Rules and	19	16	16	17	18	14	21	21
Veterans' Affairs	22	17	20	34	22	24	25	27



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Table 5-8 Staffs of Congressional Support Agencies, FY1946 - FY2011

Year	Library of Congress	Congressional Research Service only	General Accountability Office	Congressional Budget Office	Office of Technology Assessment
1946			14,219		
1947	1,898	160	10,695		
1950	1,973	161	7,876		
1955	2,459	166	5,776		
1960	2,779	183	5,074		
1965	3,390	231	4,278		
1970	3,848	332	4,704		
1971	3,963	386	4,718		
1972	4,135	479	4,742		
1973	4,375	596	4,908		
1974	4,504	687	5,270		10
1975	4,649	741	4,905	193	54
1976	4,880	806	5,391	203	103
1977	5,075	789	5,315	201	139
1978	5,231	818	5,476	203	164
1979	5,390	847	5,303	207	145
1980	5,047	868	5,196	218	122
1981	4,799	849	5,182	218	130
1982	4,803	849	5,027	218	130
1983	4,815	853	4,960	211	130
1984	4,802	858	4,985	210	139
1985	4,809	860	5,042	222	143
1986	4,806	860	5,019	222	143
1987	4,983	860	5,016	226	143
1988	4,874	825	5,042	211	143
1989	4,793	860	5,063	226	143
1990	4,659	797	5,066	226	143
1991	5,043	831	5,054	226	143
1992	5,050	838	5,062	218	143
1993	5,033	835	4,958	230	143
1994	4,701	835	4,572	218	143
1995	4,572	746	4,572	214	143
1996	4,399	729	3,677	232	
1997	4,299	726	3,341	232	
1998	4,275	708	3,245	219	
1999	4,317	703	3,275	232	
2000	3,920	696	3,192	223	
2001	4,099	722	3,155	228	
2002	4,251	681	3,275	232	
2003	4,200	692	3,269	236	
2004	4,334	729	3,252	236	
2005	4,292	700	3,215	235	
2006	3,994	669	2,388	235	
2007	3,910	658	3,172	232	
2008	3,849	705	3,137	233	
2009	3,871	675	3,191	238	
2010	3,635	679	3,350	254	
2011	3,551	658	3,134	248	

Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees.

Sources: *Legislative Branch Appropriations*, various years. *Employment and Trends* (Washington, D.C.: Office of Personnel Management, November 2002, 2003, and 2004).



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Table 5-9 Legislative Branch Appropriations and the Consumer Price Index, 1946 - 2011

Year	Appropriation (dollars)	Increase (percent)	Consumer price index <sup>a</sup>	Increase (percent)
1946	54,065,614	n.a	19.5	8.3
1947	61,825,020	14.4	22.3	14.4
1948	62,119,714	0.5	24.1	8.1
1949	62,057,678	-0.1	23.8	-1.2
1950	64,313,460	3.6	24.1	1.3
1951	71,888,244	11.8	26.0	7.9
1952	75,673,896	5.3	26.5	1.9
1953	77,670,076	2.6	26.7	0.8
1954	70,925,361	-8.7	26.9	0.7
1955	86,304,923	21.7	26.8	-0.4
1956	94,827,986	9.9	27.2	1.5
1957	120,775,798	27.4	28.1	3.3
1958	107,785,560	-10.8	28.9	2.8
1959	136,153,580	26.3	29.1	0.7
1960	131,055,385	-3.7	29.6	1.7
1961	140,930,781	7.5	29.9	1.0
1962	136,686,715	-3.0	30.2	1.0
1963	150,426,185	10.1	30.6	1.3
1964	168,467,869	12.0	31.0	1.3
1965	221,904,318	31.7	31.5	1.6
1966	197,965,307	-10.8	32.4	2.9
1967	221,715,643	12.0	33.4	3.1
1968	282,003,322	27.2	34.8	4.2
1969	311,542,399	10.5	36.7	5.5
1970	361,024,327	15.9	38.8	5.7
1971	443,104,319	22.7	40.5	4.4
1972	564,107,992	27.3	41.8	3.2
1973	645,127,365	14.4	44.4	6.2
1974	662,180,668	2.6	49.3	11.0
1975	785,618,833	18.6	53.8	9.1
1976 <sup>b</sup>	947,185,778	20.6	56.9	5.8
1977	963,921,185	1.8	60.6	6.5
1978	1,009,225,350	4.7	65.2	7.6
1979	1,124,766,400	11.4	72.6	11.3
1980	1,199,061,463	6.6	82.4	13.5
1981	1,285,943,826	7.2	90.9	10.3



