



African American Members of the United States Congress: 1870-2012

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Summary

There are 43 African American Members serving in the 112th Congress, all in the House of Representatives. There have been 133 African American Members of Congress: 127 have been elected to the House; 5 have been elected to the Senate; and 1 has been appointed to the Senate. There have been 104 Democrats, 101 in the House and 3 in the Senate; and 29 Republicans, 26 in the House and 3 in the Senate.

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 44 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 (served 1870-1871). The first African American Member of the House was Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC), who also served in the 41st 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, 30 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.

Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI, 1965-present), the current chair of the House Judiciary Committee, holds the record for length of service by an African American Member (46 years). He was first elected to the 89th Congress (1965-1967) and has served since January 3, 1965.

Representative 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 Assistant Democratic leader in the 112th Congress, served as the House majority whip in the 110th and 111th Congresses and 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).

Twenty African Americans have served as committee chairs, 19 in the House and 1 in the Senate.

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), whose origins date back to 1969, currently has 43 members. Over its 40-year history, the CBC has been one of the most influential caucuses in Congress.

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Introduction

One hundred thirty-three African Americans have served in the U.S. Congress: 127 in the House and 6 in the Senate.¹ Of these, 31 have been women. A record 43 African American Members (all in the House, including two delegates) serve in the 112th Congress. All but 2 are Democrats and 15 are women. No African Americans have served in both houses of Congress.

The majority of African American Members of Congress (103) have been Democrats; 29 have been Republicans. Five others, all Democrats, have served as Delegates to the House. All of the Democrats have been elected in the 20th and 21st centuries. Twenty-two African American Republicans served in the 19th century House, five in the 20th century (four in the House and one in the Senate), and one was reelected to a single term in the 21st century before retiring. Two others have been elected to the House in the 21st century.

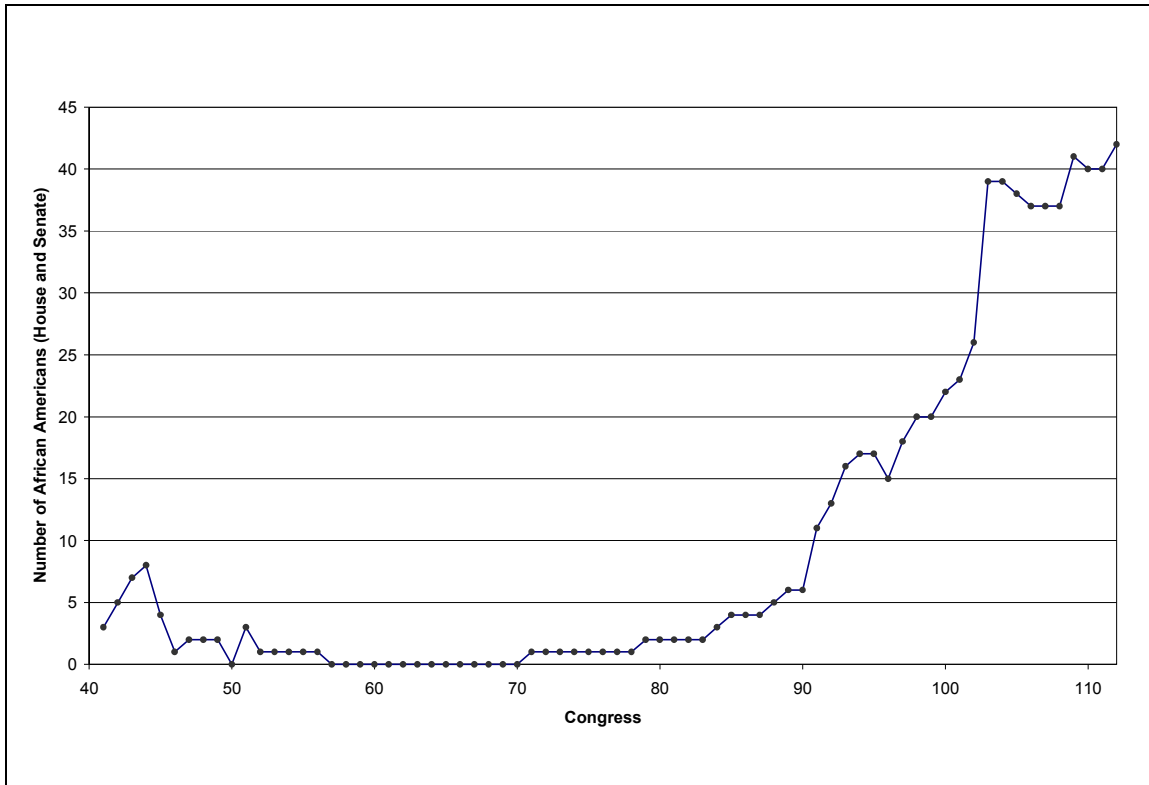
Historical Overview of African Americans in Congress

Excluding delegates, African Americans currently hold 41 (9.4%) of the 435 voting seats in the House of Representatives in the 112th Congress. Including delegates, African Americans currently hold 43 seats in the House of Representatives, totaling 9.8% of the entire House.² No African Americans serve in the Senate in the 112th Congress.

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

² 44 African Americans were elected to the House at the beginning of the 112th Congress; one African American Member died in March 2012 and was replaced by another African American Member in November 2012, and another resigned in November 2012.

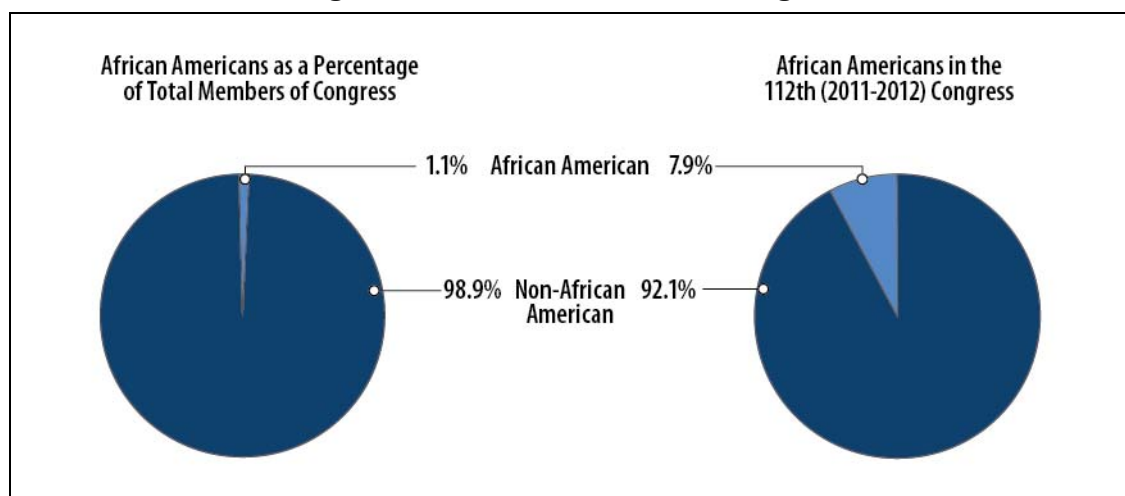
Figure I. Trends in the Number of African Americans in Congress, 41st Congress (1870-1871) to Present



Source: *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, supplemented by CRS.

Note: Delegates are not included in the data.

As **Figure 1** shows, the number of African Americans serving in Congress stayed below 10 until the 91st Congress (1969-1971), when those in the House doubled, growing from 5 to 10 in one Congress. The number of African-American Senators remained at 1. Subsequently, the number of African American Members steadily increased. In the 98th Congress (1983-1985), the number surpassed 20 for the first time and in the 103rd Congress (1993-1995) reached 40. Since the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the number has remained between 39 and 44 at any one time.

