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SUMMARY

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This report provides pay data for 16 staff position titles that are typically used in House Members' offices. The positions include the following: Caseworker, Chief of Staff, Communications Director, Constituent Services Representative, Counsel (2010-2018), District Director, Executive Assistant, Field Representative, Legislative Assistant, Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Director, Office Manager, Press Secretary, Scheduler, Senior Legislative Assistant (2018-2019), and Staff Assistant. The following table provides the change in median pay levels for these positions in constant 2020 dollars, between 2018 and 2019.

Percentage Change in Median Pay for Selected Staff Positions in House Members' Offices, 2018-2019

Caseworker	-8.66%	Legislative Correspondent	-3.92%
Chief of Staff	-2.04%	Legislative Director	-4.52%
Communications Director	6.96%	Office Manager	-1.21%
Constituent Services Representative	-5.74%	Press Secretary	-6.16%
District Director	1.08%	Scheduler	6.97%
Executive Assistant	-3.03%	Senior Legislative Assistant	-2.47%
Field Representative	1.82%	Staff Assistant	-6.32%
Legislative Assistant	2.65%		

Source: Statement of Disbursements of the House, as collated by LegiStorm, various years, and CRS calculations. Change is based on constant 2020 dollars.

Report tables provide aggregate statistics on pay for each staff position for 2001, 2005, 2010, and 2015-2019, including quartiles, median pay, and average pay. Complete data for 2001-2019 are available to congressional staff upon request. Graphic displays are also included, providing representations of pay from the following two perspectives:

- a line graph showing change in median pay, 2001-2019, in nominal (current) and constant, 2020 dollars; and
- distributions of 2019 pay in constant 2020 dollars, in \$10,000 increments.

The Congressional Research Service provides a number of products on staffing issues. These can be found in CRS Report R44688, *Congressional Staff: CRS Products on Size, Pay, Job Tenure, and Duties*.

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Introduction

Levels of pay for congressional staff are a source of recurring questions among Members of Congress, congressional staff, and the public. Members of the House of Representatives typically set the terms and conditions of employment for staff in their offices. These include job titles, duties, and rates of pay, subject to a maximum level,¹ and resources available to them to carry out their official duties.² There may be interest in congressional pay data from multiple perspectives, including assessment of the costs of congressional operations; guidance in setting pay levels for staff in Member offices; or comparison of congressional staff pay levels with those of other federal government pay systems.

Publicly available resources do not provide aggregated congressional staff pay data in a readily retrievable form. The most recent publicly available staff compensation study was issued in 2019.³ Like previous compensation studies,⁴ it relied on anonymous, self-reported survey data. Pay⁵ information in this report is based on the *Statement of Disbursements of the House* (SOD), published quarterly by the Chief Administrative Officer,⁶ as collated by LegiStorm, a private entity that provides some congressional data by subscription.⁷ Data in this report are based on official House reports of specific staff positions, which afford the opportunity to use consistently collected data from a single, authoritative source, avoiding potential concerns inherent in survey data. Additionally, this report provides annual data, which allows for observations about the nature of House Member staff compensation over time.

This report provides pay data for 16 staff position titles that are typically used in House Members' offices.⁸ The positions include the following:

Caseworker ⁹	Legislative Assistant
Chief of Staff	Legislative Correspondent
Communications Director	Legislative Director
Constituent Services Representative	Office Manager
Counsel ¹⁰	Press Secretary

¹ Since 2020, the maximum annual pay for staff in House Member offices has been \$173,900. See *Order of the Speaker of the House of Representatives*, January 27, 2020, set out as a note following 2 U.S.C. 4532. Maximum payable rates for House Member office staff since 2001 are available in **Table 1**.

⁷ See http://www.legistorm.com/.

² For discussion of resources available to Members to carry out their official duties, see CRS Report RL30064, *Congressional Salaries and Allowances: In Brief*, by Ida A. Brudnick.

³ ICF, 2019 House of Representatives Compensation and Diversity Study Report: Member Committee and Leadership Offices, Guide for the 116th Congress, produced for the Chief Administrative Officer, House of Representatives (Washington: 2019).

