

Table 1-6 Seniority of Representatives, 1953 - 2017

Congress	Percentage of representatives serving							Total	Mean term	Median term
	1 term	2 terms	3 terms	1 - 3 terms	4 - 6 terms	7 - 9 terms	10 + terms			
83rd (1953)										
Percent	18.7	16.9	14.8	50.3	27.0	13.4	9.2		4.5	3
Seats	81	73	64	218	117	58	40	433 ^a		
84th (1955)										
Percent	13.1	16.8	14.5	44.4	27.4	16.8	11.5		5.0	4
Seats	57	73	63	193	119	73	50	435		
85th (1957)										
Percent	10.6	11.5	15.2	37.4	32.8	15.2	14.5		5.4	4
Seats	46	50	66	162	142	66	63	433 ^b		
86th (1959)										
Percent	18.8	10.3	11.2	40.4	31.2	14.7	13.1		5.2	4
Seats	82	45	49	176	136	64	57	436 ^c		
87th (1961)										
Percent	14.2	14.9	8.2	37.3	30.0	17.4	15.3		5.5	5
Seats	62	65	36	163	131	76	67	437 ^d		
88th (1963)										
Percent	15.4	14.3	12.2	41.9	24.4	18.0	15.7		5.5	5
Seats	67	62	53	182	106	78	68	434 ^e		
89th (1965)										
Percent	20.9	13.3	11.3	45.5	22.3	16.8	15.4		5.1	4
Seats	91	58	49	198	97	73	67	435		
90th (1967)										
Percent	16.6	14.8	10.9	42.3	24.9	15.9	16.9		5.3	4
Seats	72	64	47	183	108	69	73	433 ^f		
91st (1969)										
Percent	9.2	17.2	12.9	39.3	29.0	14.9	16.8		5.6	5
Seats	40	75	56	171	126	65	73	435		
92nd (1971)										
Percent	12.9	9.7	14.7	37.2	28.0	15.6	19.1		5.8	5
Seats	56	42	64	162	122	68	83	435		
93rd (1973)										
Percent	16.0	12.7	8.8	37.5	29.6	15.3	17.6		5.5	5
Seats	69	55	38	162	128	66	76	432 ^g		
94th (1975)										
Percent	21.1	14.7	9.2	45.1	23.0	17.9	14.0		5.2	4
Seats	92	64	40	196	100	78	61	435		
95th (1977)										
Percent	15.4	21.6	13.3	50.3	20.0	16.1	13.6		4.9	3
Seats	67	94	58	219	87	70	59	435		

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96th (1979)										
Percent	17.8	14.8	18.0	50.6	21.9	15.0	12.5		4.8	3
Seats	77	64	78	219	95	65	54	433 ^h		
97th (1981)										
Percent	17.0	17.5	13.6	48.0	27.8	12.9	11.3		4.7	4
Seats	74	76	59	209	121	56	49	435		
98th (1983)										
Percent	18.4	14.7	15.2	48.4	28.8	10.4	12.4		4.7	4
Seats	80	64	66	210	125	45	54	434 ⁱ		
99th (1985)										
Percent	9.9	18.2	14.3	42.4	31.8	13.4	12.4		5.1	4
Seats	43	79	62	184	138	58	54	434 ⁱ		
100th (1987)										
Percent	11.5	8.7	17.2	37.5	32.9	14.7	14.9		5.5	5
Seats	50	38	75	163	143	64	65	435		
101st (1989)										
Percent	7.6	12.5	7.6	27.7	38.6	19.9	13.9		5.8	5
Seats	33	54	33	120	167	86	60	433 ^k		
102nd (1991)										
Percent	10.1	9.4	11.0	30.6	31.5	20.9	17.0		6.1	5
Seats	44	41	48	133	137	91	74	435		
103rd (1993)										
Percent	25.3	10.1	8.7	44.1	25.1	15.9	14.9		5.2	4
Seats	110	44	38	192	109	69	65	435		
104th (1995)										
Percent	19.8	22.3	8.5	50.6	17.9	17.9	13.6		4.9	3
Seats	86	97	37	220	78	78	59	435		
105th (1997)										
Percent	18.2	17.5	20.2	55.9	16.3	14.9	12.9		4.8	3
Seats	79	76	88	243	71	65	56	435		
106th (1999)										
Percent	9.4	17.2	15.9	42.5	29.2	13.3	14.9		4.8	4
Seats	41	75	69	185	127	58	65	435		
107th (2001)										
Percent	9.2	9.4	15.7	34.3	35.7	12.4	17.5		5.6	5
Seats	40	41	68	149	155	54	76	434 ^l		