Figure 2. African Americans in Congress

Source: *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), <http://baic.house.gov>, supplemented by CRS. Figures compiled by CRS.

Notes: Delegates are not included in the data.

African Americans did not serve in Congress until the 41st Congress (1869-1871) when two were elected to the House and a third, Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), was elected to the Senate by the Mississippi state legislature.³ This was during the Reconstruction period following the Civil War (1865-1877). Of particular significance is the fact that “all of the 17 African-American Members between 1870 and 1887 came from the new Reconstruction governments in the former Confederacy.”⁴ No African Americans served in Congress from the 57th Congress (1901-1903) until the 71st Congress (1929-1931), when one Member was elected to the House. This was in part because (1) the congressional focus on racial equality had faded; (2) the slow disintegration of the Republican-dominated Reconstruction governments had a detrimental effect on the rights of black voters, and those seeking political office were vulnerable to Democratic state governments controlled by former Confederates and their sympathizers; (3) a variety of impediments such as the poll tax and educational tests prevented African Americans from voting; and (4) some state legislatures attempted to gerrymander congressional districts to restrict the election of African Americans.⁵

Despite increases in the number of African Americans serving in Congress, especially since the 91st Congress (1969-1971), **Figure 2** shows that 1.1% of Members in the United States history have been African Americans. **Figure 2** shows the current composition of the 112th Congress with 7.9% voting African American Members.

³ This was prior to the ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution in 1913 that provided for the direct election of Senators.

⁴ U. S. Congress, House, Office of History and Preservation, *Black Americans in Congress, 1870-2007* (Washington: GPO, 2008), p. 22; and <http://baic.house.gov>.

⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 152-159.

African American Firsts in Congress

The first African American Member of Congress was Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-MS), who served in the Senate in the 41st Congress (1870-1871). 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 take the seat previously held by Albert G. Brown, who withdrew from the Senate on January 12, 1861, after Mississippi seceded from the Union. Senator Blanche K. Bruce (R-MS, 1875-1881) was the first African American Senator to serve a full Senate term of six years.

Joseph H. Rainey (R-SC, 1870-1879) 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 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).

Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL, 1993-1999) is the only African American woman, as well as the first African American Democrat, to serve in the Senate. President Barack Obama was the first African American male Democrat to serve in the Senate. He served as a Senator from Illinois from 2005 until his resignation on November 16, 2008, after he was elected President of the United States. Senator Roland Burris (D-IL, 2009-present), who was appointed to the seat vacated by President Obama, is the first African American appointed to the Senate. Representative Walter Fauntroy (D-DC, 1971-1991) was the first African American delegate to serve in Congress.

Representative Charles Diggs (D-MI, 1955-1980) was the first chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As chair of the Senate Select Committee to Investigate Freedman's Savings and Trust Company (46th Congress), Blanche K. Bruce (R-MS) was the first African American to chair a congressional committee. As chair of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments (81st Congress), William L. Dawson (D-IL, 1943-1970) was the first African American to chair a House committee.

Length of Service

John Conyers Jr. (D-MI), the current chair of the House Judiciary Committee, has served longer than any other African American Member of Congress. Representative Conyers has served since 1965. Edward Brooke (R-MA, 1967-1979) holds the record for Senate service by an African American.

How African Americans Enter Congress

Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution requires that all Members of the House of Representatives must be "chosen every second Year by the People of the several States." Therefore, all Representatives enter office through election, even those who enter after a seat becomes open during a Congress. By contrast, the Seventeenth Amendment gives state legislatures the option to empower governors to fill Senate vacancies by temporary appointment.

All 126 of the African Americans who have served in the House have been elected, as well as all but one of the six African American Senators. The lone exception is Senator Roland Burris (D-IL, 2009-2010).

African American Members in Leadership Positions

Representative James E. Clyburn (D-SC, 1993-present), the House assistant minority leader in the 112th Congress, served as the House majority whip in the 110th-111th Congresses, and 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 (1997-2003).

Representative John Lewis (D-GA, 1987-present), the Democratic senior chief deputy whip in the 110th-112th Congresses, 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) has served as a Democratic chief deputy whip since the 110th Congress. Former Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY, 1969-1983) served as secretary to the Democratic Caucus in the 96th Congress (1977-1979).

Nineteen African American Representatives and one Senator have chaired congressional committees, including four in the House in the 111th Congress and a record five in the 110th Congress. No African Americans serve as committee chairs in the 112th Congress.

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).⁶

Congressional Black Caucus

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) traces its origins to the start of the 91st Congress in January 1969 when Representative Charles Diggs (MI) brought together the other African American Members of the House to form the Democratic Select Committee.⁷ As the Select

⁶ For more information, refer to “Black Americans Who Have Chaired Congressional Committees, 1870 to Present” at the *Black Americans in Congress* website at <http://baic.house.gov/historical-data/congressional-committee-chairs.html>

⁷ James Stuart Olson, “Congressional Black Caucus,” in *Historical Dictionary of the 1970s*, ed. James Stuart Olson (Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Publishing Group, 1999), p. 103; and Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., (continued...)

Committee expanded its legislative goals and activities during 1970, it reorganized into a more formal organization, the Congressional Black Caucus, with 13 members at the start of the 92nd Congress in 1971. The CBC became only the fifth Member organization to exist in Congress.⁸ Since the 92nd Congress, all African American Members except three have joined the CBC. Currently, there are 42 members of the Congressional Black Caucus, comprising all the African American Members of Congress except one. It is chaired by Representative Emanuel Cleaver (MO).⁹

Three main factors contributed to the founding of the CBC: greater African American participation in electoral politics following passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, a perceived African American leadership vacuum due to the deaths or marginalization of many civil rights leaders in the late 1960s, and perceived inattention to issues of concern to African Americans by the Nixon Administration.¹⁰ Although the number of African American legislators increased during the 1968 and 1970 congressional elections, the African American community was still proportionally underrepresented in Congress. According to the CBC, its founding members “believed that a black caucus in Congress, speaking with a single voice, would provide political influence and visibility far beyond their numbers.”¹¹

In addition to serving as a voice for the African American community, the Congressional Black Caucus has also addressed issues of concern to the poor and other underrepresented minority groups, both in the United States and abroad. This broader scope is reflected in the original mission of the CBC: “to promote the public welfare through legislation designed to meet the needs of millions of neglected citizens.”¹² In domestic policy, the CBC has supported efforts to improve access and quality of education and health care, reduce unemployment, protect voting rights, and provide better housing and childcare for the poor and working class. In foreign policy, the CBC generally supports international human rights and focuses on issues where current U.S. policy may conflict with professed American values of liberty and equality.¹³ This was shown in the CBC stance against apartheid in South Africa, its push for humanitarian aid and refugee assistance for Haiti, and the continual efforts of some CBC members to urge Congress to consider the concerns of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).¹⁴ Historically, the CBC has used

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“Origins and the History of the Congressional Black Caucus,” at <http://www.cbcfinc.org/cbc/html>.

⁸ CRS Report R40683, *Congressional Member Organizations: Their Purpose and Activities, History, and Formation*, by Robert Jay Dilger.

⁹ For more information about the current CBC members, see Congressional Black Caucus, “CBC Members,” at <http://www.house.gov/cleaver/cbc/members.html>.

¹⁰ Carol M. Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2006), p. 37; and Charles E. Jones, “An Overview of the Congressional Black Caucus,” in *Readings in American Political Issues*, ed. Franklin D. Jones, et al., (Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 1987), p. 233.

