

Table 4-5 Committee Assignments for Senators, 84th - 115th Congresses, 1955 - 2017

Congress	Mean no. of standing committee assignments	Mean no. of subcommittees of standing committee assignments	Mean no. of other committee assignments ^a	Total
84th (1955 - 1956)	2.2	4.8	0.9	7.9
92nd (1971 - 1972)	2.5	9.5	3.3	15.3
94th (1975 - 1976)	2.5	11.0	4.1	17.6
96th (1979 - 1980)	2.3	6.6	1.5	10.4
97th (1981 - 1982)	2.5	6.7	1.5	10.7
98th (1983 - 1984)	2.9	7.5	1.2	11.6
99th (1985 - 1986)	2.8	6.9	0.9	10.6
100th (1987 - 1988)	2.9	7.0	1.2	11.1
101st (1989 - 1990)	3.0	7.0	1.1	11.1
102nd (1991 - 1992)	2.9	7.4	1.1	11.4
103rd (1993 - 1994)	3.2	7.8	0.8	11.8
104th (1995 - 1996)	3.1	6.2	0.7	10.0
105th (1997 - 1998)	3.1	6.5	0.7	10.3
106th (1999 - 2000)	3.2	6.8	0.7	10.7
107th (2001 - 2002) ^b	3.2	8.5	0.7	12.4
108th (2003 - 2004)	3.5	8	0.7	12.2
109th (2005 - 2006)	3.3	9.3	0.7	13.3
110th (2007 - 2008)	3.4	7.7	0.6	11.7
111th (2009 - 2010)	3.5	8.9	0.8	13.2
112th (2011 - 2012)	3.4	8.6	0.9	12.9
113th (2013 - 2014)	3	7	0.8	10.8
114th (2015 - 2016)	3.6	8.5	0.6	12.7
115th (2017 - 2018)	3.7	9.4	0.7	13.8

a. Other committees include select and special committees, subcommittees of select and special committees, joint committees, and subcommittees of joint committees.

b. These numbers are correct as of the start of the 107th Congress and do not reflect changes in committee assignments that occurred after Jim Jeffords (VT) left the Republican Party to become an Independent, shifting control of the Senate to the Democrats.

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>.