

Member Statistics

The 2006 election produced a political realignment on Capitol Hill that culminated with a historic first — the elevation of Democrat Nancy Pelosi of California as the first female Speaker of the House.

Over time, Congress has gained a few more women and a little more diversity, but a demographic analysis shows

that the 110th Congress, like those before it, is still dominated by white, middle-aged men.

These pages offer unique facts and figures about the men and women of the 110th Congress, their backgrounds and their ties to others who came before them.

The 110th Congress by the Numbers

- 535** The **total membership** of Congress, not including the five delegates.
- 153** The number of Roman Catholics in Congress. Protestants make up the largest religious group, but **Catholics** are the largest single denomination.
- 89** The number of **women** in Congress, including delegates. They represent 17 percent of the total membership.
- 85** The number of House **Democrats** (37 percent) who served **in the House before Republicans began their 12-year reign in 1995**. There are 63 House Republicans (31 percent) that have experience in the minority prior to that takeover.
- 71** The percentage of white constituents in Minnesota's 5th District, represented by African-American freshman Democrat Keith Ellison. He has the **largest share of white residents represented by a black House member**.
- 59** The percentage of black constituents in Tennessee's 9th District, represented by freshman Democrat Steve Cohen. It's the **highest share of black residents represented by a white House member**.
- 57** The **average age** in Congress; it's 56 for House members and 62 for senators.
- 42** The age of New Hampshire Republican Sen. **John E. Sununu**, who has been the youngest senator since his 2003 arrival.
- 4** The number of senators in the 110th Congress who are among the longest-serving in history. West Virginia Democrat **Robert C. Byrd** holds the all-time tenure record. The others, and their ranking on the list, are Democrats **Edward M. Kennedy** of Massachusetts (3rd) and **Daniel K. Inouye** of Hawaii (4th) and Republican **Ted Stevens** of Alaska (7th).
- 2** The number of Buddhists in Congress. Freshman Democrats **Hank Johnson** of Georgia and **Mazie Hirono** of Hawaii are the first **Buddhists** ever to serve in Congress. Also, freshman Democrat **Keith Ellison** of Minnesota is the first **Muslim** to serve in Congress.
- 1** The number of women ever elected to Congress from the state of New Hampshire. Freshman Democratic Rep. **Carol Shea-Porter** is the first.

Get to know the 110th Congress with these fact files, charts, statistics and other handy reference guides. Immerse yourself in campaign finance numbers. Check

out who's in which caucus, scope out who's a doctor, Rhodes scholar or pilot. Plus, you can test your congressional IQ with Did You Know?

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Fastest Members of Congress

Each year a number of members of Congress participate in a three-mile footrace in Washington, D.C. Here are the times posted by the 35 members of Congress who ran in the 2007 race:

Member	Time	Member	Time
Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn.	18:24	Rep. Peter A. DeFazio, D-Ore.	25:39
Sen. John Thune, R-S.D.	19:10	Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Mo.	26:00
Rep. Daniel Lipinski, D-Ill.	19:56	Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo.	26:06
Rep. Bob Inglis, R-S.C.	20:32	Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I.	26:15
Sen. John E. Sununu, R-N.H.	20:34	Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va.	26:18
Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev.	20:35	Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo.	26:49
Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Ga.	21:14	Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas	27:34
Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn.	21:16	Rep. José Serrano, D-N.Y.	28:14
Rep. Tom Feeney, R-Fla.	21:36	Rep. Russ Carnahan, D-Mo.	28:18
Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D.	22:14	Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.	28:58
Rep. Jean Schmidt, R-Ohio	22:41	Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif.	29:07
Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah	22:52	Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas	29:08
Rep. Baron P. Hill, D-Ind.	22:57	Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa	29:16
Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa.	23:11	Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind.	30:25
Rep. J. Gresham Barrett, R-S.C.	23:38	Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas	36:14
Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C.	23:57	Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska	38:29
Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn.	24:47	Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind.	39:39
Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore.	25:19		

Born in D.C.

Member

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo.
Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga.
Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C.
Rep. Robert C. Scott, D-Va.
Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash.
Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla.
Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va.

Born Abroad

There are 15 members of Congress and two delegates who were born outside the 50 states and the District of Columbia:

Member	Country
Rep. Geoff Davis, R-Ky.	Canada
Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo.	Japan
Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla.	Cuba
Del. Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, D-Am. Samoa	Am. Samoa
Res. Cmmsr. Luis Fortuño, R-P.R.	Puerto Rico
Rep. Mazie K. Hirono, D-Hawaii	Japan
Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich.	Netherlands
Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif.	Hungary
Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla.	Cuba
Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.	Panama Canal Zone
Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-Texas	Mexico
Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla.	Cuba
Rep. José Serrano, D-N.Y.	Puerto Rico
Rep. Albio Sires, D-N.J.	Cuba
Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.	Pakistan
Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez, D-N.Y.	Puerto Rico
Rep. David Wu, D-Ore.	Taiwan

M.D.'s

Member	Field
Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.	Obstetrician
Rep. Charles Boustany Jr., R-La.	Heart surgeon
Rep. Michael C. Burgess, R-Texas	Obstetrician
Del. Donna M.C. Christensen, D-Virgin Is.	Physician
Rep. Phil Gingrey, R-Ga.	Obstetrician
Rep. Steve Kagen, D-Wis.	Allergy/Immunology
Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash.	Psychiatrist
Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas	Obstetrician
Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga.	Orthopedic surgeon
Rep. Vic Snyder, D-Ark.	Family practice
Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla.	Internal medicine