



# At least 55 representatives, 8 senators will be vacating committees

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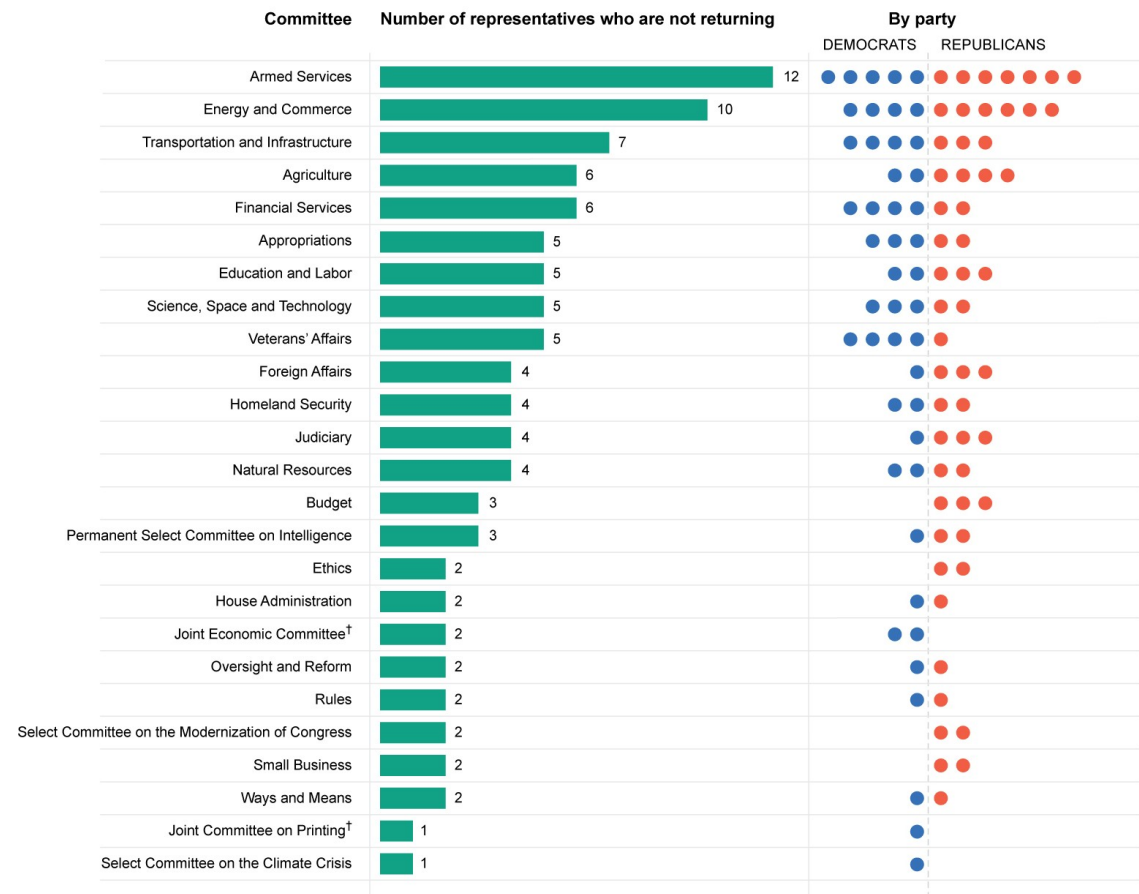
The House Armed Services and Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committees will see the highest turnover due to the 2020 general election.

Twelve representatives and four senators from each committee either lost their reelection bids or did not run for another term. Committee departures will be an important consideration in determining committee assignments for freshmen members of the 117th Congress. The steering committees in charge of assignments will need to consider the balance of power between parties on each committee.

Members of these committees may also decide to pursue spots on other committees, leading to changes in other committee assignments. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) has announced she will not seek the chairmanship of the Senate Judiciary Committee in the 117th Congress. The senator who takes her place as chair could give up a leadership position or spot on another committee to do so, leaving those slots open for other members.

## House committee turnover

The House Armed Services Committee is 12 members short of its numbers before the general election, the most departures of any House committee. Four Democrats on the committee will not return in the 117th Congress, tied with Energy and Commerce, Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services and Veterans' Affairs for Democratic departures. Seven Republicans on Armed Services are departing, the most for the party among House committees. This report does not account for several House races that are still outstanding as of Nov. 25, 2020.



Note: There were no House vacancies in the joint committees on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans (Select), on the Library and on Taxation.



Sources: U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Associated Press



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## Senate committee turnover

A total of eight senators will not be returning to Washington to serve in the 117th Congress. The Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will lose one Democrat and three Republicans — the most of any Senate committee. The Energy and Natural Resources Committee will also be down three Republicans. No committee will lose more than one Democratic senator. This report does not account for the results of the Georgia Senate special elections, to be held Jan. 5, 2021.

Committee	Number of senators who are not returning	By party	
		DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	4	1	3
Energy and Natural Resources	3	0	3
Rules and Administration	3	1	2
Appropriations	2	1	1
Armed Services	2	1	1
Bank, Housing and Urban Affairs	2	1	1
Budget	2	1	1
Commerce, Science and Transportation	2	1	1
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe	2	0	2
Finance	2	1	1
Foreign Relations	2	1	1
Homeland Security and Govt. Affairs	2	1	1
Indian Affairs	2	1	1
Joint Committee on Printing†	2	1	1
Special Committee on Aging	2	1	1
Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry	1	0	1
Joint Committee on Taxation†	1	0	1
Joint Committee on the Library†	1	0	1
Judiciary	1	1	0
Select Committee on Ethics	1	0	1
Select Committee on Intelligence	1	1	0

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Note: There were no Senate vacancies on the Environment and Public Works, Small Business and Entrepreneurship and Veterans' Affairs committees, nor in the joint committees on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans (Select) and the Economic Committee.

†Joint committees are made up of members from both houses of Congress. Representatives and senators departing from these committees are listed in their respective sections.