

Table 4-5 Committee Assignments for Senators, 84th - 118th Congresses, 1955 - 2023

Congress	Mean no. of standing committee assignments	Mean no. of subcommittees of standing committee assignments	Mean no. of other committee assignments ^a	Total
84th (1955 - 1956)	2.2	4.8	0.9	7.9
92nd (1971 - 1972)	2.5	9.5	3.3	15.3
94th (1975 - 1976)	2.5	11.0	4.1	17.6
96th (1979 - 1980)	2.3	6.6	1.5	10.4
97th (1981 - 1982)	2.5	6.7	1.5	10.7
98th (1983 - 1984)	2.9	7.5	1.2	11.6
99th (1985 - 1986)	2.8	6.9	0.9	10.6
100th (1987 - 1988)	2.9	7.0	1.2	11.1
101st (1989 - 1990)	3.0	7.0	1.1	11.1
102nd (1991 - 1992)	2.9	7.4	1.1	11.4
103rd (1993 - 1994)	3.2	7.8	0.8	11.8
104th (1995 - 1996)	3.1	6.2	0.9	10.2
105th (1997 - 1998)	3.1	6.5	0.8	10.4
106th (1999 - 2000)	3.2	6.8	0.7	10.7
107th (2001 - 2002) ^b	3.4	8.5	0.6	12.4
108th (2003 - 2004)	3.5	8	0.7	12.2
109th (2005 - 2006)	3.3	9.3	0.7	13.3
110th (2007 - 2008)	3.4	7.7	0.6	11.7
111th (2009 - 2010)	3.6	8.9	0.7	13.2
112th (2011 - 2012)	3.5	8.6	0.8	12.9
113th (2013 - 2014)	3.1	7	0.7	10.8
114th (2015 - 2016)	3.6	8.5	0.6	12.7
115th (2017 - 2018)	3.7	9.4	0.8	13.9
116th (2019 - 2020)	3.5	8.6	0.8	12.9
117th (2021 - 2022)	3.6	8.7	0.6	12.9
118th (2023 - 2024)	3.6	9.2	0.6	13.4

Note: In the November 2020 update, multiple committee classifications were changed to standardize the treatment of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and to add previously uncouned Joint Select committees in various Congresses. These changes may have caused related data to change for the 104th, 105th, 107th, 111th, 112th, 113th, and 115th Congresses. For a detailed explanation of the changes, see the errata document.

a. Other committees include select and special committees, subcommittees of select and special committees, joint committees, and subcommittees of joint committees.

b. These numbers are correct as of the start of the 107th Congress and do not reflect changes in committee assignments that occurred after Jim Jeffords (VT) left the Republican Party to become an Independent, shifting control of the Senate to the Democrats.

Source: Nelson, Garrison, Committees in the U.S. Congress 1947-1992, Committee Jurisdictions and Member Rosters (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 1993); Congressional Quarterly Committee Guide, Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, various issues; U.S. Senate, <http://www.senate.gov>.