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Prior Occupations of Republican Representatives, 83rd - 116th Congresses, 1953 - 2019

Occupation	83rd 1953	84th ^a 1955	86th 1959	89th 1965	90th 1967	91st 1969	92nd ^a 1971	93rd 1973	94th 1975	95th 1977	96th 1979	97th 1981	98th 1983
Acting/entertainer										1	1	5	3
Aeronautics										0	0	3	3
Agriculture	38	34	17	18	22	20	20	24	17	8	13	22	17
Business or banking	89	79	59	58	79	81	78	81	57	47	51	69	56
Clergy				1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	0
Congressional aide	11	10	8	9	11	10	9	8	5	8	9	11	12
Education	35	29	11	14	14	20	23	18	13	15	16	22	15
Engineering			1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	3
Journalism	22	19	14	16	17	17	12	7	5	8	8	13	7
Labor leader				0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Law	122	109	74	76	96	90	89	86	63	68	67	76	68
Law enforcement						1		1	0	1	0	3	3
Medicine	4	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	4	3	2
Military										0	0	0	1
Professional sports										1	1	1	1
Public service/politics	178	156	139	120	154	144	123	151	111	23	9	19	7
Real estate										1	5	13	12
Veteran	135	131	90	101	137	142	132	146	110	106	109	122	102
New Occupations													
Artistic/Creative										1	1	6	3
Healthcare										0	1	2	2
Homemaker/Domestic										1	1	0	0
Science						1		0	0	0	0	0	0
Secretarial/Clerical										0	0	0	0
Technical/Trade										0	1	5	3
Miscellaneous										1	1	1	1

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Occupation	99th 1985	100th 1987	101st 1989	102nd 1991	103rd 1993	104th 1995	105th 1997	106th 1999	107th 2001	108th 2003	109th 2005	110th 2007	111th 2009	112th 2011	113th 2013	114th 2015	115th 2017	116th 2019
Acting/entertainer	4	3	3	2	5	4	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Aeronautics	3	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2		2	1	2	3	2
Agriculture	16	14	13	10	13	18	14	14	17	18	20	15	15	19	22	23	19	18
Business or banking	66	61	60	60	68	100	126	106	103	109	140	96	113	122	116	117	111	94
Clergy	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	4	4	4	4
Congressional aide	13	16	15	14	16	23	21	23	19	19	19	17	13	13	17	37	37	28
Education	15	18	21	19	17	30	33	34	38	37	39	33	25	27	29	30	31	17
Engineering	4	3	3	3	3	5	7	8	8	7	3	1	2	3	3	6	6	6
Journalism	8	9	9	8	10	4	7	6	7	7	8	4	4	6	6	7	10	5
Labor leader	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	6	5	7	9	12	11	7
Law	69	64	61	56	60	76	85	76	71	75	88	68	64	75	77	74	78	55
Law enforcement	2	0	2	2	2	7	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	5	4	5	4
Medicine	1	1	1	0	1	8	9	10	8	11	12	10	12	17	17	16	15	16
Military	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	2	4	7	7	10	12	10
Professional sports	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Public service/politics	17	13	10	12	24	29	46	49	56	68	93	68	80	75	76	83	85	60
Real estate	15	16	16	19	16	21	20	17	22	27	36	32	27	35	30	28	25	21
Veteran	101	94	91	89	78	90	81	81	70	60	58	50	41	58	58	59	63	53
New Occupations																		
Artistic/Creative	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3
Healthcare	1	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	6	5	8	8	5
Homemaker/Domestic	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	2	2	4	4	6	4	5	5	2
Science	0	0	1	2	1	3					4	3	3	2	1	1	1	3
Secreterial/Clerical	0	0	0	0	0	0			2	2	4	5	4	5	4	3	3	2
Technical/Trade	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	4	5	5	3
Miscellaneous	2	1	2	3	4	2	5	5	5	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1

Note: Blanks in the historical data indicate years and occupations for which Congressional Quarterly did not compile data. Some members say they have more than one occupation. Data counted as of the end of the first session of each congress. For the 83rd - 113th congress, these numbers reflect those reported by Congressional Quarterly, whose methodology has changed over time. CQ has since stopped publishing these data by party, so for the 115th congress occupations were coded based on information provided in member profiles published by CQ. Fluctuations in totals between congresses that are larger than the seats lost/gained between congresses represent these methodological changes.

Data from earlier years/previous versions of this table have been changed. Please see the errata document for more details.

a. For these congresses, CQ almanac did not provide occupation data. Instead, data for each representative was taken from an earlier or later congress of which they were also a member. One-term members in these congresses were individually coded based on their biographical data.

Previous Source: In previous updates, this data was compiled from multiple sources, including: Congressional Quarterly Almanac (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, various editions); Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, various issues; Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, <http://clerk.house.gov>; Military Officers Association of America; Veterans in Congress, The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Legislative Service, "Representatives with Military Service, 108th Congress;" Veterans' Information: Veterans in Congress, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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