

Table 1-5 Democratic and Republican Seats in the Senate, by Region, 69th-117th Congresses, 1925-2021

Congress Region	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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Congress Region	104th		105th		106th		107th		108th		109th		110th		111th		112th		113th		114th		115th	
	1995-1996		1997-1998		1999-2000		2001-2002		2003-2004		2005-2006		2007-2008		2009-2010		2011-2012		2013-2014		2015-2016		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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Congress Region	116th 2019-2020		117th ^d 2021-2022	
	D	R	D	R
South				
Percent	6.7	35.8	8.3	36.0
Seats	3	19	4	18
Border				
Percent	6.7	13.2	6.3	14.0
Seats	3	7	3	7
New England				
Percent	20.0	1.9	18.8	2.0
Seats	9	1	9	1
Mid-Atlantic				
Percent	15.6	1.9	14.6	2.0
Seats	7	1	7	1
Midwest				
Percent	13.3	7.5	12.5	8.0
Seats	6	4	6	4
Plains				
Percent	4.4	18.9	4.2	20.0
Seats	2	10	2	10
Rocky Mountains				
Percent	15.6	17.0	18.8	14.0
Seats	7	9	9	7
Pacific Coast				
Percent	17.8	3.8	16.7	4.0
Seats	8	2	8	2
Total Seats	45	53	48	50

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.

d. 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).