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Table 5-9 Legislative Branch Appropriations and the Consumer Price Index, 1946 - 2011

Year	Appropriation (dollars)	Increase (percent)	Consumer price index <sup>a</sup>	Increase (percent)
1982	1,365,272,433	6.2	96.5	6.2
1983	1,467,318,263	7.5	99.6	3.2
1984	1,644,160,600	12.0	103.9	4.3
1985	1,599,977,138	-2.7	107.6	3.6
1986	1,783,255,000	11.4	109.6	1.9
1987	1,635,190,214	-8.3	113.6	3.6
1988	1,745,201,500	6.7	118.3	4.1
1989	1,804,624,000	3.4	124.0	4.8
1990	1,968,441,000	9.1	130.7	5.4
1991	2,161,367,000	9.8	136.2	4.2
1992	2,303,844,000	6.6	140.3	3.0
1993	2,302,924,000	-0.1	144.5	3.0
1994	2,269,558,000	-1.4	148.2	2.6
1995	2,390,600,000	5.3	152.4	2.8
1996	2,125,000,000	-11.1	156.9	3.0
1997	2,165,400,000	1.9	160.5	2.3
1998	2,288,000,000	5.7	163.0	1.6
1999	2,581,000,000	12.8	166.6	2.2
2000	2,486,000,000	-3.7	172.2	3.4
2001	2,730,000,000	9.8	177.1	2.8
2002	3,227,000,000	18.2	179.9	1.6
2003	3,461,000,000	7.3	184.0	2.3
2004	3,570,000,000	3.2	189.0	2.7
2005	3,639,892,000	2.0	195.3	3.4
2006	3,765,398,000	3.4	201.6	3.2
2007	3,852,184,000	2.3	207.3	2.8
2008	3,970,415,000	3.1	215.3	3.9
2009	4,402,000,000	10.9	214.5	-0.4
2010	4,656,000,000	5.8	218.1	1.6
2011	4,540,000,000	-2.5	224.9	3.2
2012				
2013				
1946-2011	-	8297.20	-	1053.5

Notes: Appropriations include supplementals, except for 1986. Appropriations are for fiscal years, but the consumer price index is the year average for calendar years.

a. The CPI base is 1982-84 = 100.

b. From fiscal year 1946 through fiscal year 1976, the fiscal year began on July 1. Beginning with fiscal year 1977, the start of the fiscal year was shifted to October 1. During the transition quarter of July 1 - September 30, 1976, the amount appropriated for legislative branch operations was \$207,391,365. We have not included that amount.

Sources: Paul E. Dwyer, *Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, RL30512: Appropriations for FY2001: Legislative Branch*; Legislative Branch Appropriations Bills, various years; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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Legislative Branch Appropriations, by Category, Fiscal Years 1984 - 2011 (in thousands of dollars)