¹¹ Congressional Black Caucus, “History & Agenda,” at http://thecongressionalblackcaucus.lee.house.gov/history_details.html.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Raymond W. Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy* (New York: Novinka Books, 2003), pp. 14-15.

¹⁴ Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, pp. 11-12.

both informal and formal strategies to influence foreign policy, varying from organizing protests and boycotts to conducting special hearings, writing letters, and introducing legislation.¹⁵

At times, the CBC plays an oppositional role, both within Congress and the established party structure. One scholar has argued that within Congress, the CBC serves “not only as an interest group for blacks but also as a labor union for its members.”¹⁶ In 1974, for example, House leadership agreed to put one black Member on each major committee at the urging of the CBC.¹⁷ The CBC also often issues declarations of its policy agenda, distinct from either party’s agenda. This was reflected by some of the earliest caucus efforts, beginning with a February 1970 letter to President Richard Nixon addressing issues facing black and impoverished Americans and the presentation of 61 policy recommendations to the President concerning domestic and foreign policy matters at a meeting on March 25, 1971.¹⁸ Another example is the CBC alternative federal budget, which has been presented to Congress annually since 1981.¹⁹

The caucus also plays a symbolic role for the African American community. Some scholars have argued that the caucus is more effective as a social and community organization than it is a political or legislative institution.²⁰ Evidence also indicates that in recent years CBC members may use the organization’s increased size and influence within the House to ascend to party and committee leadership positions.²¹ As Members of the House and Senate, CBC members held the highest national elected office positions of any African Americans until the 2008 presidential election of former CBC member Barack Obama. The CBC Foundation (CBCF) sponsors a number of leadership development programs, internships, fellowships, and scholarships to encourage the next generation of African American leaders.²² In Congress, CBC members regularly celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans and minorities, by introducing resolutions to commemorate African American and minority leaders as well as civil rights activists.²³

¹⁵ Michael L. Clemons, “Conceptualizing the Foreign Affairs Participation of African Americans,” in *African Americans in Global Affairs: Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. Michael L. Clemons, (Boston, MA: Northeastern University Press, 2010), pp. 57-59.

¹⁶ Robert Singh, *The Congressional Black Caucus: Racial Politics in the U.S. Congress* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 1998), p. xii.

¹⁷ Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 40.

¹⁸ Marguerite Ross Barnett, “The Congressional Black Caucus,” *Proceedings of the Academy of Political Science*, vol. 32, no. 1 (1975), p. 35.

¹⁹ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 12-13; For information on recent CBC alternative budgets, see Office of Representative Bobby Scott, “Congressional Black Caucus FY2010 Budget Substitute Amendment,” April 2009 press release, at http://www.bobbyscott.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=380&Itemid=89.

²⁰ Arthur B. Levy and Susan Stouder, “Sources of Voting Cues for the Congressional Black Caucus,” *Journal of Black Studies*, vol. 7 (1976), pp. 29-46.

²¹ Kareem Crayton, “The Changing Face of the Congressional Black Caucus,” *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, vol. 19 (2009-2010), p. 494.

²² Members of the CBC established the non-profit and non-partisan Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) in 1976 to “advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public.” In addition to leadership development programs, the CBCF conducts policy research on economic development, public health, and other pertinent issues for the black community. As a part of its public education goals, the CBCF also holds seminars on these topics, and launched an online archive (Avoice Online) to document the history of African Americans in Congress and the history of the CBC. See Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., “About CBCF,” at <http://www.cbcfinc.org/about-cbcf.html>.

²³ Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 17.

Three noteworthy legislative initiatives championed by the CBC include the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, sanctions on South Africa to pressure an end to apartheid, and humanitarian assistance to Haiti.²⁴ The subsequent section describes the CBC's role in these legislative endeavors.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The bill to establish a federal holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on November 3, 1983.²⁵ Representative John Conyers (MI) introduced the first Martin Luther King Jr. holiday bill on April 8, 1968, four days after King's assassination. After its founding in 1971, the CBC became a strong advocate for a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, frequently participating in demonstrations, orchestrating petition drives, and introducing legislation. In 1971, Congress received a petition signed by 6 million Americans in support of the King holiday, and Representative Conyers and Representative Shirley Chisholm (NY), another CBC member, reintroduced King holiday legislation during every subsequent session of Congress until the holiday became law. On January 15, 1981, musician Stevie Wonder, with the support of the CBC, sponsored a march, rally, and benefit concert in Washington, DC, to celebrate what would have been King's 52nd birthday and to raise awareness about the King holiday legislation.²⁶

On August 27, 1983, more than 200,000 people gathered for a civil rights march at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the 20th anniversary of King's march on Washington.²⁷ The attention to King's legacy, coupled with political protests and the spread of local and state King holiday legislation, made 1983 an opportune time for enactment of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The successful 1983 legislation was introduced by CBC member Representative Katie Hall on July 29, passing the House by a vote of 338-90 on August 2 and the Senate by a vote of 78-22 on October 19, and was signed into law on November 2.²⁸

Ending Apartheid in South Africa

The CBC began to address apartheid during the 1970s because it felt that the executive branch had not made ending discrimination in South Africa a priority.²⁹ Between 1972 and 1986,

²⁴ Sources detailing CBC involvement with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Bill, include Avoice Online, "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/mlk/timeline.html>; Jones, "An Overview of the Congressional Black Caucus," p. 236; and Singh, *The Congressional Black Caucus: Racial Politics in the U.S. Congress*, pp. 95-96. For CBC efforts to end apartheid in South Africa, see Avoice Online, "Anti-Apartheid," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/aam/>; Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 11-14, pp. 26-30; and Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 12. Sources detailing CBC involvement with humanitarian aid and other policies regarding Haiti include Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 37-40; Singh, *The Congressional Black Caucus: Racial Politics in the U.S. Congress*, pp. 188-189; and Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, pp. 236-237.

²⁵ P.L. 98-144, 97 Stat. 917 (Nov. 3, 1983).

²⁶ Avoice Online, "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Bill," <http://www.avoiceonline.org/mlk/timeline.html>.

²⁷ John Herbers, "1983 March: Left Revives," *New York Times*, August 29, 1983, at <http://www.factiva.com>.

²⁸ Congressional Black Caucus, "1983 Legislative Achievements," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/assets/txu-gwc-84-98-f8-01/txu-gwc-84-98-f8-01.pdf>; Avoice Online, "Origins of the CBC," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/cbc/history.html>; and Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests: The Representation of African Americans in Congress*, p. 132.

²⁹ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, p. 27.

members of the CBC introduced more than 15 bills seeking to end apartheid and racial discrimination practices in South Africa. As a result of the CBC's Black Leadership Conference, the CBC helped establish TransAfrica in 1976, a foreign policy advocacy group designed to raise awareness about African and Caribbean issues. Besides endorsing legislative sanctions, TransAfrica and the CBC also lobbied corporations and universities to divest from South Africa. Through hearings, rallies, and protests in their home districts and in Washington, DC, CBC members increased attention on apartheid in South Africa.³⁰

During the 1980s, public awareness and concern about apartheid grew as violence increased in South Africa. By the mid-1980s, the need to address apartheid in South Africa became more pressing and politically feasible. The Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act (H.R. 4868), introduced by a CBC member, Representative William H. Gray (PA),³¹ included sanctions against South Africa that would not be eased until certain conditions, like the release of political prisoners, were met. The original sanctions in the bill included banning new investments in or loans to South Africa, prohibiting imports of uranium, steel, and coal imports, and removing airport landing rights for South African Airways. An amendment by another CBC member, Representative Ronald Dellums (CA), strengthened the sanctions to include a full trade embargo and complete divestment from South Africa.³² The bill was vetoed by President Ronald Reagan on September 26, 1986,³³ but was overridden by a House vote of 313 to 83 on September 29, 1986, and by a Senate vote of 78 to 21 on October 2, 1986.³⁴

