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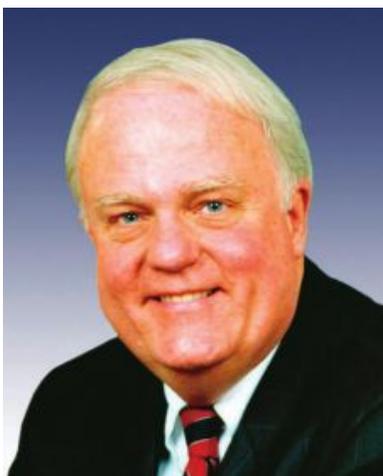
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Representative F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.

Wisconsin - 5th District



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F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., a Republican, is the United States Representative from the 5th congressional district of [Wisconsin](#). First elected in 1979, Representative Sensenbrenner has served the state of [Wisconsin](#) for thirty-eight years.

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Background

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Party

Republican Party

Personal Details

Education

JD, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1968

BA, Political Science, Stanford University, 1965

Political Experience

Senator, Wisconsin State Senate, 1975-1979

Representative, United States House of Representatives, District 5, 1978-present



Assistant Minority Leader, Wisconsin State Senate, 1976

Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly, 1968-1975

Professional Experience

Staff, Office of Congressman J. Arthur Younger, United States House of Representatives, 1965

Former Attorney

Religion

Episcopalian

Birthday

June 14, 1943 (age 73)

* Personal background information from [Project Vote Smart](#).

Terms

| Term | Title | Representing |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 2017 - 2019 | Representative | Wisconsin's 5th District |
| 2015 - 2017 | Representative | Wisconsin's 5th District |
| 2013 - 2015 | Representative | Wisconsin's 5th District |
| 2011 - 2013 | Representative | Wisconsin's 5th District |

Committee Membership

Representative Sensenbrenner sits on the following committees and subcommittees. Committees are listed in descending order based on Sensenbrenner's seniority within each one. Select a committee to learn more about who sits on it and which legislation it has considered in the current Congress.

| Committee | Role |
|---|--------|
|  House Committee on the Judiciary | Member |
|  House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology | Member |

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Net worth figures are calculated by the Center for Responsive Politics and are based off of financial disclosures filed in 2014 by members of Congress. They are derived by adding a member's full range of reported assets and then subtracting their liabilities, with average net worth being the resulting midpoint. For more information, visit the [Center for Responsive Politics](#).

Average Net Worth ⁱ

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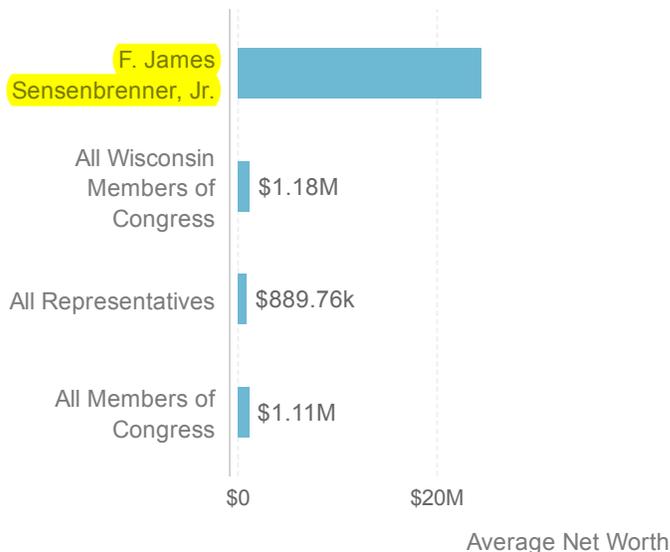
Representative Sensenbrenner has an average net worth of \$24.4M as of 2014, making him one of the wealthiest members of Congress and **second** among all members from Wisconsin.

Sensenbrenner's net worth was **23 times more** than the average member of Congress and **29 times more** than the average representative. When compared to the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation, Sensenbrenner had a net worth that was **28 times more** than the average.

Over Time



Other Members



Compare to Other Members from [Wisconsin](#)

| | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <p>Ron Johnson Net Worth</p>  <p><u>\$36.6M</u></p> <p>See Details ></p> | <p>Paul D Ryan Net Worth</p>  <p><u>\$5.66M</u></p> <p>See Details ></p> | <p>Ron Kind Net Worth</p>  <p><u>\$1.65M</u></p> <p>See Details ></p> | <p>Glenn Grothman Net Worth</p>  <p><u>\$885,508</u></p> <p>See Details ></p> |
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Individual Rights



Very Conservative

Domestic Issues



Very Conservative

Economic Issues



Very Conservative

Defense and International Issues



Very Conservative

Issues and ideology scores for F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. are adapted from the VoteMatch political philosophy quiz developed by [OnTheIssues.org](#). For each member of Congress, OnTheIssues has collected votes, excerpts from speeches, press releases, and other public statements related to each question and then scored them using a methodology that attempts to assign a liberal or conservative viewpoint.

Scores closer to -10 generally mean that a member of Congress has a **more liberal viewpoint*** on a certain issue, while scores closer to +10 mean a member has a **more conservative viewpoint***. Scores of 0 mean either that there is not enough public data to assign an opinion to a member or a member's statements are too neutral to describe a viewpoint.

For more information on the VoteMatch ideology and on how F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. was scored, visit OnTheIssues' [profile page on Sensenbrenner](#). You can also see our glossary tab for context on how a particular position relates to a topic.

Individual Rights

Main

Abortion

Affirmative Action

Gay Marriage

Religion

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At an ideology score of 10, F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. is very conservative when it comes to individual rights. Sensenbrenner is also far more conservative than average when compared to other Republican members of Congress.