⁴ For example, ICF International, 2010 House Compensation Study: Guide for the 112th Congress, prepared for the Chief Administrative Officer, House of Representatives (Washington: 2010).

⁵ In this report, pay refers to monies paid by the House to staff, and excludes other components of total compensation, which might include paid leave or employer contributions to various insurance and retirement benefits.

⁶ Volumes of the *Statement of Disbursements* since July 2009 are available at http://disbursements.house.gov/.

⁸ For examples of staff roles and duties sought by Members of Congress, see CRS Report RL34545, *Congressional Staff: Duties and Functions of Selected Positions*, by R. Eric Petersen.

⁹ Other job titles which may indicate similar duties, and for which pay data were collected for this category, include Federal Caseworker.

¹⁰ Data for offices that employed Counsels are available 2010-2018.

District Director	Scheduler
Executive Assistant	Senior Legislative Assistant ¹¹
Field Representative	Staff Assistant

The collection of House Members' staff pay data for the years 2001-2019 proceeded as follows. For each year, a random sample¹² of 45 offices was taken for each position. House staff had to hold a position with the same job title in the Member's office for the entire calendar year examined, and not receive pay from any other congressional employing authority to be included. Generally, each position has no more than one observation per House Member's office each year.

Every recorded payment ascribed in the LegiStorm data to those staff for the calendar year is included.¹³ Data collected for this report may differ from an employee's stated annual salary due to the inclusion of overtime, bonuses, or other payments¹⁴ in addition to base salary paid in the course of a year.

For some positions, it was not possible to identify 45 employees who held that title for the entire year. In circumstances when data for 17 or fewer staff were identified for a position, this report provides no data.

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Data Concerns

There may be some advantages to relying on official salary expenditure data instead of survey findings, but data presented here are subject to some challenges that could affect the findings or their interpretation. Some of the concerns include the following:

• There are no data for first-term Members in the first session of a Congress. Authority to use the Member Representational Allowance (MRA) for the previous year expires January 2, and new MRA authority begins on January 3 when new Members typically take office.¹⁵

¹¹ Data for offices that employed Senior Legislative Assistants are available 2018-2019.

¹² Obtaining the salaries of every congressional staff member listed in the SOD was beyond the capacity of available resources. Each year, a different, random sample of Members' offices was taken for each position. The large random sample of offices employing staff in each position means that a full accounting would be unlikely to yield significantly different results. At the same time, a study that examines pay data based on different job titles, or which combines pay data from positions of similar titles or presumptive duties (e.g., legislative aide, legislative assistant and senior legislative assistant, or executive assistants, schedulers, office managers, and executive assistant/schedulers), or estimates of pay using different data collection criteria, could result in findings that are different from those provided here.

¹³ The numbers of staff for which data were counted are identified as observations in the data tables.

¹⁴ For each year, the SOD reports pay data for five time periods: January 1 and 2; January 3-March 31; April 1-June 30; July 1-September 30; and October 1-December 31. The aggregate pay of those five periods equals the annual pay of a congressional staff member. The brief reporting period accommodates accounting of the Member Representational Allowance (MRA), which authorizes expenditures from January 3 to January 2 of the following year. For a discussion of MRA usage, see CRS Report R40962, *Members' Representational Allowance: History and Usage*, by Ida A. Brudnick. Other forms of payment do not appear to be recorded in a consistent manner. Sometimes overtime and other pay is listed as separate entries, and in other instances, significant one-time changes in a quarterly total might suggest payments in addition to regular salary.

¹⁵ Staff of all Members who serve an entire calendar year may be included in the data. For information on the number

- The SOD reports monies paid directly by the House to staff, but does not provide the individual value of other components of compensation, which might include paid leave or employer contributions to various insurance and retirement benefits.
- Pay data provide no insight into the education, work experience, position tenure, full- or part-time status of staff, or other potential explanations for levels of compensation.
- Data do not differentiate between staff based in Washington, DC, district offices, or both.
- Member offices that do not utilize any of the 16 job position titles, or whose pay data were not reported consistently,¹⁶ are excluded.
- Potential differences could exist in the job duties of positions with the same title. Aggregation of pay by job title rests in part on the assumption that staff with the same title carry out similar tasks. Given the wide discretion congressional employing authorities have in setting the terms and conditions of employment, there may be differences in the duties of similarly titled staff that could have effects on their levels of pay.

