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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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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

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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

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)

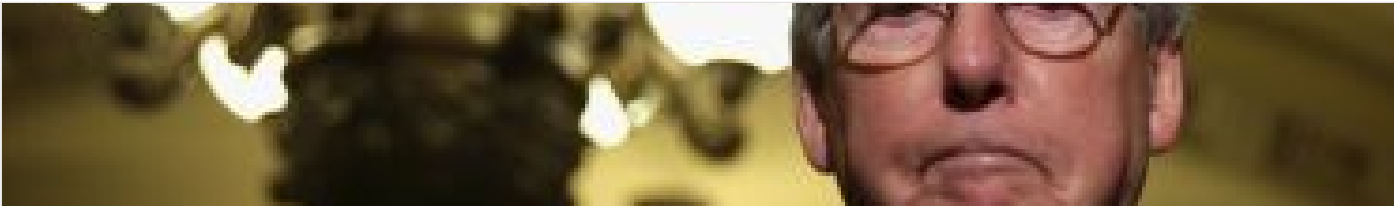
* Personal background information from [Project Vote Smart](#).

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.

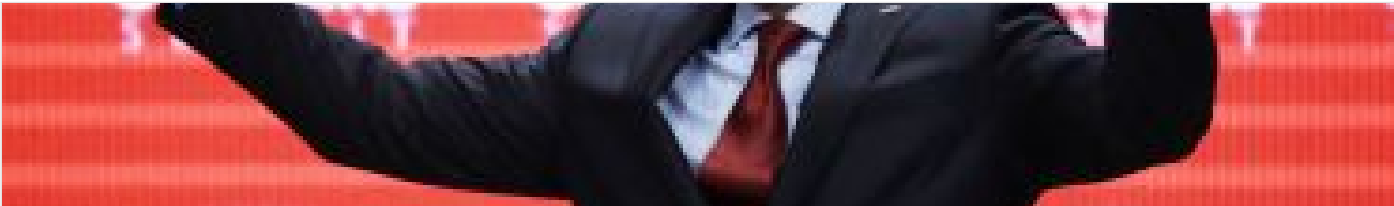
Committee	Role
 House Committee on the Judiciary	Member
 House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology	Member

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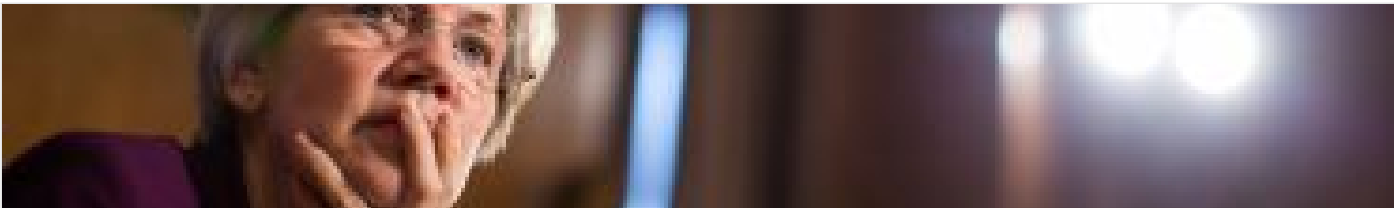
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Net worth figures are calculated by the Center for Responsive Politics and are based off of financial disclosures filed in 2014 by members of Congress. They are derived by adding a member's full range of reported assets and then subtracting their liabilities,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