Ideology Average



Very Conservative

| Topic | Position | Score |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| Abortion is a woman's unrestricted right | Strongly Disagrees | 10 |
| Legally require hiring women & minorities | Strongly Disagrees | 10 |
| Comfortable with same-sex marriage | Strongly Disagrees | 10 |
| Keep God in the public sphere | Strongly Agrees | 10 |
| No 'rights' to clean air and | Strongly | |

Domestic Issues

Main

Crime

Guns

Healthcare

School Vouchers

Energy

Drugs

At an ideology score of 8, F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. is very conservative when it comes to domestic issues. Sensenbrenner is also more liberal than average when compared to other Republican members of Congress.

Ideology Average



Very Conservative

| Topic | Position | Score |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Stricter punishment reduces crime | Agrees | 6 |
| Absolute right to gun ownership | Strongly Agrees | 10 |
| Expand ObamaCare | Disagrees | 4 |
| Vouchers for school choice | Strongly Agrees | 10 |
| | Strongly | |

Economic Issues

Main

Stimulus

Taxes

Immigration

Social Security

At an ideology score of 10, F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. is very conservative when it comes to economic issues. Sensenbrenner is also far more conservative than average when compared to other Republican members of Congress.

| Topic | Position | Score |
|--|--------------------|-------|
| Stimulus better than market-led recovery | Strongly Disagrees | 10 |
| Higher taxes on the wealthy | Strongly Disagrees | 10 |

Ideology Average



Very Conservative

| Topic | Position | Score |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| Pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens | Strongly Disagrees | 10 |
| Privatize Social Security | Strongly Agrees | 10 |

Defense and International Issues

- Main
- Trade
- Military
- America
- Role Abroad

At an ideology score of 8, F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. is very conservative when it comes to defense and international issues. Sensenbrenner is also more conservative than average when compared to other Republican members of Congress.

Ideology Average



Very Conservative

| Topic | Position | Score |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Support & expand free trade | Agrees | 4 |
| Expand the military | Agrees | 6 |
| Maintain US sovereignty from UN | Strongly Agrees | 10 |
| Stay out of Iran | Strongly Disagrees | 10 |

Compare to Other Members from Wisconsin

- Average
- Issue Breakdown

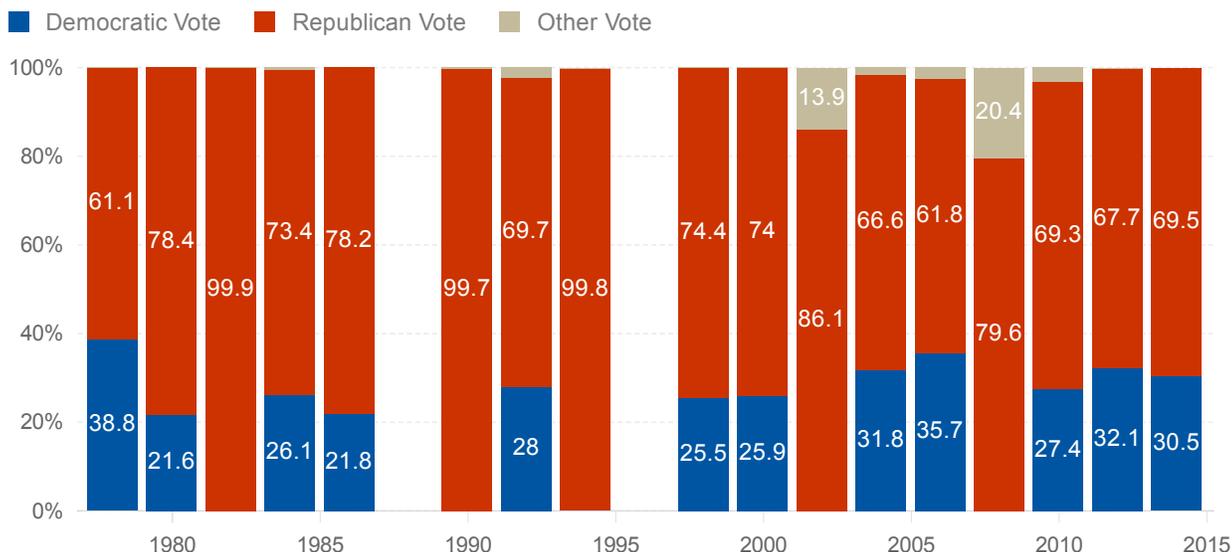
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Electons

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Representative Sensenbrenner's Electoral History