Data Tables and Visualizations

Tables in this section provide background information on House pay practices, comparative data for each position, and detailed pay data and visualizations for each position. **Table 1** provides the maximum payable rates for House Member staff since 2001 in both nominal (current) and constant 2020 dollars. Constant dollar calculations throughout the report are based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for various years, expressed in constant 2020 dollars.¹⁷

Table 2 provides available percentage changes in median pay in constant 2020 dollars for each of the 16 positions; for Members of Congress;¹⁸ and for salaries paid under the General Schedule in Washington, DC, and surrounding areas and in the Rest of the United States (RUS) area.¹⁹ **Table 3** through **Table 18** provide tabular pay data for each staff position for 2001, 2005, 2010, and 2015-2019, including data distributed by quartile, median pay, and average pay. The numbers of staff for which data were counted are identified as "#" in the data tables. Staff pay tables also provide a comparison, at various intervals to 2019, based on data availability, of the cumulative percentage change in median pay for that position, in constant, 2020 dollars.

of first-term Members in each Congress, see CRS Report R41283, First-Term Members of the House of Representatives and Senate, 64th-114th Congresses, by Jennifer E. Manning and R. Eric Petersen.

¹⁶ Some offices reported pay data that excluded the January 1 and 2 period, or included those days in reports including the period from October 1 of the previous year.

¹⁷ U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Consumer Price Index*, at http://www.bls.gov/cpi/tables.htm.

¹⁸ Member pay data are taken from CRS Report 97-1011, *Salaries of Members of Congress: Recent Actions and Historical Tables*, by Ida A. Brudnick.

¹⁹ General Schedule pay change is based on changes in pay levels, and not the pay of individuals. General Schedule pay tables for various years are available at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/. For a complete description of areas covered under the Washington-Baltimore-Northern Virginia, DC-MD-VA-WV-PA and RUS locality pay tables in 2020, see https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2020/locality-pay-area-definitions/.

Graphic displays are also included for each position, providing representations of pay from the following two perspectives:

- distributions of 2019 pay in 2020 dollars, in \$10,000 increments; and
- a line graph showing change in median pay, 2001-2019, in nominal (current) and constant 2020 dollars.

Table I.Annual Maximum Pay for Selected Staff In House Members' Offices, 2001-2019

Year	Nominal \$	Constant 2020 \$
2001	\$140,451	\$204,258
2002	\$145,226	\$207,915
2003	\$149,728	\$209,584
2004	\$153,022	\$208,639
2005	\$156,848	\$206,847
2006	\$159,828	\$204,191
2007	\$159,828	\$198,536
2008	\$163,795	\$195,940
2009	\$168,411	\$202,182
2010	\$168,411	\$198,919
2011	\$168,411	\$192,832
2012	\$168,411	\$188,922
2013	\$168,411	\$186,195
2014	\$168,411	\$183,223
2015	\$168,411	\$183,006
2016	\$168,411	\$180,726
2017	\$168,411	\$176,954
2018	\$168,411	\$172,737
2019	\$168,411	\$169,663
2020	\$173,900	\$173,900

Source: 2 U.S.C. 4532 note, CRS calculations. Detailed information about data sources is available above in "Data Tables and Visualizations."

