

Table 5-1

Congressional Staff, 1979 - 2015

	1979	1981	1983	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	2008	2009*	2010	2011	2012
House																							
Committee staff ^a	2,027	1,917	2,068	2,146	2,136	2,267	2,321	2,147 ^b	1,266	1,276	1,267	1,201	1,255	1,231	1,280	1,272	1,225	1,014	1,362	1,324	1,454	1,127	1,289
Personal staff	7,067	7,487	7,606	7,528	7,584	7,569	7,278	7,400	7,186	7,282	7,216	7,209	7,263	7,048	6,742	6,804	7,117	6,735	6,903	6,907	7,012	6,525	6,683
Leadership staff ^c	162	127	135	144	138	133	149	132	134	126	179	166	158	160	161	176	179	148	195	171	202	181	217
Officers of the House, staff ^d	1,487	1,686	1,728	1,818	1,845	1,215	1,293	1,194	1,327	1,146	974	892	1,023	1,099	453	490	358	394	421	451	332	326	312
Subtotal, House	10,743	11,217	11,537	11,636	11,703	11,184	11,041	10,873	9,913	9,830	9,636	9,468	9,699	9,538	8,636	8,742	8,879	8,291	8,881	8,853	9,000	8,159	8,501
Senate																							
Committee staff ^a	1,410	1,150	1,176	1,178	1,207	1,116	1,154	994	796	1,216	910	889	961	924	903	957	929	874	919	913	n.a.	1,062	973
Personal staff	3,593	3,945	4,059	4,097	4,075	3,837	4,294	4,138	4,247	4,410	4,272	3,994	4,024	3,998	3,687	3,934	3,944	3,753	3,908	3,884	n.a.	4,051	3,894
Leadership staff ^c	91	106	120	118	103	105	125	132	126	148	219	221	201	227	245	189	225	236	199	214	n.a.	187	171
Officers of the Senate, staff ^d	828	878	948	976	904	926	1,092	1,165	994	958	990	950	940	940	995	1,114	1,077	1,085	1,089	1,086	n.a.	920	922
Subtotal, Senate	5,922	6,079	6,303	6,369	6,289	5,984	6,665	6,429	6,163	6,732	6,391	6,054	6,126	6,089	5,830	6,194	6,175	5,948	6,115	6,097	n.a.	6,220	5,960
Joint committee staffs^e																							
	138	126	123	131	132	138	145	145	108	120	104	94	104	103	107	98	90	91	101	96		110	106
Support agencies																							
General Accountability Office	5,303	5,182	4,960	5,042	5,016	5,063	5,054	4,958	4,342	3,500	3,275	3,155	3,275	3,269	3,252	3,215	2,388	3,172	3,137	3,191	3,350	3,134	2,997
Congressional Research Service	847	849	853	860	860	860	831	835	746	726	703	722	681	692	729	700	669	658	705	675	679	658	616
Congressional Budget Office	204	218	211	222	226	226	226	230	214	232	232	228	232	236	236	235	235	232	233	238	254	248	240
Office of Technology Assessment	145	130	130	143	143	143	143	143	n.a. ^f	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Subtotal, Support agencies	6,499	6,379	6,154	6,267	6,245	6,292	6,254	6,166	5,302	4,458	4,210	4,105	4,188	4,197	4,217	4,150	3,292	4,062	4,075	4,104	4,283	4,040	3,853
Miscellaneous																							
Architect	2,296	1,986	2,061	2,073	2,412	2,088	2,099	2,060	2,151	1,854	2,012	2,012	2,081	2,133	2,183	1,533	2,158	2,150	2,212	2,212	2,490	2,231	2,186
Capitol Police ^g	1,167	1,163	1,148	1,227	1,250	1,259	1,265	1,159	1,076	1,076	1,251	1,215	1,570	1,771	1,592	1,730							
Subtotal, Miscellaneous	3,463	3,149	3,209	3,300	3,662	3,347	3,364	3,219	3,227	2,930	3,263	3,227	3,651	3,904	3,775	3,263							
Total	26,765	26,950	27,326	27,703	28,031	26,945	27,469	26,832	24,713	24,070	23,604	22,948	23,768	23,831	22,565	22,447	20,594	20,542	21,384	21,362		20,760	20,606

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	2013	2014	2015
House			
Committee staff ^a	1,238	1,163	1,164
Personal staff	6,219	6,201	6,030
Leadership staff ^c	197	191	201
Officers of the House, staff ^d	314	296	308
Subtotal, House	7,968	7,851	7,703
Senate			
Committee staff ^a	934	935	951
Personal staff	3,788	3,827	3,917
Leadership staff ^c	171	169	173
Officers of the Senate, staff ^d	841	842	846
Subtotal, Senate	5,734	5,773	5,887
Joint committee staffs ^e	100	92	99
Support agencies			
General Accountability Office	2,849	2,891	2,989
Congressional Research Service	593	595	609
Congressional Budget Office	225	235	235
Office of Technology Assessment	n.a	n.a	n.a
Subtotal, Support agencies	3,667	3,721	3,833
Miscellaneous			
Architect	2,102	2,085	2,103
Capitol Police ^g			
Subtotal, Miscellaneous			
Total	19,571	19,522	19,625

n.a. = not available

Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees. Some data from earlier years/previous versions of Vital Statistics have been updated. See errata for more detail.

*Data for years marked with an asterisk are under review for possible data anomalies and are subject to potential revision.

a. This includes select and special committee staffs. Therefore, the figures may not agree with those in table 5-5.

b. In addition to the staffs (twenty-nine members) of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, which retained twenty-nine staff members, three other select committees were in operation in 1993: the Select Committee on Aging, the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, and the Special and Select Committee on Funerals. The 104th Congress did not reauthorize those committees, but the committees stayed on for a few months to complete previous business. Although the committees did little business in 1993, they did retain small staffs during that time.

c. This includes legislative counsels' offices.

d. These include doorkeepers, parliamentarians, sergeants-at-arms, the clerk of the House, Senate majority and minority secretaries, and postmasters.

e. This does not include the Joint Committee on the Library.

f. The Office of Technology Assessment was eliminated in 1995.

g. This includes sworn officers only.

Source: Report of the Secretary of the Senate, various editions; Statement of Disbursements of the House, various editions; Legislative Branch Appropriations, various years; Architect of the Capitol Performance and Accountability Report, various years. For 2011-present, Report of the Secretary of the Senate and Statements of Disbursements of the House were obtained from the Sunlight Foundation.