	1984	1985	1986 <sup>a</sup>	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Senate	\$255,856	\$285,930	\$308,834	\$307,658	\$337,314	\$340,677	\$373,761	\$437,223	\$449,568	\$451,451
House of Representatives	\$419,784	\$439,398	\$455,431	\$463,907	\$513,786	\$506,068	\$537,207	\$647,675	\$693,970	\$699,109
Joint Items <sup>b</sup>	\$128,933	\$96,415	\$155,804	\$103,136	\$94,981	\$120,983	\$170,454	\$114,187	\$80,716	\$80,476
Architect of the Capitol <sup>d</sup>	\$82,021	\$85,181	\$112,191	\$101,633	\$107,306	\$103,640	\$116,221	\$139,806	\$151,633	\$149,613
Botanic Garden	\$2,158	\$2,080	\$2,197	\$2,062	\$2,221	\$2,521	\$2,638	\$3,519	\$2,862	\$4,906
Congressional Budget Office	\$16,723	\$17,541	\$18,455	\$17,251	\$17,886	\$18,361	\$19,580	\$21,183	\$22,542	\$22,542
Congressional Research Service	\$36,700	\$39,833	\$38,963	\$39,602	\$43,022	\$44,684	\$46,895	\$52,743	\$56,583	\$57,291
Copyright Royalty Commission <sup>f</sup>	\$210	\$217	\$227	\$123	\$129	\$123	\$101	\$127	\$130	\$130
General Accountability Office	\$271,710	\$299,704	\$339,639	\$304,910	\$329,847	\$347,339	\$364,720	\$419,130	\$442,647	\$435,167
Government Printing Office <sup>d</sup>	\$125,700	\$122,704	\$122,268	\$94,956	\$89,521	\$85,731	\$98,018	\$79,615	\$91,591	\$89,591
Library of Congress	\$228,715	\$228,242	\$242,829	\$183,670	\$191,998	\$199,650	\$211,100	\$239,924	\$248,308	\$252,808
Office of Technology Assessment	\$14,831	\$15,692	\$17,000	\$15,532	\$16,901	\$17,937	\$18,900	\$19,557	\$21,025	\$21,025
Office of Compliance										

Notes: The figures include supplemental appropriations, except for 1986. Appropriations for legislative

- a. The figures for 1986 are before Gramm-Rudman-Hollings sequestration.
- b. This category includes such items as joint committees and the Capitol Police. Before 1991, official mail costs were also included in this category.
- c. This includes \$106,782,000 for emergency security enhancements funded under the Capitol Police Board's general expenses account, as well as \$2 million for the Trade Deficit Review Commission.
- d. The figures for the Architect of the Capitol and the Government Printing Office include appropriations for legislative activities only.
- e. This includes \$100 million for construction of a Capitol Visitors' Center.
- f. The commission was abolished after fiscal year 1994. Its duties have been taken over by a Copyright Office panel; therefore, there is no further appropriation.

Sources: Paul E. Dwyer, Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, RL30512: Appropriations for FY2001: Legislative Branch; Legislative Branch Appropriations Bills, various years.



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	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1984	1985
Senate	\$443,315	\$460,600	\$426,900	\$441,200	\$461,100	\$474,891	\$487,370	\$522,023	\$255,856	\$285,930
House of Representatives	\$684,696	\$728,700	\$671,600	\$684,000	\$708,700	\$740,481	\$757,993	\$830,449	\$419,784	\$439,398
Joint Items <sup>b</sup>	\$78,750	\$86,200	\$86,800	\$85,300	\$86,700	204916 <sup>c</sup>	\$100,626	\$121,860	\$128,933	\$96,415
Architect of the Capitol <sup>d</sup>	\$150,223	\$159,700	\$143,000	\$139,800	\$164,700	289746 <sup>e</sup>	\$213,474	\$194,813	\$82,021	\$85,181
Botanic Garden	\$3,008	\$3,200	\$3,100	\$2,900	\$3,000	\$3,052	\$3,438	\$3,321	\$2,158	\$2,080
Congressional Budget Office	\$22,317	\$23,200	\$24,300	\$24,500	\$24,800	\$25,671	\$26,121	\$28,430	\$16,723	\$17,541
Congressional Research Service	\$56,718	\$60,100	\$60,100	\$62,600	\$64,600	\$67,124	\$70,973	\$73,430	\$36,700	\$39,833
Copyright Royalty Commission <sup>f</sup>	\$128								\$210	\$217
General Accountability Office	\$430,815	\$449,400	\$374,000	\$332,500	\$339,500	\$359,268	\$377,561	\$384,020	\$271,710	\$299,704
Government Printing Office <sup>d</sup>	\$29,082	\$32,200	\$30,307	\$29,077	\$29,077	\$29,264	\$73,297	\$81,205	\$125,700	\$122,704
Library of Congress	\$250,813	\$263,100	\$264,600	\$269,100	\$281,800	\$296,516	\$323,380	\$438,297	\$228,715	\$228,242
Office of Technology Assessment	\$21,315	\$22,000							\$14,831	\$15,692
Office of Compliance					\$2,600	\$2,500	\$2,086	\$1,992	\$1,851	