	2018-2019	2015-2019	2010-2019	2005-2019	2001-2019
Caseworker	-8.66%	6.56%	-0.85%	-4.70%	0.58%
Chief of Staff	-2.04%	-1.81%	-9.93%	-8.79%	3.15%
Communications Director	6.96%	8.26%	-8.37%	-9.47%	-13.36%
Constituent Services Representative	-5.74%	-0.62%	-3.16%	-6.41%	-0.36%
District Director	1.08%	-6.77%	-11.79%	-12.86%	-8.99%
Executive Assistant	-3.03%	2.13%	-20.00%	-15.72%	-21.13%
Field Representative	1.82%	-1.40%	-12.10%	-7.21%	-3.41%
Legislative Assistant	2.65%	5.15%	-8.27%	-6.55%	-6.77%
Legislative Correspondent	-3.92%	7.70%	2.83%	0.70%	2.80%
Legislative Director	-4.52%	-6.76%	-13.88%	-7.78%	-9.03%
Office Manager	-1.21%	-6.60%	-12.31%	-11.37%	-24.41%
Press Secretary	-6.16%	-6.64%	-19.76%	-22.85%	-19.26%
Scheduler	6.97%	6.41%	-0.19%	-4.71%	-9.90%
Senior Legislative Assistant	-2.47%	_	_	_	_
Staff Assistant	-6.32%	4.07%	-16.04%	-13.04%	-12.56%
Congress	ional Staff Po	sitions Pay Cha	ange Summai	Ŷ	
Increase	5	7	I	I	3
Decrease	10	7	13	13	11
Members	of Congress,	General Scheo	lule Pay Chang	ge	
Members of Congress	-1.78%	-7.29%	-14.71%	-18.00%	-16.93%
General Schedule, Washington, DC	0.45%	1.23%	-5.00%	1.31%	8.68%
General Schedule, Rest of U.S.	-0.15%	-1.48%	-7.54%	-5.93%	-0.49%

Table 2. Change in Median Pay for Selected Staff In House Members'Offices, Selected Periods

Change Based on Constant 2020 Dollars

Source: CRS calculations, based on pay data provided in **Table 3** through **Table 18** for congressional positions in constant 2020 dollars; CRS Report 97-1011, Salaries of Members of Congress: Recent Actions and Historical Tables, by Ida A. Brudnick, for Members of Congress; and the Office of Personnel Management for federal civilian workers in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas, and rest of the U.S., various years. "—" indicates no data. Detailed information about data sources is available above in "Data Tables and Visualizations."

House Member Office Staff Pay Tables

Inter	preting Pay Tables: Statistics Describing Pay Data										
For each year that data are 18 , including the following:	For each year that data are available, statistical values for staff positions are included in Table 3 through Table 18 , including the following:										
Minimum & Maximum The smallest and largest pay level, respectively, for each position											
Average (Mean)	The mean is the average of a list of numbers, in which the sum of all the values is divided by the total number of values. For example, if three salaries, \$30,000, \$45,000, and \$90,000, were identified for a given staff position, the average (mean) would be $($30,000 + $45,000 + $90,000) \div 3 = $55,000$.										
Median	The midpoint at which half of the numbers in a list are higher and the other half lower. For example, if three salaries, \$30,000,\$45,000, and \$90,000, were identified for a given staff position, the midpoint (median) would be \$45,000.										
Statistical Quartiles	Statistical values that divide data into quarters for more detailed analysis. In a list of numbers, Quartile I (QI) is a number that falls in the middle between the lowest number, or minimum, and the median. For example, if QI for a given staff position was \$50,000, this would indicate that 25% of employees in that position make \$50,000 or less. Quartile 2 (Q2) is also the median. Quartile 3 (Q3) is a number that falls in the middle between the median and the highest number in the list, or maximum. Numbers between QI and Q3 compose the interquartile range, the difference between the largest and smallest values in the middle 50% of a list of numbers. Quartiles might also be described as percentiles, as shown below.										

Statistical Measures Used in Pay Tables

Minimum Quartile I (Q I)		Quartile2 (Q2) Median	Quartile3 (Q3)	Maximum	Average
Lowest number in a list	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile	75 th percentile	Highest number in a list	The mean, or number expressing
	25% of staff make less than Q1	50% of staff make less than Q2	75% of staff make less than Q3		the central value in a set of data
	Middle number between Minimum and Median	Median—midpoint at which half of the numbers in a list are higher and the other half lower	Middle number between Median and Maximum		
	Lower Quartile	Interquartile Range = Q3-Q1	Upper Quartile		

