

Table 5-7 Staffs of Senate Standing Committees, 1947 - 2015

Committee	1947	1960	1970	1975	1979	1981	1985	1989	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Appropriations	23	31	42	72	80	79	82	80	72	70	60	59	76	70	79	80	91
Judiciary	19	137	190	251	223	134	141	127	108	110	74	100	141	90	122	86	89
Governmental Affairs (and Homeland Security)	29	47	55	144	179	153	131	111	96	95	66	63	147	70	75	73	73
Labor and Human Resources	9	28	69	150	155	119	127	122	108	117	80	83	94	76	73	74	78
Finance	6	6	16	26	67	50	54	55	46	54	46	49	51	41	44	43	65
Environment and Public Works	10	11	34	70	74	56	56	50	40	44	37	34	39	35	36	41	50
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	8	52	53	111	96	78	93	76	68	70	56	65	68	53	56	54	49
Armed Services	10	23	19	30	31	36	48	51	50	45	43	49	49	45	48	49	49
Budget	^a	^a	^a	90	91	82	81	66	58	66	46	46	48	41	42	46	46
Foreign Relations	8	25	31	62	75	59	61	58	54	58	42	50	54	47	50	46	49
Energy and Natural Resources (Interior)	7	26	22	53	55	50	57	50	46	47	39	37	39	36	41	39	38
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	9	22	23	55	48	39	38	51	51	58	44	47	51	45	29	43	43
Agriculture	3	10	7	22	34	34	34	42	29	35	28	33	47	27	28	33	28
Small Business	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	24	22	24	26	20	20	27	21	22	19	24
Indian Affairs	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	^a	22	15	16	23	12	16	16	20
Rules and Administration	41	15	13	29	37	31	28	27	24	24	20	25	27	16	23	19	17
Veterans' Affairs	^a	^a	^a	32	24	22	25	25	24	14	14	17	21	22	21	17	16

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Committee	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	2008	2009*	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Appropriations	96	105	112	111	114	112	104	100	n.a	99	99	99	100	107
Judiciary	99	98	76	91	95	82	97	92	n.a	99	93	83	87	91
Governmental Affairs (and Homeland Security)	83	81	77	79	100	96	91	102	n.a	115	100	90	93	87
Labor and Human Resources	93	64	81	70	81	66	77	71	n.a	94	85	76	74	76
Finance	59	62	55	50	68	65	74	78	n.a	72	67	66	73	77
Environment and Public Works	44	50	45	43	44	43	40	47	n.a	47	35	38	38	34
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	56	62	57	58	57	58	59	58	n.a	64	58	56	50	64
Armed Services	53	52	46	53	53	54	56	53	n.a	55	47	49	47	49
Budget	40	50	39	50	52	49	51	44	n.a	50	52	51	48	42
Foreign Relations	50	49	58	58	60	53	65	60	n.a	61	54	53	57	57
Energy and Natural Resources (Interior)	44	40	39	44	42	42	44	45	n.a	49	38	47	38	42
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	49	39	44	50	41	40	33	37	n.a	45	40	42	35	36
Agriculture	36	33	31	32	30	33	31	31	n.a	33	34	30	33	32
Small Business	26	25	25	27	31	28	32	31	n.a	29	29	24	17	23
Indian Affairs	17	17	17	16	21	15	19	16	n.a	23	23	16	19	19
Rules and Administration	19	16	16	17	18	14	21	21	n.a	23	20	20	20	18
Veterans' Affairs	22	17	20	34	22	24	25	27	n.a	23	23	21	18	20

n.a. = not available
*Data for years marked with an asterisk are under review for possible data anomalies and are subject to potential revision. Note: The totals reflect the number of full-time paid employees. Committees are ranked in the order of their staff size in 2001.
a. The committee did not yet exist or it existed only as a special committee.
Source: Report of the Secretary of the Senate, various editions. For 2011-present, Report of the Secretary of the Senate were obtained from the Sunlight Foundation.