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	1986 <sup>a</sup>	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Senate	\$308,834	\$307,658	\$337,314	\$340,677	\$373,761	\$437,223	\$449,568	\$451,451	\$443,315	\$460,600
House of Representatives	\$455,431	\$463,907	\$513,786	\$506,068	\$537,207	\$647,675	\$663,970	\$699,109	\$684,696	\$728,700
Joint Items <sup>b</sup>	\$155,804	\$103,136	\$94,981	\$120,983	\$170,454	\$114,187	\$80,716	\$80,476	\$78,750	\$86,200
Architect of the Capitol <sup>d</sup>	\$112,191	\$101,633	\$107,306	\$103,640	\$116,221	\$139,806	\$151,633	\$149,613	\$150,223	\$159,700
Botanic Garden	\$2,197	\$2,062	\$2,221	\$2,521	\$2,638	\$3,519	\$2,862	\$4,906	\$3,008	\$3,200
Congressional Budget Office	\$18,455	\$17,251	\$17,886	\$18,361	\$19,580	\$21,183	\$22,542	\$22,542	\$22,317	\$23,200
Congressional Research Service	\$38,963	\$39,602	\$43,022	\$44,684	\$46,895	\$52,743	\$56,583	\$57,291	\$56,718	\$60,100
Copyright Royalty Commission <sup>f</sup>	\$227	\$123	\$129	\$123	\$101	\$127	\$130	\$130	\$128	
General Accountability Office	\$339,639	\$304,910	\$329,847	\$347,339	\$364,720	\$419,130	\$442,647	\$435,167	\$430,815	\$449,400
Government Printing Office <sup>d</sup>	\$122,268	\$94,956	\$89,521	\$85,731	\$98,018	\$79,615	\$91,591	\$89,591	\$29,082	\$32,200
Library of Congress	\$242,829	\$183,670	\$191,998	\$199,650	\$211,100	\$239,924	\$248,308	\$252,808	\$250,813	\$263,100
Office of Technology Assessment	\$17,000	\$15,532	\$16,901	\$17,937	\$18,900	\$19,557	\$21,025	\$21,025	\$21,315	\$22,000
Office of Compliance										



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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Senate	\$426,900	\$441,200	\$461,100	\$474,891	\$487,370	\$663,404	\$726,067	\$720,194	\$777,605	\$803,514
House of Representatives	\$671,600	\$684,000	\$708,700	\$740,481	\$757,993	\$960,871	\$1,048,581	\$1,079,516	\$1,089,898	\$1,114,486
Joint Items <sup>b</sup>	\$86,800	\$85,300	\$86,700	204,916 <sup>c</sup>	\$100,854	\$257,505	\$18,974	\$260,356	\$19,617	\$24,155
Architect of the Capitol <sup>d</sup>	\$143,000	\$139,800	\$164,700	289,746 <sup>e</sup>	\$213,474	\$456,782	\$308,042	\$362,200	\$424,193	\$449,917
Botanic Garden	\$3,100	\$2,900	\$3,000	\$3,052	\$3,438	\$6,063	\$5,932	\$6,275	\$7,557	\$7,697
Congressional Budget Office	\$24,300	\$24,500	\$24,800	\$25,671	\$26,121	\$31,892	\$34,790	\$34,640	\$35,096	\$35,204
Congressional Research Service	\$60,100	\$62,600	\$64,600	\$67,124	\$70,973	\$88,250	\$96,385	\$96,118	\$99,907	\$100,786
Copyright Royalty Commission <sup>f</sup>						\$53,518	-	-	-	-
General Accountability Office	\$374,000	\$332,500	\$339,500	\$359,268	\$377,561	\$453,051	\$473,500	\$467,205	\$477,571	\$481,070
Government Printing Office <sup>d</sup>	\$30,307	\$29,077	\$29,077	\$29,264	\$29,872	\$119,025	\$88,800	\$119,787	\$122,193	\$122,050
Library of Congress	\$264,600	\$269,100	\$281,800	\$296,516	\$323,380	\$414,925	\$544,092	\$545,362	\$554,893	\$508,760
Office of Technology Assessment							\$10,470	-	-	-
Office of Compliance	\$2,600	\$2,500	\$2,086	\$1,992	\$2,157	\$2,421	\$2,402	\$3,081	\$3,103	