				Nominal, C	Current \$					Constan	t, 2020, \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2001	45	\$21,750	\$30,000	\$35,229	\$40,122	\$61,572	\$36,189	\$31,631	\$43,629	\$51,234	\$58,350	\$89,544	\$52,630
2005	45	\$29,000	\$35,233	\$41,000	\$50,000	\$72,000	\$43,523	\$38,244	\$46,465	\$54,070	\$65,939	\$94,952	\$57,396
2010	45	\$28,405	\$38,792	\$44,000	\$53,750	\$88,500	\$48,080	\$33,55 I	\$45,819	\$51,971	\$63,487	\$104,532	\$56,789
						Most Rece	ent Five Yea	ars					
2015	45	\$28,000	\$40,058	\$44,500	\$54,500	\$84,667	\$48,08I	\$30,427	\$43,530	\$48,356	\$59,223	\$92,004	\$52,248
2016	45	\$29,667	\$40,544	\$50,300	\$56,837	\$89,100	\$50,290	\$31,836	\$43,509	\$53,978	\$60,993	\$95,615	\$53,968
2017	45	\$30,000	\$42,750	\$5 I ,000	\$58,000	\$92,567	\$51,283	\$31,522	\$44,919	\$53,588	\$60,943	\$97,263	\$53,885
2018	45	\$35,000	\$47,500	\$55,000	\$64,000	\$94,036	\$55,985	\$35,899	\$48,720	\$56,413	\$65,644	\$96,45 I	\$57,423
2019	45	\$23,000	\$46,125	\$51,150	\$58,000	\$90,500	\$52,187	\$23,171	\$46,468	\$51,530	\$58,43 I	\$91,173	\$52,574
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution	•			Cha	nge	
\$65					40%						2018-2019	-8.66%	
	Λ										2015-2019	6.56%	
¢ 47	~	\sim	$\sqrt{2}$								2010-2019	-0.85%	
\$47	$\sim \Lambda$	a second a second second	9		20% -						2005-2019	-4.70%	
	and a										2001-2019	0.58%	
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			Dolla	ars in figures are i	n thousands.								

Table 3. Caseworker

				Nominal,	Current \$					Constan	t, 2020, \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2001	45	\$76,361	\$95,000	\$104,250	\$114,833	\$137,020	\$106,313	\$111,052	\$138,159	\$151,611	\$167,002	\$199,268	\$154,612
2005	45	\$70,196	\$115,450	\$130,000	\$146,712	\$156,827	\$129,013	\$92,573	\$152,253	\$171,441	\$193,480	\$206,819	\$170,139
2010	45	\$98,500	\$129,333	\$147,000	\$165,018	\$168,411	\$143,697	\$116,343	\$152,762	\$173,629	\$194,911	\$198,919	\$169,728
						Most Rece	ent Five Yea	ars					
2015	45	\$ 4, 73	\$137,924	\$146,561	\$160,000	\$168,411	\$147,650	\$124,068	\$149,877	\$159,262	\$173,866	\$183,006	\$160,446
2016	45	\$116,534	\$133,820	\$148,902	\$159,700	\$168,411	\$147,637	\$125,056	\$143,605	\$159,790	\$171,378	\$180,726	\$158,433
2017	45	\$112,320	\$139,444	\$152,000	\$160,834	\$168,411	\$150,185	\$118,019	\$146,520	\$159,712	\$168,994	\$176,956	\$157,805
2018	45	\$99,917	\$137,000	\$155,637	\$168,000	\$168,411	\$149,871	\$102,483	\$140,519	\$159,635	\$172,315	\$172,737	\$153,720
2019	45	\$105,750	\$144,652	\$155,226	\$168,411	\$168,411	\$153,302	\$106,536	\$145,727	\$156,379	\$169,663	\$169,663	\$154,441
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution				Cha	nge	
\$180				_	50% ¬						2018-2019	-2.04%	
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	/~	- A A	$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$								2010-2019	-9.93%	
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			Dolla	rs in figures are	in thousands.								

