



African American Members of the United States Congress: 1870-2008

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Summary

There are 42 African American Members serving in the 110th Congress, all serving in the House. President-elect Barack Obama served in the Senate until he resigned on November 16, 2008. There have been 124 African American Members of Congress: 119 elected to the House and five to the Senate. There have been 97 Democrats: 95 in the House, two in the Senate; and 27 Republicans: 24 in the House, three in the Senate.

A record 43 African American Members also served in the 109th Congress: 42 in the House, one in the Senate. The number of African American Members has steadily increased since the first African American Members entered Congress in 1870. There were fewer than 10 Members until the 91st Congress (1969-1971). In the 98th Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and then jumped to 40 in the 103rd Congress (1993-1995). Since the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 43 serving at any one time.

The first African American Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41st Congress (1870). The first African American Member of the House was Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC), who also served in the 41st Congress. Representative John Conyers Jr. (D-MI, 1965-present), the current chair of the House Judiciary Committee, has served longer than any other African American Member of Congress.

Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91st through 97th Congresses (1969-1983), was the first African American woman in Congress. Since that time, 25 other African American women have been elected, including Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999), who is the only African American woman, as well as the first African American Democrat, elected to the Senate.

Representatives James E. Clyburn (D-SC, 1993-present) and former Representatives William H. Gray III (D-PA, 1979-1991) and J.C. Watts (R-OK, 1995-2003) have been elected to the highest leadership positions held by African American Members of Congress. Representative Clyburn, the House majority whip in the 110th Congress, served as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108th and 109th Congresses. Representative Gray was chair of the House Democratic Caucus in 1989 (101st Congress). Later in that Congress, when a vacancy occurred, he was elected House majority whip, a position he held until his resignation from Congress in September 1991 (102nd Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106th-107th Congresses (1997-2001).

African American Members of Congress have served on standing and select committees. Nineteen have served as committee chair, 18 in the House and one in the Senate.

This report will be updated as needed.

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Background

One hundred twenty-four African Americans have been elected to the U.S. Congress: 119 to the House and five to the Senate.¹ Of these, 28 have been women. Until the resignation of President-elect Barack Obama from the Senate on November 16, 2008, there were 43 African American Members serving throughout the 110th Congress, 42 in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. This is the same number as the record 43 African American Members (all Democrats) who served in the 109th Congress.²

The number of African American Members has steadily increased since the first African Americans entered Congress in 1870. There were fewer than 10 Members until the 91st Congress (1969-1971). In the 98th Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and then jumped to 40 in the 103rd Congress (1993-1995). Since the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 43 at any one time.

The largest number of African American Members elected as freshmen was 17 in the 103rd Congress. Sixteen were elected to the House, and one, Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999), was elected to the Senate. Senator Moseley-Braun, who is the only African American woman to serve in the Senate, also was the first African American Democrat to serve in the Senate.³

The majority of African American Members of Congress (97) have been Democrats; 27 have been Republicans. All the African American Democrats have been elected in the 20th and 21st centuries. Five African American Republican men were elected to Congress in the 20th century, four to the House and one to the Senate. One of them was reelected to one term in the 21st century before retiring from Congress. All other African American Republican Members served in the 19th century.

The first African American Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41st Congress (1870). He also has the distinction of being the first African American Member of the Senate and the first African American Member of Congress from Mississippi. On January 20, 1870, he was chosen by the Mississippi legislature to fill the unexpired term in the U. S. Senate of former Confederate President Jefferson Davis.⁴ Senator Blanche K. Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) was the first African American Senator to serve a full Senate term of six years.

¹ Includes three Delegates from the U.S. Virgin Islands and two from the District of Columbia.

² A record 47 different African American Members have served in the 110th Congress (46 in the House and one in the Senate). However, only 43 (42 in the House and one in the Senate) served at any one time. In addition to the resignation Barack Obama on Nov. 16, 2008, Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) died on Apr. 22, 2007, and was replaced by Representative Laura Richardson (D-CA) on Sept. 4, 2007; Rep. Julia Carson (D-IN) died on Dec. 15, 2007, and was replaced by her grandson, Rep. André Carson (D-IN) on Mar. 13, 2008; Rep. Al Wynn (D-MD) resigned on May 31, 2008, and was replaced by Rep. Donna Edwards (D-IN) on June 19, 2008; and Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) died on Aug. 20, 2008, and was replaced by Rep. Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH) on Nov. 19, 2008. The previous record number was in the 104th Congress (1995-1997) when 43 African American Members was elected to the House of Representatives though only 40 actually served at any one time.

³ Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) is the first African American male Democrat to serve in the Senate.

⁴For an in depth look at African Americans in Congress, refer to U. S. Congress, House, Office of History and Preservation, *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, visited Nov. 15, 2008.

Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC, 1869-1878) was the first African American Member of the House of Representatives, beginning service, like Senator Revels, in the 41st Congress. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), elected to the 91st through 97th Congresses (1969-1983), was the first African American woman to serve in Congress. Edward Brooke (R-MA) was the first African American person elected to the Senate after passage of the Seventeenth Amendment, which provided for the direct election of Senators. He served in the 90th through 95th Congresses (1967-1979).

John Conyers Jr. (D-MI) holds the record for length of service by an African American Member (nearly 44 years). He was first elected to the 89th Congress and has served since January 3, 1965.

Twenty-three African American Members have first been elected to fill vacancies in the House. They include Representatives Bennie Thompson (D-MS, 1993-present); Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL, 1995-present); Elijah Cummings (D-MD, 1996-present); Barbara Lee (D-CA, 1998-present); Gregory Meeks (D-NY, 1998-present); Diane Watson (D-CA, 2001-present); G.K. Butterfield (D-NC, 2004-present); Laura Richardson (D-CA, 2007-present); André Carson (D-IN, 2008-present); Donna Edwards (D-MD, 2008-present); and Marcia L. Fudge (D-IN, 2008-present). Former Representative Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997), was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Representative George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972). The other former Members were Robert N.C. Nix Sr. (D-PA, 1958-1979); George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972); Bennett Stewart (D-IL, 1979-1981); George W. Crockett Jr. (D-MI, 1980-1991); Katie Hall (D-IN, 1982-1985); Charles Hayes (D-IL, 1983-1993); Alton Waldon Jr. (D-NY, 1986-1987); Lucien Blackwell (D-PA, 1991-1995); Craig Washington (D-TX, 1989-1995); Representatives Eva Clayton (D-NC, 1992-2003); and Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA, 1996-2007). All of these Members, except Representatives Stewart and Waldon, were subsequently elected to additional terms.⁵

Female Members

Fourteen African American women serve in the 110th Congress, all in the House.⁶ A record number of 15 African American women served in the 107th Congress, all in the House. A total of 28 African American women have served in Congress.

The first African American female Member was Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983). Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999) is the only African American woman to have served in the Senate. The African American female Members of the 110th Congress are Delegates Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Donna Christian-Christensen (D-VI) and Representatives Maxine Waters (D-CA), Corinne Brown (D-FL), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI), Diane Watson (D-CA), Gwen Moore (D-WI), Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Laura Richardson (D-CA), Donna Edwards (D-MD), and Marcia Fudge (D-OH). The other African American female Members, in addition to Representative Chisholm, Senator Moseley-Braun, and currently serving Members, were Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997); Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI, 1991-1997); Yvonne Brathwaite Burke (D-CA, 1973-1979); Katie Hall (D-IN, 1982-1985); Barbara Jordan (D-TX,

⁵ Representatives Fudge's first opportunity to stand for reelection is November 2, 2010.

⁶ A record 17 African American women, including the late Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), the late Julia Carson, and the late Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) were elected to the House in the 110th Congress. However, 14 is the largest number to serve at any one time.

1973-1979); Eva Clayton (D-NC, 1992-2003); Carrie Meek (D-FL, 1993-2003); Denise Majette (D-GA, 2003-2005); Cynthia McKinney (D-GA, 1993-2003, 2005-2007); Juanita Millender-McDonald (1996-2007); Julia Carson (D-IN, 1997-2007); and Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH, 1999-2008).

Relationships

Two African American Members of the 110th Congress are the sons of former Members: Representative William Lacy Clay Jr. (D-MO, 2001-present) is the son of former Representative William L. Clay Sr. (D-MO, 1969-2001), and Representative Kendrick Meek (D-FL, 2003-present) is the son of former Representative Carrie Meek (D-FL, 1993-2003). Representative André Carson (D-IN, 2008-present) is the grandson of former Representative Julia Carson (D-IN, 1997-2007).

Former Representative Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN, 1997-2007) is the son of former Representative Harold Ford Sr. (D-TN, 1975-1997). These sons directly succeeded their parents. In addition, Representative Cardiss Collins (D-IL, 1973-1997) succeeded her husband, Representative George Collins (D-IL, 1970-1972). Representative George White (R-NC, 1897-1901) was the brother-in-law of Representative Henry Cheatham (R-NC, 1889-1893).

Oldest and Youngest African American Members

The oldest African American Member to be elected to the House, Representative George Crockett (D-MI, 1980-1991), won his first election at 71. Representative Charles Hayes (D-IL, 1983-1993) was first elected at 65. At age 47, Senator Edward Brooke (R-MA, 1969-1979) became the oldest African American Senator elected to a first term.

The youngest African American Member to be elected, Representative John Lynch (R-MS, 1873-1877, 1882-1883), was first elected at age 25. Representative Harold Ford Jr. (D-TN, 1997-2007) was first elected at age 26. At age 33, Senator Blanche Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) was the youngest African American Senator elected to a first term.

African American Members in Leadership Positions

Representative James E. Clyburn (D-SC, 1993-present), the House majority whip in the 110th Congress, served as vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108th and 109th Congresses. Former Representatives William H. Gray III (D-PA, 1979-1991) and J.C. Watts (R-OK, 1995-2003) were also elected members of the House leadership. Representative Gray was chair of the House Democratic Caucus in 1989 (101st Congress). Later in that Congress, when a vacancy occurred, he was elected House majority whip, a position he held until his resignation from Congress in September 1991 (102nd Congress). Representative Watts served as chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106th-107th Congresses (1997-2001).

In addition, Representative John Lewis (D-GA, 1987-present), the senior chief deputy whip in the 110th Congress, served as a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 102nd-109th Congresses (1991-2007). Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA, 1991-present) has served as a Democratic chief

deputy whip since the 106th Congress, and Representative G.K. Butterfield (D-NC, 2004-present) began his service as a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 110th Congress. Former Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983) served as secretary to the Democratic Caucus in the 96th Congress (1977-1979).

Eighteen African American Representatives and one African American Senator have chaired congressional committees, including a record five in the 110th Congress.⁷ African American Members currently serving as chairs in the 110th Congress are Representatives John Conyers Jr. (D-MI, 1965-present), chair of House Judiciary Committee; Charles B. Rangel (D-NY, 1971-present), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee; and Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS, 1993-present), chair of the House Homeland Security Committee.

The other African American committee chairs were Senator Blanche Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) and Representatives Yvonne B. Burke (D-CA, 1973-1979); William L. Clay Sr. (D-MO, 1969-2001); William L. Dawson (D-IL, 1943-1970); Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA, 1971-1998); Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D-MI, 1955-1980); Julian Dixon (D-CA, 1979-2000); William H. Gray III (D-PA, 1979-1991); Augustus F. Hawkins (D-CA, 1963-1991); George T. (Mickey) Leland (D-TX, 1979-1989); Parren J. Mitchell (D-MD, 1971-1987); Robert N.C. Nix Sr. (D-PA, 1958-1979); Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (D-NY, 1945-1967, 1969-1971); Louis Stokes (D-OH, 1969-1999); Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA, 1996-2007); and Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH, 1999-2008).

Tables and Data

This part of the report provides tabular information on African American Members of Congress, including the Congresses in which they served, the committees on which they served, and, where relevant, an indication of the committees they chaired or co-chaired. In addition, five tables summarize information about African American Members.

Table 1 and **Table 2** list selected data about each African American Member, with the first table listing Senators and the second listing Representatives. **Table 3** presents the number and names of African American Members by Congress, organized by Congress. **Table 4** presents the same information by state. **Table 5** shows the changing number of African American Members serving in Congress since 1870, when the first African American Member was elected.

Most of the data presented are drawn from the *Biographical Directory of the American Congress*, <http://bioguide.congress.gov>, various editions of the *Congressional Directory*, and a broad range of Congressional Quarterly Inc. and Leadership Directories Inc. publications. For additional information, refer to *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007*, (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, written by the Office of History and Preservation in the House of Representatives.

