

How Rich is the US Congress?

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Michael McCaul (R-Texas)

Average Net Worth: \$500,624,461

Outside Income: \$0

Investments/Liabilities:

496 assets

Valued from \$306,437,919 to \$694,811,003

1 liability

Totaling: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000

Darrell Issa (R-California)

Average Net Worth: \$480,325,019

Outside Income: \$0

Investments/Liabilities:

42 assets

Valued from \$315,550,042 to \$845,100,001

2 liabilities

Totaling: \$100,000,002 to \$100,000,002

John Kerry (D-Massachusetts)

Average Net Worth: \$235,976,804
Outside Income: \$0
Investments/Liabilities
446 assets
Valued from \$230,468,566 to \$320,215,146
84 Liabilities
Totaling: \$32,580,084 to \$46,300,020

Mark Warner (D-Virginia)

Average Net Worth: \$228,129,609
Outside Income: \$0
Investments/Liabilities:
223 assets
Valued from \$86,024,219 to \$370,235,000
0 liabilities

Jared Polis (D-Colorado)

Average Net Worth: \$214,946,679
Outside Income: \$0
Investments/Liabilities:
322 assets
Valued from \$94,065,361 to \$349,328,000
3 liabilities
Totaling: \$2,500,003 to \$11,000,000

Top 5 Least Wealthy

John K. Delaney (D-Maryland)

Average Net Worth: \$139,025,569
Outside Income: 3 totaling \$1,070,524
Investments/Liabilities:
121 assets
Valued from \$51,886,140 to \$232,165,000
1 liability
Totaling \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000

Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia)

Average Net Worth: \$102,706,012
Outside Income: \$0
Investments/Liabilities:
20 assets
Valued from \$89,082,022 to \$148,330,005
2 liabilities
Totaling \$6,000,002 to \$26,000,001

Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)

Average Net Worth: \$100,190,174
Outside Income: 1 totaling \$47,080
Investments/Liabilities:
195 assets

Valued from: \$79,606,299 to \$120,774,049
1 liability
Totaling \$500,001 to \$1,000,000

Vernon Buchanan (R-Florida)

Average Net Worth: \$95,327,629
Outside Income: \$0
Investments/Liabilities:
171 assets
Valued from \$63,172,276 to \$279,833,000
19 liabilities
Totaling \$26,750,019 to \$131,600,000

Nancy Pelosi (D-California)

Average Net Worth: \$94,162,532
Outside Income: \$0
Investments/Liabilities:
71 assets
Valued from \$39,276,073 to \$187,299,000
11 liabilities
Totaling \$12,850,011 to \$61,750,000

Most Popular Congressional Investments

General Electric®

Republican investors: 45
Minimum investment: \$1,799,117
Democrat investors: 37
Minimum Investment: \$1,250,949

Procter & Gamble®

Republican investors: 35
Minimum investment: \$8,675,556
Democrat investors: 32
Minimum Investment: \$937,006

Microsoft® Corporation

Republican investors: 33
Minimum investment: \$1,262,882
Democrat investors: 31
Minimum Investment: \$3,239,051

Bank of America®

Republican investors: 33
Minimum investment: \$269,019
Democrat investors:
Minimum Investment: \$1,840,199

Exxon Mobile®

Republican investors: 38
Minimum investment: \$4,493,909
Democrat investors: 17
Minimum Investment: \$1,878,452

Does Party Influence Wealth or Investment Decisions?

Wealth:

Three Democrats and two Republicans are on the wealthiest list.
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Investments:

Republicans tend to invest more in oil.
Democrats tend to invest more in technology and banking.
Party affiliation affects investment types, but not overall investments.

Median Constituent Salaries:

United States: \$50,502
Texas: \$49,392
California: \$57,287
Massachusetts: \$62,859
Virginia: \$61,882
Colorado: \$55,387
Maryland: \$70,004
West Virginia: \$38,482
Connecticut: \$65,753
Florida: \$44,299

The annual salary for most members of Congress is \$174,000. Leaders, such as the House Speaker, make considerably more.

Constituent net worth:

In the Northeast, median net worth \$91,025 in 2011

In the Midwest, median net worth \$81,049

In the South, median net worth \$60,700

The West \$59,431

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