Table 4. Chief of Staff



Table 5. Communications Director

				Nominal, (Current \$					Constant	, 2020, \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2001	30	\$25,894	\$28,789	\$32,791	\$37,401	\$46,880	\$33,815	\$37,658	\$41,868	\$47,688	\$54,392	\$68,178	\$49,177
2005	45	\$25,533	\$34,797	\$38,500	\$43,000	\$56,000	\$38,529	\$33,673	\$45,890	\$50,773	\$56,707	\$73,85 I	\$50,811
2010	45	\$25,000	\$37,000	\$41,542	\$54,500	\$66,667	\$44,824	\$29,529	\$43,703	\$49,067	\$64,373	\$78,743	\$52,944
						Most Rece	ent Five Yea	ars					
2015	45	\$28,500	\$36,000	\$44,000	\$50,322	\$77,250	\$44,186	\$30,970	\$39,120	\$47,813	\$54,683	\$83,945	\$48,015
2016	45	\$22,903	\$39,775	\$44,000	\$56,400	\$74,417	\$46,874	\$24,577	\$42,683	\$47,217	\$60,524	\$79,858	\$50,302
2017	45	\$20,425	\$41,000	\$46,500	\$52,500	\$64,000	\$47,104	\$21,461	\$43,080	\$48,859	\$55,164	\$67,247	\$49,494
2018	45	\$23,833	\$42,925	\$49,150	\$54,972	\$73,567	\$49,145	\$24,446	\$44,028	\$50,412	\$56,384	\$75,456	\$50,407
2019	45	\$31,000	\$41,900	\$47,167	\$53,500	\$65,500	\$48,308	\$31,230	\$42,211	\$47,517	\$53,898	\$65,987	\$48,667
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution	•			Cha	nge	
\$55					40% ¬					Γ	2018-2019	-5.74%	
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			Dolla	ırs in figures are i	in thousands.								

Table 6. Constituent Services Representative

				Nominal, C	Current \$		Constant, 2020, \$						
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2010	30	\$45,250	\$61,013	\$75,502	\$87,724	\$127,981	\$76,884	\$53,447	\$72,065	\$89,179	\$103,616	\$151,165	\$90,811
						Most Rece	ent Five Yea	ars					
2015	23	\$41,000	\$61,000	\$70,678	\$80,324	\$108,142	\$71,155	\$44,553	\$66,286	\$76,803	\$87,285	\$117,513	\$77,321
2016	28	\$44,500	\$53,425	\$60,333	\$68,000	\$91,097	\$61,538	\$47,754	\$57,332	\$64,745	\$72,972	\$97,759	\$66,038
2017	21	\$29,000	\$52,000	\$68,333	\$77,84 I	\$88,000	\$64,413	\$30,471	\$54,638	\$71,800	\$81,791	\$92,465	\$67,68I
2018	25	\$46,000	\$61,750	\$72,333	\$81,333	\$99,000	\$70,87 I	\$47,182	\$63,336	\$74,191	\$83,423	\$101,543	\$72,691

Table 7. Counsel, 2010-2018

Median Pay \$85 \$70 \$55 2010 \$Nominal \$Constant Dollars in figures are in thousands.

Source: Statement of Disbursements of the House, as collated by LegiStorm, various years, and CRS calculations. In the visualization, position pay information based on constant 2020 dollars in thousands of dollars, or change in those levels, are presented in solid green. Detailed information about data sources is available above in "Data Tables and Visualizations." Data provided here are partial; complete data, 2010-2018, are available to congressional staff upon request.