Humanitarian Aid to Haiti

In 1976, Representative Shirley Chisholm (NY) and Delegate Walter Fauntroy (DC) formed the Congressional Black Caucus Task Force on Haitian Refugees to pursue humane treatment and equal justice for refugees from Haiti entering the United States. The name of the caucus was changed to the Congressional Task Force on Haiti in 1981 as it adopted broader policy objectives regarding Haiti and also included members outside of the CBC.³⁵

By 1985, it was clear that the 30-year dictatorial regime of Francois Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude Duvalier was nearing its end. In 1986, the U.S. Embassy, working with the Roman Catholic Church and Haitian army, deposed President Jean-Claude Duvalier peacefully, and Haiti scheduled its first free election for November 29, 1987.³⁶ In response to the efforts of the

³⁰ For more information about the CBC and the formation of TransAfrica, see Avoice Online, "Origins of the CBC," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/cbc/history.html>; and TransAfrica Forum, "Our History," at <http://www.transafricaforum.org/about-us/our-history>. For more information regarding CBC opposition to South African apartheid, see Avoice Online, "Anti-Apartheid," at <http://www.avoiceonline.org/aam/>.

³¹ P.L. 99-440, 100 Stat. 1086 (Oct. 2, 1986).

³² Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 26-30.

³³ Pres. Ronald Reagan, "Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 – Veto Message from the President of the United States," read in the House, *Congressional Record*, vol. 132, part 19 (September 29, 1986), pp. 27076-27077.

³⁴ "Roll Call 425," *Congressional Record*, vol. 132, part 19 (September 29, 1986), p. 27101; and "Roll Call 311," *Congressional Record*, vol. 132, part 19 (October 2, 1986), p. 27859.

³⁵ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, p. 13.

³⁶ Walter E. Fauntroy, "Haiti Doesn't Need a Tarzan to Come Rescue It," letter to the editor, *New York Times*, September 16, 1987.

Congressional Task Force on Haiti, American aid to Haiti doubled from \$50 million in 1986 to \$101 million in 1987, despite tight fiscal conditions.³⁷

CBC activism for Haiti continued during the late 1980s and 1990s, as a series of military coups led to a difficult post-Duvalier transition period. After Haiti's first democratic presidential election in December 1990, President Bertrand Aristide was overthrown in September 1991, eight months after taking office. Many in the CBC believed the only remedy for the escalating refugee crisis was to restore Aristide to office. Beginning in October 1993, the CBC asked President Bill Clinton to impose the strongest military sanctions available against Haiti or to conduct a military intervention. A letter sent to President Clinton on March 18, 1994, by the CBC and signed by all its members, stated that "The United States Haiti policy must be scrapped." The CBC supported the U.S.- and U.N.-imposed sanctions on Haiti during May and June 1994, with some members advocating for even stronger sanctions. An envoy sent to Haiti on September 18, 1994, by President Clinton convinced Haiti's military rulers to resign and to allow U.S. peacekeeping troops to enter the country and restore Aristide to the presidency.³⁸

Concerned about the cost of the Haiti mission and the lack of a troop withdrawal date, Representative Gary Franks (CT), the only Republican member of the CBC, publicly opposed the Clinton Administration's policy and blamed the CBC for the President's decision, stating that a "majority of the Congressional Black Caucus wanted the United States to invade Haiti, and President Clinton caved in." Others argue that Clinton and the CBC simply shared the same position and that the refugee situation constituted a vital American interest.³⁹

Tables and Data

This section 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 an indication of the committees they chaired or co-chaired, or served as ranking Member. In addition, five tables summarize information about African American Members.

Table 1 presents the number and names of African American Members by Congress. **Table 2** presents the same information by state. **Table 3** shows the changing number of African American Members serving in Congress since 1870, when the first 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.⁴⁰

³⁷ David Binder, "Washington Talk: Foreign Affairs; Haitians Gain Influential Following in America," *New York Times*, September 23, 1987, p. A26.

³⁸ Copson, *The Congressional Black Caucus and Foreign Policy*, pp. 38-39.

³⁹ Rep. Richard Gephardt et al., "Commending the President and the Special Delegation to Haiti, and Supporting the United States Armed Forces in Haiti," remarks in the House, *Congressional Record*, vol. 140, part 18 (September 19, 1994), pp. 24755-24768.

⁴⁰ The *Black Americans in Congress* website, <http://baic.house.gov>, is updated for each Congress, despite the "2007" in (continued...)

For 112th Congress committee assignments, the sources are *Official Alphabetical List of the Members with Committee Assignments in the 112th Congress* (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 several 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	108 th
H. Small Business	108 th

BASS, KAREN, a Representative from California. Born on October 3, 1953. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Budget	112 th
H. Foreign Affairs	112 th

BISHOP, SANFORD D. Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on February 4, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	103 rd -107 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 rd
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 rd -104 th
H. Select Intelligence	105 th -107 th
H. Appropriations	108 th -112 th

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BLACKWELL, LUCIEN E., a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on August 1, 1931; died on January 24, 2003. 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 (ranking Member, 95 th)	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 (vice-chair, 94 th)	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 112th Congresses; 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 -112 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -112 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 (committee chair, 46 th)	46 th

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 (committee chair, 94 th -95 th)	94 th -95 th

BURRIS, ROLAND, a Senator from Illinois. Born on August 3, 1937. Appointed as a Democrat to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President Barack Obama; appointed on December 31, 2008, to the 110th Congress, but not seated until January 15, 2009, in the 111th Congress. Served from January 15, 2009, to November 29, 2010.

Committee Assignments	Congress
S. Armed Services	111 th
S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	111 th
S. Veteran's Affairs	111 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-112th Congresses, has served since July 21, 2004; a chief deputy Democratic whip in the 110th and 112th Congresses.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Small Business	108 th
H. Agriculture	108 th -109 th

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Armed Services	109 th
H. Energy and Commerce	110 th -112 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	111 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	43 rd
H. Private Land Claims	45 th

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; reelected to the 111th-112th Congresses; has served since March 13, 2008.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	110 th -112 th

CARSON, JULIA M., a Representative from Indiana. Born on July 8, 1938; died in office 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	105 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -110 th
H. Veterans' Affairs	105 th -107 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	108 th -110 th

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	51 st -52 nd
H. Education	51 st -52 nd
H. Agriculture	52 nd

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	91 st -92 nd
H. Education and Labor	92 nd -94 th
H. Rules	95 th -97 th

CHRISTENSEN, DONNA M., a Delegate from the Virgin Islands. Born on September 19, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th Congress through 112th Congresses; has served since January 7, 1997. First woman elected from the Virgin Islands.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Resources / H. Natural Resources	105 th -112 th (1 st session)
H. Small Business	106 th -109 th
H. Homeland Security	108 th -110 th , 112 th (1 st session)
H. Energy and Commerce	111 th -112 th

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

CLARKE, HANSEN H., a Representative from Michigan. Born on March 2, 1957. Elected as a Democrat to 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Homeland Security	112 th
H. Science, Space and Technology	112 th

CLARKE, YVETTE D., a Representative from New York. Born on November 21, 1964. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2007.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	110 th -111 th
H. Homeland Security	110 th -112 th
H. Small Business	110 th -112 th