For 110th Congress committee assignments, the sources are *The Senate of the United States, Committee and Subcommittee Assignments for the One Hundred Tenth Congress*, prepared under

⁷ A record five African American Members were elected House committee chairs at the beginning of the 110th Congress. However, Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), chair of the Committee on House Administration, died on April 22, 2007.

the direction of Nancy Erickson, secretary of the Senate, April 2, 2007 (available online from the Senate's website at http://www.senate.gov/general/committee_assignments/assignments.htm); and *List of Standing Committees and Select Committees and Their Subcommittees of the House of Representatives Together With Joint Committees, One Hundred Tenth Congress*, prepared under the direction of Lorraine C. Miller, clerk of the House of Representatives, June 19, 2008 (available online from the clerk's website at http://clerk.house.gov/committee_info/oal.pdf).

Note that the names and jurisdiction of House and Senate committees have changed many times over the years covered by this report. In the interest of brevity, this report does not identify all historical name changes. The committee names that are listed are those that were in effect at the time a particular Member served on a panel.

Alphabetical Listing of African American Members, Selected Biographical Information, and Committee Assignments During Their Tenure in Office

BALLANCE, FRANK W. Jr., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on February 15, 1942. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th Congress; served from January 7, 2003, until his resignation June 11, 2004.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Agriculture

108th

H. Small Business

108th

BISHOP, SANFORD D. Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 4, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Agriculture

103rd-107th

H. Post Office and Civil Service

103rd

H. Veterans' Affairs

103rd-104th

H. Select Intelligence

105th-107th

H. Appropriations

108th-110th

BLACKWELL, LUCIEN E., a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 1, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative William Gray; reelected to the 103rd Congress; served from November 11, 1991, to January 3, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	102 nd
H. Public Works and Transportation	102 nd -103 rd
H. Budget	103 rd

BROOKE, EDWARD W., a Senator from Massachusetts. Born on October 26, 1919. Elected as a Republican to two six-year terms beginning with the 90th Congress and served through the 95th Congress, from January 3, 1967, to January 3, 1979. First African American Member of Congress from Massachusetts.

Committee Assignments	Congress
S. Aeronautical and Space Sciences	90 th
S. Banking and Currency	90 th -91 st
S. Government Operations	90 th
S. Armed Services	91 st
S. Select Equal Education Opportunity	91 st -92 nd
S. Appropriations	92 nd -95 th
S. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	92 nd -95 th
S. Special Aging	92 nd -95 th
S. Select Standards and Conduct	93 rd -94 th
Jt. Bicentennial Arrangements	94 th
Jt. Defense Production	94 th -95 th

BROWN, CORRINE, a Representative from Florida. Born on November 11, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Government Operations	103 rd
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 rd
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 rd -110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -110 th

BRUCE, BLANCHE K., a Senator from Mississippi. Born on March 1, 1841; died on March 17, 1898. Elected as a Republican to a six-year term beginning with the 44th Congress and served through the 46th Congress, from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881.

Committee Assignments	Congress
S. Manufactures	44 th
S. Pensions	44 th -45 th
S. Education and Labor	44 th -46 th
S. Select Mississippi River	45 th -46 th
S. Select To Investigate the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company	46 th (committee chair)

BURKE, YVONNE BRAITHWAITE, a Representative from California. Born on October 5, 1932. Elected as a Democrat to the 93rd through 95th Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 3, 1979. First female chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, 94th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	93 rd
H. Public Works	93 rd
H. Appropriations	94 th -95 th
H. Select Assassinations	94 th -95 th
H. Select Beauty Shop	94 th -95 th (committee chair, 94 th -95 th)

BUTTERFIELD, G.K., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on April 27, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Frank Ballance; reelected to the 109th-110th Congresses, has served since July 21, 2004; a chief deputy Democratic whip in the 110th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Small Business	108 th
H. Agriculture	108 th - 109 th
H. Armed Services	109 th
H. Energy and Commerce	110 th

CAIN, RICHARD H., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on April 12, 1825; died on January 18, 1887. Elected as a Republican to the 43rd and 45th Congresses; served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1875, and from March 4, 1877, to March 3, 1879.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Agriculture

43rd

H. Private Land Claims

45th

CARSON, ANDRÉ, a Representative from Indiana. Born on October 16, 1974. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his grandmother, Julia Carson; has served since March 13, 2008.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Financial Services

110th

CARSON, JULIA M., a Representative from Indiana. Born on July 8, 1938; died on December 15, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 110th Congresses; served from January 9, 1997, to December 15, 2007.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Banking and Financial Services

105th-106th

H. Financial Services

107th - 110th

H. Veterans' Affairs

105th-107th

H. Transportation and Infrastructure

108th-110th

CHEATHAM, HENRY P., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on December 27, 1857; died on November 29, 1935. Elected as a Republican to the 51st and 52nd Congresses; served from March 4, 1889, to March 3, 1893.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Expenditures on Public Buildings

51st-52nd

H. Education

51st-52nd

H. Agriculture

52nd

CHISHOLM, SHIRLEY A., a Representative from New York. Born on November 30, 1924; died on January 1, 2005. Elected as a Democrat to the 91st through 97th Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1983. First African American woman elected to Congress and first African American female presidential candidate, 1972. Secretary of the Democratic Caucus in the 96th Congress, 1977-1979.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Veterans' Affairs

91st-92nd

H. Education and Labor

92nd-94th

H. Rules

95th-97th

CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, DONNA M., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on September 19, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 1997. First woman elected from the Virgin Islands and first female doctor in Congress.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Resources

105th-109th

H. Natural Resources

110th

H. Small Business

106th - 109th

H. Homeland Security

108th-110th

CHRISTIAN-GREEN, DONNA. See CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, DONNA.

CLARKE, YVETTE D., a Representative from New York. Born on November 21, 1964. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress; has served since January 4, 2007.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Education and Labor

110th

H. Homeland Security

110th

H. Small Business

110th

CLAY, WILLIAM L. Sr., a Representative from Missouri. Born on April 30, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 91st through 106th Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 2001. Succeeded by his son, Representative William Lacy Clay Jr. First African American Member of Congress from Missouri.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	91 st -103 rd
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -106 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	93 rd -103 rd (committee chair, 102 nd -103 rd)
H. Select to Study the Committee System	96 th
H. House Administration	99 th -103 rd
H. Jt. Library	101 st

CLAY, WILLIAM LACY Jr., a Representative from Missouri. Born on July 27, 1956; succeeded his father, Representative William L. Clay Sr. Elected as a Democrat to the 107th-109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 2001.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	107 th - 110 th
H. Government Reform	107 th - 109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th

CLAYTON, EVA M., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on September 16, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Walter Jones; reelected to the 103rd through 107th Congresses; served from November 5, 1992, to January 3, 2003. Co-chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee in the 104th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	103 rd -107 th
H. Small Business	103 rd
H. Budget	105 th -107 th

CLEAVER, EMANUEL, a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 26, 1944. Elected as Democrat to the 109th Congress; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

Committee Assignments**Congress**

H. Financial Services

109th–110th

H. Energy Independence and Global Warming

110th

CLYBURN, JAMES E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on July 21, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 106th Congress. Vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 108th–109th Congresses; House majority whip in the 110th Congress.

Committee Assignments**Congress**

H. Public Works and Transportation

103rd

H. Veterans' Affairs

103rd–105th

H. Transportation and Infrastructure

104th–105th

H. Small Business

104th

H. Appropriations

106th–109th

COLLINS, BARBARA-ROSE, a Representative from Michigan. Born on April 13, 1939. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 104th Congresses; served from January 3, 1991, to January 3, 1997.

Committee Assignments**Congress**

H. Public Works and Transportation

102nd–103rd

H. Transportation and Infrastructure

104th

H. Government Operations

103rd

H. Government Reform and Oversight

104th

H. Post Office and Civil Service

102nd–103rd

H. Science, Space, and Technology

102nd

H. Select Children, Youth, and Families

102nd

COLLINS, CARDISS, a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 24, 1931. Elected as a Democrat to the 93rd through 104th Congresses; served from June 7, 1973, to January 3, 1997. First elected to succeed her husband, Representative George Collins. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 96th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Government Operations	93 rd -103 rd
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th
H. Public Works	93 rd
H. International Relations	94 th -95 th
H. Foreign Affairs	96 th
H. District of Columbia	95 th
H. Energy and Commerce	97 th -103 rd
H. Commerce	104 th
H. Select Population	95 th
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	96 th -102 nd

COLLINS, GEORGE W., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 5, 1926; died on December 8, 1972. Elected as a Democrat to the 91st Congress to fill the vacancy by the death of Representative Daniel Ronan; reelected to the 92nd and 93rd Congresses; served from November 16, 1970, to December 8, 1972. Succeeded by his wife, Representative Cardiss Collins.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Government Operations	91 st -92 nd
H. Public Works	92 nd

CONYERS, JOHN Jr., a Representative from Michigan. Born on May 16, 1929. Elected as a Democrat to the 89th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1965.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Judiciary	89 th -110 th (committee chair, 110 th)
H. Government Operations	92 nd -103 rd (committee chair, 101 st -103 rd)
H. Small Business	100 th -103 rd

CROCKETT, GEORGE W., a Representative from Michigan. Born on August 10, 1909; died on September 7, 1997. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Charles Diggs; reelected to the 97th through 101st Congresses; served from November 12, 1980, to January 3, 1991.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Foreign Affairs	96 th -101 st
H. Judiciary	97 th -101 st
H. Small Business	97 th
H. Select Aging	97 th -101 st

CUMMINGS, ELIJAH E., a Representative from Maryland. Born on January 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Kweisi Mfume; reelected to the 105th through 110th Congresses; has served since April 25, 1996. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 108th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th -105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 th
H. Armed Services	110 th

DAVIS, ARTUR, a Representative from Alabama. Born on October 9, 1967. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 2003.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Budget	108 th -109 th
H. Financial Services	108 th -109 th
H. Judiciary	110 th
H. Ways and Means	110 th

DAVIS, DANNY K., a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 6, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 1997.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Small Business	105 th -109 th
H. Government Reform and Oversight	105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th
H. Education and the Workforce	108 th -109 th
H. Education and Labor	110 th

DAWSON, WILLIAM L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on April 26, 1886; died on November 9, 1970. Elected as a Democrat to the 78th through 91st Congresses; served from January 3, 1943, to November 9, 1970.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Expenditures in the Executive Departments	78 th -82 nd
H. Government Operations	(committee chair, 81 st , 82 nd) 83 rd -91 st (committee chair, 84 th -91 st)
H. Coinage, Weights, and Measures	78 th -79 th
H. Invalid Pensions	78 th -79 th
H. Insular Affairs	78 th -79 th
H. Irrigation and Reclamation	78 th -79 th
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	82 nd
H. District of Columbia	84 th -91 st

DeLARGE, ROBERT C., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on March 15, 1842; died on February 14, 1874. Elected as a Republican to the 42nd Congress; served from March 4, 1871, until January 24, 1873, when his seat was declared vacant after his election was successfully contested by former Representative Christopher C. Bowen.