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	2008	2009	2010	2011
Senate	\$831,757	\$895,030	\$926,160	\$914,153
House of Representatives	\$1,182,835	\$1,301,267	\$1,369,025	\$1,311,396
Joint Items <sup>b</sup>	\$23,001	\$29,220	\$21,323	\$19,794
Architect of the Capitol <sup>d</sup>	\$413,471	\$529,586	\$601,586	\$585,782
Botanic Garden	\$8,786	\$10,906	\$11,390	\$11,367
Congressional Budget Office	\$37,306	\$44,082	\$45,165	\$46,711
Congressional Research Service	\$102,344	\$107,323	\$112,490	\$111,018
Copyright Royalty Commission <sup>f</sup>	-	-	-	-
General Accountability Office	\$499,748	\$531,000	\$556,849	\$546,254
Government Printing Office <sup>d</sup>	\$124,688	\$174,354	\$147,461	\$135,067
Library of Congress	\$563,049	\$607,096	\$643,337	\$628,677
Office of Technology Assessment	-	-	-	-
Office of Compliance	\$3,342	\$4,072	\$4,377	\$4,077



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Table 5-11 Allowances for Representatives, 1977 - 2011

Members' representational allowance <sup>a</sup>	
1977	\$298,491
1981	\$402,584 - 584,985
1983	\$425,498 - 646,118
1985	\$500,193 - 701,189
1987	\$512,173 - 713,069
1989	\$540,160 - 738,260
1991	\$610,000 - 792,000
1993	\$709,528 - 859,408
1995	\$720,688 - 903,189
1997	\$814,090 - 1,233,780
1999	\$858,707 - 1,311,594
2001	\$980,699 - 1,469,930
2003	\$1,087,407 - 1,636,750
2004	\$1,198,149
2005	\$1,246,228
2006	\$1,227,837
2007	\$1,275,209
2008	\$1,332,294
2009	\$1,400,000
2010	\$1,517,241
2011	\$1,409,315

a. As of January 3, 1978, previous individual allowances for travel, office equipment lease, district office lease, stationery, telecommunications, mass mailings, postage, computer services, and other official expenses were consolidated in a single allowance category--the official expenses allowance. Members may budget funds for each category as they see fit. The average allowance for 1995 was \$193,000. On September 1, 1995, members' three former expense allowances (clerk-hire, official expenses, and official mail allowances) were consolidated into one members' representational allowance (MRA). Although the MRA is calculated on the basis of those three components, members may spend the MRA as they see fit. Within the MRA, each member's expenditures for franked mail may not exceed the total amount allocated by the Committee on House Oversight for official mail expenses, plus an additional \$25,000, transferable within the MRA at the member's discretion according to the procedures under the previous allowance structure. The 1997 mean MRA was \$901,771. This data has been simplified to display the total allowance for a member of Congress. For details on the previous breakdown of allowances, see *Vital Statistics on Congress* 2007-2008.

