

**Table 393. Composition of Congress by Political Party: 1975 to 2009**

[D = Democratic, R = Republican. As of beginning of first session of each Congress. 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 <sup>1</sup>	R (Ford)	94th	D-291	R-144	—	D-61	R-37	2
1977 <sup>2</sup>	D (Carter)	95th	D-292	R-143	—	D-61	R-38	1
1979 <sup>2</sup>	D (Carter)	96th	D-277	R-158	—	D-58	R-41	1
1981 <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	R (Bush)	102d	D-267	R-167	1	D-56	R-44	—
1993 <sup>3</sup>	D (Clinton)	103d	D-258	R-176	1	D-57	R-43	—
1995 <sup>3</sup>	D (Clinton)	104th	R-230	D-204	1	R-52	D-48	—
1997 <sup>4</sup>	D (Clinton)	105th	R-226	D-207	2	R-55	D-45	—
1999 <sup>3</sup>	D (Clinton)	106th	R-223	D-211	1	R-55	D-45	—
2001 <sup>4</sup>	R (Bush)	107th	R-221	D-212	2	D-50	R-50	—
2003 <sup>5, 6</sup>	R (Bush)	108th	R-229	D-204	1	R-51	D-48	1
2005 <sup>5</sup>	R (Bush)	109th	R-232	D-202	1	R-55	D-44	1
2007 <sup>7</sup>	R (Bush)	110th	D-233	R-202	—	D-49	R-49	2
2009 <sup>7, 8, 9</sup>	D (Obama)	111th	D-256	R-178	—	D-55	R-41	2

— Represents zero. <sup>1</sup> Senate had one Independent and one Conservative-Republican. <sup>2</sup> Senate had one Independent.  
<sup>3</sup> House had one Independent-Socialist. <sup>4</sup> House had one Independent-Socialist and one Independent. <sup>5</sup> House and Senate each had one Independent. <sup>6</sup> House had one vacancy. <sup>7</sup> Senate had two Independents. <sup>8</sup> House had one vacancy.  
<sup>9</sup> Senate had 2 vacancies.

Source: U.S. House of Representatives, Office of the Clerk, *Official List of Members*, annual. See also <[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/olm\\_111.pdf](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/olm_111.pdf)>.