Committee Assignment	Congress
H. Manufactures	42 nd

DELLUMS, RONALD V., a Representative from California. Born on November 25, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 105th Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, until February 6, 1998, when he resigned from the House. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 101st Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. District of Columbia	92 nd -103 rd (committee chair, 96 th -102 nd)
H. Foreign Affairs	92 nd
H. Armed Services	93 rd -103 rd (committee chair, 103 rd)
H. National Security	104 th -105 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	97 th -98 th
H. Select Intelligence	94 th -102 nd

DePRIEST, OSCAR S., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 9, 1871; died on May 12, 1951. Elected as a Republican to the 71st through 73rd Congresses; served from March 4, 1929, to March 3, 1935. First African American Member of Congress from Illinois.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Enrolled Bills	71 st -73 rd
H. Invalid Pensions	71 st -73 rd
H. Indian Affairs	71 st -73 rd
H. Post Office and Post Roads	73 rd

DIGGS, CHARLES C. Jr., a Representative from Michigan. Born on December 2, 1922; died on August 24, 1998. Elected as a Democrat to the 84th through 96th Congresses; served from January 3, 1955, until his resignation on June 3, 1980. First African American Member of Congress from Michigan and first chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, 92nd Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	84 th -85 th
H. Veterans' Affairs	84 th -85 th
H. Foreign Affairs	86 th -93 rd
H. International Relations	94 th -96 th
H. District of Columbia	88 th -96 th (committee chair, 93 rd -95 th)

DIXON, JULIAN C., a Representative from California. Born on August 8, 1934; died on December 8, 2000. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th through 106th Congresses; reelected to the 107th Congress, but died before the commencement of the 107th Congress; served from January 3, 1979, until his death. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 98th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Appropriations	96 th -106 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	98 th -101 st (committee chair, 99 th -101 st)
H. Select Intelligence	103 rd -106 th

DYMALLY, MERVYN M., a Representative from California. Born on May 12, 1926. Elected as a Democrat to the 97th through 102nd Congresses; served from January 3, 1981, to January 3, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 100th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. District of Columbia	97 th -102 nd
H. Foreign Affairs	97 th -102 nd
H. Science and Technology	97 th -98 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	98 th -102 nd
H. Education and Labor	99 th

EDWARDS, DONNA F., a Representative from Maryland. Born on June 28, 1958. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Albert Wynn; has served since June 19, 2008.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Science and Technology	110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 th

ELLIOTT, ROBERT B., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on August 11, 1842; died on August 9, 1884. Elected as a Republican to the 42nd and 43rd Congresses; served from March 4, 1871, until his resignation on November 1, 1874.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	42 nd -43 rd
H. Militia	43 rd

ELLISON, KEITH, a Representative from Minnesota. Born on August 4, 1963. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress; has served since January 4, 2007. First African American Member of Congress from Minnesota.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Financial Services

110th

H. Judiciary

110th

ESPY, ALBERT MICHAEL (MIKE), a Representative from Mississippi. Born on November 28, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 100th through 103rd Congresses. Served from January 6, 1987, to January 25, 1993, when he resigned to become secretary of agriculture.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Agriculture

100th-102nd

H. Budget

101st-102nd

H. Select Hunger

101st-102nd

Jt. Deficit Reduction

100th

EVANS, MELVYN H., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on August 7, 1917; died on November 27, 1984. Elected as a Republican to the 96th Congress; served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1981. First African American Delegate from the Virgin Islands and first African American physician to serve in Congress.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Armed Services

96th

H. Interior and Insular Affairs

96th

H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries

96th

FATTAH, CHAKA, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on November 21, 1956. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th -105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -106 th
H. Small Business	104 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	105 th -106 th
H. Administration	106 th -107 th
Jt. Printing	106 th - 107 th
H. Appropriations	107 th -110 th

FAUNTROY, WALTER E., a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on February 6, 1933. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd Congress in a special election after the District of Columbia was authorized to elect a delegate to Congress; reelected to the 93rd through 101st Congresses; served from April 19, 1971, to January 3, 1991. First African American Delegate from the District of Columbia. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 97th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. District of Columbia	92 nd -101 st
H. Banking and Currency	93 rd
H. Banking, Currency, and Housing	94 th
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	95 th -101 st
H. Select Assassinations	94 th -95 th
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	98 th -101 st

FIELDS, CLEO, a Representative from Louisiana. Born on November 22, 1962. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd and 104th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 1997. At age 30, he was the youngest Member of the 103rd Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th
H. Small Business	103 rd -104 th

FLAKE, FLOYD H., a Representative from New York. Born on January 30, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 100th through 105th Congresses; served from January 6, 1987, to November 15, 1997, when he resigned from the House.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	100 th -103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -105 th
H. Small Business	100 th -105 th
H. Government Operations	103 rd
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	100 th
H. Select Hunger	100 th -102 nd

FORD, HAROLD E. Sr., a Representative from Tennessee. Born on May 20, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 94th through 104th Congresses; served from January 3, 1975, to January 3, 1997. First African American Member of Congress from Tennessee. Succeeded by his son, Harold E. Ford Jr.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Veterans' Affairs	94 th , 1 st
H. Banking, Currency, and Housing	94 th , 1 st
H. Ways and Means	94 th -104 th
H. Select Aging	94 th -102 nd
H. Select Assassinations	94 th -95 th

FORD, HAROLD E. Jr., a Representative from Tennessee. Born on May 11, 1970. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 109th Congresses; served from January 7, 1997, to January 3, 2007. At age 26, he was the youngest Member of the 105th Congress. Succeeded his father, Harold E. Ford Sr.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -107 th
H. Government Reform and Oversight	105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -109 th
H. Budget	108 th -109 th

FRANKS, GARY A., a Representative from Connecticut. Born on February 9, 1953. Elected as a Republican to the 102nd through 104th Congresses; served from January 3, 1991, to January 3, 1997. First African American Member of Congress from Connecticut.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Armed Services	102 nd
H. Small Business	102 nd
H. Energy and Commerce	103 rd
H. Commerce	104 th
H. Select Committee on Aging	102 nd

FRAZER, VICTOR O., a Delegate from the U.S. Virgin Islands. Born on May 24, 1943. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress; served from January 3, 1995, to January 3, 1997.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. International Relations	104 th

FUDGE, MARCIA L., a representative from Ohio. Born on October 29, 1952. Elected as Democrat to the 111th Congress and later to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stephanie Tubbs Jones; has served since November 19, 2008.

Committee Assignments	Congress
None yet assigned	

GRAY, WILLIAM H. III, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 20, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th through 102nd Congresses; served from January 3, 1979, to September 11, 1991, when he resigned to become president of the United Negro College Fund. Chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the First Session of the 101st Congress; later in that Congress House Democratic whip (through the First Session of the 102nd Congress).

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Budget	96 th , 98 th -100 th (committee chair, 99 th -100 th)
H. District of Columbia	96 th -102 nd
H. Foreign Affairs	96 th
H. Appropriations	97 th -102 nd
H. House Administration	102 nd
Jt. Deficit Reduction	100 th

GREEN, AL, a Representative from Texas. Born on September 1, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 109th Congress; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Financial Services

109th-110th

H. Science

109th

H. Homeland Security

110th

HALL, KATIE B., a Representative from Indiana. Born on April 3, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 97th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Adam Benjamin; reelected to the 98th Congress; served from November 29, 1982, to January 3, 1985. First African American Member of Congress from Indiana.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Post Office and Civil Service

98th

H. Public Works and Transportation

98th

HARALSON, JEREMIAH, a Representative from Alabama. Born on April 1, 1846, died in 1916. Elected as a Republican to the 44th Congress; served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1877.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Public Expenditures

44th

HASTINGS, ALCEE L., a Representative from Florida. Born on September 5, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Foreign Affairs

103rd

H. International Relations

104th-107th

H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries

103rd

H. Post Office and Civil Service

103rd

H. Science

104th-105th

H. Select Intelligence

106th-110th

H. Rules

107th-110th

H. Standards of Official Conduct

110th

HAWKINS, AUGUSTUS F., a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1907; died on November 10, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 88th through 101st Congresses; served from January 3, 1963, to January 3, 1991. First African American Member of Congress from California.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	88 th -101 st (committee chair, 98 th , 2 nd sess. - 101 st)
H. House Administration	91 st -98 th (committee chair, 97 th - 98 th , 2 nd sess.)
Jt. Committee on Printing	95 th -98 th (committee chair, 96 th , 98 th)
Jt. Committee on the Library	97 th -98 th (committee chair, 97 th)
Jt. Economic	97 th -101 st

HAYES, CHARLES A., a Representative from Illinois. Born on February 17, 1918; died on April 8, 1997. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Harold Washington; reelected to the 99th through 102nd Congresses; served from September 12, 1983, to January 3, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	98 th -102 nd
H. Small Business	98 th -101 st
H. Post Office and Civil Service	101 st -102 nd

HILLIARD, EARL F., a Representative from Alabama. Born on April 9, 1942. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 106th Congresses; reelected to the 107th Congress; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 2003.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	103 rd -107 th
H. Small Business	103 rd -104 th
H. International Relations	105 th -107 th

HYMAN, JOHN ADAMS, a Representative from North Carolina. Born on July 23, 1840; died on September 14, 1891. Elected as a Republican to the 44th Congress; served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1877. First African American Member of Congress from North Carolina.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Manufactures	44 th

JACKSON, JESSE L. Jr., a Representative from Illinois. Born on March 11, 1965. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Melvin Reynolds; reelected to the 105th through 110th Congresses; has served since December 14, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -105 th
H. Small Business	105 th
H. Appropriations	106 th -110 th

JACKSON LEE, SHEILA, a Representative from Texas. Born on January 12, 1950. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Judiciary	104 th -110 th
H. Science	104 th -109 th
H. Homeland Security	108 th -110 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th

JEFFERSON, WILLIAM J., a Representative from Louisiana. Born on March 14, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1991.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	102 nd
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	102 nd
H. District of Columbia	103 rd
H. Ways and Means	103 rd , 105 th -109 th
H. National Security	104 th
H. House Oversight	104 th
H. Budget	109 th
H. Small Business	110 th
Jt. Printing	104 th

JOHNSON, EDDIE BERNICE, a Representative from Texas. Born on December 3, 1935. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 107th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 rd
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th –110 th
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 rd
H. Science	104 th –109 th
H. Science and Technology	110 th

JOHNSON, HENRY C. (HANK) Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on October 2, 1954. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress; has served since January 4, 2007.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Armed Services	110 th
H. Judiciary	110 th
H. Small Business	110 th

JONES, STEPHANIE TUBBS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on September 10, 1949; died on August 20, 2008. Elected as a Democrat to the 106th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; served from January 3, 1999, to August 20, 2008.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th
H. Small Business	106 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	107 th –110 th (committee chair, 110 th)
H. Ways and Means	108 th –110 th

JORDAN, BARBARA C., a Representative from Texas. Born on February 21, 1936; died on January 17, 1996. Elected as a Democrat to the 93rd through 95th Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 3, 1979. First African American Member of Congress from Texas.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Judiciary	93 rd –95 th
H. Government Operations	94 th –95 th

KILPATRICK, CAROLYN CHEEKS, a Representative from Michigan. Born on June 25, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 1997. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 110th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 th
H. House Oversight	105 th
Jt. Committee on the Library	105 th
H. Appropriations	106 th -110 th

LANGSTON, JOHN M., a Representative from Virginia. Born on December 14, 1829; died on November 15, 1897. Elected as a Republican to the 51st Congress; served from September 23, 1890, to March 3, 1891, after he successfully contested the election of Edward Venable. First African American Member of Congress from Virginia.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education	51 st

LEE, BARBARA, a Representative from California. Born on July 16, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Ronald Dellums; reelected to the 106th through 110th Congresses; has served since April 20, 1998.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -109 th
H. Science	105 th
H. International Relations	106 th -109 th
H. Appropriations	110 th

LELAND, GEORGE T. (MICKEY), a Representative from Texas. Born on November 27, 1944; died on August 7, 1989. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th through 101st Congresses; served from January 3, 1979, to August 7, 1989. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 99th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. District of Columbia	96 th -99 th
H. Interstate and Foreign Commerce	96 th -101 st
H. Post Office and Civil Service	96 th -101 st
H. Select Hunger	98 th -101 st (committee chair, 98 th -101 st)
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	98 th

LEWIS, JOHN R., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 19, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 100th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 6, 1987. A Democratic chief deputy whip in the 102nd through 109th Congresses; senior chief deputy majority whip in the 110th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Public Works and Transportation	100 th -102 nd
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	100 th -102 nd
H. Select Aging	101 st -102 nd
H. District of Columbia	103 rd
H. Ways and Means	103 rd -110 th
H. Budget	108 th

LONG, JEFFERSON F., a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 3, 1836; died on February 5, 1900. Elected as a Republican to the 41st Congress after the House declared that Representative Samuel Gove was not entitled to his seat; served from January 16, 1871, to March 3, 1871. First African American Member of Congress from Georgia.