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 / Education and the Workforce (ranking Member, 104 th -106 th)	91 st -103 rd , 105 th -106 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service (committee chair, 102 nd -103 rd)	93 rd -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-112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 2001.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	107 th -112 th
H. Government Reform	107 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th -112 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 II, a Representative from Missouri. Born on October 26, 1944. Elected as Democrat to the 109th-112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2005. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 112th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	109 th -112 th
H. Energy Independence and Global Warming	110 th -111 th
H. Homeland Security	111 th

CLYBURN, JAMES E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on July 21, 1940. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; 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 and 111th Congresses; Assistant Democratic Leader, 112th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Public Works and Transportation	103 rd
H. Veterans' Affairs	103 rd -105 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th -105 th
H. Small Business	104 th
H. Appropriations	106 th -109 th

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	102 nd -103 rd
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	104 th
H. Government Operations / H. Government Reform and Oversight	103 rd -104 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	102 nd -103 rd
H. Science, Space, and Technology	102 nd
H. Select Children, Youth, and Families	102 nd

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 / H. Government Reform and Oversight (ranking Member, 104 th)	93 rd -104 rd
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, in an airplane crash. 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 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1965.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Judiciary (committee chair, 110 th -111 th ; ranking Member, 104 th -109 th , 112 th)	89 th -112 th
H. Government Operations (committee chair, 101 st -103 rd)	92 nd -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 112th 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 / H. Government Reform	104 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform (ranking Member, 112 th)	110 th -112 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 th -112 th
H. Armed Services	110 th
Jt. Economic Committee	109 th -112 th

DAVIS, ARTUR, a Representative from Alabama. Born on October 9, 1967. Elected as a Democrat to the 108th through 111th Congresses; served from January 7, 2003, to January 3, 2011.

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 -111 th

DAVIS, DANNY K., a Representative from Illinois. Born on September 6, 1941. Elected as a Democrat to the 105th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 7, 1997.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Small Business	105 th -109 th
H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform	105 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th -112 th
H. Education and the Workforce	108 th -109 th
H. Education and Labor	110 th
H. Ways and Means	111 th
H. Homeland Security	112 th

DAWSON, WILLIAM L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on April 26, 1886; died in office 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 (committee chair, 81 st , 82 nd)	78 th -82 nd
H. Government Operations (ranking Member, 83 rd ; committee chair, 84 th -91 st)	83 rd -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. Elected mayor of Oakland in 2006.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. District of Columbia (committee chair, 96 th -102 nd)	92 nd -103 rd
H. Foreign Affairs	92 nd
H. Armed Services (committee chair, 103 rd)	93 rd -103 rd
H. National Security (ranking Member, 104 th -105 th)	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 (committee chair, 93 rd -95 th)	88 th -96 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 (committee chair, 99 th -101 st)	98 th -101 st
H. Select Intelligence (ranking Member, 106 th)	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; reelected to the 111th and 112th Congresses; has served since June 19, 2008.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Science and Technology / H. Science, Space and Technology	110 th -112 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 th -112 th
H. Ethics	112 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 through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2007. First African American Member of Congress from Minnesota. First Muslim Member of Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	110 th -112 th
H. Judiciary	110 th
H. Foreign Affairs	111 th

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	100 th -102 nd
H. Budget	101 st -102 nd
H. Select Hunger	101 st -102 nd
Jt. Deficit Reduction	100 th

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.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Armed Services	96 th
H. Interior and Insular Affairs	96 th
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	96 th

FATTAH, CHAKA, a Representative from Pennsylvania. Born on November 21, 1956. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform	104 th -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 -112 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 / H. Banking, Currency, and Housing	93 rd -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

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Currency, and Housing	94 th
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 / H. Government Reform	105 th -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 also to the 110th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stephanie Tubbs Jones; reelected to the 112th Congress; has served since November 19, 2008.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	111 th
H. Science and Technology / H. Science, Space and Technology	111 th -112 th
H. Agriculture	112 th

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 (committee chair, 99 th -100 th)	96 th , 98 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 through the 112th Congress; has served since January 4, 2005.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	109 th -112 th
H. Science	109 th
H. Homeland Security	110 th -111 th
H. Foreign Affairs	111 th

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	98 th
H. Public Works and Transportation	98 th

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	44 th

HASTINGS, ALCEE L., a Representative from Florida. Born on September 5, 1936. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Foreign Affairs	103 rd
H. International Relations	104 th -107 th
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	103 rd
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 rd
H. Science	104 th -105 th
H. Select Intelligence	106 th -111 th
H. Rules	107 th -112 th
H. Standards of Official Conduct	110 th

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 (committee chair, 98 th , 2 nd sess. 101 st)	88 th -101 st
H. House Administration (committee chair, 97 th - 98 th , 2 nd sess.)	91 st -98 th
Jt. Committee on Printing (committee chair, 96 th , 98 th)	95 th -98 th
Jt. Committee on the Library (committee chair, 97 th)	97 th -98 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 107th Congresses; 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 vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Melvin Reynolds; reelected to the 105th through 112th Congresses; served from December 14, 1995 to November 21, 2012, when he resigned.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th -105 th
H. Small Business	105 th
H. Appropriations	106 th -112 th

JACKSON LEE, SHEILA, a Representative from Texas. Born on January 12, 1950. Elected as a Democrat to the 104th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 3, 1995.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Judiciary	104 th -112 th
H. Science	104 th -109 th
H. Homeland Security	108 th -112 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th -111 th

JEFFERSON, WILLIAM J., a Representative from Louisiana. Born on March 14, 1947. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 110th Congresses; served from January 3, 1991, to January 3, 2009.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	102 nd
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	102 nd
H. District of Columbia	103 rd

Committee Assignments	Congress
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 112th Congresses; 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 -111 th
H. Science, Space, and Technology / H. Science and Technology/ H. Science (ranking Member, 112 th)	103 rd -112 th

JOHNSON, HENRY C. (HANK) Jr., a Representative from Georgia. Born on October 2, 1954. Elected as a Democrat to the 110th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2007.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Armed Services	110 th -112 th
H. Judiciary	110 th -112 th
H. Small Business	110 th

JONES, STEPHANIE TUBBS, a Representative from Ohio. Born on September 10, 1949; died in office August 20, 2008. Elected as a Democrat to the 106th through 110th Congresses; 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 (committee chair, 110 th)	107 th -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 111th Congresses; served from January 7, 1997, to January 3, 2011. 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 -111 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 112th Congresses; has served since April 20, 1998. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 111th Congress.

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 -112 th
H. Foreign Affairs	111 th

LELAND, GEORGE T. (MICKEY), a Representative from Texas. Born on November 27, 1944; died in a airplane crash on August 7, 1989, while touring Ethiopian refugee camps. 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 (committee chair, 98 th -101 st)	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 112th Congresses; has served since January 6, 1987. A Democratic chief deputy whip in the 102nd through 109th Congresses; senior chief deputy Democratic whip in the 110th through 112th Congresses.

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 -112 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 111th Congresses; served from January 7, 2003, to January 3, 2011. 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 -111 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 112th Congresses; has served since February 5, 1998.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking and Financial Services	105 th -106 th
H. Financial Services	107 th -112 th
H. International Relations	106 th -109 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th -112 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	92 nd -95 th
H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries	92 nd -95 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	95 th

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.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs	100 th -103 rd
H. Banking and Financial Services	104 th
H. Small Business	100 th -104 th
H. Education and Labor	101 st
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	101 st -102 nd
Jt. Economic	102 nd -104 th

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Standards of Official Conduct	103 rd
H. Select Hunger	100 th

MILLENDER-McDONALD, JUANITA, a Representative from California. Born on September 7, 1938; died in office 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 -109 th
H. Administration (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st sess.; ranking Member 109 th)	108 th -110 th
Jt. Library (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st session)	108 th , 110 th
Jt. Printing (committee chair, 110 th , 1 st sess.)	110 th

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, when he successfully contested the election of William Elliott; served from September 24, 1890, to March 3, 1891.