Table 8. District Director



Table 9. Executive Assistant



Table 10. Field Representative



Table 11. Legislative Assistant

				Nominal, (Current \$					Constan	t, 2020, \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2001	31	\$24,500	\$27,750	\$3 ,3 3	\$33,167	\$84,267	\$33,552	\$35,630	\$40,357	\$45,538	\$48,234	\$122,549	\$48,795
2005	37	\$26,000	\$31,833	\$35,250	\$41,122	\$60,750	\$37,095	\$34,288	\$41,981	\$46,487	\$54,23 I	\$80,116	\$48,919
2010	45	\$28,000	\$36,750	\$38,542	\$42,000	\$75,833	\$40,366	\$33,072	\$43,407	\$45,524	\$49,608	\$89,57 I	\$47,679
						Most Rec	ent Five Yea	ŝ					
2015	45	\$25,000	\$36,250	\$40,000	\$43,750	\$77,000	\$41,290	\$27,167	\$39,391	\$43,466	\$47,541	\$83,673	\$44,868
2016	45	\$25,000	\$37,000	\$40,255	\$43,000	\$58,667	\$40,713	\$26,828	\$39,706	\$43,199	\$46,144	\$62,957	\$43,690
2017	41	\$30,729	\$38,000	\$41,156	\$45,917	\$63,000	\$42,420	\$32,288	\$39,928	\$43,244	\$48,246	\$66,197	\$44,572
2018	45	\$35,833	\$42,900	\$47,500	\$52,125	\$78,250	\$48,217	\$36,754	\$44,002	\$48,720	\$53,464	\$80,260	\$49,456
2019	45	\$35,167	\$39,750	\$46,467	\$48,750	\$69,250	\$45,457	\$35,428	\$40,045	\$46,812	\$49,112	\$69,765	\$45,795
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution				Cha	inge	
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Table 12. Legislative Correspondent



Table 13. Legislative Director

				Nominal, (Current \$					Constan	t, 2020, \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2001	45	\$22,949	\$33,583	\$46,167	\$51,500	\$84,750	\$44,639	\$33,374	\$48,840	\$67,140	\$74,896	\$123,252	\$64,918
2005	40	\$22,041	\$36,941	\$43,417	\$54,062	\$89,688	\$47,198	\$29,067	\$48,717	\$57,257	\$71,296	\$118,278	\$62,244
2010	31	\$32,250	\$38,329	\$49,000	\$60,763	\$88,333	\$5I,484	\$38,092	\$45,273	\$57,876	\$71,770	\$104,335	\$60,810
						Most Rec	ent Five Year	s					
2015	23	\$35,850	\$43,114	\$50,000	\$60,684	\$85,038	\$51,961	\$38,957	\$46,85 I	\$54,333	\$65,943	\$92,407	\$56,464
2016	31	\$31,900	\$42,250	\$50,000	\$62,827	\$84,738	\$52,830	\$34,233	\$45,339	\$53,656	\$67,421	\$90,934	\$56,693
2017	25	\$33,175	\$44,167	\$51,375	\$66,042	\$91,258	\$55,366	\$34,858	\$46,408	\$53,982	\$69,392	\$95,888	\$58,175
2018	27	\$35,833	\$43,500	\$50,083	\$64,018	\$96,821	\$56,300	\$36,754	\$44,617	\$51,370	\$65,662	\$99,308	\$57,746
2019	21	\$40,155	\$43,667	\$50,375	\$63,000	\$91,626	\$55,829	\$40,454	\$43,991	\$50,749	\$63,468	\$92,307	\$56,244
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution	•			Cha	nge	
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Table 14. Office Manager

				Nominal, (Current \$					Constant	t, 2020, \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2001	45	\$29,000	\$45,167	\$50,000	\$57,250	\$85,913	\$52,726	\$42,175	\$65,686	\$72,715	\$83,259	\$124,943	\$76,679
2005	45	\$30,722	\$50,000	\$57,708	\$68,000	\$101,000	\$61,521	\$40,516	\$65,939	\$76,104	\$89,677	\$133,196	\$81,133
2010	45	\$40,36I	\$52,000	\$61,953	\$72,699	\$109,200	\$65,657	\$47,673	\$61,420	\$73,176	\$85,868	\$128,982	\$77,55 I
						Most Rec	ent Five Year	s					
2015	28	\$40,500	\$51,500	\$57,875	\$68,117	\$116,458	\$63,689	\$44,010	\$55,963	\$62,89I	\$74,020	\$126,551	\$69,208
2016	44	\$36,898	\$52,390	\$61,658	\$69,625	\$121,213	\$62,365	\$39,596	\$56,22I	\$66,167	\$74,716	\$130,077	\$66,925
2017	22	\$42,000	\$53,558	\$60,542	\$70,244	\$90,333	\$62,869	\$44,131	\$56,276	\$63,613	\$73,808	\$94,917	\$66,059
2018	21	\$40,000	\$55,667	\$61,000	\$70,800	\$93,000	\$63,188	\$41,027	\$57,097	\$62,567	\$72,619	\$95,389	\$64,811
2019	18	\$41,500	\$50,181	\$58,280	\$66,745	\$98,333	\$62,515	\$41,808	\$50,553	\$58,713	\$67,241	\$99,064	\$62,980
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution	•			Cha	nge	
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Table 15. Press Secretary

