

Voting Participation History

These tables show the number of roll call votes in each chamber and Congress as a whole since 1953, and the frequency with which lawmakers on average cast “yea” or “nay” votes. Participation in floor votes has ranged around 95 percent over the past two decades.

YEAR	House		Senate		Congress as a Whole	
	ROLL CALL VOTES	RATE	ROLL CALL VOTES	RATE	ROLL CALL VOTES	RATE
2011	945	96.6%	235	97.0%	1,180	96.6%
2010	660	94.2	299	96.6	959	94.4
2009	987	96.0	397	97.0	1,384	96.1
2008	688	94.3	215	94.3	903	94.3
2007	1,177	95.5	442	95.0	1,619	95.4
2006	541	95.5	279	97.1	820	95.7
2005	669	95.9	366	97.4	1,035	96.1
2004	543	94.1	216	95.5	759	94.2
2003	675	95.6	459	96.1	1,134	95.7
2002	483	94.6	253	96.3	736	94.8
2001	507	96.2	380	98.2	887	96.5
2000	600	94.1	298	96.9	898	94.4
1999	609	96.5	374	97.9	983	96.6
1998	533	95.5	314	97.4	847	95.7
1997	633	96.3	298	98.7	931	96.5
1996	454	95.5	306	98.2	760	95.8
1995	867	96.4	613	97.1	1,480	96.5
1994	497	95.0	329	97.0	826	95.0
1993	597	96.0	395	97.6	992	96.0
1992	473	93.0	270	95.0	743	93.4
1991	428	95.0	280	97.0	708	95.0
1990	536	94.0	326	97.0	862	95.0
1989	368	94.0	312	98.0	680	95.0
1988	451	92.0	379	92.0	830	92.0
1987	488	93.0	420	94.0	908	93.0
1986	451	92.0	354	95.0	805	93.0
1985	439	94.0	381	95.0	820	94.0
1984	408	91.0	275	91.0	683	91.0
1983	498	92.0	371	92.0	869	92.0
1982	459	89.0	465	94.0	924	90.0
1981	353	91.0	483	93.0	836	92.0
1980	604	88.0	531	87.0	1,135	87.0
1979	672	89.0	497	90.0	1,169	89.0
1978	834	87.0	516	87.0	1,350	87.0
1977	706	91.0	635	88.0	1,341	90.0
1976	661	87.0	688	83.0	1,349	86.0
1975	612	91.0	602	89.0	1,214	91.0
1974	537	87.0	544	86.0	1,081	87.0
1973	541	89.0	594	87.0	1,135	89.0
1972	329	83.0	532	80.0	861	82.0
1971	320	86.0	423	83.0	743	85.0
1970	266	80.0	418	78.0	684	79.0
1969	177	86.0	245	86.0	422	86.0
1968	233	82.0	281	77.0	514	80.0
1967	245	86.0	315	82.0	560	85.0
1966	193	80.0	235	79.0	428	79.0
1965	201	87.0	258	86.0	459	87.0
1964	113	85.0	305	86.0	418	85.0
1963	119	85.0	229	83.0	348	84.0
1962	124	83.0	224	80.0	348	82.0
1961	116	89.0	204	87.0	320	88.0
1960	93	89.0	207	82.0	300	87.0
1959	87	90.0	215	89.0	302	89.0
1958	93	88.0	200	86.0	293	87.0
1957	100	89.0	107	86.0	207	88.0
1956	73	88.0	130	89.0	203	88.0
1955	76	89.0	87	86.0	163	88.0
1954	76	84.0	171	85.0	247	84.0
1953	71	88.2	89	84.3	160	87.4

Perfect Records Of Attendance

As is typical in a non-election year, voting participation rose in 2011 in both chambers. The House, though, while taking the third most roll call votes in history, also managed to set an attendance record. Participation in the Senate matched the pace of 2009, the last non-campaign year, but fell short of a record. The count of those with perfect attendance on roll call votes was roughly the same as in recent years. Nine House members and 10 senators cast a “yea” or a “nay” on every recorded vote.

Perfect Attendance, House Democrats

Jason Altmire of Pennsylvania

Republicans

Sandy Adams of Florida

Steve Chabot of Ohio

K. Michael Conaway of Texas

Chuck Fleischmann of

Tennessee

John Kline of Minnesota

Frank A. LoBiondo of New Jersey

Fred Upton of Michigan

Steve Womack of Arkansas

(One other House member, Kathy Hochul, D-N.Y., recorded perfect attendance but was not eligible for all votes in 2011.)

Perfect Attendance, Senate Democrats

Benjamin L. Cardin of Maryland

Al Franken of Minnesota

Carl Levin of Michigan

Harry Reid of Nevada

Republicans

Susan Collins of Maine

Charles E. Grassley of Iowa

Mike Johanns of Nebraska

Ron Johnson of Wisconsin

Mitch McConnell of Kentucky

Rob Portman of Ohio