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 (committee chair, 97 th -99 th)	94 th , 96 th -99 th
H. Budget	93 rd -95 th
Jt. Defense Production	94 th -95 th
Jt. Economic (vice chair, 95 th)	95 th -99 th

MOORE, GWEN, a Representative from Wisconsin. Born on April 18, 1951. Elected as a Democrat to the 109th through 112th Congresses; has served since January 4, 2005. First African American Member of Congress from Wisconsin.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Financial Services	109 th -112 th
H. Small Business	109 th -110 th
H. Budget	110 th -112 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 from January 5, 1993, to January 3, 1999. First African American woman and African American Democrat to serve in the Senate; 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	53 rd -54 th
H. Expenditures in the Treasury Department	54 th

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	44 th

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	85 th -86 th
H. Foreign Affairs	87 th -93 rd
H. International Relations	94 th -95 th
H. Veterans' Affairs	85 th -86 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service (committee chair, 95 th)	88 th -95 th
H. Select Standards and Conduct	89 th
H. Crime	91 st

NORTON, ELEANOR HOLMES, a Delegate from the District of Columbia. Born on June 13, 1937. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 112th Congresses; 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 -112 th
H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform	104 th -109 th

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Oversight and Government Reform	110 th -112 th
H. Small Business	104 th
Jt. Committee on the Organization of Congress	102 nd -103 rd
H. Homeland Security	108 th -111 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, 2008, when he resigned after being elected first African American President of the United States.

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 / H. Education and the Workforce	98 th -103 rd , 105 th -109 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Government Operations	98 th -103 rd
H. Government Reform and Oversight / H. Government Reform	104 th -109 th

PAYNE, DONALD M., a Representative from New Jersey. Born on July 16, 1934; died in office on March 6, 2012. Succeeded by his son, Donald M. Payne, Jr. Elected as a Democrat to the 101st through 112th Congresses; served from January 3, 1989, to March 6, 2012. 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 / H. Education and the Workforce	101 st -103 rd , 105 th -109 th , 111 th -112 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Foreign Affairs	101 st -103 rd , 111 th -112 th
H. International Relations	104 th -109 th
H. Government Operations	101 st -103 rd

PAYNE, DONALD M. Jr., a Representative from New Jersey. Born on December 16, 1958. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, Representative Donald Payne, Sr.; has served since November 15, 2012.

Committee Assignments	Congress
None yet	

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 (committee chair, 87 th -89 th)	80 th -89 th , 91 st
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 112th Congresses; 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 (committee chair, 110 th and 111 th ; ranking Member, 105 th -109 th)	94 th -112 th
H. Select Crime	92 nd -93 rd
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control (committee chair, 98 th -102 nd)	94 th -102 nd
Jt. Taxation	104 th -105 th , 111 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	43 rd

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	41 st
S. District of Columbia	41 st

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	103 rd
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th

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; reelected to the 111th and 112th Congresses; has served since September 4, 2007.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Science and Technology	110 th
H. Transportation and Infrastructure	110 th -112 th
H. Homeland Security	111 th -112 th

RICHMOND, CEDRIC L, a Representative from Louisiana. Born on September 13, 1973. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Homeland Security	112 th
H. Small Business	112 th

RUSH, BOBBY L., a Representative from Illinois. Born on November 23, 1946. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; 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 -112 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-112th Congresses; has served since January 7, 2003.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	108 th -112 th
H. Financial Services	108 th -112 th
H. Foreign Affairs	111 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 112th Congresses; has served since January 5, 1993.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Education and Labor	103 rd , 110 th -112 th
H. Economic and Educational Opportunities	104 th
H. Education and the Workforce	105 th -107 th , 109 th
H. Judiciary	103 rd -112 th
H. Science, Space, and Technology	103 rd
H. Select U.S. National ...Concerns with the People's Republic of China	106 th
H. Budget	108 th , 110 th -111 th

SCOTT, TIM E., a Representative from South Carolina. Born on September 19, 1965. Elected as a Republican to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011. An assistant majority whip, 112th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Rules	112 th

SEWELL, TERRYCINA "TERRI", a Representative from Alabama. Born on January 1, 1965. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011. A senior Democratic whip, 112th Congress.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Agriculture	112 th
H. Science, Space and Technology	112 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 (committee chair, 97 th -98 th , 102 nd)	96 th -98 th , 102 nd
H. Select Assassinations (committee chair, 95 th)	94 th -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 resignation of Representative Mike Espy; reelected to the 104th through 112th 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 (committee chair, 110 th and 111 th ; ranking Member, 112 th)	108 th -112 th

TOWNS, EDOLPHUS, a Representative from New York. Born on July 21, 1934. Elected as a Democrat to the 98th through 112th Congresses; 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 / H. Government Reform	104 th -109 th
H. Oversight and Government Reform (committee chair, 111 th)	110 th -112 th
H. Public Works and Transportation	98 th -104 th
H. Energy and Commerce	101 st -103 rd , 107 th -110 th , 112 th
H. Commerce	104 th -106 th
H. Select Narcotics Abuse and Control	98 th -102 nd

TUCKER, WALTER R. III, 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	42 nd -43 rd
H. Mileage	44 th

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	101 st -102 nd
H. Judiciary	101 st -103 rd
H. Energy and Commerce	103 rd
H. Government Operations	103 rd
H. Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control	102 nd

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	97 th
H. Education and Labor	97 th -98 th
H. Judiciary	97 th -98 th

WATERS, MAXINE, a Representative from California. Born on August 31, 1938. Elected as a Democrat to the 102nd through 112th Congresses, 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 112th 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 -112 th
H. Veterans Affairs	102 nd -104 th
H. Small Business	103 rd -104 th
H. Judiciary	105 th -112 th

WATSON, DIANE E., a Representative from California. Born on November 12, 1933. Elected as a Democrat to the 107th Congress to fill vacancy caused by the death of Representative Julian Dixon; reelected to the 108th-111th Congresses; served from June 7, 2001, to January 3, 2011. U.S. ambassador to Micronesia from 1999 to 2001.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. International Relations	107 th -109 th
H. Foreign Affairs	110 th -111 th
H. Government Reform / H. Oversight and Government Reform	107 th -111 th

WATT, MELVIN L., a Representative from North Carolina. Born on August 26, 1945. Elected as a Democrat to the 103rd through 112th Congresses; 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 -112 th
H. Post Office and Civil Service	103 rd
H. Judiciary	103 rd -112 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

WEST, ALLEN B., a Representative from Florida. Born on February 7, 1961. Elected as a Republican to the 112th Congress; served from January 3, 2011, to present.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Armed Services	112 th
H. Small Business	112 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

WILSON, FREDERICA S., a Representative from Florida. Born on November 5, 1942. Elected as a Democrat to the 112th Congress; has served since January 3, 2011.

Committee Assignments	Congress
H. Foreign Affairs	112 th

Committee Assignments

H. Science, Space and Technology

Congress

112th

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

H. Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs

H. Banking and Financial Services

H. Foreign Affairs

H. International Relations

H. Post Office and Civil Service

H. Commerce

H. Energy and Commerce

Congress

103rd

104th

103rd

104th

103rd

105th-106th

107th-110th

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.

