

Table 1-20 Political Parties of Senators and Representatives, 34th - 117th Congresses, 1855 - 2021

Congress		Senate					House of Representatives				
		Number of senators	Democrats	Republicans	Other parties	Vacant	Number of representatives	Democrats	Republicans	Other parties	Vacant
34th	(1855 - 1857)	62	42	15	5		234	83	108	43	
35th	(1857 - 1859)	64	39	20	5		237	131	92	14	
36th	(1859 - 1861)	66	38	26	2		237	101	113	23	
37th	(1861 - 1863)	50	11	31	7	1	178	42	106	28	2
38th	(1863 - 1865)	51	12	39			183	80	103		
39th	(1865 - 1867)	52	10	42			191	46	145		
40th	(1867 - 1869)	53	11	42			193	49	143		1
41st	(1869 - 1871)	74	11	61		2	243	73	170		
42nd	(1871 - 1873)	74	17	57			243	104	139		
43rd	(1873 - 1875)	74	19	54		1	293	88	203		2
44th	(1875 - 1877)	76	29	46		1	293	181	107	3	2
45th	(1877 - 1879)	76	36	39	1		293	156	137		
46th	(1879 - 1881)	76	43	33			293	150	128	14	1
47th	(1881 - 1883)	76	37	37	2		293	130	152	11	
48th	(1883 - 1885)	76	36	40			325	200	119	6	
49th	(1885 - 1887)	76	34	41		1	325	182	140	2	1
50th	(1887 - 1889)	76	37	39			325	170	151	4	
51st	(1889 - 1891)	84	37	47			330	156	173	1	
52nd	(1891 - 1893)	88	39	47	2		333	231	88	14	
53rd	(1893 - 1895)	88	44	38	3	3	356	220	126	10	
54th	(1895 - 1897)	88	39	44	5		357	104	246	7	
55th	(1897 - 1899)	90	34	46	10		357	134	206	16	1
56th	(1899 - 1901)	90	26	53	11		357	163	185	9	
57th	(1901 - 1903)	90	29	56	3	2	357	153	198	5	1
58th	(1903 - 1905)	90	32	58			386	178	207		1
59th	(1905 - 1907)	90	32	58			386	136	250		
60th	(1907 - 1909)	92	29	61		2	386	164	222		
61st	(1909 - 1911)	92	32	59		1	391	172	219		
62nd	(1911 - 1913)	92	42	49		1	391	228	162	1	
63rd	(1913 - 1915)	96	51	44	1		435	290	127	18	
64th	(1915 - 1917)	96	56	39	1		435	231	193	8	3
65th	(1917 - 1919)	96	53	42	1		435	210 ^a	216	9	
66th	(1919 - 1921)	96	47	48	1		435	191	237	7	
67th	(1921 - 1923)	96	37	59			435	132	300	1	2
68th	(1923 - 1925)	96	43	51	2		435	207	225	3	
69th	(1925 - 1927)	96	40	54	1	1	435	183	247	5	
70th	(1927 - 1929)	96	47	48	1		435	195	237	3	
71st	(1929 - 1931)	96	39	56	1		435	163	267	1	4
72nd	(1931 - 1933)	96	47	48	1		435	216 ^b	218	1	
73rd	(1933 - 1935)	96	59	36	1		435	313	117	5	
74th	(1935 - 1937)	96	69	25	2		435	322	103	10	
75th	(1937 - 1939)	96	75	17	4		435	333	89	13	
76th	(1939 - 1941)	96	69	23	4		435	262	169	4	
77th	(1941 - 1943)	96	66	28	2		435	267	162	6	
78th	(1943 - 1945)	96	57	38	1		435	222	209	4	
79th	(1945 - 1947)	96	57	38	1		435	243	190	2	
80th	(1947 - 1949)	96	45	51			435	188	246	1	
81st	(1949 - 1951)	96	54	42			435	263	171	1	
82nd	(1951 - 1953)	96	48	47	1		435	234	199	2	
83rd	(1953 - 1955)	96	46	48	2		435	213	221	1	
84th	(1955 - 1957)	96	48	47	1		435	232	203		
85th	(1957 - 1959)	96	49	47			435	234	201		

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86th	(1959 - 1961)	98	64	34			436 ^c	283	153		
87th	(1961 - 1963)	100	64	36			437 ^d	262	175		
88th	(1963 - 1965)	100	67	33			435	258	176		1
89th	(1965 - 1967)	100	68	32			435	295	140		
90th	(1967 - 1969)	100	64	36			435	246	187		2
91st	(1969 - 1971)	100	58	42			435	243	192		
92nd	(1971 - 1973)	100	54	44	2		435	255	180		
93rd	(1973 - 1975)	100	56	42	2		435	239	192	1	3
94th	(1975 - 1977)	100	61	37	2		435	291	144		
95th	(1977 - 1979)	100	61	38	1		435	292	143		
96th	(1979 - 1981)	100	58	41	1		435	276	157		2
97th	(1981 - 1983)	100	46	53	1		435	243	192		
98th	(1983 - 1985)	100	46	54			435	268	166		1
99th	(1985 - 1987)	100	47	53			435	252	182		1
100th	(1987 - 1989)	100	55	45			435	258	177		
101st	(1989 - 1991)	100	55	45			435	259	174		2
102nd	(1991 - 1993)	100	56	44			435	267	167	1	
103rd	(1993 - 1995)	100	57	43			435	258	176	1	
104th	(1995 - 1997)	100	47	53			435	204	230	1	
105th	(1997 - 1999)	100	45	55			435	207	227	1	
106th	(1999 - 2001)	100	45	55			435	211	223	1	
107th	(2001 - 2003)	100	50	50			435	211	221	2	1
108th	(2003 - 2005)	100	48	51	1		435	205	229	1	
109th	(2005 - 2007)	100	44	55	1		435	201	232	1	1
110th	(2007 - 2009)	100	49	49	2		435	233	202		
111th	(2009 - 2011)	100	55	41	2	1	435	256	178		1
112th	(2011 - 2013)	100	51	47	2		435	193	242		
113th	(2013 - 2015)	100	53	45	2		435	200	233		2
114th	(2015 - 2017)	100	44	54	2		435	188	247		
115th	(2017 - 2019)	100	46	52	2		435	194	241		
116th	(2019 - 2021)	100	45	53	2		434 ^e	235	199		1
117th ^f	(2021 - 2023)	100	48	50	2		433	222	211		2

Note: Figures represent the makeup of Congress on the first day of the session.

a. Democrats organized House with help of other parties.

b. Democrats organized House because of Republican deaths.

c. Alaska was admitted as a state in 1958. The total figure includes the addition of Alaska's representative.

d. Alaska was admitted as a state in 1958 and Hawaii in 1959. The total figure includes the addition of Alaska's and Hawaii's representatives.

e. North Carolina's 9th District was not seated at the start of the 116th Congress as the election results had not been certified.

f. 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; Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, <http://clerk.house.gov>; US Senate, <http://www.senate.gov>; The Almanac of American Politics (Washington, D.C.: National Journal Group, various editions).