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108th (2003)										
Percent	14.3	9.4	10.6	34.3	36.3	13.8	15.6		5.5	5
Seats	62	41	46	149	158	60	68	435		
109th (2005)										
Percent	9.9	11.5	10.1	31.6	29.5	22.4	16.6		5.9	5
Seats	43	50	44	137	128	97	72	434 ^m		
110th (2007)										
Percent	13.1	9.9	11.3	34.3	26.7	22.8	16.3		6.0	5
Seats	57	43	49	149	116	99	71	435		
111th (2009)										
Percent	12.4	13.4	8.1	33.9	23.5	24.4	18.2		6.2	5
Seats	54	58	35	147	102	106	79	434 ⁿ		
112th (2011)										
Percent	20.5	9.7	9.0	39.2	22.4	15.9	22.4		6.0	5
Seats	89	42	39	170	97	69	97	433 ^o		
113th (2013)										
Percent	16.5	19.5	9.0	45.1	20.9	16.6	17.0		5.7	4
Seats	72	85	39	196	91	72	74	433 ^p		
114th (2015)										
Percent	12.8	16.8	17.5	47.1	20.9	11.7	20.2		5.5	4
Seats	56	73	76	205	91	51	88	435		
115th (2017)										
Percent	11.7	13.8	15.2	40.7	27.1	12.6	19.5		5.8	4
Seats	51	60	66	177	118	55	85	435		

Note: Figures represent the makeup of Congress on the first day of the session. Members in their first term of service are counted under "1 term" column.

- a. E.E. Cox (D-GA) and Adolph Sabath (D-IL) were elected in 1952 but died before being sworn into office.
- b. Antonio Fernandez (D-NM) and T. Millet Hand (R-NJ) were elected in 1956 but died before being sworn into office.
- c. Alaska was admitted as a state in 1958. The total figure includes the addition of Alaska's representative.
- d. Alaska was admitted as a state in 1958 and Hawaii in 1959. The total figure includes the addition of Alaska's and Hawaii's representatives. In 1963 the other states absorbed the proportionate loss in representatives necessary to give Alaska and Hawaii permanent representation under the 435-member figure established in 1911.
- e. Clement Miller (D-CA) was elected posthumously.
- f. John Fogarty (D-RI) was elected in 1966 but died before being sworn into office. Adam Powell (D-NY) was elected in 1966 but the results were contested and he was not sworn into office.
- g. Nicholas Begich (D-AK) and Hale Boggs (D-LA) were elected posthumously. George Collins (D-IL) was elected in 1972 but died before being sworn into office.
- h. Leo Ryan (D-CA) and William Steiger (R-WI) were elected in 1978 but died before being sworn into office.
- i. Jack Swigert (R-CO) was elected in 1982 but died before being sworn into office.
- j. Frank McCloskey's (D-IN) reelection in 1984 was disputed and he was not sworn into office until May 1, 1985.
- k. William Nichols (D-AL) was elected in 1988 but died before being sworn into office. Daniel Coats (R-IN) won reelection in 1988 but was appointed to Dan Quayle's Senate seat on December 12, 1988.
- l. Julian Dixon (D-CA) was elected in 2000 but died before being sworn into office.
- m. Robert Matsui (D-CA) was elected in 2004 but died before being sworn into office.
- n. The fifth district of Illinois, previously held by Rahm Emanuel, was vacant.
- o. California's 36th district seat and Nevada's second district seat were vacant and so are not included in the total count.
- p. South Carolina's first district seat and Illinois's second district seat were vacant and so are not included in the total count.

Source: Congressional Quarterly Almanac (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, various editions); Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, various issues; Congressional Directory, various editions; Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, <http://clerk.house.gov>; The Almanac of American Politics (Washington, D.C.: National Journal Group, various editions).