Committee Assignments	Congress
None	—

LYNCH, JOHN R., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on September 10, 1847; died on November 2, 1939. Elected as a Republican to the 43rd, 44th, and 47th Congresses; served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1877, and from April 29, 1882, to March 3, 1883, after he successfully contested the election of Representative James Chalmers. At age 26, he was the youngest Member of the 43rd Congress. First African American Member of the House of Representatives from Mississippi.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Mines and Mining	43 rd -44 th
H. Militia	47 th
H. Education and Labor	47 th

MAJETTE, DENISE L., a Representative from Georgia. Born on May 18, 1955. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th Congress; served from January 7, 2003, to January 3, 2005.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Budget	108 th
H. Education and the Workforce	108 th
H. Small Business	108 th

McKINNEY, CYNTHIA A., a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 17, 1955. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 107th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 2003; elected to the 109th Congress; served from January 4, 2005, to January 3, 2007.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	103 rd
H. Foreign Affairs	103 rd
H. International Relations	104 th -107 th
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -105 th
H. National Security	105 th
H. Armed Services	106 th -107 th , 109 th
H. Budget	109 th

MEEK, CARRIE P., a Representative from Florida. Born on April 29, 1926. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 107th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 2003. Succeeded by her son, Representative Kendrick Meek.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Appropriations	103 rd , 105 th -107 th
H. Budget	104 th
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th

MEEK, KENDRICK, a Representative from Florida. Born on September 6, 1966. Elected to the 108th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 2003. Succeeded his mother, Representative Carrie Meek.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Armed Services	108 th - 110 th
H. Homeland Security	108 th - 109 th
H. Ways and Means	110 th

MEEKS, GREGORY, a Representative from New York. Born on September 25, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Floyd Flake; reelected to the 106th through 110th Congresses; has served since February 5, 1998.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -110 th
H. International Relations	106 th -109 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th

METCALFE, RALPH H., a Representative from Illinois. Born on May 30, 1910; died on October 10, 1978. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 95th Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, to October 10, 1978.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Interstate and Foreign Commerce
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries
H. Post Office and Civil Service

92nd-95th
92nd-95th
95th

MFUME, KWEISI, a Representative from Maryland. Born on October 24, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 100th through 104th Congresses; served from January 6, 1987, to February 16, 1996, when he resigned to become executive director of the NAACP. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 103rd Congress. Co-chair of the Democratic Policy Committee in the 104th Congress, 1995-1996.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs
H. Banking and Financial Services
H. Small Business
H. Education and Labor
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control
Jt. Economic
H. Standards of Official Conduct
H. Select Hunger

100th-103rd
104th
100th-104th
101st
101st-102nd
102nd-104th
103rd
100th

MILLENDER-McDONALD, JUANITA, a Representative from California. Born on September 7, 1938; died on April 22, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Walter Tucker; reelected to the 105th through 110th Congresses; served from April 16, 1996, to April 22, 2007.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Small Business	104 th -110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -119 th
H. Administration	108 th -110 th (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st sess.)
Jt. Library	108 th , 110 th 110 th (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st session)
Jt. Printing	110 th (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st sess.)

MILLER, THOMAS E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on June 17, 1849; died on April 8, 1936. Elected as a Republican to the 51st Congress; served from September 24, 1890, to March 3, 1891, when he successfully contested the election of William Elliott.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Library of Congress	51 st

MITCHELL, ARTHUR W., a Representative from Illinois. Born on December 22, 1883; died on May 9, 1968. Elected as a Democrat to the 74th through 77th Congresses; served from January 3, 1935, to January 3, 1943. First African American Democrat elected to Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Post Office and Post Roads	74 th -77 th

MITCHELL, PARREN J., a Representative from Maryland. Born on April 29, 1922; died May 28, 2007. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 99th Congresses; served from January 3, 1971, to January 3, 1987. First African American Member of Congress from Maryland. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 95th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Currency	92 nd -93 rd
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	94 th -99 th
H. Select Small Business	92 nd -93 rd
H. Small Business	94 th , 96 th -99 th (committee chair, 97 th -99 th)
H. Budget	93 rd -95 th
Jt. Defense Production	94 th -95 th
Jt. Economic	95 th -99 th

MOORE, GWEN, a Representative from Wisconsin. Born on April 18, 1951. Elected as Democrat to the 109th Congress; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 4, 2005. First African American Member of Congress from Wisconsin.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	109 th -110 th
H. Small Business	109 th -110 th
H. Budget	110 th

MOSELEY-BRAUN, CAROL, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 16, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 103rd Congress and served through the 105th Congress, from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 1999. First African American woman and African American Democrat to serve in the Senate. Ambassador to New Zealand from 1999-2001; candidate for U.S. President in 2004.

Committee Assignments	Congress
S. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	103 rd -105 th
S. Judiciary	103 rd
S. Small Business	103 rd
S. Finance	104 th -105 th
S. Special Aging	104 th -105 th

MURRAY, GEORGE W., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on September 22, 1853; died on April 21, 1926. Elected as a Republican to the 53rd and 54th Congresses; served from March 4, 1893, to March 3, 1895, and from June 4, 1896, to March 3, 1897 (successfully contested an election).

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Education

53rd-54th

H. Expenditures in the Treasury

54th

Department

NASH, CHARLES E., a Representative from Louisiana. Born on May 23, 1844; died on June 21, 1913. Elected as a Republican to the 44th Congress; served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1877. First African American Member of Congress from Louisiana.

Committee Assignment

Congress

H. Education and Labor

44th

NIX, ROBERT N.C. Sr., a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 9, 1905; died on June 22, 1987. Elected as a Democrat to the 85th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Earl Chudoff; reelected to the 86th through 95th Congresses; served from June 4, 1958, to January 3, 1979. First African American Member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries

85th-86th

H. Foreign Affairs

87th-93rd

H. International Relations

94th-95th

H. Veterans' Affairs

85th-86th

H. Post Office and Civil Service

88th-95th

(committee chair, 95th)

H. Select Standards and Conduct

89th

H. Crime

91st

NORTON, ELEANOR HOLMES, a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on June 13, 1937. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1991.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. District of Columbia	102 nd -103 rd
H. Post Office and Civil Service	102 nd -103 rd
H. Public Works and Transportation	102 nd -103 rd
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -110 th
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th -105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th
H. Small Business	104 th
Jt. Committee on the Organization of Congress	102 nd -103 ^r
H. Homeland Security	108 th -110 th

OBAMA, BARACK, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 4, 1961. Elected as a Democrat to a six-year term beginning with the 109th Congress; served from January 4, 2005, until November 16, 2009, when he resigned after being elected President of the U.S. He is not only the first African American elected President but also the first African American male Democrat elected to the Senate.

Committee Assignments	Congress
S. Environment and Public Works	109 th -110 th
S. Foreign Relations	109 th -110 th
S. Veterans' Affairs	109 th -110 th
S. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	110 th
S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	110 th

O'HARA, JAMES E., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on February 26, 1844; died on September 15, 1905. Elected as a Republican to the 48th and 49th Congresses; served from March 4, 1883, to March 3, 1887.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Mines and Mining	48 th
H. Expenditures on Public Buildings	49 th
H. Invalid Pensions	49 th

OWENS, MAJOR R., a Representative from New York. Born on June 28, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th through 110th Congresses; served from January 3, 1983, to January 3, 2007.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	98 th -103 rd
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -109 th
H. Government Operations	98 th -103 rd
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th -105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th -109 th

PAYNE, DONALD M., a Representative from New Jersey. Born on July 16, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 101st through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1989. First African American Member of Congress from New Jersey. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 104th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	101 st -103 rd , 110 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -109 th
H. Foreign Affairs	101 st -103 rd , 110 th
H. International Relations	104 th -109 th
H. Government Operations	101 st -103 rd

POWELL, ADAM CLAYTON Jr., a Representative from New York. Born on November 29, 1908; died on April 4, 1972. Elected as a Democrat to the 79th through 90th Congresses, but was not seated in the 90th Congress (excluded from that Congress on March 1, 1967). He served from January 3, 1945, to January 3, 1967. In April 1967, he was reelected in a special election to the seat from which he had been excluded, but he did not attempt to take the oath of office. He was reelected to the 91st Congress and served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1971. First African American Member of Congress from New York.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Indian Affairs	79 th
H. Invalid Pensions	79 th
H. Labor	79 th
H. Education and Labor	80 th -89 th , 91 st (committee chair, 87 th -89 th)
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	84 th -86 th

RAINEY, JOSEPH H., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on June 21, 1832; died on August 2, 1887. Elected as a Republican to the 41st Congress when the House declared the seat of Representative Benjamin Whittemore vacant; reelected to the 42nd through 45th Congresses; served from December 12, 1870, to March 3, 1879. First African American Member of the House of Representatives and first African American Member of Congress from South Carolina.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Freedmen's Affairs	41 st -42 nd
H. Indian Affairs	43 rd
H. Invalid Pensions	44 th -45 th
H. Select Celebration of Proposed National Census of 1875	43 rd

RANGEL, CHARLES B., a Representative from New York. Born on June 11, 1930. Elected as a Democrat to the 92nd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1971. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 94th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Public Works	92 nd
H. Science and Astronautics	92 nd
H. Judiciary	92 nd -93 rd
H. District of Columbia	93 rd
H. Ways and Means	94 th -110 th (committee chair, 110 th Congress)
H. Select Crime	92 nd -93 rd
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	94 th -102 nd (committee chair, 98 th -102 nd)
Jt. Taxation	104 th -105 th

RANSIER, ALONZO J., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on January 3, 1834; died on August 17, 1882. Elected as a Republican to the 43rd Congress; served from March 3, 1873, to March 3, 1875.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Manufactures	43 rd

RAPIER, JAMES T., a Representative from Alabama. Born on November 13, 1837; died on May 31, 1883. Elected as a Republican to the 43rd Congress; served from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1875.

Committee Assignment

Congress

H. Education and Labor

43rd

REVELS, HIRAM RHODES, a Senator from Mississippi. Born on September 27, 1827; died on January 16, 1901. Elected as a Republican to the 41st Congress after Mississippi was readmitted to the union, and served from February 25, 1870, to March 3, 1871. First African American Member of Congress; first African American Senator; first African American Republican elected to Congress; first African American Member of Congress from Mississippi.

Committee Assignments

Congress

S. Education and Labor

41st

S. District of Columbia

41st

REYNOLDS, MELVIN J., a Representative from Illinois. Born on January 8, 1952. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd and 104th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, until his resignation on October 1, 1995.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Ways and Means

103rd

H. Economic and Educational

104th

Opportunities

RICHARDSON, LAURA., a Representative from California. Born on April 14, 1962. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald; has served since September 4, 2007.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Science and Technology

110th

H. Transportation and Infrastructure

110th

RUSH, BOBBY L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on November 23, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 rd
H. Government Operations	103 rd
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 rd
H. Commerce	104 th -106 th
H. Energy and Commerce	107 th -110 th

SAVAGE, GUS, a Representative from Illinois. Born on October 30, 1925. Elected as a Democrat to the 97th through 102nd Congresses; served from January 3, 1981, to January 3, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Post Office and Civil Service	97 th
H. Public Works and Transportation	97 th -102 nd
H. Small Business	97 th -102 nd

SCOTT, DAVID, a Representative from Georgia. Born on June 27, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th-109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 7, 2003.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	108 th - 110 th
H. Financial Services	108 th - 110 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	110 th

SCOTT, ROBERT C., a Representative from Virginia. Born on April 30, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	103 rd , 110 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -107 th , 109 th
H. Judiciary	103 rd -110 th
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 rd
H. Select U.S. National Security and Military/ Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China	106 th
H. Budget	108 th , 110 th

SMALLS, ROBERT, a Representative from South Carolina. Born on April 5, 1839; died on February 22, 1915. Elected as a Republican to the 44th, 45th, and 47th through 49th Congresses. He served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1879; from July 19, 1882, to March 3, 1883, after he successfully contested the reelection of Representative George Tillman; and from March 18, 1884, to March 3, 1887, after he was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Edmund Mackey.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	44 th , 47 th
H. Militia	45 th
H. Manufactures	48 th
H. War Claims	49 th

STEWART, BENNETT M., a Representative from Illinois. Born on August 6, 1912; died on April 26, 1988. Elected as a Democrat to the 96th Congress; served from January 3, 1979, to January 3, 1981.

