

Table 1-5 Democratic and Republican Seats in the Senate, by Region, 69th-116th Congresses, 1925-2019

Region	Congress	69th		75th		81st		87th		93rd		97th		101st		102nd		103rd	
		1925-1926		1937-1938		1949-1950		1961-1962		1973-1974		1981-1982		1989-1990		1991-1992		1993-1994	
		D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R
South																			
Percent		53.7	0.0	28.9	0.0	40.7	0.0	33.8	0.0	25.0	16.7	23.9	18.9	27.3	15.6	26.8	15.9	22.8	20.9
Seats		22	0	22	0	22	0	22	0	14	7	11	10	15	7	15	7	13	9
Border																			
Percent		12.2	9.3	13.2	0.0	14.8	4.8	9.2	11.4	8.9	11.9	15.2	5.7	10.9	8.9	10.7	9.1	10.5	9.3
Seats		5	5	10	0	8	2	6	4	5	5	7	3	6	4	6	4	6	4
New England																			
Percent		2.4	20.4	7.9	37.5	5.6	21.4	7.7	20.0	12.5	11.9	13.0	11.3	12.7	11.1	12.5	11.4	12.3	11.6
Seats		1	11	6	6	3	9	5	7	7	5	6	6	7	5	7	5	7	5
Mid-Atlantic																			
Percent		7.3	9.3	7.9	12.5	5.6	11.9	3.1	17.1	3.6	11.9	8.7	7.5	7.3	8.9	7.1	9.1	8.8	7.0
Seats		3	5	6	2	3	5	2	6	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	3
Midwest																			
Percent		2.4	16.7	10.5	6.3	3.7	19.0	10.8	8.6	10.7	9.5	13.0	7.5	12.7	6.7	12.5	6.8	14.0	4.7
Seats		1	9	8	1	2	8	7	3	6	4	6	4	7	3	7	3	8	2
Plains																			
Percent		0.0	20.4	7.9	18.8	3.7	23.8	4.6	25.7	12.5	11.9	6.5	17.0	10.9	13.3	12.5	11.4	12.3	11.6
Seats		0	11	6	3	2	10	3	9	7	5	3	9	6	6	7	5	7	5
Rocky Mountains																			
Percent		19.5	14.8	19.7	6.3	22.2	9.5	18.5	11.4	16.1	16.7	10.9	20.8	10.9	22.2	10.7	22.7	10.5	23.3
Seats		8	8	15	1	12	4	12	4	9	7	5	11	6	10	6	10	6	10
Pacific Coast																			
Percent		2.4	9.3	3.9	18.8	3.7	9.5	12.3	5.7	10.7	9.5	8.7	11.3	7.3	13.3	7.1	13.6	8.8	11.6
Seats		1	5	3	3	2	4	8	2	6	4	4	6	4	6	4	6	5	5
Total Seats		41	54	76	16	54	42	65	35	56	42	46	53	55	45	56	44	57	43

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Region	Congress	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	
		D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R
South																									
Percent		19.1	24.5	15.6	27.3	17.8	25.5	16.0	28.0	18.8	25.5	9.1	32.7	10.2	34.7	12.7	36.6	11.8	34.0	11.3	35.6	6.82	35.2	6.5	36.5
Seats		9	13a	7	15	8	14	8	14	9	13	4	18	5	17	7	15	6	16	6	16	3	19	3	19
Border																									
Percent		10.6	9.4	11.1	9.1	8.9	10.9	10.0	10.0	8.3	11.8	9.1	10.9	10.2	10.2	9.1	12.2	9.8	10.6	9.43	11.1	9.09	11.1	8.7	11.5
Seats		5	5	5	5	4	6	5	5	4	6	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	6	4	6
New England																									
Percent		12.8	11.3	13.3	10.9	13.3	10.9	12.0	12.0	12.5	9.8	13.6	9.1	12.2	8.2	12.7	7.3	11.8	8.5	15.1	4.4	18.2	3.7	19.5	1.9
Seats		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	6	4	7	3	6	4	8	2	8	2	9	1
Mid-Atlantic																									
Percent		8.5	7.5	8.9	7.3	11.1	5.5	12.0	4.0	12.5	3.9	13.6	3.6	14.3	2.0	12.7	2.4	13.7	2.1	13.2	2.2	15.9	1.85	15.2	1.9
Seats		4	4	4	4	5	3	6	2	6	2	6	2	7	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7	1
Midwest																									
Percent		12.8	7.5	13.3	7.3	11.1	9.1	12.0	8.0	12.5	7.8	15.9	5.5	16.3	4.1	12.7	4.9	9.8	10.6	11.3	8.9	13.6	7.41	15	5.7
Seats		6	4	6	4	5	5	6	4	6	4	7	3	8	2	7b	2	5	5	6	4	6	4	7	3
Plains																									
Percent		14.9	9.4	15.6	9.1	15.6	9.1	16.0	8.0	14.6	9.8	13.6	10.9	12.2	12.2	10.9	12.2	11.8	12.8	9.43	15.6	6.82	16.7	6.5	17.3
Seats		7	5	7	5	7	5	8	4	7	5	6	6	6	6	6c	5	6	6	5	7	3	9	3	9
Rocky Mountains																									
Percent		10.6	20.8	8.9	21.8	8.9	21.8	8.0	24.0	6.3	25.5	9.1	21.8	10.2	22.4	12.7	22.0	13.7	19.1	13.2	20.0	11.4	20.4	10.87	21.2
Seats		5	11	4	12	4	12	4	12	3	13	4	12	5	11	7	9	7	9	7	9	5	11	5	11
Pacific Coast																									
Percent		10.6	9.4	13.3	7.3	13.3	7.3	14.0	6.0	14.6	5.9	15.9	5.5	14.3	6.1	16.4	2.4	17.6	2.1	17.0	2.2	18.2	3.7	17.3	3.9
Seats		5	5	6	4	6	4	7	3	7	3	7	3	7	3	9	1	9	1	9	1	8	2	8	2
Total Seats		47	53	45	55	45	55	50	50	48	51	44	55	49	49	55	41	51	47	53	45	44	54	46	52

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Region	Congress	116th 2019-2020	
		D	R
South			
Percent		6.7	35.8
Seats		3	19
Border			
Percent		6.7	13.2
Seats		3	7
New England			
Percent		20.0	1.9
Seats		9	1
Mid-Atlantic			
Percent		15.6	1.9
Seats		7	1
Midwest			
Percent		13.3	7.5
Seats		6	4
Plains			
Percent		4.4	18.9
Seats		2	10
Rocky Mountains			
Percent		15.6	17.0
Seats		7	9
Pacific Coast			
Percent		17.8	3.8
Seats		8	2
Total Seats		45	53

Note: D indicates Democrats; R indicates Republicans. Third parties are omitted. Figures represent the makeup of Congress on the first day of the session.

a. Includes 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.

b. Excludes Barack Obama (D-IL) who resigned from office prior to the beginning of the 111th Congress.

c. Excludes Al Franken (D-MN) who was not sworn in until July 7, 2009.

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).