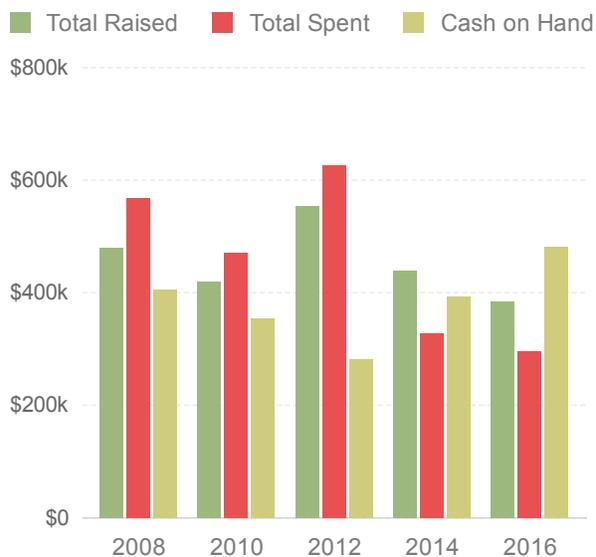


Representative Sensenbrenner's Campaign Committee

Sensenbrenner Committee



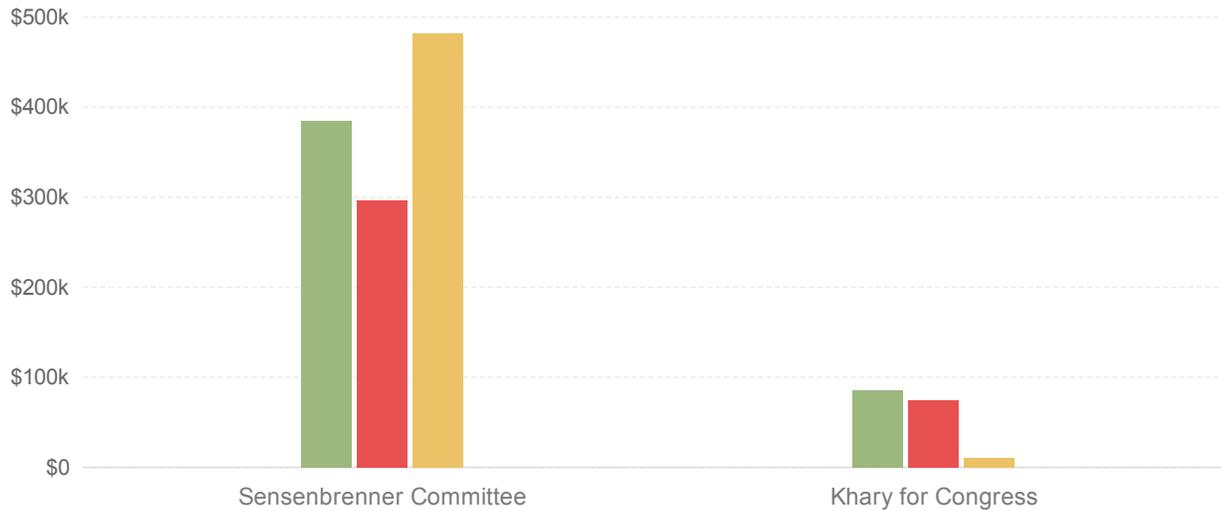
Campaign Over Time



Rival Campaign Committees to Representative Sensenbrenner

2016 2014 2010 2008

Total Raised Total Spent Cash on Hand



| Committee Name | Candidate | Details | Location | Total Raised | Total Spent | Cash on Hand |
|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sensenbrenner Committee | F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. | Republican Party <i>Incumbent</i> | Wisconsin, 5th District | \$384,926 | \$296,448 | \$482,403 |
| Khary for Congress | Khary Penebaker | Democratic Party <i>Challenger</i> | Wisconsin, 5th District | \$85,273 | \$74,591 | \$10,681 |

Fundraising Events

Recent fundraisers that Representative Sensenbrenner attended and/or benefited from. Fundraiser information is collected by the [Sunlight Foundation](#) from anonymous lobbyist sources, political websites and media reports.

| Event | Venue |
|--|--|
| Wisconsin Night in Washington for Republican Party of Wisconsin (R, WI) <i>April 20, 2016</i> | Office of BGR Group <i>Washington, DC</i> |
| Reception for Republican Party of Wisconsin (R, WI) <i>April 29, 2015</i> | Office of BGR Group <i>Washington, DC</i> |
| Martinis & Mayhem for Rep. F James Sensenbrenner (R, WI-5) <i>July 29, 2014</i> | The Capitol Hill Club <i>Washington, DC</i> |
| Lunch for Rep. F James Sensenbrenner (R, WI-5) <i>May 21, 2013</i> | Acqua AI 2 <i>Washington, DC</i> |
| Reception and Dinner with Paul Ryan for Romney Victory Inc. <i>October 06, 2012</i> | Pfister Hotel <i>Milwaukee, WI</i> |
| Lunch for Rep. F James Sensenbrenner (R, WI-5) <i>May 31, 2012</i> | Acqua AI 2 <i>Washington, DC</i> |

Event



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Interest Group Ratings

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Several interest groups publish periodic Congressional scorecards to rate congressmembers' stances on certain issues. These evaluations are usually derived by comparing the way a member voted to the way the group would have voted on key pieces of legislation and then issuing a score out of 100 to reflect how closely the votes match up.

Based on ratings from national interest groups published between 2012 and 2014 and aggregated by [Project Vote Smart](#), Representative Sensenbrenner has a voting record that is:

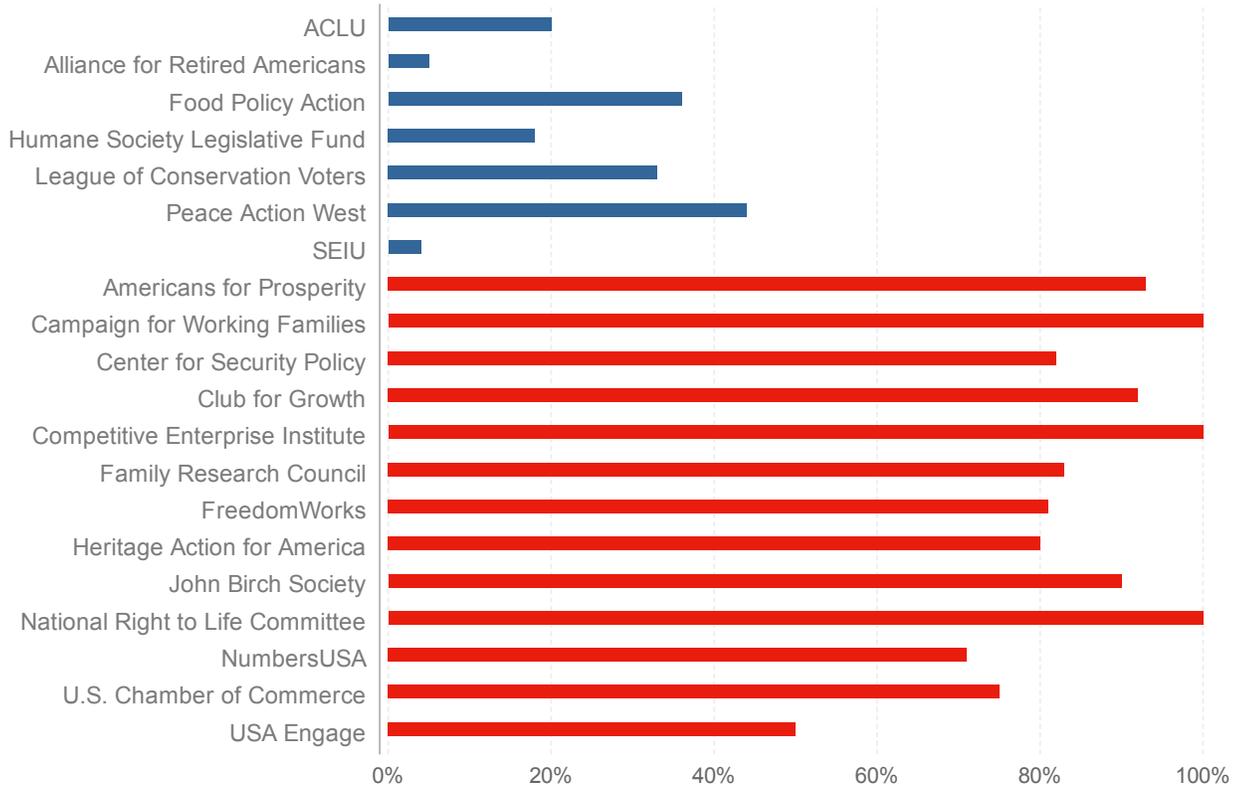
- Strongly pro-life
- Strongly against animal rights
- Strongly fiscally conservative
- Strongly pro-business
- Strongly against civil liberties
- Strongly pro-conservative principles
- Strongly against public education
- Slightly against environmental regulation
- Slightly anti-immigration
- Strongly anti-labor
- Strongly anti-liberal principles
- Strongly pro-defense and security
- Mixed on trade

Ideology Breakdown

Issue Breakdown

Ratings by Various Interest Groups

■ Liberal Groups ■ Conservative Groups

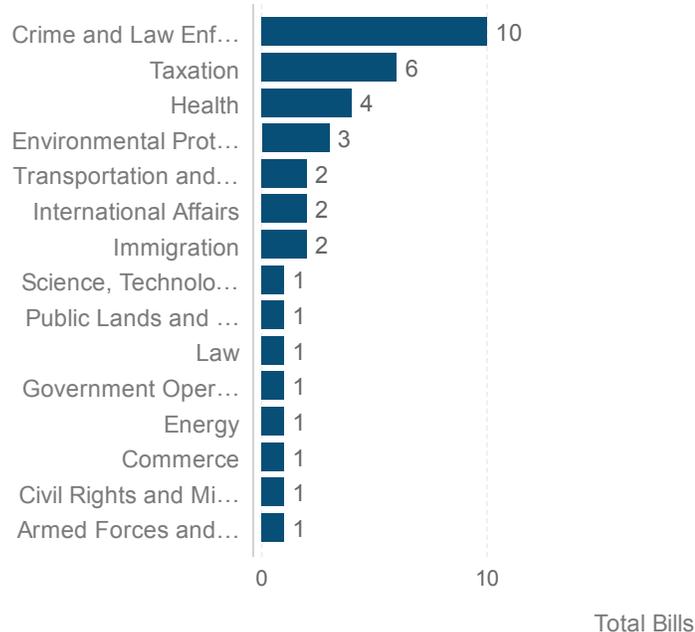


Legislative Record

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Current Legislation

Legislation by Subject

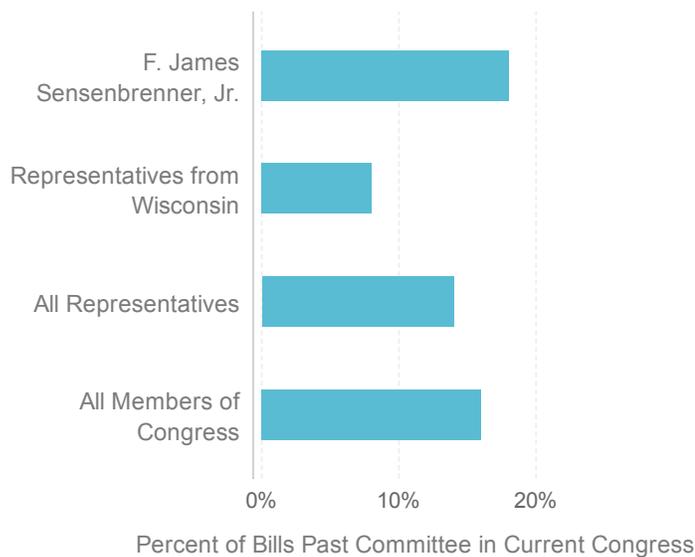


As of January 26, 2017, Representative Sensenbrenner has sponsored **38 bills or resolutions** in the 114th Congress. This is **significantly more** than the sponsorship average for representatives in this Congress (14 bills). Sensenbrenner has also cosponsored **236 bills or resolutions** so far, which is **slightly less** than the cosponsorship average (249 bills).