Committee Assignment	Congress
H. Appropriations	96 th

STOKES, LOUIS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on February 23, 1925. Elected as a Democrat to the 91st through 105th Congresses; served from January 3, 1969, to January 3, 1999. First African American Member of Congress from Ohio. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 92nd and 93rd Congresses.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	91 st
H. Internal Security	91 st
H. Appropriations	92 nd -105 th
H. Budget	95 th -96 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	96 th -98 th , 102 nd (committee chair, 97 th -98 th , 102 nd)
H. Select Assassinations	94 th -95 th (committee chair, 95 th)
H. Select Intelligence	98 th -100 th
H. Select to Investigate Arms Transactions to Iran	100 th

THOMPSON, BENNIE G., a Representative from Mississippi. Born on January 28, 1948. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Mike Espy to become secretary of agriculture; reelected to the 104th through 110th Congresses; has served since April 20, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	103 rd -108 th
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	103 rd
H. Small Business	103 rd -104 th
H. Budget	105 th -107 th
H. Homeland Security	108 th -110 th (committee chair, 110 th)

TOWNS, EDOLPHUS, a Representative from New York. Born on July 21, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1983. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 102nd Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Government Operations	98 th -103 rd
H. Government Reform and Oversight	104 th -105 th
H. Government Reform	106 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th
H. Public Works and Transportation	98 th -104 th
H. Energy and Commerce	101 st -103 rd , 107 th -110 th
H. Commerce	104 th -106 th
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	98 th -102 nd

TUCKER, WALTER R., a Representative from California. Born on May 28, 1957. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd and 104th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, until his resignation on December 15, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 rd
H. Small Business	103 rd -104 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th

TURNER, BENJAMIN S., a Representative from Alabama. Born on March 17, 1825; died on March 21, 1894. Elected as a Republican to the 42nd Congress; served from March 4, 1871, to March 3, 1873. First African American Member of Congress from Alabama.

Committee Assignment	Congress
H. Invalid Pensions	42 nd

WALDON, ALTON R. Jr., a Representative from New York. Born on December 21, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 99th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Joseph Addabbo; served from July 29, 1986, to January 3, 1987.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	99 th
H. Small Business	99 th

WALLS, JOSIAH T., a Representative from Florida. Born on December 30, 1842; died on May 5, 1905. Elected as a Republican to the 42nd through 44th Congresses; served from March 4, 1871, to January 29, 1873 (when his election was successfully contested); from March 4, 1873, to March 3, 1875; and from March 4, 1875, to April 19, 1876 (when his election was successfully contested). First African American Member of Congress from Florida.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Militia

42nd-43rd

H. Mileage

44th

WASHINGTON, CRAIG A., a Representative from Texas. Born on October 12, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 101st Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Mickey Leland; reelected to the 102nd and 103rd Congresses; served from December 9, 1989, to January 3, 1995.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Education and Labor

101st-102nd

H. Judiciary

101st-103rd

H. Energy and Commerce

103rd

H. Government Operations

103rd

H. Select Committee on Narcotics

102nd

Abuse and Control

WASHINGTON, HAROLD D., a Representative from Illinois. Born on April 15, 1922; died on November 25, 1987. Elected as a Democrat to the 97th and 98th Congresses; served from January 3, 1981, to April 29, 1983, when he resigned to become mayor of Chicago.

Committee Assignments

Congress

H. Government Operations

97th

H. Education and Labor

97th-98th

H. Judiciary

97th-98th

WATERS, MAXINE, a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 109th Congresses, reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 3, 1991. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 105th Congress; vice chair of the Democratic Steering Committee in the 105th through 108th Congresses; a Democratic chief deputy whip in the 106th through 110th Congresses.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	102 nd -103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -110 th
H. Veterans Affairs	102 nd -104 th
H. Small Business	103 rd -104 th
H. Judiciary	105 th -110 th

WATSON, DIANE E., a Representative from California. Born on November 12, 1933. Elected as a Democrat to the 107th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Julian Dixon; reelected to the 108th-110th Congresses; has served since June 7, 2001. U.S. ambassador to Micronesia from 1999 to 2001.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. International Relations	107 th -109 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th
H. Government Reform	107 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th

WATT, MELVIN L., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on August 26, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 109th Congresses; reelected to the 110th Congress; has served since January 5, 1993. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 109th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -110 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 rd
H. Judiciary	103 rd -110 th
Jt. Economic	107 th -108 th

WATTS, J.C. Jr., a Representative from Oklahoma. Born on November 18, 1957. Elected as a Republican to the 104th through 107th Congresses; served from January 3, 1995, to January 3, 2003. First African American Member of Congress from Oklahoma. Chair of the House Republican Conference in the 106th through 107th Congresses.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th
H. National Security	104 th -105 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	105 th -106 th
H. Armed Services	106 th -107 th

WHEAT, ALAN D., a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 16, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th through 103rd Congresses; served from January 3, 1983, to January 3, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. District of Columbia	98 th -103 rd
H. Rules	98 th -103 rd
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	98 th -102 nd
H. Select Hunger	101 st -102 nd

WHITE, GEORGE H., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on December 18, 1852; died on December 28, 1918. Elected as a Republican to the 55th and 56th Congresses; served from March 4, 1897, to March 3, 1901.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	55 th
H. District of Columbia	55 th -56 th

WYNN, ALBERT R., a Representative from Maryland. Born on September 10, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 110th Congresses; served from January 5, 1993, to May 31, 2008.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th
H. Foreign Affairs	103 rd
H. International Relations	104 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 rd
H. Commerce	105 th -106 th
H. Energy and Commerce	107 th -110 th

YOUNG, ANDREW, a Representative from Georgia. Born on March 12, 1932. Elected as a Democrat to the 93rd through 95th Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 29, 1977, when he resigned to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Elected mayor of Atlanta in 1981.

Committee Assignments**Congress**

H. Banking, Currency, and Housing

93rd

H. Rules

94th**Table 1. African American Members of Congress—Senate**

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	Party
Brooke, Edward W.	90 th -95 th	1967-1979	MA	R
Bruce, Blanche K.	44 th -46 th	1875-1881	MS	R
Moseley-Braun, Carol	103 rd -105 th	1993-1999	IL	D
Obama, Barack ^a	109 th -110 th	2005-2008	IL	D
Revels, Hiram R. ^b	41 st	1870-1871	MS	R

a. Resigned on Nov. 16, 2008, after being elected President of the U.S. for the term beginning Jan. 20, 2009.

b. Seated after Mississippi was readmitted to the Union on Feb. 23, 1870; first African American Member of Congress.

Table 2. African American Members of Congress—House of Representatives

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District ^a	Party
Ballance, Frank W. Jr.	108 th	2003-2004	NC	1 st	D
Bishop, Sanford D. Jr.	103 rd -	1993-	GA	2 nd	D
Blackwell, Lucien E. ^b	102 nd -103 rd	1991-1995	PA	2 nd	D
Brown, Corrine	103 rd -	1993-	FL	3 rd	D
Burke, Yvonne B.	93 rd -95 th	1973-1979	CA	28 th	D
Butterfield, G.K. ^c	108 th -	2004-	NC	1 st	D
Cain, Richard Harvey	43 rd	1873-1875	SC	AL	R
	45 th	1877-1879			
Carson, Julia M. ^d	105 th -110 th	1997-2007	IN	10 th , 7 th	D
Carson, André ^d	110 th -	2008-	IN	7 th	D
Cheatham, Henry P.	51 st -52 nd	1889-1893	NC	2 nd	R
Chisholm, Shirley A. ^e	91 st -97 th	1969-1983	NY	12 th	D
Christian-Christensen, Donna	105 th -	1997-	VI	AL	D
Clarke, Yvette D.	110 th	2007-	NY	11 th	D
Clay, William L. Sr.	91 st -106 th	1969-2001	MO	1 st	D
Clay, William Lacy Jr.	107 th -	2001-	MO	1 st	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District^a	Party
Clayton, Eva M. ^f	102 nd -107 th	1992-2003	NC	1 st	D
Cleaver, Emanuel	109 th -	2005-	MO	5 th	D
Clyburn, James E.	103 rd -	1993-	SC	6 th	D
Collins, Barbara-Rose	102 nd -104 th	1991-1997	MI	15 th	D
Collins, Cardiss ^g	93 rd -104 th	1973-1997	IL	7 th	D
Collins, George W. ^h	91 st -92 nd	1970-1972	IL	6 th	D
Conyers, John Jr.	89 th -	1965-	MI	14 th	D
Crockett, George W. ⁱ	96 th -101 st	1980-1991	MI	13 th	D
Cummings, Elijah E. ^j	104 th -	1996-	MD	7 th	D
Davis, Artur	108 th -	2003-	AL	7 th	D
Davis, Danny K.	105 th -	1997-	IL	7 th	D
Dawson, William L. ^k	78 th -91 st	1943-1970	IL	1 st	D
DeLarge, Robert C. ^l	42 nd	1871-1873	SC	2 nd	R
Dellums, Ronald V. ^m	92 nd -105 th	1971-1998	CA	8 th	D
DePriest, Oscar S.	71 st -73 rd	1929-1935	IL	1 st	R
Diggs, Charles C. Jr. ⁿ	84 th -96 th	1955-1980	MI	13 th	D
Dixon, Julian C. ^o	96 th -106 th	1979-2000	CA	32 nd	D
Dymally, Mervyn M.	97 th -102 nd	1981-1993	CA	31 st	D
Edwards, Donna F. ^p	110 th -	2008-	MD	4 th	D
Elliott, Robert B. ^q	42 nd -43 rd	1871-1874	SC	3 rd	R
Ellison, Keith	110 th	2007-	MN	5 th	D
Espy, Albert M. (Mike) ^r	100 th -103 rd	1987-1993	MS	2 nd	D
Evans, Melvin H.	96 th	1979-1981	VI	AL	R
Fattah, Chaka	104 th -	1995-	PA	2 nd	D
Fauntroy, Walter E. ^s	92 nd -101 st	1971-1991	DC	AL	D
Fields, Cleo	103 rd -104 th	1993-1997	LA	4 th	D
Flake, Floyd H.	100 th -105 th	1987-1997	NY	6 th	D
Ford, Harold E. Jr.	105 th -109 th	1997-2007	TN	9 th	D
Ford, Harold E. Sr.	94 th -104 th	1975-1997	TN	9 th	D
Franks, Gary A.	102 nd -104 th	1991-1997	CT	5 th	R
Frazer, Victor O.	104 th	1995	VI	AL	D
Fudge, Marcia L. ^t	110 th -	2008-	OH	11 th	D
Gray, William H. III ^u	96 th -102 nd	1979-1991	PA	2 nd	D
Green, Al	109 th -	2005-	TX	9 th	D
Hall, Katie B. ^v	97 th -98 th	1982-1985	IN	1 st	D
Haralson, Jeremiah	44 th	1875-1877	AL	1 st	R
Hastings, Alcee L.	103 rd -	1993-	FL	23 rd	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District ^a	Party
Hawkins, Augustus F.	88 th -101 st	1963-1991	CA	29 th	D
Hayes, Charles A. ^w	98 th -102 nd	1983-1993	IL	1 st	D
Hilliard, Earl F.	103 rd -107 th	1993-2003	AL	7 th	D
Hyman, John Adams	44 th	1875-1877	NC	2 nd	R
Jackson, Jesse L. Jr. ^x	104 th -	1995-	IL	2 nd	D
Jackson Lee, Sheila	104 th -	1995-	TX	18 th	D
Jefferson, William J.	102 nd -	1991-	LA	2 nd	D
Johnson, Eddie Bernice	103 rd -	1993-	TX	30 th	D
Johnson, Henry C. (Hank) Jr.	110 th -	2007-	GA	4 th	D
Jones, Stephanie Tubbs	106 th -110 th	1999-2008	OH	11 th	D
Jordan, Barbara C.	93 rd -95 th	1973-1979	TX	18 th	D
Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.	105 th -	1997-	MI	15 th , 13 th	D
Langston, John M. ^z	51 st	1890-1891	VA	4 th	R
Lee, Barbara ^{aa}	105 th -	1998-	CA	9 th	D
Leland, George T. (Mickey) ^{bb}	96 th -101 st	1979-1989	TX	18 th	D
Lewis, John R.	100 th -	1987-	GA	5 th	D
Long, Jefferson F. ^{cc}	41 st	1870-1871	GA	4 th	R
Lynch, John R. ^{dd}	43 rd -44 th	1873-1877	MS	7 th	R
	47 th	1882-1883			
McKinney, Cynthia A.	103 rd -107 th	1993-2003	GA	4 th	D
	109 th	2005-2007			
Majette, Denise L.	108 th	2003-2005	GA	4 th	D
Meek, Carrie P.	103 rd -107 th	1993-2003	FL	17 th	D
Meek, Kendrick	108 th -	2003-	FL	17 th	D
Meeks, Gregory ^{ee}	105 th -	1998-	NY	6 th	D
Metcalfe, Ralph H. ^{ff}	92 nd -95 th	1971-1978	IL	1 st	D
Mfume, Kweisi ^{gg}	100 th -104 th	1987-1996	MD	7 th	D
Millender-McDonald, Juanita ^{hh}	104 th -110 th	1996-2007	CA	37 th	D
Miller, Thomas E. ⁱⁱ	51 st	1890-1891	SC	7 th	R
Mitchell, Arthur W.	74 th -77 th	1935-1943	IL	1 st	D
Mitchell, Parren J.	92 nd -99 th	1971-1987	MD	7 th	D
Moore, Gwen	109 th	2005-	WI	4 th	D
Murray, George W. ^{jj}	53 rd -54 th	1893-1895	SC	7 th	R
		1896-1897			
Nash, Charles E.	44 th	1875-1877	LA	6 th	R
Nix, Robert N.C. Sr. ^{kk}	85 th -95 th	1958-1979	PA	2 nd	D
Norton, Eleanor Holmes	102 nd -	1991-	DC	AL	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District^a	Party
O'Hara, James E.	48 th -49 th	1883-1887	NC	2 nd	R
Owens, Major R.	98 th -107 th	1983-2007	NY	11 th	D
Payne, Donald M.	101 st -	1989-	NJ	10 th	D
Powell, Adam C. Jr. ^{ll}	79 th -89 th	1945-1967	NY	18 th	D
	91 st	1969-1971			
Rainey, Joseph H. ^{mm}	41 st -45 th	1870-1879	SC	1 st	R
Rangel, Charles B.	92 nd -	1971-	NY	15 th	D
Ransier, Alonzo J.	43 rd	1873-1875	SC	2 nd	R
Rapier, James T.	43 rd	1873-1875	AL	2 nd	R
Reynolds, Melvin J. ⁿⁿ	103 rd -104 th	1993-1995	IL	2 nd	D
Richardson, Laura ^{oo}	110 th -	2007-	CA	37 th	D
Rush, Bobby L.	103 rd -	1993-	IL	1 st	D
Savage, Gus	97 th -102 nd	1981-1993	IL	2 nd	D
Scott, David	108 th -	2003-	GA	13 th	D
Scott, Robert C.	103 rd -	1993-	VA	3 rd	D
Smalls, Robert ^{pp}	44 th -45 th	1875-1879	SC	5 th	R
	47 th	1882-1883			
	48 th -49 th	1884-1887			
Stewart, Bennett M.	96 th	1979-1981	IL	1 st	D
Stokes, Louis	91 st -105 th	1969-1999	OH	21 st	D
Thompson, Bennie G. ^{qq}	103 rd -	1993-	MS	2 nd	D
Towns, Edolphus	98 th -	1983-	NY	10 th	D
Tucker, Walter R. ^{rr}	103 rd -104 th	1993-1995	CA	37 th	D
Turner, Benjamin S.	42 nd	1871-1873	AL	1 st	R
Waldon, Alton R. Jr. ^{ss}	99 th	1986-1987	NY	6 th	D
Walls, Josiah T. ^{tt}	42 nd	1871-1873	FL	AL	R
	43 rd	1873-1875			
	44 th	1875-1876			
Washington, Craig A. ^{uu}	101 st -103 rd	1989-1995	TX	18 th	D
Washington, Harold D. ^{vv}	97 th -98 th	1981-1983	IL	1 st	D
Waters, Maxine	102 nd -	1991-	CA	35 th	D
Watson, Diane E. ^{ww}	107 th -	2001-	CA	32 nd , 33 rd	D
Watt, Melvin L.	103 rd -	1993-	NC	12 th	D
Watts, J.C. Jr.	104 th -107 th	1995-2003	OK	4 th	R
Wheat, Alan D.	98 th -103 rd	1983-1995	MO	5 th	D
White, George H.	55 th -58 th	1897-1901	NC	2 nd	R
Wynn, Albert R. ^{xx}	103 rd -110 th	1993-2008	MD	4 th	D