Committee Assignments

H. Banking, Currency, and Housing

H. Rules

Congress

93rd

94th

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

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
112th Congress (2011-2013)				
44 ^c	House	Karen Bass	Keith Ellison	Donald M. Payne, Jr.
		Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Chaka Fattah	Charles B. Rangel
		Corrine Brown	Marcia L. Fudge	Laura Richardson
		G.K. Butterfield	Al Green	Cedric L. Richmond
		André Carson	Alcee L. Hastings	Bobby L. Rush
		Donna Christensen	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	David Scott
		Hansen H. Clarke	Sheila Jackson Lee	Robert C. Scott
		Yvette D. Clarke	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Tim E. Scott
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	Henry (Hank) Johnson	Terrycina "Terri" Sewell
		Emanuel Cleaver II	Barbara Lee	Bennie G. Thompson
		James E. Clyburn	John Lewis	Edolphus Towns
		John Conyers Jr.	Gregory W. Meeks	Maxine Waters
		Elijah E. Cummings	Gwen Moore	Melvin L. Watt
		Danny K. Davis	Eleanor Holmes Norton	Allen B. West
		Donna F. Edwards	Donald M. Payne	Frederica S. Wilson
	Senate	None		
111th Congress (2009-2011)				
41	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Chaka Fattah	Gwen Moore
		Corrine Brown	Marcia L. Fudge	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		G.K. Butterfield	Al Green	Donald M. Payne
		André Carson	Alcee L. Hastings	Charles B. Rangel
		Donna Christensen	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Laura Richardson
		Yvette D. Clarke	Sheila Jackson Lee	Bobby L. Rush
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	Eddie Bernice Johnson	David Scott
		Emanuel Cleaver II	Henry (Hank) Johnson	Robert C. Scott
		James E. Clyburn	Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		John Conyers Jr.	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		Elijah E. Cummings	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Artur Davis	Kendrick Meek	Diane E. Watson
		Danny K. Davis	Gregory W. Meeks	Melvin L. Watt
		Donna F. Edwards		
			Senate	Keith Ellison Roland Burris

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
110th Congress (2007-2009)				
42 ^d	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Chaka Fattah	Juanita Millender-McDonald
		Corrine Brown	Marcia L. Fudge	Gwen Moore
		G.K. Butterfield	Al Green	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		André Carson	Alcee L. Hastings	Donald M. Payne
		Julia M. Carson	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Charles B. Rangel
		Donna Christian-Christensen	Sheila Jackson Lee	Laura Richardson
		Yvette D. Clarke	William J. Jefferson	Bobby L. Rush
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	Eddie Bernice Johnson	David Scott
		Emanuel Cleaver II	Henry (Hank) Johnson	Robert C. Scott
		James E. Clyburn	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Bennie G. Thompson
		John Conyers Jr.	Carolyn Cheeks	Edolphus Towns
		Elijah E. Cummings	Kilpatrick	Maxine Waters
		Artur Davis	Barbara Lee	Diane E. Watson
		Danny K. Davis	John Lewis	Melvin L. Watt
		Donna F. Edwards	Kendrick Meek	Albert R. Wynn
		Keith Ellison	Gregory W. Meeks	
I	Senate	Barack Obama		
109th 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 II	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		

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
I	Senate	Barack Obama		
108th Congress (2003-2005)				
39 ^e	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
		Julia M. Carson	Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick	Robert C. Scott
		Donna Christian- Christensen	Barbara Lee	Bennie G. Thompson
		William Lacy Clay Jr.	John Lewis	Edolphus Towns
		James E. Clyburn	Denise Majette	Maxine Waters
		John Conyers Jr.	Kendrick Meek	Diane E. Watson
		Elijah E. Cummings	Gregory W. Meeks	Melvin L. Watt
		Artur Davis	Juanita Millender- McDonald	Albert R. Wynn
		Danny K. Davis		
		Chaka Fattah	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
		Harold E. Ford Jr.		
		Alcee L. Hastings		
	Senate	None		
107th Congress (2001-2003)				
39 ^f	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 Kilpatrick	Bennie G. Thompson
		James E. Clyburn	Barbara Lee	Edolphus Towns
		John Conyers Jr.	John Lewis	Maxine Waters
		Elijah E. Cummings	Cynthia A. McKinney	Diane E. Watson
		Danny K. Davis	Carrie P. Meek	Melvin L. Watt
		Chaka Fattah	Gregory W. Meeks	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		

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
106th Congress (1999-2001)				
39	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Alcee L. Hastings	Juanita Millender-McDonald
		Corrine Brown	Earl Hilliard	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		Julia M. Carson	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Major R. Owens
			Sheila Jackson Lee	Donald M. Payne
		Donna Christian-Christensen	William J. Jefferson	Charles B. Rangel
		William L. Clay Sr.	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Bobby L. Rush
		Eva M. Clayton	Stephanie Tubbs Jones	Robert C. Scott
		James E. Clyburn	Carolyn Cheeks	Bennie G. Thompson
		John Conyers Jr.	Kilpatrick	Edolphus Towns
		Elijah Cummings	Barbara Lee	Maxine Waters
		Danny K. Davis	John Lewis	Melvin L. Watt
		Julian C. Dixon	Cynthia A. McKinney	J.C. Watts Jr.
		Chaka Fattah	Carrie P. Meek	Albert R. Wynn
		Harold E. Ford Jr.	Gregory W. Meeks	
			Senate	None
105th Congress (1997-1999)				
39 ^g	House	Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Floyd Flake	Juanita Millender-McDonald
		Corrine Brown	Harold E. Ford Jr.	Eleanor Holmes Norton
		Julia M. Carson	Alcee L. Hastings	Major R. Owens
		Donna M. Christian-Green	Earl Hilliard	Donald M. Payne
		William L. Clay Sr.	Jesse L. Jackson Jr.	Charles B. Rangel
		Eva M. Clayton	Sheila Jackson Lee	Bobby Rush
		James E. Clyburn	William J. Jefferson	Robert Scott
		John Conyers Jr.	Eddie Bernice Johnson	Louis Stokes
		Elijah Cummings	Carolyn Cheeks	Bennie G. Thompson
		Danny K. Davis	Kilpatrick	Edolphus Towns
		Ronald V. Dellums	Barbara Lee	Maxine Waters
		Julian C. Dixon	John Lewis	Melvin L. Watt
		Chaka Fattah	Cynthia A. McKinney	J.C. Watts Jr.
			Carrie P. Meek	Albert R. Wynn
			Gregory W. Meeks	
I	Senate	Carol Moseley-Braun		
104th Congress (1995-1997)				
40 ^h	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

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
		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
		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)				
39 ⁱ	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)				
27 ⁱ	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

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
		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)				
24 ^k	House	William L. Clay Sr.	Floyd H. Flake	Donald M. Payne
		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		

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
98th Congress (1983-1985)				
21 ^l	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	
		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)				
17 ^m	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	
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
94th Congress (1975-1977)				
17	House	Yvonne B. Burke	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Parren J. Mitchell

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
		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	
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
93rd Congress (1973-1975)				
16	House	Yvonne B. Burke	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		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	
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
92nd 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	
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
91st 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	
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
90th Congress (1967-1969)				
5 ⁿ	House	John Conyers Jr.	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.
		William L. Dawson	Augustus F. Hawkins	
1	Senate	Edward W. Brooke		
89th 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 Jr.
	Senate	None		
88th Congress (1963-1965)				
5	House:	William L. Dawson	Augustus F. Hawkins	Adam C. Powell Jr.

