

Table 4-3 Number and Type of Senate Committees, 84th - 115th Congresses, 1955 - 2017

Congress	Standing committees	Subcommittees of standing committees	Select and special committees	Subcommittees		Joint committees	Subcommittees of joint committees
				of select and special committees	of select and special committees		
84th (1955 - 1956)	15	88	3	6	10	11	
90th (1967 - 1968)	16	99	3	12	10	15	
92nd (1971 - 1972)	17	123	5	13	8	15	
94th (1975 - 1976)	18	140	6	17	7	17	
96th (1979 - 1980)	15	91	5	10	4	5	
97th (1981 - 1982)	15	94	5	12	4	6	
98th (1983 - 1984)	16	103	4	4	4	6	
99th (1985 - 1986)	16	90	4	0	4	6	
100th (1987 - 1988)	16	85	5	0	4	8	
101st (1989 - 1990)	16	86	4	0	4	8	
102nd (1991 - 1992)	16	87	4	0	4	8	
103rd (1993 - 1994)	17	86	3	0	5	0	
104th (1995 - 1996)	17	68	3	0	4	0	
105th (1997 - 1998)	17	68	3	0	4	0	
106th (1999 - 2000)	17	68	4	0	4	0	
107th (2001 - 2002)	16	68	4	0	3	0	
108th (2003 - 2004)	17	68	3	0	4	0	
109th (2005 - 2006)	17	72	3	0	4	0	
110th (2007 - 2008)	17	72	3	0	4	0	
111th (2009 - 2010)	16	74	4	0	4	0	
112th (2011 - 2012)	16	73	4	0	5	0	
113th (2013 - 2014)	16	72	4	0	4	0	
114th (2015 - 2016)	17	67	3	0	4	0	
115th (2017 - 2018)	17	68	3	0	4	0	

Note: In some years since 1993, the Indian Affairs committee has been counted as a standing committee, and in others it has been counted as a special/select committee. This is the reason for the fluctuation in those two numbers. Going forward, we have decided to count the Indian Affairs committee as a standing committee. The numbers in this table and tables 4-5, 4-7, and 4-8 will be changed to reflect that determination going back to 1993 in a future update

Source: Nelson, Garrison, Committees in the U.S. Congress 1947-1992, Committee Jurisdictions and Member Rosters (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 1993); Congressional Quarterly Committee Guide, Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, various issues; U.S. Senate, <http://www.senate.gov>.