Name	Congress(es)	Years	State	District ^a	Party
Young, Andrew J. ^w	93 rd -95 th	1973-1977	GA	5 th	D
<p>a. The number noted for a Member's congressional district is that which is now assigned to it or was assigned to it when he or she was last in Congress. "AL" indicates that the Member served at-large.</p> <p>b. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. William Gray; seated on Nov. 13, 1991.</p> <p>c. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Frank Ballance, seated on July 21, 2004.</p> <p>d. Died on Dec. 15, 2007, and replaced by her grandson, Rep. André Carson on Mar. 13, 2008.</p> <p>e. First African American woman elected to Congress and first African American female presidential candidate, 1972.</p> <p>f. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Walter Jones; took office on Nov. 5, 1992.</p> <p>g. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Rep. George W. Collins; seated on June 7, 1973.</p> <p>h. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Daniel J. Ronan; seated on Nov. 16, 1970. He was subsequently killed in an airplane crash on Dec. 8, 1972.</p> <p>i. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr.; seated on Nov. 12, 1980.</p> <p>j. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Kweisi Mfume; seated on Apr. 25, 1996.</p> <p>k. Died on Nov. 9, 1970.</p> <p>l. Seat declared vacant on January 24, 1873, after Rep. Robert DeLarge's election was successfully contested.</p> <p>m. Resigned from office on Feb. 6, 1998.</p> <p>n. Resigned from office on June 3, 1980.</p> <p>o. Died on Dec. 8, 2000.</p> <p>p. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Albert Wynn; seated on June 19, 2008.</p> <p>q. Resigned from office, effective Nov. 1, 1874.</p> <p>r. Resigned from office on Jan. 25, 1993, to become Secretary of Agriculture.</p> <p>s. Delegate from the District of Columbia. Elected in a special election and sworn in on Apr. 19, 1971.</p> <p>t. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones; seated on Nov. 19, 2008.</p> <p>u. Resigned from office on Sep. 11, 1991.</p> <p>v. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Adam Benjamin; seated on Nov. 29, 1982.</p> <p>w. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Harold Washington; seated on Sep. 12, 1983.</p> <p>x. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Mel Reynolds; seated on Dec. 14, 1995.</p> <p>y. Died on August 20, 2008.</p> <p>z. Successfully contested the election of Rep. Edward C. Venable and served from Sep. 23, 1890, to Mar. 3, 1891.</p> <p>aa. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Ronald Dellums; seated on Apr. 20, 1998.</p> <p>bb. Died in a plane crash on Aug. 7, 1989, while in Ethiopia on a fact-finding tour investigating hunger among refugees.</p> <p>cc. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring that Rep. Samuel Gove was not entitled to his seat; served from Dec. 22, 1870, to Mar. 3, 1871.</p> <p>dd. Successfully contested the election of Rep. James R. Chalmers to the 47th Congress; served from Apr. 29, 1882, to Mar. 3, 1883.</p> <p>ee. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Floyd Flake; seated on Feb. 5, 1998.</p>					

- ff. Died on Oct. 10, 1978.
- gg. Resigned from office on Feb. 16, 1996.
- hh. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Walter Tucker; seated on Apr. 16, 1996. Died on Apr. 22, 2007.
- ii. Successfully contested an election; served from Sep. 24, 1890, to Mar. 3, 1891.
- jj. Successfully contested an election; served from June 4, 1896, to Mar. 3, 1897.
- kk. First elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Earl Chudoff; seated on June 4, 1958.
- ll. Elected to the 90th Congress, but excluded and not seated. Reelected to the seat vacated by his exclusion, but never took the oath of office. Reelected to the 91st Congress and seated. Defeated for renomination to the 92nd Congress in 1970.
- mm. First African American Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Elected to the 41st Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the House declaring the seat of Rep. Benjamin Whittemore vacant. Seated on Dec. 12, 1870.
- nn. Resigned from office on Oct. 1, 1995.
- oo. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; seated on Sep. 4, 2007.
- pp. Successfully contested an election and seated in the 47th Congress on July 19, 1882. Subsequently elected to the 48th-49th Congresses; first elected to the 48th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Edmund Mackey; seated on Mar. 18, 1884.
- qq. Elected to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Mike Espy; seated on Apr. 20, 1993.
- rr. Resigned from office on Dec. 15, 1995.
- ss. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Joseph Addabbo; seated on July 29, 1986.
- tt. Served from Mar. 4, 1871, until January 29, 1873, when seat was lost to Rep. Silas L. Niblack, who successfully challenged his election. Served from Mar. 4, 1875, until Apr. 19, 1876, when seat was lost to Rep. Jesse J. Finley, who successfully challenged his election.
- uu. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Mickey Leland; seated on Dec. 9, 1989.
- vv. Resigned on Apr. 29, 1983, to become mayor of Chicago.
- ww. Elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rep. Julian Dixon; seated on June 7, 2001.
- xx. Resigned from office on May 31, 2008.
- yy. Resigned his seat on Jan. 29, 1977, to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Table 3. Number and Names of African American Members of Congress, by Congress

No.	Chamber	Names		
		110 th Congress (2007-2009)		
42a	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Chaka Fattah	Juanita Millender-
		Corrine Brown	Marcia L. Fudge	McDonald
		G.K. Butterfield	Al Green	Gwen Moore
		André Carson	Alcee L. Hastings	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		Julia M. Carson	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Donald M. Payne
		Donna Christian-	Sheila Jackson Lee	Charles B. Rangel
		Christensen	William J. Jefferson	Laura Richardson
		Yvette D. Clarke	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Bobby L. Rush

No.	Chamber	Names		
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	Henry (Hank) Johnson	David Scott
		Emanuel Cleaver	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Robert C. Scott
		James E. Clyburn	Carolyn Cheeks	Bennie G. Thompson
		John Conyers Jr.	Kilpatrick	Edolphus Towns
		Elijah E. Cummings	Barbara Lee	Maxine Waters
		Artur Davis	John Lewis	Diane E. Watson
		Danny K. Davis	Kendrick Meek	Melvin L. Watt
		Donna F. Edwards	Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
		Keith Ellison		

1^b Senate Barack Obama

No.	Chamber	Names		
109 th Congress (2005-2007)				
42	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Major R. Owens
		Corrine Brown	Sheila Jackson Lee	Donald M. Payne
		G.K. Butterfield	William J. Jefferson	Charles B. Rangel
		Julia M. Carson	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Bobby L. Rush
		Donna Christian-Christensen	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	David Scott
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	Carolyn Cheeks	Robert C. Scott
		Emanuel Cleaver	Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		James E. Clyburn	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		John Conyers Jr.	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Elijah E. Cummings	Cynthia McKinney	Diane E. Watson
		Artur Davis	Kendrick Meek	Melvin L. Watt
		Danny K. Davis	Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
		Chaka Fattah	Juanita Millender-McDonald	
		Harold E. Ford Jr.	Gwen Moore	
		Al Green	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
Alcee L. Hastings				

1 Senate Barack Obama

108th Congress (2003-2005)				
39 ^c	House	Frank W. Ballance Jr.	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Major R. Owens
		Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Sheila Jackson Lee	Donald M. Payne
		G.K. Butterfield	William J. Jefferson	Charles B. Rangel
		Corrine Brown	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Bobby L. Rush
		Andre Carson	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	David Scott

No.	Chamber	Names		
		Julia M. Carson	Carolyn Cheeks	Robert C. Scott
		Donna Christian-Christensen	Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		James E. Clyburn	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		John Conyers Jr.	Denise Majette	Diane E. Watson
		Elijah E. Cummings	Kendrick Meek	Melvin L. Watt
		Artur Davis	Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
		Danny K. Davis	Juanita Millender-McDonald	
		Chaka Fattah	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
		Harold E. Ford Jr.		
		Alcee L. Hastings		
	Senate	None		
107th Congress (2001-2003)				
39d	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Major R. Owens
		Corrine Brown	Sheila Jackson Lee	Donald M. Payne
		Julia Carson	William J. Jefferson	Charles B. Rangel
		Donna Christian-Christensen	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Bobby L. Rush
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Robert C. Scott
		Eva M. Clayton	Carolyn Cheeks	Bennie G. Thompson
		James E. Clyburn	Kilpatrick	Edolphus Towns
		John Conyers Jr.	Barbara Lee	Maxine Waters
		Elijah E. Cummings	John Lewis	Diane E. Watson
		Danny K. Davis	Cynthia A. McKinney	Melvin L. Watt
		Chaka Fattah	Carrie P. Meek	J.C. Watts Jr.
		Harold E. Ford Jr.	Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
		Alcee L. Hastings	Juanita Millender-McDonald	
		Earl Hilliard	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
	Senate	None		
106th Congress (1999-2001)				
39	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Alcee L. Hastings	Juanita Millender-McDonald
		Corrine Brown	Earl Hilliard	
		Julia M. Carson	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		Donna Christian-Christensen	Sheila Jackson Lee	Major R. Owens
		William L. Clay Sr.	William J. Jefferson	Donald M. Payne
			Eddie Bernice Johnson	Charles B. Rangel