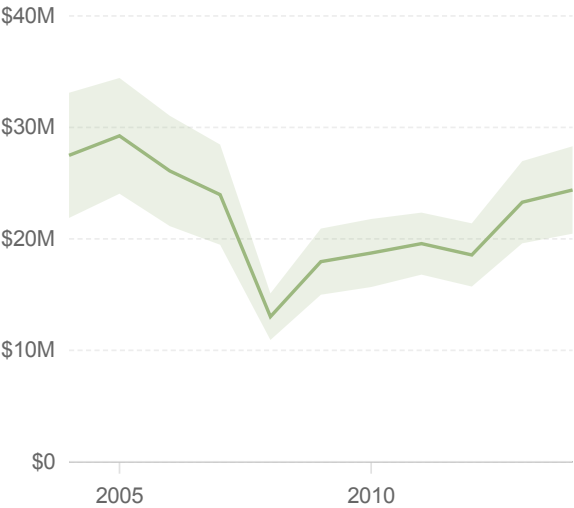
Average Net Worth

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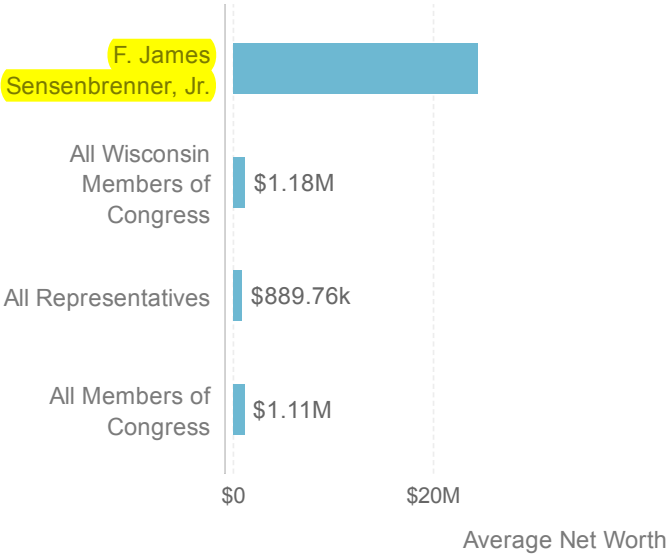
Representative Sensenbrenner has an average net worth of \$24.4M as of 2014, making him one of the wealthiest members of Congress and **second** among all members from Wisconsin.

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



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Ron Johnson Net Worth	Paul D Ryan Net Worth	Ron Kind Net Worth	Glenn Grothman Net Worth
			
<u>\$36.6M</u>	<u>\$5.66M</u>	<u>\$1.65M</u>	<u>\$885,508</u>
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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

Abortion is a woman's unrestricted right

Strongly Disagrees



Legally require hiring women & minorities

Strongly Disagrees



Comfortable with same-sex marriage

Strongly Disagrees



Keep God in the public sphere

Strongly Agrees



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

Stricter punishment reduces crime

Agrees



Absolute right to gun ownership

Strongly Agrees



Expand ObamaCare

Disagrees



Vouchers for school choice

Strongly Agrees



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

Stimulus better than market-led recovery

Strongly Disagrees



Higher taxes on the wealthy

Strongly Disagrees



Ideology Average



Very Conservative

Topic	Position
Pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens	Strongly Disagrees
Privatize Social Security	Strongly Agrees

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
Support & expand free trade	Agrees
Expand the military	Agrees
Maintain US sovereignty from UN	Strongly Agrees
Stay out of Iran	Strongly Disagrees