				Nominal, (Current \$					Constan	t, 2020, \$		
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average
2001	19	\$34,117	\$37,125	\$42,286	\$45,066	\$57,000	\$42,699	\$49,616	\$53,99I	\$61,496	\$65,540	\$82,895	\$62,097
2005	37	\$28,625	\$38,000	\$44,090	\$49,250	\$69,250	\$44,975	\$37,750	\$50,113	\$58,145	\$64,950	\$91,325	\$59,312
2010	41	\$31,547	\$39,750	\$47,000	\$61,250	\$110,750	\$51,968	\$37,261	\$46,95 I	\$55,514	\$72,345	\$130,812	\$61,382
						Most Rec	ent Five Year	rs					
2015	45	\$33,000	\$42,917	\$47,917	\$58,333	\$96,418	\$51,932	\$35,860	\$46,636	\$52,069	\$63,389	\$104,773	\$56,432
2016	45	\$35,000	\$44,940	\$51,202	\$56,604	\$92,500	\$52,758	\$37,559	\$48,226	\$54,946	\$60,743	\$99,264	\$56,616
2017	45	\$37,000	\$46,965	\$50,500	\$57,444	\$84,000	\$53,683	\$38,877	\$49,348	\$53,062	\$60,359	\$88,262	\$56,407
2018	45	\$36,259	\$44,000	\$50,500	\$58,500	\$98,000	\$53,57I	\$37,190	\$45,130	\$51,797	\$60,003	\$100,517	\$54,947
2019	45	\$35,833	\$46,417	\$55,000	\$61,750	\$107,000	\$56,270	\$36,099	\$46,762	\$55,409	\$62,209	\$107,795	\$56,689
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution				Cha	nge	
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Table 16. Scheduler



Table 17. Senior Legislative Assistant, 2018-2019

				Nominal, (Current \$				Constant, 2020, \$							
Year	#	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average	Minimum	QI	Q2, Median	Q3	Maximum	Average			
2001	45	\$21,667	\$28,750	\$31,000	\$35,166	\$79,516	\$33,302	\$31,510	\$41,811	\$45,083	\$51,142	\$115,640	\$48,43 I			
2005	45	\$22,000	\$30,000	\$34,375	\$42,500	\$105,950	\$38,296	\$29,013	\$39,563	\$45,333	\$56,048	\$139,724	\$50,504			
2010	45	\$25,000	\$33,633	\$39,750	\$47,689	\$93,750	\$42,084	\$29,529	\$39,726	\$46,95 I	\$56,328	\$110,733	\$49,708			
						Most Rec	ent Five Year	rs								
2015	45	\$25,950	\$32,000	\$34,857	\$39,967	\$69,500	\$37,958	\$28,199	\$34,773	\$37,878	\$43,430	\$75,523	\$41,248			
2016	45	\$19,000	\$30,000	\$33,413	\$38,139	\$64,183	\$34,941	\$20,389	\$32,194	\$35,856	\$40,928	\$68,877	\$37,496			
2017	45	\$21,000	\$33,250	\$37,083	\$43,25 I	\$54,750	\$38,07I	\$22,066	\$34,937	\$38,965	\$45,445	\$57,528	\$40,003			
2018	45	\$3 I ,000	\$36,767	\$41,025	\$45,989	\$58,754	\$42,303	\$31,797	\$37,711	\$42,079	\$47,170	\$60,263	\$43,390			
2019	45	\$29,000	\$34,849	\$39,130	\$46,994	\$67,333	\$41,961	\$29,215	\$35,108	\$39,421	\$47,343	\$67,834	\$42,272			
		Median Pay				2019 Pay D	istribution				Cha	nge				
\$55					60% _	_					2018-2019	-6.32%				
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Table 18. Staff Assistant

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