No. ^a	Chamber	Names ^b		
	Senate	Charles C. Diggs Jr. None	Robert N.C. Nix Sr.	
85th - 87th Congresses (1957-1963)				
4	House	William L. Dawson Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Adam C. Powell Jr.	
	Senate	None		
84th Congress (1955-1957)				
3	House	William L. Dawson	Charles C. Diggs Jr.	Adam C. Powell Jr.
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		

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

- a. Unless otherwise specified, number given is the largest number of African Americans serving at any one time during each Congress.
- b. For specific dates of service, please see each individual Member's biographical entry in this report.
- c. 44 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 112th Congress; Rep. Donald Payne died in March 2012 and was replaced by his son, Donald Payne, Jr. in November 2012; Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. resigned in November 2012.
- d. Although 46 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 110th Congress, 42 was the highest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Laura Richardson filled the seat vacated by the death of Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald; Rep. André Carson filled the seat vacated by the death of his grandmother,

- Rep. Julia Carson; Rep. Donna Edwards filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Albert Wynn; and Rep. Marcia Fudge filled the seat vacated by the death of Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones.
- e. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 108th Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. G.K. Butterfield filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Frank Ballance.
 - f. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 107th Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Julian Dixon was reelected to the 107th Congress but died on Dec. 8, 2000, before the Congress commenced; his seat was filled by Rep. Diane Watson.
 - g. Although 41 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 105th Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Gregory Meeks filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Floyd Flake, and Rep. Barbara Lee filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Ron Dellums.
 - h. Although 43 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 104th Congress, 40 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Mel Reynolds; Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Walter Tucker; and Rep. Elijah Cummings filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Kweisi Mfume.
 - i. Although 40 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 103rd Congress, 39 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Bennie Thompson filled the seat vacated by Rep. Mike Espy, who resigned to serve as Secretary of Agriculture.
 - j. Although 28 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 102nd Congress, 27 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Lucien Blackwell filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. William H. Gray III.
 - k. Although 25 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 101st Congress, 24 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Craig Washington filled the seat vacated by the death of Rep. Mickey Leland.
 - l. Although 22 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 98th Congress, 21 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. Charles Hayes filled the seat vacated by Rep. Harold Washington, who resigned to serve as Mayor of Chicago.
 - m. Although 18 different African Americans were elected to the House in the 96th Congress, 17 was the largest number to serve at any one time. Rep. George Crockett filled the seat vacated by the resignation of Rep. Charles Diggs Jr.
 - n. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. was reelected to the House in the 90th Congress, but was excluded and not seated. He was then reelected to the seat vacated by his exclusion but never took the oath of office.
 - o. There were no African American Members of Congress until 1870, the 41st Congress, 2nd session.
 - p. Seated after Mississippi was readmitted to the Union on February 23, 1870; first African American Member of Congress.

Table 2. African American Members of Congress, 41st Congress to Present, by State or Territory

Alabama (6 African-American Members)		
Artur Davis	Earl F. Hilliard	Terrycina “Terri” Sewell
Jeremiah Haralson	James T. Rapier	Benjamin S. Turner
California (12 African-American Members)		
Karen Bass	Mervyn M. Dymally	Laura Richardson
Yvonne Braithwaite Burke	Augustus F. Hawkins	Walter R. Tucker
Ronald V. Dellums	Barbara Lee	Maxine Waters
Julian C. Dixon	Juanita Millender-McDonald	Diane E. Watson
Connecticut (1 African-American Member)		
Gary A. Franks		
District of Columbia (2 African-American Members)		
Walter E. Fauntroy	Eleanor Holmes Norton	
Florida (7 African-American Members)		
Corrine Brown	Kendrick Meek	Frederica Wilson
Alcee L. Hastings	Josiah T. Walls	
Carrie P. Meek	Allen B. West	
Georgia (8 African-American Members)		
Sanford D. Bishop Jr.	Jefferson F. Long	David Scott
Henry C. (Hank) Johnson Jr.	Denise L. Majette	Andrew J. Young
John R. Lewis	Cynthia A. McKinney	
Illinois (17 African-American Members)		
Roland Burris ^a	Charles A. Hayes	Melvin J. Reynolds
Cardiss Collins	Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.	Bobby L. Rush
George W. Collins	Ralph H. Metcalfe	Gus Savage
Danny K. Davis	Arthur W. Mitchell	Bennett M. Stewart
William L. Dawson	Carol Moseley-Braun ^a	Harold D. Washington
Oscar S. DePriest	Barack Obama ^a	
Indiana (3 African-American Members)		
André Carson	Julia Carson	Katie B. Hall
Louisiana (4 African-American Members)		
Cleo Fields	Charles E. Nash	Cedric L. Richmond
William J. Jefferson		
Maryland (5 African-American Members)		
Elijah E. Cummings	Parren J. Mitchell	Albert R. Wynn
Donna Edwards	Kweisi Mfume	

Massachusetts (1 African-American Member)

Edward W. Brooke^a

Michigan (6 African-American Members)

Hansen H. Clarke

John Conyers Jr.

Charles C. Diggs Jr.

Barbara-Rose Collins

George W. Crockett

Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick

Minnesota (1 African-American Member)

Keith Ellison

Mississippi (5 African-American Members)

Blanche K. Bruce^a

John R. Lynch

Bennie G. Thompson

Albert M. (Mike) Espy

Hiram Rhodes Revels^a

Missouri (4 African-American Members)

William Lacy Clay Jr.

Emanuel Cleaver II

Alan D. Wheat

William L. Clay Sr.

New Jersey (2 African-American Members)

Donald M. Payne

Donald M. Payne Jr.

New York (9 African-American Members)

Shirley A. Chisholm

Gregory Meeks

Charles B. Rangel

Yvette D. Clarke

Major R. Owens

Edolphus Towns

Floyd H. Flake

Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

Alton R. Waldon Jr.

North Carolina (8 African-American Members)

Frank W. Ballance Jr.

Eva M. Clayton

Melvin L. Watt

G.K. Butterfield

John A. Hyman

George H. White

Henry P. Cheatham

James E. O'Hara

Ohio (3 African-American Members)

Marcia L. Fudge

Stephanie Tubbs Jones

Louis Stokes

Oklahoma (1 African-American Member)

J.C. Watts Jr.

Pennsylvania (4 African-American Members)

Lucien E. Blackwell

William H. Gray III

Robert N.C. Nix Sr.

Chaka Fattah

South Carolina (10 African-American Members)

Richard H. Cain

Thomas E. Miller

Tim Scott

James E. Clyburn

George W. Murray

Robert Smalls

Robert C. DeLarge

Joseph H. Rainey

Robert B. Elliott

Alonzo J. Ransier

Tennessee (2 African-American Members)

Harold E. Ford Jr.

Harold E. Ford Sr.

Texas (6 African-American Members)

Al Green	Eddie Bernice Johnson	George T. (Mickey) Leland
Sheila Jackson Lee	Barbara C. Jordan	Craig A. Washington

Virginia (2 African-American Members)

John M. Langston	Robert C. Scott
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Virgin Islands (3 African-American Members)

Donna M. Christensen	Melvin H. Evans	Victor O. Frazer
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Wisconsin (1 African-American Member)

Gwen Moore

- a. Serves/served in the Senate.

**Table 3. Number of African American Members in the U.S. Congress,
41st Congress to Present**

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House ^a	African American Members of Senate ^b
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	–	–	–
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	–

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House^a	African American Members of Senate^b
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	—
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
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	1 ^c
111 th	2009-2011	42	41	1

Congress	Year	Total African American Members of Congress	African American Members of House^a	African American Members of Senate^b
112 th	2011-2013	44	44	0

- a. The numbers here reflect the highest number of African American Members, including Delegates, 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 served at any one time during the Congress.
- b. The numbers here reflect the highest number of African American Members to serve in the Senate at any one time during a Congress.
- c. President Barack Obama served in the Senate in the 110th Congress until his resignation on November 16, 2008.

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