Compare to Other Members from Wisconsin

- Average
- Issue Breakdown

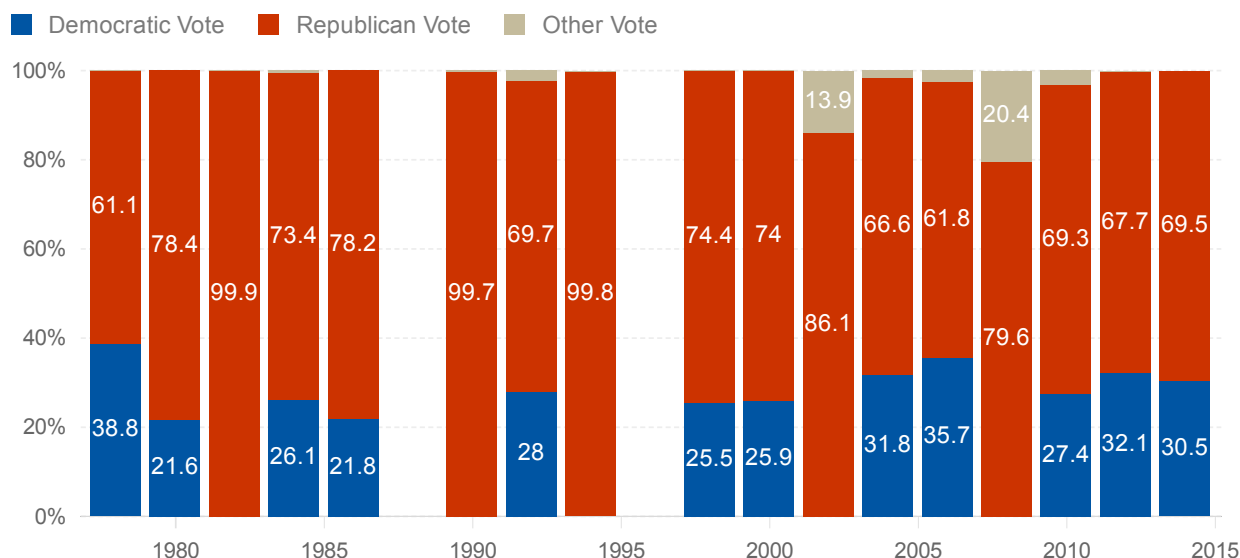
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Representative Sensenbrenner's Electoral History

