

# The 115th Congress Not a Model for Diversity

The number of women and minorities has slightly increased, and Congress remains overwhelmingly male and white — much like boardrooms in the U.S.



Vice President-elect Mike Pence's selfie at House GOP conference in November. / Twitter

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The 115th Congress began its session on Tuesday. It's being said that November's elections resulted in the most diverse congress ever. But that's not saying much, as the increase from the 114th Congress is minimal. The voice of the people is not representative of U.S. demographics.

## Out of 352 men and 83 women in the House of Representatives:

Race	Amount	Percentage	U.S. Population*
White	340	78.0%	77.1%
Black	46	10.5%	13.3%
Latino	34	7.8%	17.6%
Asian	12	2.6%	5.6%
Other	3	0.7%	2.6%

## Out of 79 men and 21 women in the Senate:

Race	Amount	Percentage	U.S. Population*
White	90	90%	77.1%
Black	3	3%	13.3%
Latino	4	4%	17.6%
Asian	3	3%	5.6%

\* [2015 U.S. Census Data Estimates](#)

Women comprise approximately 51% of the U.S. population, yet only 19% of Congress.

Congress Demographics Reflect American Business Owners, Corporate Boards.

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# 115th United States Congress

## Partisan balance

U.S. Senate Partisan Breakdown			
Party		As of March 2017	After the 2018 Election
	Democratic Party	46	<i>Pending</i>
	Republican Party	52	<i>Pending</i>
	Independent	2	<i>Pending</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Party		As of March 2017	After the 2018 Election
	Democratic Party	193	<i>Pending</i>
	Republican Party	237	<i>Pending</i>
	Vacancies	5	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>435</b>	<b>435</b>

# Members of Congress

## Florida

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Each state elects two senators for staggered 6-year terms. Senators represent the entire state. Florida's senators are:

Senior Senator

**Bill Nelson**

Democrat  
Since Jan 3, 2001  
Next Election in 2018



Junior Senator

**Marco Rubio**

Republican  
Since Jan 5, 2011  
Next Election in 2022



The United States is divided into 435 congressional districts, each with a population of about 710,000 individuals. Each district elects a representative to the U.S. House of Representatives for a two-year term. Representatives are also called congressmen/congresswomen.

Florida is a U.S. state with **27** representatives in the United States House of Representatives.



**Alcee Hastings**

Hastings, a Democrat, is the representative for Florida's 20<sup>th</sup> congressional district that includes Tamarac and has served since Jan 3, 2013 (next election in 2018.)

He was previously the representative for Florida's 23<sup>rd</sup> congressional district (1993-2012).

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/FL/20>