Sources: Committee on House Administration, House of Representatives; Legislative Branch Appropriations Bills, various years.



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Allowances for Senators, 1977 - 2011

Category	1977	1979	1981	1983	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997
Clerk-hire <sup>a</sup>	\$311,577- 588,145	\$508,221- 1,021,167	\$592,608- 1,190,724	\$645,897- 1,297,795	\$695,244- 1,396,947	\$716,102- 1,438,856	\$754,000- 1,636,000	\$814,000- 1,760,000	\$1,540,000- 1,914,000	\$1,660,000- 1,935,000	\$1,087,597- 1,974,051
Legislative assistance <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	\$157,626	\$183,801	\$200,328	\$215,634	\$243,543	\$248,000	\$269,000	\$374,000	\$377,400	\$385,050
Postage	\$1215-1520										
Stationery	3600-5000										
Travel (round trips)	20-22										
District and state offices rental <sup>d</sup>	n.a.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.							
Furnishings, state offices <sup>e</sup>	n.a.	\$22,550- 31,350	\$22,550- 31,350	\$22,550- 31,350	\$22,550- 31,350	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744
Official office expense account <sup>f</sup>	n.a.	\$33,000 - 143,000	\$33,000- 143,000	\$36,000- 156,000	\$36,000- 156,000	\$36,000- 156,000	\$33,000- 156,000	\$47,000- 122,000	\$44,000- 200,000	\$90,000- 250,000	\$95,825- 245,000

n.a. = not available

a. There is no limit on the number of employees a senator may hire. He or she must, however, use only the clerk-hire or legislative assistance allowance to

b. In addition to clerk-hire, each senator has a legislative assistance allowance worth \$385,050 in 1997. That allowance is reduced for any committee chairman or ranking minority member of a committee. It is also reduced for any other senator authorized by a committee chairman to recommend or approve

c. This allowance is one of the allocations of the consolidated office expense allowance. Before January 1, 1973, senators were authorized individually controlled allowances for six expense categories as follows: transportation expenses for the senator and his staff; stationery; air mail and special delivery postage; long-distance telephone calls; telegram charges; and home state expenses, which include home state office expenses; telephone service charges incurred outside Washington, DC; subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and clipping or similar services; and home state office rent (repealed effective July 1, 1974). Effective January 1, 1973, the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973, provided for the consolidation of those same allowances to home state of a senator. There is no limit on the number of offices that a senator may establish in his home state, but the designated square footage may not be exceeded. The cost of office space in the home state is not chargeable to the official office expense account.

e. An aggregate furniture and furnishings allowance is provided through the General Services Administration for one or more state offices in either federal or privately owned buildings. Before 1987, the \$22,550 minimum allowance for office space not greater than 4,800 square feet was increased by \$550 for each authorized increase of 200 square feet of space. From 1987 through 1999, the \$30,000 minimum allowance for office space not greater than 4,800 square

f. The expense account may be used for the following expenses (2 U.S.C. 58[a], as amended):

- (1) official telegrams and long-distance phone calls and related services;
- (2) stationery and other office supplies purchased through the stationery room for official business;
- (3) costs incurred in the mailing or delivery of matters relating to official business;
- (4) official office expenses in home state, other than equipment or furniture (purchase of office equipment beyond stated allocations may be made through
- (5) official telephone charges incurred outside Washington, D.C.;
- (6) subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, periodicals, or clipping or similar services;
- (7) travel expenses incurred by a senator or staff member, subject to certain limitations;
- (8) expenses incurred by individuals selected by a senator to serve on panels or other bodies making recommendations for nominees to service academies or federal judgeships; and
- (9) other official expenses as the senator determines are necessary, including (a) additional office equipment for Washington, D.C., or state offices; (b) actual transportation expenses incurred by the senator and employees for official business in the Washington metropolitan area (this is also allowed to employees assigned to a state office for actual transportation expenses in the general vicinity of the office to which assigned but is not available for a change of assignment within the state or for commuting between home and office).

