

Table 6-2

Senate Workload, 80th-117th Congresses, 1947-2022

Congress	Bills introduced ^a	Average no. of bills introduced per member	Bills passed	Ratio of bills passed to bills introduced	Recorded votes ^b	Time in session: Days	Time in session: Hours	Hours per day in session	Committee, subcommittee meetings ^c
80th (1947-1948)	3,186	33.2	1,670	0.524	248	257	1,462	5.7	n.a.
81st (1949-1950)	4,486	46.7	2,362	0.527	455	389	2,410	6.2	n.a.
82nd (1951-1952)	3,665	38.2	1,849	0.505	331	287	1,648	5.7	n.a.
83rd (1953-1954)	4,077	42.5	2,231	0.547	270	294	1,962	6.7	n.a.
84th (1955-1956)	4,518	47.1	2,550	0.564	224	224	1,362	6.1	2,607
85th (1957-1958)	4,532	47.2	2,202	0.486	313	271	1,876	6.9	2,748
86th (1959-1960)	4,149	41.5	1,680	0.405	422	280	2,199	7.9	2,271
87th (1961-1962)	4,048	40.5	1,953	0.482	434	323	2,164	6.7	2,532
88th (1963-1964)	3,457	34.6	1,341	0.388	541	375	2,395	6.4	2,493
89th (1965-1966)	4,129	41.3	1,636	0.396	497	345	1,814	5.3	2,889
90th (1967-1968)	4,400	44.0	1,376	0.313	595 ^d	358	1,961	5.5	2,892
91st (1969-1971)	4,867	48.7	1,271	0.261	667	384	2,352	6.1	3,264
92nd (1971-1972)	4,408	44.1	1,035	0.235	955	348	2,295	6.6	3,559
93rd (1973-1974)	4,524	45.2	1,115	0.246	1,138	352	2,152	6.1	4,067
94th (1975-1976)	4,115	41.2	1,038	0.252	1,311	320	2,210	6.9	4,265
95th (1977-1978)	3,800	38.0	1,070	0.282	1,156	337	2,510	7.4	3,960
96th (1979-1980)	3,480	34.8	976	0.280	1,055	333	2,324	7.0	3,790
97th (1981-1982)	3,396	34.0	786	0.231	966	312	2,160	6.9	3,236
98th (1983-1984)	3,454	34.5	936	0.271	673	281	1,951	6.9	2,471
99th (1985-1986)	3,386	33.9	940	0.278	740	313	2,531	8.1	2,373
100th (1987-1988)	3,325	33.3	1,002	0.301	799	307	2,342	7.6	2,493
101st (1989-1990)	3,669	36.7	980	0.267	638	274	2,254	8.2	2,340 ^e
102nd (1991-1992)	3,738	37.4	947	0.253	550	287	2,292	8.0	2,039
103rd (1993-1994)	2,805	28.1	682	0.243	724	291	2,514	8.6	2,043
104th (1995-1996)	2,266	22.7	518	0.229	919	343	2,876	8.4	1,601
105th (1997-1998)	2,718	27.2	586	0.216	612	296	2,188	7.4	1,954
106th (1999-2000)	3,343	33.4	819	0.245	672	303	2,202	7.3	1,862
107th (2001-2002)	3,242	32.4	554	0.171	633	322	2,280	7.1	1,605
108th (2003-2004)	3,078	30.8	759	0.247	675	300	2,486	8.3	1,506
109th (2005-2006)	4,163	41.6	684	0.164	645	297	2,250	7.6	1,513
110th (2007-2008)	3,738	37.4	556	0.149	666	374	2,364	6.3	2,458
111th (2009-2010)	4,101	41.0	176	0.043	707	349	2,495	7.1	2,374
112th (2011-2012)	3,767	37.7	364	0.097	486	323	2,032	6.3	1,577
113th (2013-2014)	3,038	30.4	618	0.203	658	292	2,003	6.9	1,559
114th (2015-2016)	3,589	35.9	427	0.119	508	333	1,855	5.6	1,595
115th (2017-2018)	3,874	38.7	583	0.150	599	386	2,182	5.7	1,633
116th (2019-2020)	5,168	51.7	521	0.101	727	379	1,912	5.0	1,200
117th (2021-2022)	5,428	54.3	490	0.090	953	370	2,042	5.5	1,470

- a. This number includes all bills and joint resolutions introduced.
- b. This number includes all yea and nay votes.
- c. Figure includes all hearings and business meetings.
- d. This number does not include one yea and nay vote that was ruled invalid for lack of a quorum.
- e. Where final legislative calendars were not available, we compiled figures from Congressional Information Service Abstracts and the Congressional Record.

Source: Congressional Record (thomas.loc.gov); Office of the Secretary, US Senate; Senate Daily Digest; "Resume of Congressional Activity," Congressional Record, 80th Congress - 113th Congress. Congressional Record (thomas.loc.gov); End of Session Committee Reports; Committee Websites.