

Table 1-4 Democratic Party Strength in the Senate, by Region, 69th-117th Congresses, 1925-2021

Congress	69th (1925-1926)	75th (1937-1938)	81st (1949-1950)	87th (1961-1962)	93rd (1973-1974)	96th (1979-1980)	97th (1981-1982)	98th (1983-1984)	100th (1987-1988)	101st (1989-1990)	102nd (1991-1992)
Region											
South											
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	63.6	50.0	54.4	50.0	72.7	68.2	68.2
Seats	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Border											
Percent	50.0	100.0	80.0	60.0	50.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	60.0	60.0	60.0
Seats	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
New England											
Percent	8.3	50.0	25.0	41.7	58.3	58.3	50.0	50.0	50.0	58.3	58.3
Seats	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Mid-Atlantic											
Percent	37.5	75.0	37.5	25.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Seats	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Midwest											
Percent	10.0	80.0	20.0	70.0	60.0	80.0	60.0	60.0	70.0	70.0	70.0
Seats	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Plains											
Percent	0.0	50.0	16.7	25.0	58.3	41.7	25.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	58.3
Seats	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Rocky Mountains											
Percent	50.0	93.8	75.0	75.0	56.2	37.5	31.3	31.3	37.5	37.5	37.5
Seats	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Pacific Coast											
Percent	16.7	50.0	33.3	80.0	60.0	60.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Seats	6	6	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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Congress	103rd (1993-1994)	104th (1995-1996)	105th (1997-1998)	106th (1999-2000)	107th (2001-2002)	108th (2003-2004)	109th (2005-2006)	110th (2007-2008)	111th (2009-2010)	112th (2011-2012)	113th (2013-2014)	114th (2015-2016)	115th (2017-2018)
Region													
South													
Percent	59.1	36.4 ^a	31.8	36.4	36.4	40.9	18.2	22.7	31.8	27.3	27.3	13.6	13.6
Seats	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Border													
Percent	60.0	50.0	50.0	40.0	50.0	40.0	40.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	40.0	40.0
Seats	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
New England													
Percent	58.3	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	58.3	50.0	66.7	66.6	75.0
Seats	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Mid-Atlantic													
Percent	62.5	50.0	50.0	62.5	75.0	75.0	75.0	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5
Seats	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Midwest													
Percent	80.0	60.0	60.0	50.0	60.0	60.0	70.0	80.0	70.0	50.0	60.0	60.0	70.0
Seats	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Plains													
Percent	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3	66.7	58.3	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	41.7	25.0	25.0
Seats	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Rocky Mountains													
Percent	37.5	37.5	25.0	25.0	25.0	18.8	25.0	31.3	43.8	43.8	43.8	31.3	31.3
Seats	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Pacific Coast													
Percent	50.0	50.0	60.0	60.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	80.0	80.0
Seats	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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Congress	116th (2019-2020)	117th (2021-2022) ^b
Region		
South		
Percent	13.6	18.2
Seats	22	22
Border		
Percent	30.00	30.00
Seats	10	10
New England		
Percent	75.0	75.0
Seats	12	12
Mid-Atlantic		
Percent	87.5	87.5
Seats	8	8
Midwest		
Percent	60.0	60.0
Seats	10	10
Plains		
Percent	16.7	16.7
Seats	12	12
Rocky Mountains		
Percent	43.8	56.3
Seats	16	16
Pacific Coast		
Percent	80.0	80.0
Seats	10	10

Note: Figures represent the makeup of Congress on the first day of the session. Third parties are omitted. Seats is the total number of seats in each region, not the seats held by Democrats in each region.

a. Excludes Richard Shelby (AL) who switched from the Democratic to the Republican Party on the day following the election and before the beginning of the 104th Congress (1995).

b. Vital Statistics collects information on member demographics as of the first day of the Congress. For the 117th Congress, we include both Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, who were elected on January 5, 2021, and Kamala Harris, who did not resign from office until January 18th, 2021.

Source: Congressional Directory, various editions; Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, various issues; US Senate, <http://www.senate.gov>; The Almanac of American Politics (Washington, D.C.: National Journal Group, various editions).