No.	Chamber	Names		
		Eva M. Clayton	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Bobby L. Rush
		James E. Clyburn	Carolyn Cheeks	Robert C. Scott
		John Conyers Jr.	Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		Elijah Cummings	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		Danny K. Davis	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Julian C. Dixon	Cynthia A. McKinney	Melvin L. Watt
		Chaka Fattah	Carrie P. Meek	J.C. Watts Jr.
		Harold E. Ford Jr.	Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
	Senate	None		
		105th Congress (1997-1999)		
39e	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Floyd Flake	Juanita Millender-
		Corrine Brown	Harold E. Ford Jr.	McDonald
		Julia M. Carson	Alcee L. Hastings	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		Donna M. Christian-	Earl Hilliard	Major R. Owens
		Green	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Donald M. Payne
		William L. Clay Sr.	Sheila Jackson Lee	Charles B. Rangel
		Eva M. Clayton	William J. Jefferson	Bobby Rush
		James E. Clyburn	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Robert Scott
		John Conyers Jr.	Carolyn Cheeks	Louis Stokes
		Elijah Cummings	Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		Danny K. Davis	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		Ronald V. Dellums	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Julian C. Dixon	Cynthia A. McKinney	Melvin L. Watt
		Chaka Fattah	Carrie P. Meek	J.C. Watts Jr.
			Gregory W. Meeks	Albert R. Wynn
I	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
		104th Congress (1995-1997)		
40f	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Gary Franks	Donald M. Payne
		Corrine Brown	Victor Frazer	Charles B. Rangel
		William L. Clay Sr.	Alcee L. Hastings	Melvin J. Reynolds
		Eva M. Clayton	Earl F. Hilliard	Bobby L. Rush
		James E. Clyburn	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Robert Scott
		Barbara-Rose Collins	William J. Jefferson	Louis Stokes
		Cardiss Collins	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Bennie G. Thompson
		John Conyers Jr.	Sheila Jackson Lee	Edolphus Towns
		Elijah E. Cummings	John Lewis	Walter Tucker
		Ronald V. Dellums	Cynthia A. McKinney	Maxine Waters

No.	Chamber	Names		
		Julian C. Dixon	Carrie P. Meek	Melvin L. Watt
		Chaka Fattah	Kweisi Mfume	J.C. Watts Jr.
		Cleo Fields	Juanita Millender-McDonald	Albert R. Wynn
		Floyd H. Flake	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
		Harold E. Ford Sr.	Major R. Owens	
I	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
103rd Congress (1993-1995)				
39g	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Melvin J. Reynolds
		Lucien Blackwell	Gary Franks	Bobby L. Rush
		Corrine Brown	Earl F. Hilliard	Robert Scott
		William L. Clay Sr.	Alcee L. Hastings	Louis Stokes
		Eva M. Clayton	William J. Jefferson	Bennie G. Thompson
		James E. Clyburn	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Edolphus Towns
		Barbara-Rose Collins	John Lewis	Walter Tucker
		Cardiss Collins	Cynthia A. McKinney	Craig Washington
		John Conyers Jr.	Carrie P. Meek	Maxine Waters
		Ronald V. Dellums	Kweisi Mfume	Melvin L. Watt
		Julian C. Dixon	Eleanor Holmes Norton	Alan D. Wheat
		Mike Espy	Major R. Owens	Albert R. Wynn
		Cleo Fields	Donald M. Payne	
		Floyd H. Flake	Charles B. Rangel	
I	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
102nd Congress (1991-1993)				
27h	House	Lucien Blackwell	Floyd H. Flake	Donald M. Payne
		William L. Clay Sr.	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Charles B. Rangel
		Eva M. Clayton	Gary Franks	Gus Savage
		Barbara-Rose Collins	William H. Gray III	Louis Stokes
		Cardiss Collins	Charles A. Hayes	Edolphus Towns
		John Conyers Jr.	William J. Jefferson	Craig A. Washington
		Ronald V. Dellums	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Julian C. Dixon	Kweisi Mfume	Alan D. Wheat
		Mervyn M. Dymally	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
		Mike Espy	Major R. Owens	
	Senate	None		
101st Congress (1989-1991)				
24i	House	William L. Clay Sr.	Floyd H. Flake	Donald M. Payne

No.	Chamber	Names		
		Cardiss Collins	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Charles B. Rangel
		John Conyers Jr.	William H. Gray III	Gus Savage
		George Crockett	Augustus F. Hawkins	Louis Stokes
		Ronald V. Dellums	Charles A. Hayes	Edolphus Towns
		Julian C. Dixon	Mickey Leland	Craig A. Washington
		Mervyn M. Dymally	John Lewis	Alan D. Wheat
		Mike Espy	Kweisi Mfume	
		Walter E. Fauntroy	Major R. Owens	
	Senate	None		
		100th Congress (1987-1989)		
23	House	William L. Clay Sr.	Floyd H. Flake	Charles B. Rangel
		Cardiss Collins	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Gus Savage
		John Conyers Jr.	William H. Gray III	Louis Stokes
		George W. Crockett	Augustus F. Hawkins	Edolphus Towns
		Ronald V. Dellums	Charles A. Hayes	Alan D. Wheat
		Julian C. Dixon	Mickey Leland	
		Mervyn M. Dymally	John Lewis	
		Mike Espy	Kweisi Mfume	
		Walter E. Fauntroy	Major R. Owens	
	Senate	None		
		99th Congress (1985-1987)		
21	House	William L. Clay Sr.	Walter E. Fauntroy	Major R. Owens
		Cardiss Collins	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Charles B. Rangel
		John Conyers Jr.	William H. Gray III	Gus Savage
		George W. Crockett	Augustus F. Hawkins	Louis Stokes
		Ronald V. Dellums	Charles A. Hayes	Edolphus Towns
		Julian C. Dixon	Mickey Leland	Alton Waldon Jr.
		Mervyn M. Dymally	Parren J. Mitchell	Alan D. Wheat
	Senate	None		
		98th Congress (1983-1985)		
21j	House	William L. Clay Sr.	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Charles B. Rangel
		Cardiss Collins	William H. Gray III	Gus Savage
		John Conyers Jr.	Katie Hall	Louis Stokes
		George W. Crockett	Augustus F. Hawkins	Edolphus Towns
		Ronald V. Dellums	Charles A. Hayes	Harold D. Washington
		Julian C. Dixon	Mickey Leland	Alan D. Wheat
		Mervyn M. Dymally	Parren J. Mitchell	

No.	Chamber	Names		
		Walter E. Fauntroy	Major R. Owens	
	Senate	None		
97th Congress (1981-1983)				
19	House	Shirley A. Chisholm	Mervyn M. Dymally	Parren J. Mitchell
		William L. Clay Sr.	Walter E. Fauntroy	Charles R. Rangel
		Cardiss Collins	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Gus Savage
		John Conyers Jr.	William H. Gray III	Louis Stokes
		George W. Crockett	Katie B. Hall	Harold D. Washington
		Ronald V. Dellums	Augustus F. Hawkins	
		Julian C. Dixon	Mickey Leland	
	Senate	None		
96th Congress (1979-1981)				
17k	House	Shirley A. Chisholm	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Augustus F. Hawkins
		William L. Clay Sr.	Julian C. Dixon	Mickey Leland
		Cardiss Collins	Melvin H. Evans	Parren J. Mitchell
		John Conyers Jr.	Walter E. Fauntroy	Charles B. Rangel
		George W. Crockett	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Bennett M. Stewart
		Ronald V. Dellums	William H. Gray III	Louis Stokes
	Senate	None		
95th Congress (1977-1979)				
17	House	Yvonne B. Burke	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Parren J. Mitchell
		Shirley A. Chisholm	Walter E. Fauntroy	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		William L. Clay Sr.	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Charles B. Rangel
		Cardiss Collins	Augustus F. Hawkins	Louis Stokes
		John Conyers Jr.	Barbara C. Jordan	Andrew J. Young
		Ronald V. Dellums	Ralph H. Metcalfe	
I	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
94th Congress (1975-1977)				
17	House	Yvonne B. Burke	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Parren J. Mitchell
		Shirley A. Chisholm	Walter E. Fauntroy	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		William L. Clay Sr.	Harold E. Ford Sr.	Charles B. Rangel
		Cardiss Collins	Augustus F. Hawkins	Louis Stokes
		John Conyers Jr.	Barbara C. Jordan	Andrew J. Young
		Ronald V. Dellums	Ralph W. Metcalfe	
I	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
93rd Congress (1973-1975)				
16	House	Yvonne B. Burke	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.

No.	Chamber	Names		
I	Senate	Shirley A. Chisholm	Walter E. Fauntroy	Charles B. Rangel
		William L. Clay Sr.	Augustus F. Hawkins	Louis Stokes
		Cardiss Collins	Barbara C. Jordan	Andrew J. Young
		John Conyers Jr.	Ralph H. Metcalfe	
		Ronald V. Dellums	Parren J. Mitchell	
		Edward W. Brooke		
92 nd Congress (1971-1973)				
13	House	Shirley A. Chisholm	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		William L. Clay Sr.	Walter E. Fauntroy	Charles B. Rangel
		George W. Collins	Augustus F. Hawkins	Louis Stokes
		John Conyers Jr.	Ralph H. Metcalfe	
		Ronald V. Dellums	Parren J. Mitchell	
		Edward W. Brooke		
I	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
91 st Congress (1969-1971)				
10	House	Shirley A. Chisholm	John Conyers Jr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.
		William L. Clay Sr.	William L. Dawson	Louis Stokes
		George W. Collins	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	
		Augustus F. Hawkins	Robert N.C. Nix	
I	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
90 th Congress (1967-1969)				
51	House	John Conyers Jr.	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		William L. Dawson	Augustus F. Hawkins	
I	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
89 th Congress (1965-1967)				
6	House	John Conyers Jr.	Charles Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		William L. Dawson	Augustus F. Hawkins	Adam Clayton Powell
	Senate	None		
88 th Congress (1963-1965)				
5	House:	William L. Dawson	Augustus F. Hawkins	Adam C. Powell Jr.
		Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.	
	Senate	None		
85 th - 87 th Congresses (1957-1963)				
4	House	William L. Dawson	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.	
		Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.	
	Senate	None		
84 th Congress (1955-1957)				
3	House	William L. Dawson	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.