Of those 38 pieces of sponsored legislation:

- 31 have been referred to a committee for further action.
- 4 have been reported by a committee to the floor of the House.
- 1 has passed the House and is under consideration by the Senate.
- 2 have been signed into law by the President.

Committee Effectiveness



Once a bill or resolution is introduced in the House, it is **referred** to a committee for review by its members. Legislation that has exited the committee process with a favorable review is then **reported** to the House floor for a full debate. After a vote has been taken, legislation can either **pass** and move on the other chamber or **fail** and be tabled. An exception to this rule is the simple resolution, which needs only to be passed in its originating chamber. If legislation has passed both chambers and a conference committee, it then moves on to the president for a signature to be **enacted into law**.

Only about four percent of proposed bills actually become law, and the vast majority die in committee without seeing any action. Bills that have made it through several steps have a better chance of being enacted.

Bill Lookup

- Sponsored
- Cosponsored
- Voting Record
- Signed into Law



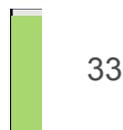
Subject

| Bill | Latest Major Action | Latest Action Date | Total Cosponsors |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <p>H.R. 510: To establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog. Sponsor: Rep. James Sensenbrenner [R-WI5] Introduced: January 12, 2017</p> | Referred to Committee | January 12, 2017 | 10 cosponsor(s) |
| <p>H.R. 509: To abolish the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, transfer its functions relating to the Federal firearms, explosives, and arson laws, violent crime, and domestic terrorism to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and transfer its functions relating to the Federal alcohol and tobacco smuggling laws to the Drug Enforcement Administration, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. James Sensenbrenner [R-WI5] Introduced: January 12, 2017</p> | Referred to Committee | January 12, 2017 | |
| <p>H.R. 386: Working Parents Tax Relief Act Sponsor: Rep. James Sensenbrenner [R-WI5] Introduced: January 12, 2017</p> | Referred to Committee | January 12, 2017 | |

[View all bills sponsored by Representative Sensenbrenner >](#)

Historical Legislation

Total Passed Bills



While in Congress, Representative Sensenbrenner has sponsored an average of 17 bills and cosponsored an average of 147 bills every two years. This is **significantly more** than the sponsorship average (11 bills) of all representatives in history and **significantly less** than the cosponsorship average of 212 bills. Sensenbrenner has had a total of 33 bills signed by the president.

Total Sponsored Bills

358

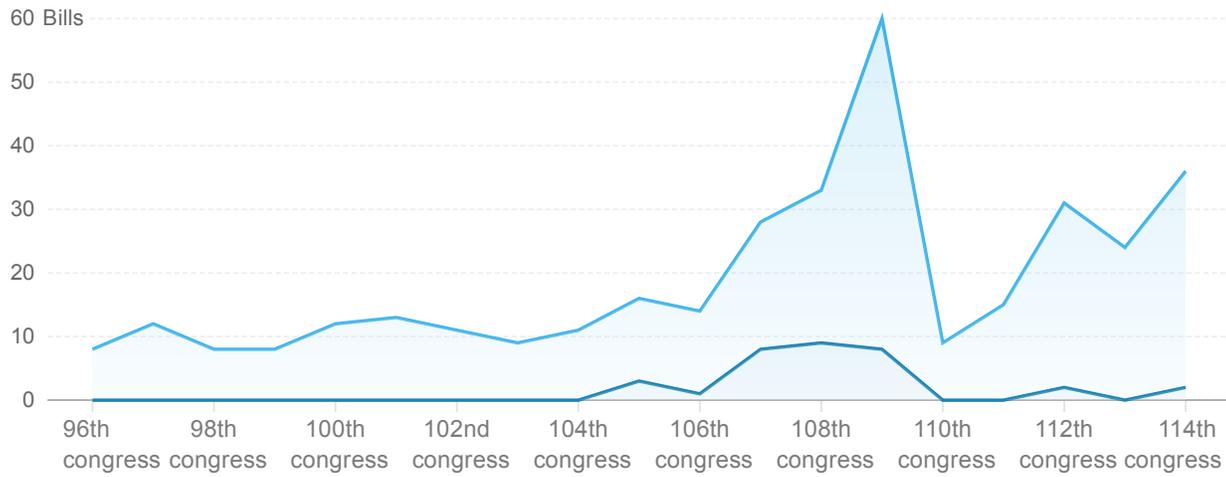
Total Cosponsored Bills

2,863

[Historical Legislation by Congress](#)

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■ Sponsored Bills ■ Passed Congress



*Note: Includes only regular bills sponsored by Representative Sensenbrenner (i.e. no resolutions).