The total reimbursement expense for the calendar year may not exceed 10 percent of the total official office expense account.

Beginning with FY1981, each senator was also allowed to transfer funds from the administrative, clerical, and legislative assistance allowances to the official office expense account.

Sources: Paul E. Dwyer, Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, RL30512: Appropriations for FY2001: Legislative Branch; Legislative Branch

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Category	1999	2001	1979	1981	1983	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995
Clerk-hire <sup>a</sup>	\$1,210,467- 2,157,222	\$1,347,851- 2,360,512	\$508,221- 1,021,167	\$592,608- 1,190,724	\$645,897- 1,297,795	\$695,244- 1,396,947	\$716,102- 1,438,856	\$754,000- 1,636,000	\$814,000- 1,760,000	\$1,540,000- 1,914,000	\$1,660,000- 1,935,000
Legislative assistance <sup>b</sup>	\$396,477	\$410,277	\$157,626	\$183,801	\$200,328	\$215,634	\$243,543	\$248,000	\$269,000	\$374,000	\$377,400
Postage	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c
Stationery	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c
Travel (round trips)	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c	— c
District and state offices rental <sup>d</sup>	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,200 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.
Furnishings, state offices <sup>e</sup>	\$30,000- 41,744	\$40,000- 56,000	\$22,550- 31,350	\$22,550- 31,350	\$22,550- 31,350	\$22,550- 31,350	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744
Official office expense account <sup>f</sup>	\$127,384- 470,272	\$128,178- 474,282	\$33,000 - 143,000	\$33,000- 143,000	\$36,000- 156,000	\$36,000- 156,000	\$36,000- 156,000	\$33,000- 156,000	\$47,000- 122,000	\$44,000- 200,000	\$90,000- 250,000

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Category	1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Clerk-hire <sup>a</sup>	\$1,087,597- 1,974,051	\$1,210,467- 2,157,222	\$1,347,851- 2,360,512	\$1,568,333- 2,669,720	\$1,809,792- 3,008,969	\$1,926,936- 3,170,602	\$1,926,936 - \$3,170,602	\$2,147,165 - \$3,467,575	\$2,147,665 - \$3,467,575	\$2,453,206 - \$3,898,853	\$2,512,574 - \$3,993,206	\$2,361,820 - \$3,753,614
Legislative assistance <sup>b</sup>	\$385,050	\$396,477	\$410,277	\$436,377	\$460,677	\$472,677	\$472,677	\$481,977	\$481,977	\$508,377	\$508,377	\$477,874
Postage	— c	— c	— c	— c	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Stationery	— c	— c	— c	— c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel (round trips)	— c	— c	— c	— c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
District and state offices rental <sup>d</sup>	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	4,800-8,000 sq. ft.	5,000-8,200 sq. ft.	5,000-8,200 sq. ft.	5,000-8,200 sq. ft.	5,000 - 8,200 sq. ft.	5,000 - 8,200 sq. ft.	5,000 - 8,200 sq. ft.	5,000 - 8,200 sq. ft.	5,000 - 8,200 sq. ft.	5,000 - 8,200 sq. ft.	5,000 - 8,200 sq. ft.
Furnishings, state offices <sup>e</sup>	\$30,000- 41,744	\$30,000- 41,744	\$40,000- 56,000	\$40,000- 56,000	—	\$40,000 - \$56,000	\$40,000 - \$56,000	\$40,000 - \$56,000	\$40,000 - \$56,000	\$40,000 - \$56,000	\$40,000 - \$56,000	\$40,000 - \$56,000
Official office expense account <sup>f</sup>	\$95,825- 245,000	\$127,384- 470,272	\$128,178- 474,282	\$128,525- 468,377	\$128,553- 466,908	\$128,580- 468,102	\$128,580 - \$468,102	\$128,601 - \$467,441	\$128,601 - \$467,441	\$128,585 - \$467,441	\$128,585 - \$465,919	\$121,032 - \$465,922