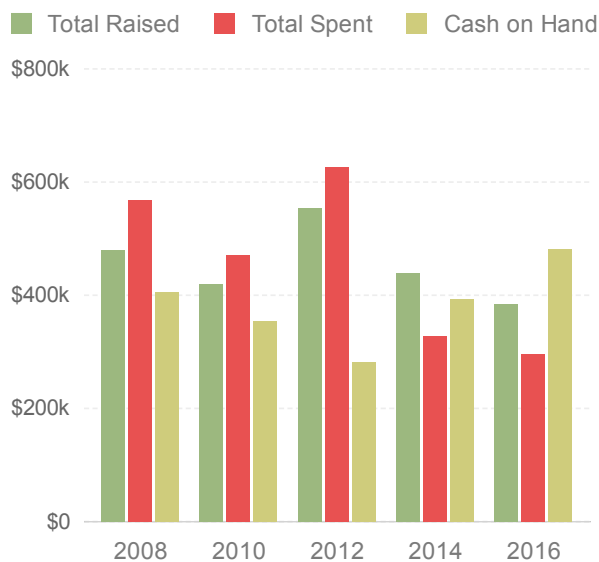


Representative Sensenbrenner's Campaign Committee

Sensenbrenner Committee



Campaign Over Time



Rival Campaign Committees to Representative Sensenbrenner

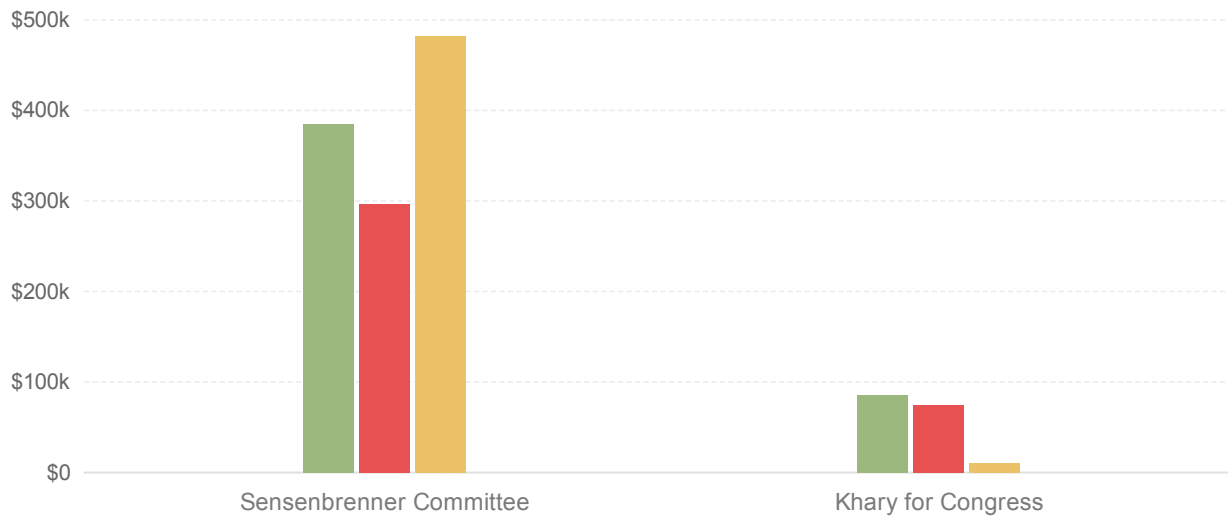
2016

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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Venue

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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

Interest Group	Rating (%)
ACLU	20
Alliance for Retired Americans	5
Food Policy Action	35
Humane Society Legislative Fund	18
League of Conservation Voters	32
Peace Action West	45
SEIU	5
Americans for Prosperity	92
Campaign for Working Families	100
Center for Security Policy	82
Club for Growth	92
Competitive Enterprise Institute	100
Family Research Council	82
FreedomWorks	82
Heritage Action for America	80
John Birch Society	90
National Right to Life Committee	100
NumbersUSA	70
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	75
USA Engage	50

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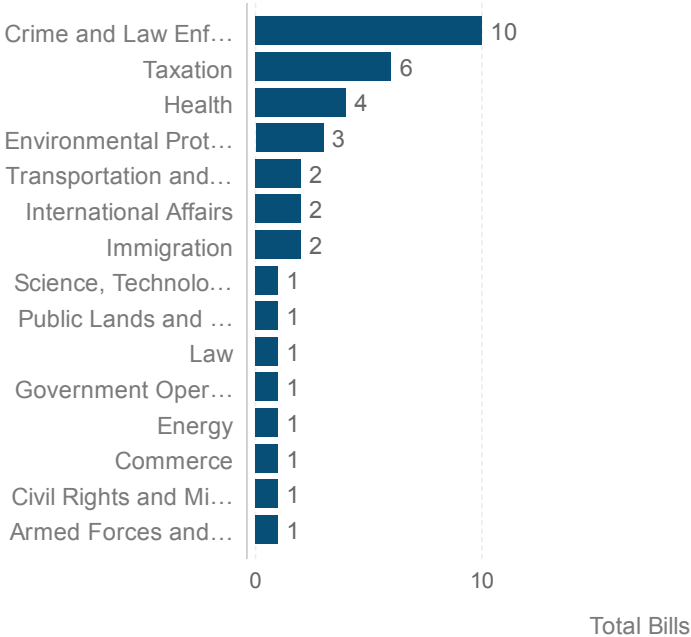
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Legislative Record

