

Table 5-2 Staffs of Members of the House and Senate, 1891 - 2015

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	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	7,012	
2011	6,525	4,051
2012	6,683	3,894
2013	6,219	3,788
2014	6,201	3,827
2015	6,030	3,917

n.a. = not available
*Data for years marked with an asterisk are under review for possible data anomalies and are subject to potential revision. 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.
Source: Report of the Secretary of the Senate, various editions; Statement of Disbursements of the House, various editions. For 2011-present, Report of the Secretary of the Senate and Statements of Disbursements of the House were obtained from the Sunlight Foundation.