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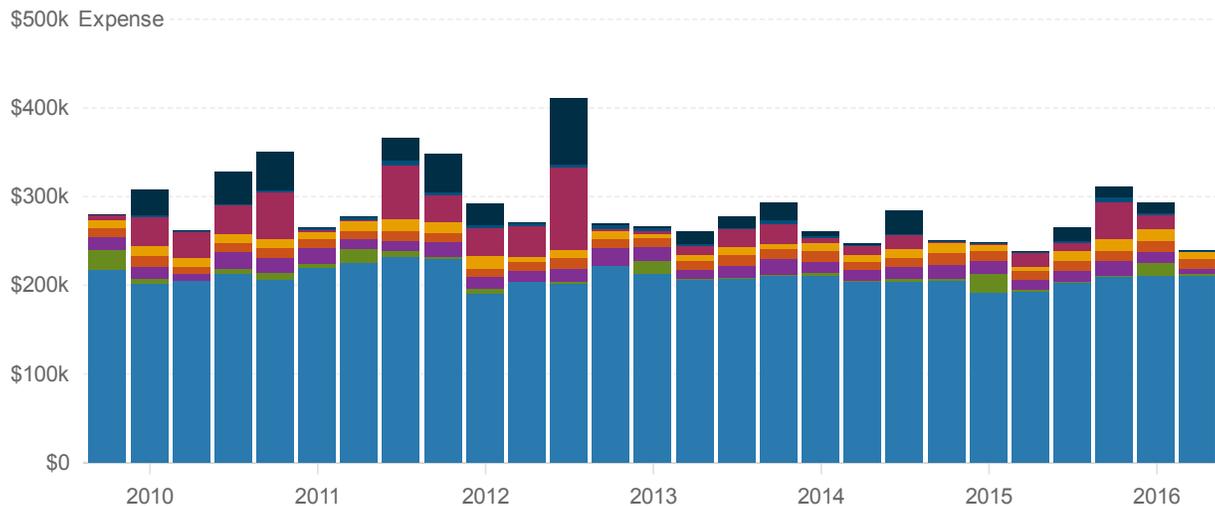
Staff

| Name | Title | Salary |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Barton W Forsyth | Chief of Staff | \$164,417 |
| Loni L Hagerup | District Director | \$132,000 |
| Amy Bos | Legislative Director | \$79,000 |
| Matt Holsen | District Outreach Coordinator | \$65,000 |
| Todd J Washam | Legislative Assistant | \$61,747 |

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Office Expenses

- Personnel Compensation
- Supplies and Materials
- Other Services
- Rent, Communication, Utilities
- Travel
- Franked Mail
- Equipment
- Printing and Reproduction
- Personnel Benefits

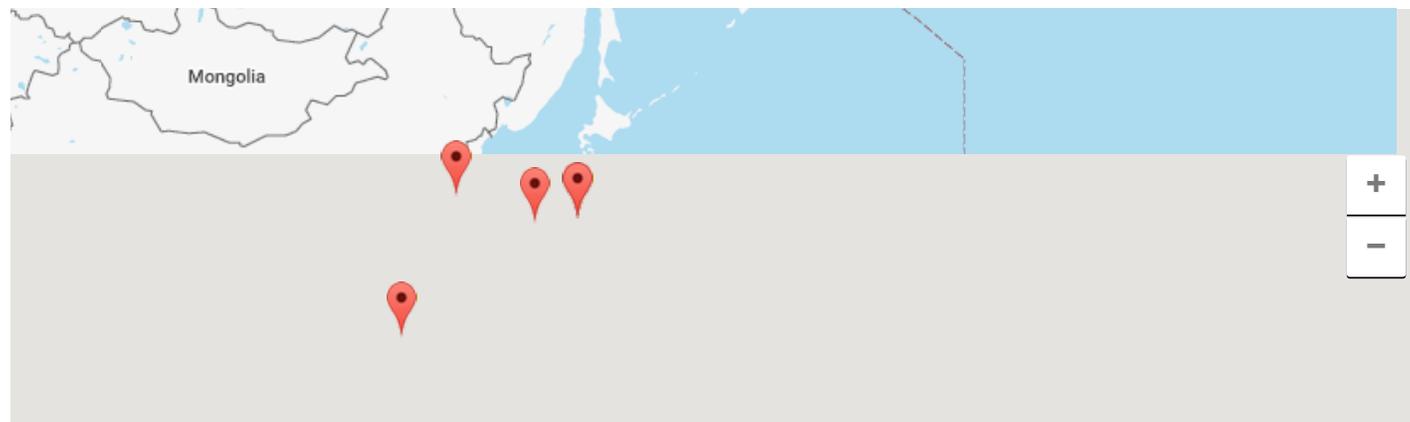


Fiscal Year ▼ Category ▼

| Purpose | Payee | Amount | Start Date | End Date |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Publications/Reference Mat'l | Thompson Reuters-West Payment Center | \$2,596 | January 01, 2016 | December 31, 2016 |
| Publications/Reference Mat'l | Cq Roll Call Inc | \$9,998 | January 01, 2016 | December 31, 2016 |
| Technology Service Contracts | Housecall | \$19,380 | January 01, 2016 | December 31, 2016 |
| Publications/Reference Mat'l | Tveyes Inc | \$2,400 | January 01, 2014 | December 31, 2016 |
| Publications/Reference Mat'l | Openmover Enterprise | \$412 | December 30, | December 29, |

Private Travel

In accordance with House Rule 25, Members, officers, and staff must file reports with the House [Office of the Clerk](#) which detail travel-related expenses reimbursed by non-government sources. This privately financed travel provides opportunities for members and their staff to learn about the issues facing them in Congress while allowing taxpayers to save money.

