

Table 5-5 Staffs of House and Senate Committees, 1891 - 2015

Year	Employees in House	Employees in Senate	Year	Employees in House	Employees in Senate
1891	62	41	1989	1,986	1,013
1914	105	198	1990	1,993	1,090
1930	112	163	1991	2,201	1,030
1935	122	172	1992	2,178	1,008
1947	167	232	1993	2,118	897
1950	246	300	1994	2,046	958
1955	329	386	1995	1,246	732
1960	440	470	1996	1,177	793
1965	571	509	1997	1,250	1,002
1970	702	635	1998	1,305	747
1971	729	711	1999	1,238	805
1972	817	844	2000	1,176	762
1973	878	873	2001	1,177	805
1974	1,107	948	2002	1,222	869
1975	1,460	1,277	2003	1,193	857
1976	1,680	1,201	2004	1,249	838
1977	1,776	1,028	2005	1,272	887
1978	1,844	1,151	2006	1,225	929
1979	1,909	1,269	2007*	1,014	874
1980	1,917	1,191	2008	1,362	919
1981	1,843	1,022	2009*	1,324	913
1982	1,839	1,047	2010	1,406	
1983	1,970	1,075	2011	1,099	995
1984	1,944	1,095	2012	1,259	909
1985	2,009	1,080	2013	1,208	873
1986	1,954	1,075	2014	1,134	872
1987	2,024	1,074	2015	1,110	888
1988	1,976	970			

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

Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees.

For 1947-1986, figures are for the statutory and investigative staffs of standing committees. They do not include select committee staffs, which varied between 31 and 238 in the House and between 62 and 172 in the Senate during the 1970s. For that reason, the numbers do not agree with those in table 5-1. In an attempt to provide further accuracy, we have counted certain individuals as .5 of a staff member on the basis of the length of employment and salary received. Rounding of those numbers then means that figures in this table do not necessarily equal those of the individual committees in tables 5-6 and 5-7.

For 2006-2009, counts do include select committee staff.

Some data from earlier years/previous versions of Vital Statistics have been updated. See errata for more detail.

Source: Report of the Secretary of the Senate, various editions; Statement of Disbursements of the House, various editions; Legislative Branch Appropriations, 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.