No.	Chamber	Names
79th - 83rd Congresses (1945-1955)		
2	House	William L. Dawson Adam C. Powell Jr.
	Senate	None
78th Congress (1943-1945)		
1	House	William L. Dawson
	Senate	None
74th - 77th Congresses (1935-1943)		
1	House	Arthur W. Mitchell
	Senate	None
71st - 73rd Congresses (1929-1935)		
1	House	Oscar S. DePriest
	Senate	None
57th - 70th Congresses (1901-1929)		
	House	None
	Senate	None
55th - 56th Congresses (1897-1901)		
1	House	George H. White
	Senate	None
53rd - 54th Congresses (1893-1897)		
1	House	George W. Murray
	Senate	None
52nd Congress (1891-1893)		
1	House	Henry P. Cheatham
	Senate	None
51st Congress (1889-1891)		
3	House	Henry P. Cheatham John M. Langston Thomas E. Miller
	Senate	None
50th Congress (1887-1889)		
	House	None
	Senate	None
48th - 49th Congresses (1883-1887)		
2	House	James E. O'Hara Robert Smalls
	Senate	None
47th Congress (1881-1883)		
2	House	John R. Lynch Robert Smalls
	Senate	None
46th Congress (1879-1881)		

No.	Chamber	Names		
I	House	None		
	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
45 th Congress (1877-1879)				
3	House	Richard H. Cain	Joseph H. Rainey	Robert Smalls
I	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
44 th Congress (1875-1877)				
7	House	Jeremiah Haralson	Charles E. Nash	Josiah T. Walls
		John A. Hyman	Joseph H. Rainey	
		John R. Lynch	Robert Smalls	
I	Senate	Blanche K. Bruce		
43 rd Congress (1873-1875)				
7	House	Richard H. Cain	Joseph H. Rainey	Josiah T. Walls
		Robert B. Elliott	Alonzo J. Ransier	
		John R. Lynch	James T. Rapier	
	Senate	None		
42 nd Congress (1871-1873)				
5	House	Robert C. DeLarge	Joseph H. Rainey	Josiah T. Walls
		Robert B. Elliott	Benjamin S. Turner	
	Senate	None		
41 st Congress (1869-1871) ^m				
2	House	Jefferson F. Long	Joseph H. Rainey	
I	Senate	Hiram R. Revels		

- a. Although 46 different African American individuals have been elected to the House for the 110th Congress, 42 is the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald died on Apr. 22, 2007, and was replaced by Rep. Laura Richardson Sept. 4, 2007; Rep. Julia Carson died on Dec. 15, 2007, and was replaced by Rep. André Carson on Mar. 13, 2008; Rep. Albert Wynn resigned on May 31, 2008, and was replaced by Rep. Donna F. Edwards on June 19, 2008; and Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones died on Aug. 20, 2008, and was replaced by Rep. Marcia L. Fudge on Nov. 19, 2008.
- b. Sen. Barack Obama resigned from the Senate on Nov. 16, 2008, after being elected President of the U.S.
- c. Although 40 African American individuals were elected to the House for the 108th Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Frank Ballance resigned and was replaced by Rep. G. K. Butterfield.
- d. Although 40 African American individuals were elected to the House for the 107th Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Julian Dixon, who was reelected to the 107th Congress, died before the commencement of the Congress and was later replaced by Rep. Diane Watson.
- e. Although 41 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 105th Congress, 39 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Floyd Flake resigned and was replaced by Rep. Gregory Meeks, and Rep. Ron Dellums resigned and was replaced by Rep. Barbara Lee.
- f. Although 43 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 104th Congress, 40 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Melvin J. Reynolds resigned and was replaced by Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr.; Rep. Walter Tucker resigned and was replaced by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; and Rep. Kweisi Mfume resigned and was replaced by Rep. Elijah Cummings.

- g. Although 40 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 103rd Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Mike Espy resigned and was replaced by Rep. Bennie Thompson.
- h. Although 28 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 102nd Congress, 27 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. William H. Gray III resigned and was replaced by Rep. Lucien Blackwell.
- i. Although 25 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 101st Congress, 24 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Mickey Leland, who was killed in an airplane crash, was replaced by Rep. Craig Washington.
- j. Although 22 African American individuals were elected to the House in the 98th Congress, 21 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Harold Washington resigned and was replaced by Rep. Charles Hayes.
- k. Although 18 individuals were elected to the House in the 96th Congress, 17 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Charles Diggs Jr. resigned and was replaced by Rep. George Crockett.
- l. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was reelected to the 90th Congress, but never took his seat.
- m. There were no African American Members of the U.S. Congress until 1870, the 41st Congress, 2nd session.

Table 4. Number and Names of African American Members of Congress, by State

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Alabama	5	Benjamin S. Turner	1871-1873
		James T. Rapier	1873-1875
		Jeremiah Haralson	1875-1877
		Earl F. Hilliard	1993-2003
		Artur Davis	2003-
California	11	Augustus F. Hawkins	1963-1991
		Ronald V. Dellums	1971-1998
		Yvonne Braithwaite Burke	1973-1979
		Julian C. Dixon	1979-2000
		Mervyn M. Dymally	1981-1993
		Maxine Waters	1991-
		Walter R. Tucker	1993-1995
		Juanita Millender-McDonald	1996-2007
		Barbara Lee	1998-
		Diane E. Watson	2001-
		Laura Richardson	2007-
Connecticut	1	Gary A. Franks	1991-1997
District of Columbia	2	Walter E. Fauntroy	1971-1991
		Eleanor Holmes Norton	1991-
Florida	5	Josiah T. Walls	1871-1876
		Alcee L. Hastings	1993-
		Corrine Brown	1993-
		Carrie P. Meek	1993-2003
		Kendrick Meek	2003-
Georgia	8	Jefferson F. Long	1870-1871
		Andrew J. Young	1973-1977
		John R. Lewis	1987-
		Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	1993-
		Cynthia A. McKinney	1993-2003, 2005-2007
		Denise L. Majette	2003-2005
		David Scott	2003-
		Henry C. (Hank) Johnson Jr.	2007-
Illinois	16	Oscar S. DePriest	1929-1935
		Arthur W. Mitchell	1935-1943
		William L. Dawson	1943-1970

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Indiana	3	George W. Collins	1970-1972
		Ralph H. Metcalfe	1971-1978
		Cardiss Collins	1973-1997
		Bennett M. Stewart	1979-1981
		Gus Savage	1981-1993
		Harold D. Washington	1981-1983
		Charles A. Hayes	1983-1993
		Carol Moseley-Braun ^a	1993-1999
		Melvin J. Reynolds	1993-1995
		Bobby L. Rush	1993-
		Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.	1995-
		Danny K. Davis	1997-
		Barack Obama ^a	2005-2008
Louisiana	3	Katie B. Hall	1982-1985
		Julia Carson	1997-2007
		André Carson	2008-
Maryland	5	Charles E. Nash	1875-1877
		William J. Jefferson	1991-
		Cleo Fields	1993-1997
		Parren J. Mitchell	1971-1987
		Kweisi Mfume	1987-1996
Massachusetts	1	Albert R. Wynn	1993-2008
		Elijah E. Cummings	1996-
		Donna Edwards	2008-
Michigan	5	Edward W. Brooke ^a	1967-1979
Mississippi	5	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	1955-1980
		John Conyers Jr.	1965-
		George W. Crockett	1980-1991
		Barbara-Rose Collins	1991-1997
		Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick	1997-
Minnesota	1	Keith Ellison	2007-
Mississippi	5	Hiram Rhodes Revels ^a	1870-1871
		John R. Lynch	1873-1877
			1882-1883
		Blanche K. Bruce ^a	1875-1881
		Albert M. (Mike) Espy	1987-1993
		Bennie G. Thompson	1993-

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Missouri	4	William L. Clay Sr.	1969-2001
		Alan D. Wheat	1983-1995
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	2001-
		Emanuel Cleaver	2005-
New Jersey	1	Donald M. Payne	1989-
New York	9	Adam Clayton Powell Jr.	1945-1967
			1969-1971
		Shirley A. Chisholm	1969-1983
		Charles B. Rangel	1971-
		Major R. Owens	1983-2007
		Edolphus Towns	1983-
		Alton R. Waldon Jr.	1986-1987
		Floyd H. Flake	1987-1997
		Gregory Meeks	1998-
		Yvette D. Clarke	2007-
North Carolina	8	John A. Hyman	1875-1877
		James E. O'Hara	1883-1887
		Henry P. Cheatham	1889-1893
		George H. White	1897-1901
		Eva M. Clayton	1992-2003
		Melvin L. Watt	1993-
		Frank W. Ballance Jr.	2003-2004
		G.K. Butterfield	2004-
Ohio	3	Louis Stokes	1969-1999
		Stephanie Tubbs Jones	1999-2008
		Marcia L. Fudge	2008-
Oklahoma	1	J.C. Watts Jr.	1995-2003
Pennsylvania	4	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.	1958-1979
		William H. Gray III	1979-1991
		Lucien E. Blackwell	1991-1995
		Chaka Fattah	1995-
South Carolina	9	Joseph H. Rainey	1870-1879
		Robert C. DeLarge	1871-1873
		Robert B. Elliott	1871-1874
		Richard H. Cain	1873-1875
			1877-1879
		Alonzo J. Ransier	1873-1875

State	Number	Names	Years of Service
Tennessee	2	Robert Smalls	1875-1879
			1882-1883
			1884-1887
		Thomas E. Miller	1890-1891
		George W. Murray	1893-1895
			1896-1897
		James E. Clyburn	1993-
		Harold E. Ford Sr.	1975-1997
		Harold E. Ford Jr.	1997-2007
Texas	6	Barbara C. Jordan	1973-1979
		George T. (Mickey) Leland	1979-1989
		Craig A. Washington	1991-1995
		Eddie Bernice Johnson	1993-
		Sheila Jackson Lee	1995-
		Al Green	2005-
Virginia	2	John M. Langston	1890-1891
		Robert C. Scott	1993-
Virgin Islands	3	Melvin H. Evans	1979-1981
		Victor O. Frazer	1995-1997
		Donna M. Christian-Christensen	1997-
Wisconsin	1	Gwen Moore	2005-

a. Serves/served in the Senate.

Table 5. Number of African American Members in the U.S. Congress, 41st-110th Congresses (1870-2008)

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House^a	African American Members of Senate
41 st	1869-1871	3	2	1
42 nd	1871-1873	5	5	—
43 rd	1873-1875	7	7	—
44 th	1875-1877	8	7	1
45 th	1877-1879	4	3	1
46 th	1879-1881	1	—	1
47 th	1881-1883	2	2	—
48 th	1883-1885	2	2	—
49 th	1885-1887	2	2	—
50 th	1887-1889	—	—	—
51 st	1889-1891	3	3	—
52 nd	1891-1893	1	1	—
53 rd	1893-1895	1	1	—
54 th	1895-1897	1	1	—
55 th	1897-1899	1	1	—
56 th	1899-1901	1	1	—
57 th	1901-1903	—	—	—
58 th	1903-1905	—	—	—
59 th	1905-1907	—	—	—
60 th	1907-1909	—	—	—
61 st	1909-1911	—	—	—

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House^a	African American Members of Senate
62 nd	1911-1913	—	—	—
63 rd	1913-1915	—	—	—
64 th	1915-1917	—	—	—
65 th	1917-1919	—	—	—
66 th	1919-1921	—	—	—
67 th	1921-1923	—	—	—
68 th	1923-1925	—	—	—
69 th	1925-1927	—	—	—
70 th	1927-1929	—	—	—
71 st	1929-1931	1	1	—
72 nd	1931-1933	1	1	—
73 rd	1933-1935	1	1	—
74 th	1935-1937	1	1	—
75 th	1937-1939	1	1	—
76 th	1939-1941	1	1	—
77 th	1941-1943	1	1	—
78 th	1943-1945	1	1	—
79 th	1945-1947	2	2	—
80 th	1947-1949	2	2	—
81 st	1949-1951	2	2	—
82 nd	1951-1953	2	2	—
83 rd	1953-1955	2	2	—

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House^a	African American Members of Senate
84 th	1955-1957	3	3	—
85 th	1957-1959	4	4	—
86 th	1959-1961	4	4	—
87 th	1961-1963	4	4	—
88 th	1963-1965	5	5	—
89 th	1965-1967	6	6	—
90 th	1967-1969	6	5	1
91 st	1969-1971	11	10	1
92 nd	1971-1973	14	13	1
93 rd	1973-1975	17	16	1
94 th	1975-1977	18	17	1
95 th	1977-1979	18	17	1
96 th	1979-1981	17	17	—
97 th	1981-1983	19	19	—
98 th	1983-1985	21	21	—
99 th	1985-1987	21	21	—
100 th	1987-1989	23	23	—
101 st	1989-1991	24	24	—
102 nd	1991-1993	27	27	—
103 rd	1993-1995	40	39	1
104 th	1995-1997	41	40	1
105 th	1997-1999	40	39	1

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House^a	African American Members of Senate
106 th	1999-2001	39	39	0
107 th	2001-2003	39	39	0
108 th	2003-2005	39	39	0
109 th	2005-2007	43	42	1
110 th	2007-2009	42 ^b	42	— ^b

a. The numbers here reflect the highest number of African American Members to serve in the House at any one time during a Congress. For example, a record number of 47 African American Members were elected to the 110th Congress, but only 43 have served at any one time during the Congress.

b. President-elect Barack Obama served in the Senate in the 110th Congress until his resignation on Nov. 16, 2008.

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