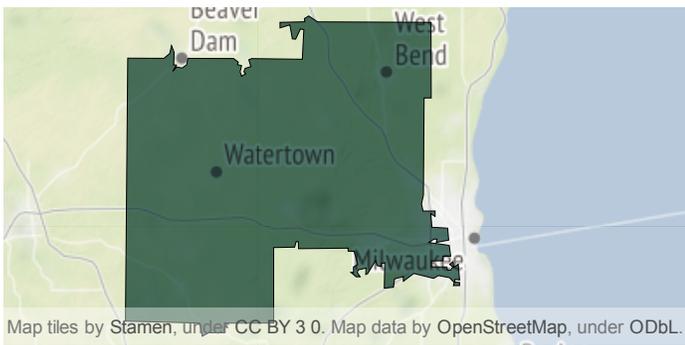




| Destination | Departure Date | Return Date | Sponsor |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Philadelphia, PA | June 11, 2014 | June 14, 2014 | The Congressional Institute |
| New York, NY | April 24, 2014 | April 24, 2014 | U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress |
| Kyoto, Japan | February 14, 2014 | February 21, 2014 | Association of Former Members of Congress |
| Tokyo, Japan | January 17, 2014 | January 22, 2014 | US-Japan-South Korea Legislative Exchange at GWU |

Wisconsin's 5th District Demographics

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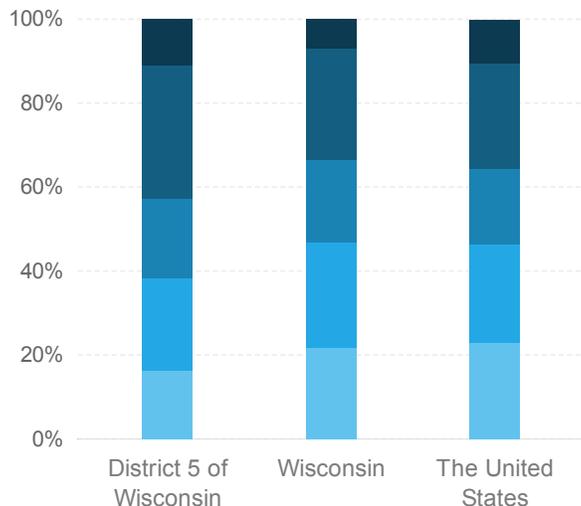


A **Congressional District** is a population unit designated per state to elect members of the United States Congress. Districts average 723,936 people, however District 5 of Wisconsin is **slightly higher** than that benchmark with a population of 717,385.

This is one of eight districts in the state of [Wisconsin](#) in the 114th U.S. Congress.

Annual Household Income

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$149,999
- Over \$150,000



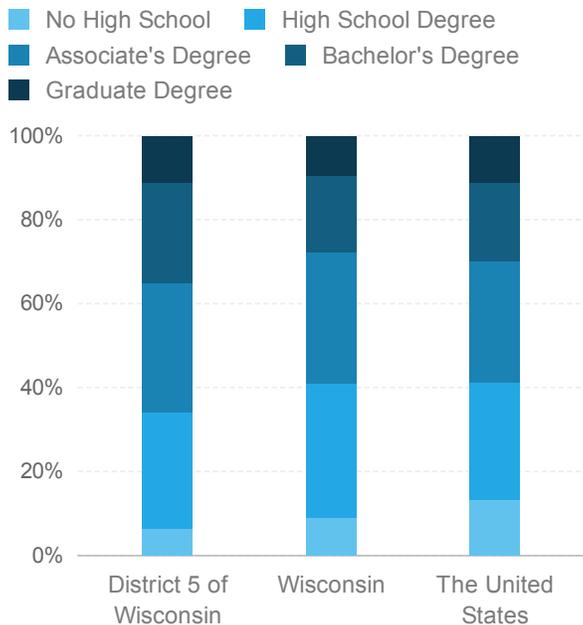
Upper Middle Class

Approximately 31.6% of District 5 of Wisconsin's population lives in an **upper middle class** household, or a household with an annual income between \$75,000 and \$150,000. This is a **high percentage** of upper middle class households for Wisconsin and the United States.

Lower Middle Class

The second most common household income level is **lower middle class** with approximately 21.9% of District 5 of Wisconsin's residents living in a household earning an annual income between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Highest Degree Attained

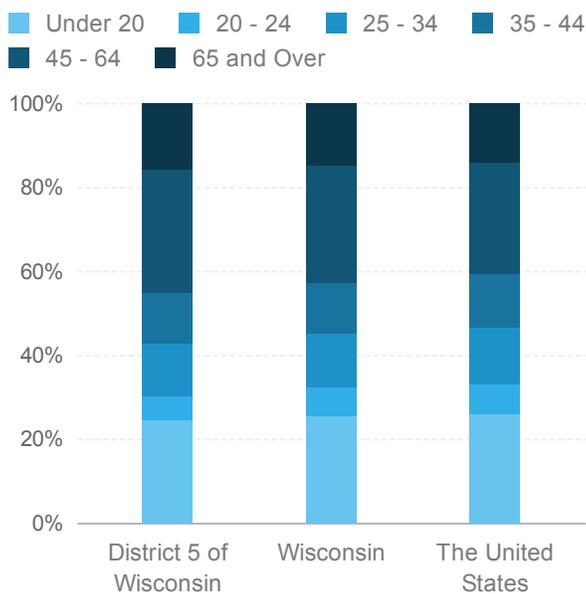


Associate Degree Attainers

Approximately 30.91% of District 5 of Wisconsin's population has only earned an Associates Degree. District 5 of Wisconsin has a **higher percentage** of people with a Bachelor's Degree than Wisconsin and the United States, which suggests that this is a **very well educated** congressional district.

Education statistics for District 5 of Wisconsin only consider the 25 and older population.

Age



Middle Aged (45-64)

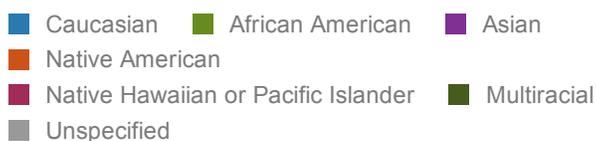
Approximately 29.20% of residents are between the ages of 45 and 64 years old. This is a **similar percentage** to the state average (27.84%), but a **higher percentage** for the United States.