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Current Legislation

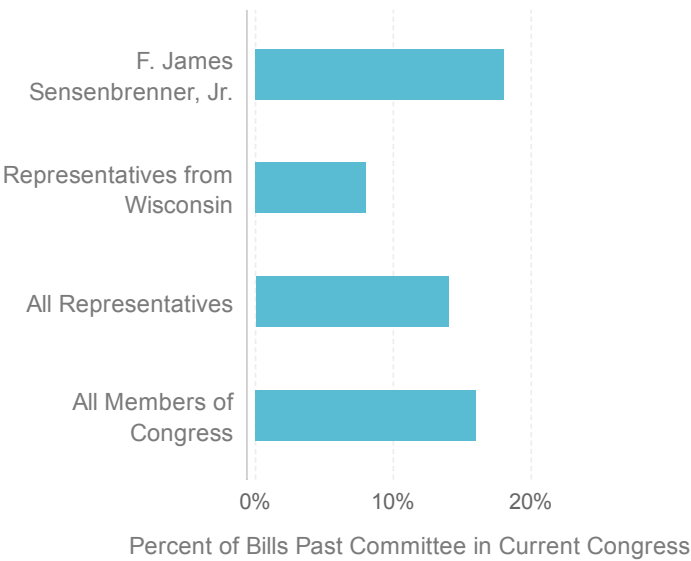
Legislation by Subject



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

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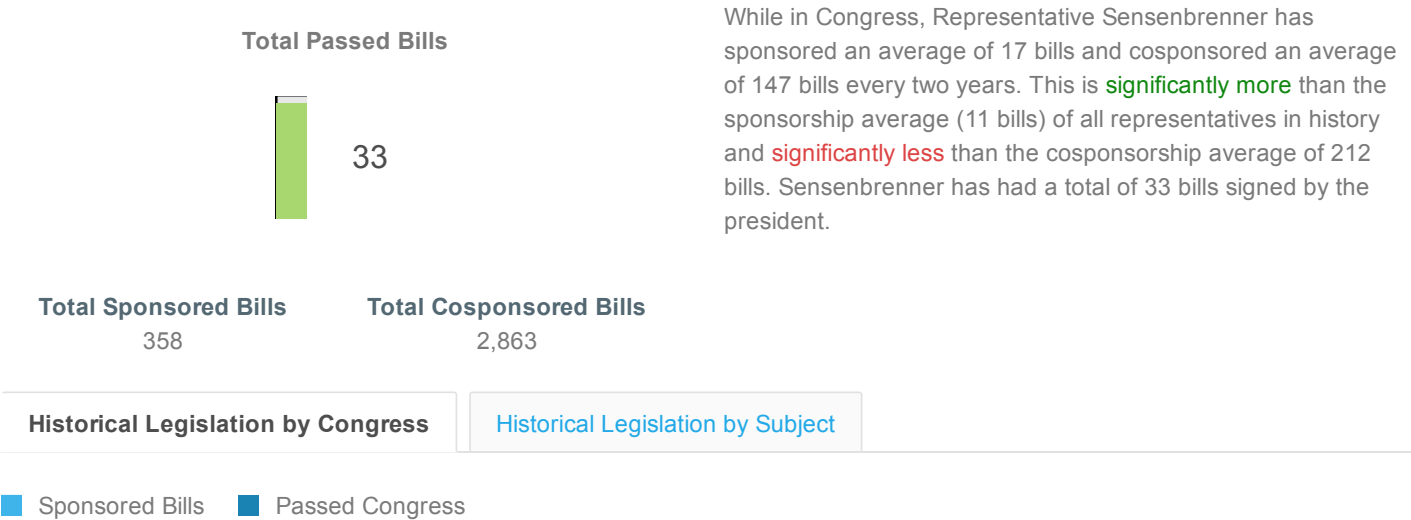
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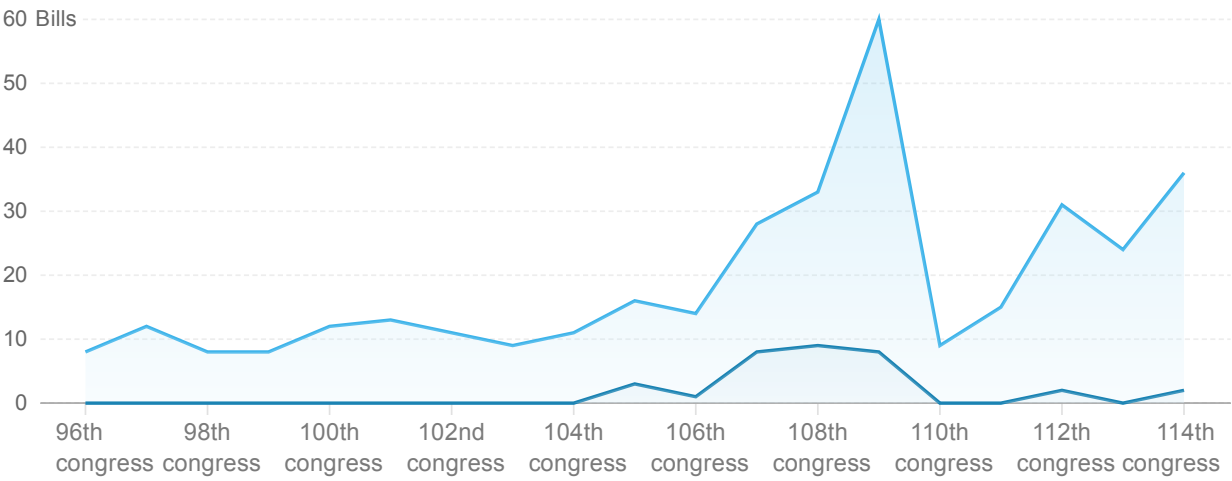
Signed into Law

