

Table 388. Composition of Congress by Political Party: 1975 to 2008

[D = Democratic, R = Republican. As of beginning of first session of each Congress, except as noted. Data reflect immediate result of elections. Vacancies and third party candidates are noted]

Year	Party and president	Congress	House			Senate		
			Majority party	Minority party	Other	Majority party	Minority party	Other
1975 ¹	R (Ford)	94th	D-291	R-144	–	D-61	R-37	2
1977 ²	D (Carter)	95th	D-292	R-143	–	D-61	R-38	1
1979 ²	D (Carter)	96th	D-277	R-158	–	D-58	R-41	1
1981 ²	R (Reagan)	97th	D-242	R-192	1	R-53	D-46	1
1983	R (Reagan)	98th	D-269	R-166	–	R-54	D-46	–
1985	R (Reagan)	99th	D-253	R-182	–	R-53	D-47	–
1987	R (Reagan)	100th	D-258	R-177	–	D-55	R-45	–
1989	R (Bush)	101st	D-260	R-175	–	D-55	R-45	–
1991 ³	R (Bush)	102d	D-267	R-167	1	D-56	R-44	–
1993 ³	D (Clinton)	103d	D-258	R-176	1	D-57	R-43	–
1995 ³	D (Clinton)	104th	R-230	D-204	1	R-52	D-48	–
1997 ⁴	D (Clinton)	105th	R-226	D-207	2	R-55	D-45	–
1999 ³	D (Clinton)	106th	R-223	D-211	1	R-55	D-45	–
2001 ⁴	R (Bush)	107th	R-221	D-212	2	D-50	R-50	–
2003 ^{5, 6}	R (Bush)	108th	R-229	D-204	1	R-51	D-48	1
2005 ⁵	R (Bush)	109th	R-232	D-202	1	R-55	D-44	1
2007 ⁷	R (Bush)	110th	D-233	R-202	–	D-49	R-49	2
2008 ^{7, 8, 9}	R (Bush)	110th	D-233	R-198	–	D-49	R-49	2

– Represents zero. ¹ Senate had one Independent and one Conservative-Republican. ² Senate had one Independent.

³ House had one Independent-Socialist. ⁴ House had one Independent-Socialist and one Independent. ⁵ House and Senate each had one Independent. ⁶ House had one vacancy. ⁷ Senate had two Independents. ⁸ House had 4 vacancies. ⁹As of beginning of second session, 13 March 2008.

Source: U.S. House of Representatives, Office of the Clerk, *Official List of Members*, annual. See also <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/olm_110.pdf>.