Children and Teenagers

The second largest age group in District 5 of Wisconsin is **children and teenagers**, with approximately 24.64% of residents younger than 20 years old.

See full demographics for [Wisconsin](#) and [The United States](#)..

Ethnicity

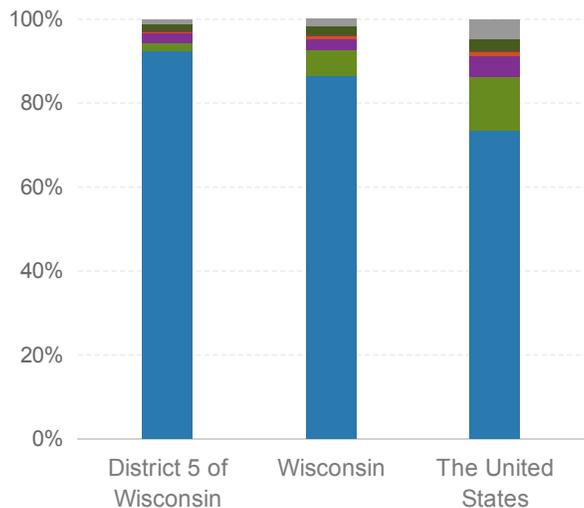


Mostly Caucasian

In this District, 92.42% of people are **Caucasian**. This is a **relatively high** percentage of Caucasians for Wisconsin and the United States.

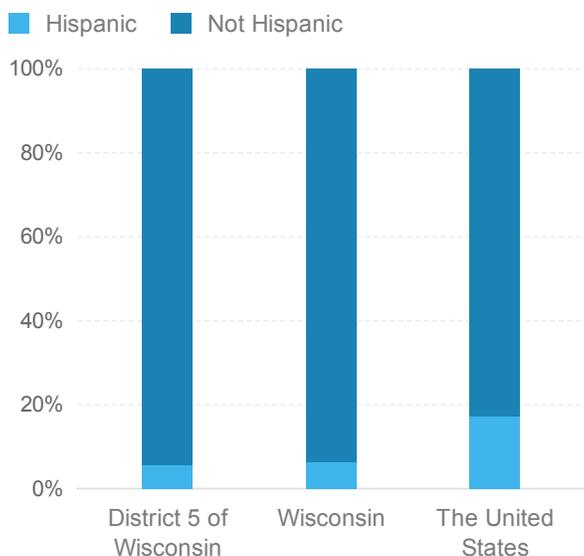
Asian

Approximately 2.49% of this District's residents are Asian, making it the second most common ethnicity.



See similar race demographics for [Wisconsin](#) and [The United States](#)..

Hispanic or Latino



Typical Hispanic Proportion for Wisconsin

District 5 of Wisconsin has a typical proportion of Hispanic residents for Wisconsin, but a lower percentage than the United States average, by 11.6%.

The ACS defines the ethnonym Hispanic or Latino to refer to "a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race". Hispanics or Latinos can be of any race, ancestry, or ethnicity.

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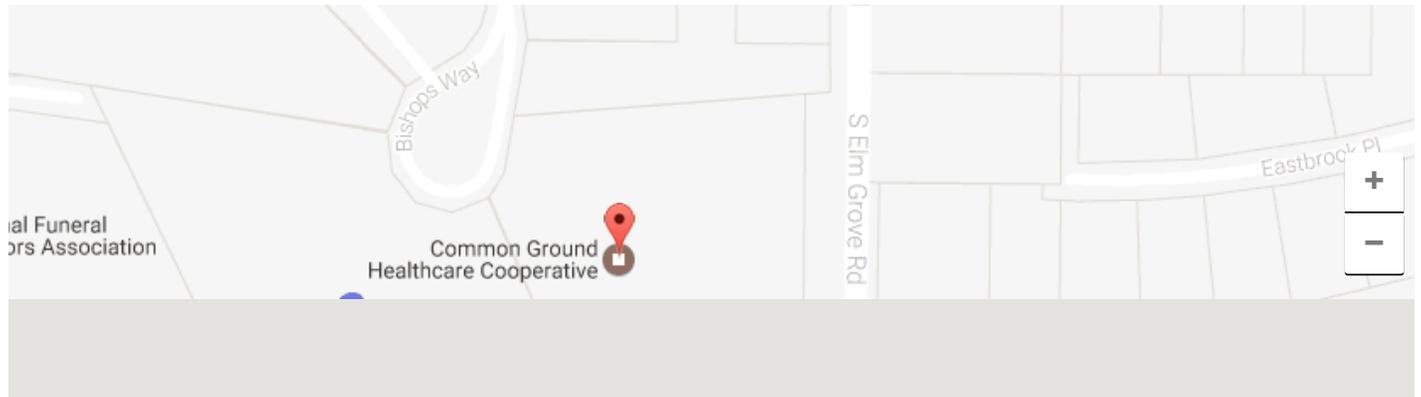
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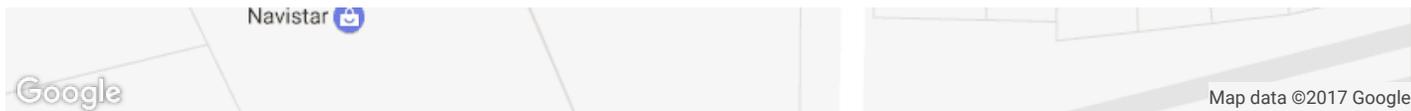
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