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## Staffs of House Standing Committees, 1947 - 2015

Committee	1947	1960	1970	1975	1981	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Appropriations	29	59	71	98	127	182	188	196	218	227	202	126	143	156	152	158
Government Reform and Oversight (Government Operations)	9	54	60	68	84	86	80	82	90	86	82	75	100	120	161	129
Commerce (Energy and Commerce)	10	45	42	112	151	162	153	138	155	140	139	67	93	94	91	90
Ways and Means	12	22	24	63	91	99	108	94	94	142	122	60	67	65	67	66
International Relations (Foreign Affairs)	10	14	21	54	84	97	101	98	104	96	98	62	69	73	66	68
Transportation and Infrastructure (Public Works)	6	32	40	88	86	84	83	83	97	89	87	70	74	84	75	80
Judiciary	7	27	35	69	75	81	81	80	71	75	74	47	61	85	74	70
Resources (Natural Resources) <sup>b</sup>	4	10	14	57	70	73	71	67	85	71	66	56	62	71	66	69
Banking and Financial Services (Banking)	4	14	50	85	87	90	78	108	112	100	98	46	56	64	52	59
Science (Science, Space and Technology)	— <sup>a</sup>	17	26	47	74	78	70	79	84	87	86	48	56	63	57	59
National Security (Armed Services)	10	15	37	38	49	64	69	66	82	76	78	44	70	60	58	57
Budget	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	67	93	109	124	96	101	98	98	61	67	61	67	68
Agriculture	9	10	17	48	62	67	228	69	69	70	66	48	50	62	53	48
House Oversight (House Administration) <sup>c</sup>	7	4	25	217	252	275	43	275	317	317	316	270	33	36	41	35
Rules	4	2	7	18	43	45	62	41	49	48	47	37	36	41	36	35
Veterans' Affairs	7	18	18	26	34	32	11	41	44	46	45	28	28	27	25	30
Small Business	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	27	54	53	44	54	53	45	40	24	28	40	32	30
Standards of Official Conduct	— <sup>a</sup>	— <sup>a</sup>	5	5	9	9	85	8	11	9	9	10	9	11	12	13
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	10	25	77	114	121	119	127	114	117	112	114	66	75	77	94	74
Homeland Security																

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Committee	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	2008	2009*	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Appropriations	147	148	158	156	162	164	156	157	190	207	212	161	162	154	154	147
Government Reform and Oversight (Government Operations)	116	107	111	96	111	108	102	66	101	52	110	90	101	99	92	87
Commerce (Energy and Commerce)	87	87	97	96	90	94	87	67	102	71	107	86	99	99	90	83
Ways and Means	67	69	73	73	71	73	67	59	72	68	77	69	70	71	62	62
International Relations (Foreign Affairs)	64	68	68	73	72	75	76	58	122	75	82	67	82	65	68	74
Transportation and Infrastructure (Public Works)	70	80	75	70	72	65	72	66	76	85	80	59	66	68	61	66
Judiciary	73	73	75	69	73	73	74	58	68	70	83	75	75	68	64	61
Resources (Natural Resources) <sup>b</sup>	64	57	68	67	68	64	59	53	61	59	60	40	60	55	55	44
Banking and Financial Services (Banking)	54	57	66	63	64	62	62	58	80	65	77	55	68	58	54	58
Science (Science, Space and Technology)	58	62	65	59	61	60	51	44	59	54	61	45	56	59	46	45
National Security (Armed Services)	55	53	46	54	54	58	57	52	65	68	68	59	64	63	57	57
Budget	60	50	57	47	45	43	41	32	38	39	41	38	40	44	42	41
Agriculture	44	47	49	46	46	42	43	27	46	42	45	33	43	37	34	37
House Oversight (House Administration) <sup>c</sup>	34	40	40	43	42	41	37	27	40	40	46	38	44	43	35	39
Rules	35	37	33	35	33	34	35	23	29	30	34	24	28	29	27	23
Veterans' Affairs	30	26	30	32	28	28	67	25	31	32	30	18	26	22	24	27
Small Business	30	27	26	31	28	31	30	19	28	26	33	18	28	28	25	22
Standards of Official Conduct	13	11	12	13	11	12	11	11	16	4	24					
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	75	78	80	71	72	73	59	59	73	77	74	46	57	57	58	57
Homeland Security					46	41	39	53	65	64	62	58	66	66	64	55

Note: 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.

\*Data for years marked with an asterisk are under review for possible data anomalies and are subject to potential revision.

a. Not a standing committee.

b. In 1993, the Natural Resources Committee was created out of the old Interior Committee. The staff figures for 1947-1991 are actually those of the Interior Committee.

c. After 1972, the figures include employees of House Informations 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. For 2011-present, Statements of Disbursements of the House were obtained from the Sunlight Foundation.