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Balance of Power in the 118th Congress

Senate
Democrats: 51
Republicans: 49

House
Democrats: 212
Republicans: 222

Senate Note: Yellow dots are independents aligned with Democrats, including Kyrsten Sinema (Ariz.), who said she wouldn’t caucus with either party.

House Note: Membership breakdown will be 222 R – 213 D once Rep.-elect Jennifer McClellan is sworn into office.

Leadership in the 118th Congress

Speaker of the House
Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-20)

House Minority Leader
Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8)

Senate Majority Leader
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

Senate Minority Leader
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Demographics in the 118th Congress

- The 118th Congress is the most racially and ethnically diverse in history
- 134 lawmakers identify as Black, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American, Alaska Native, or multiracial
- These lawmakers make up a quarter of Congress
  - 28% of the U.S. House
  - 12% of the U.S. Senate
- By comparison, when the 79th Congress took office in 1945, non-White lawmakers represented just 1% of the House and Senate combined.
- Despite this growing racial and ethnic diversity, Congress remains less diverse than the nation as a whole.

Women in the 118th Congress

- The number of women in Congress is at an all-time high
- A record 129 women are currently serving in the House, making up 29% of the chamber’s membership.
  - This includes 23 newly-elected Congresswomen
- With the election of Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT-At Large), all 50 states have now had female representation in Congress at some point.
House Committee Leadership

House Committee on Energy and Commerce
118th Congress | House

Chairman
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers R-WA-05

Ranking Member
Rep. Frank Pallone D-NJ-06

Balance of Power
23 Democrats
29 Republicans

Jurisdiction includes:
• Health care
• Health facilities
• Biomedical research and development
• Public health

House Committee on Appropriations
118th Congress | House

Chairman
Rep. Kay Granger R-TX-12

Ranking Member
Rep. Rosa DeLauro D-CT-03

Balance of Power
27 Democrats
34 Republicans

Jurisdiction includes:
• Appropriation of the revenue for the support of the Government
• Funding for federal health care and education related agencies

House Committee on Ways and Means
118th Congress | House

Chairman
Rep. Jason Smith R-MO-08

Ranking Member

Balance of Power
18 Democrats
25 Republicans

Jurisdiction includes:
• Health programs under the Social Security Act (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP)
• Health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund

House Committee on Education and the Workforce
118th Congress | House

Chairman
Rep. Virginia Foxx R-NC-05

Ranking Member
Rep. Bobby Scott D-VA-03

Balance of Power
20 Democrats
23 Republicans

Jurisdiction includes:
• Employment-related health and retirement security, including:
  • Health
  • Employee Retirement Income Security Act
  • Student loans
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Senate Committee Leadership

**Senate Committee on Appropriations**
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- Appropriation of the revenue for the support of the Government
- Funding for federal health care and education related agencies

Jurisdiction includes:

- Health programs under the Social Security Act (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid)
- Health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund

**Senate Committee on Finance**
118th Congress | Senate

- Sen. Patty Murray, D-WA
- Vice Chair Sen. Susan Collins, R-ME
- Balance of Power: 15 Democrats, 14 Republicans

Jurisdiction includes:

- Measures related to health and public welfare
- Substance use disorder and mental health
- Biomedical research and development
- Public health
- Student loans
- Health care disparities

**Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**
118th Congress | Senate

- Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT
- Ranking Member Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-LA
- Balance of Power: 10 Democrats, 10 Republicans, 1 Independent

Jurisdiction includes:

- Appropriate funding for federal health care and education related agencies

- Sen. Ron Wyden, D-OR
- Balance of Power: 14 Democrats, 13 Republicans

- Sen. Mike Crapo, R-ID

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Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01)
Co-Chair and Co-Founder

Rep. Annie Kuster (D-NH-02)
Co-Chair and Co-Founder

Rep. David Trone (D-MD-06)
Co-Chair and Co-Founder

Congressional Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery Caucus

Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH-14)
Co-Chair

Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20)
Co-Chair

Federal Agencies

Department of Health and Human Services - USA

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
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Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

- Budget day is **tomorrow**, March 9th!
- Once the President’s budget is released, appropriations season will begin!
- House and Senate appropriators will pore through the budget, and look for stakeholder input, before compiling FY 24 appropriations bills.

SUPPORT Act in the 118th Congress

- In 2018, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act was signed into law
- This comprehensive legislation was designed to address the opioid epidemic
- Included the Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act
- Program must be reauthorized this year
NAADAC Legislative Asks

- Investing in the Addiction Workforce
  - Support funding for SUD programs to increase workforce recruitment and retention
- Medicare coverage for SUD treatment
- Decriminalization of cannabis
  - Increased funding for cannabis research

NASADAD Outlook

Perspectives on opportunities and challenges for 2023
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