Subject

Bill	Latest Major Action	Latest Action Date	Total Cosponsors
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	Referred to Committee	January 12, 2017	10 cosponsor(s)
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	Referred to Committee	January 12, 2017	
H.R. 386: Working Parents Tax Relief Act Sponsor: Rep. James Sensenbrenner [R-WI5] Introduced: January 12, 2017	<div>▼</div>	Referred to Committee	January 12, 2017
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Historical Legislation





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

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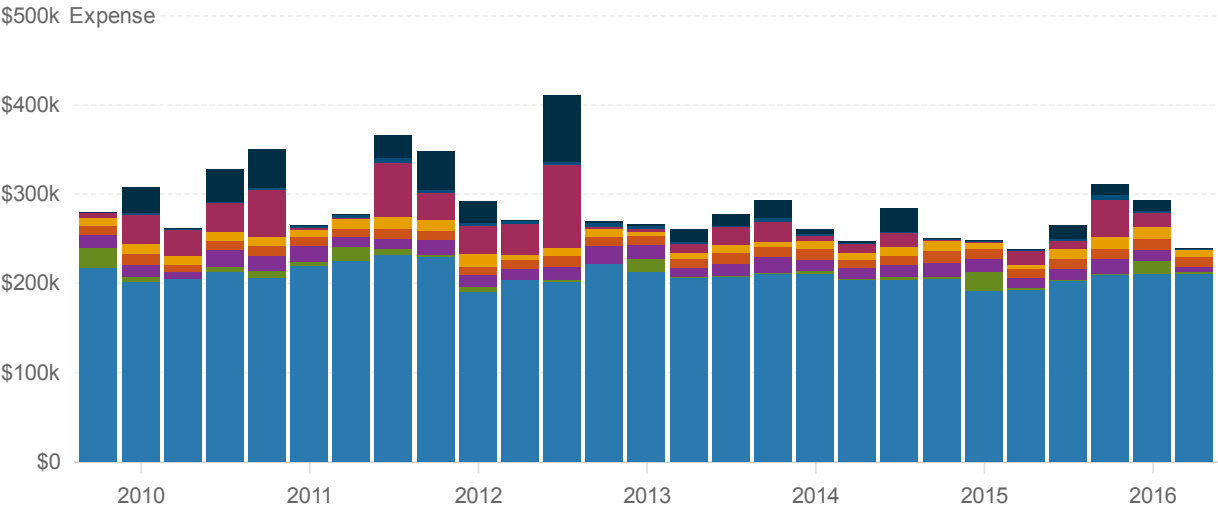
Staff

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

See all employees of Representative Sensenbrenner >

Office Expenses

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



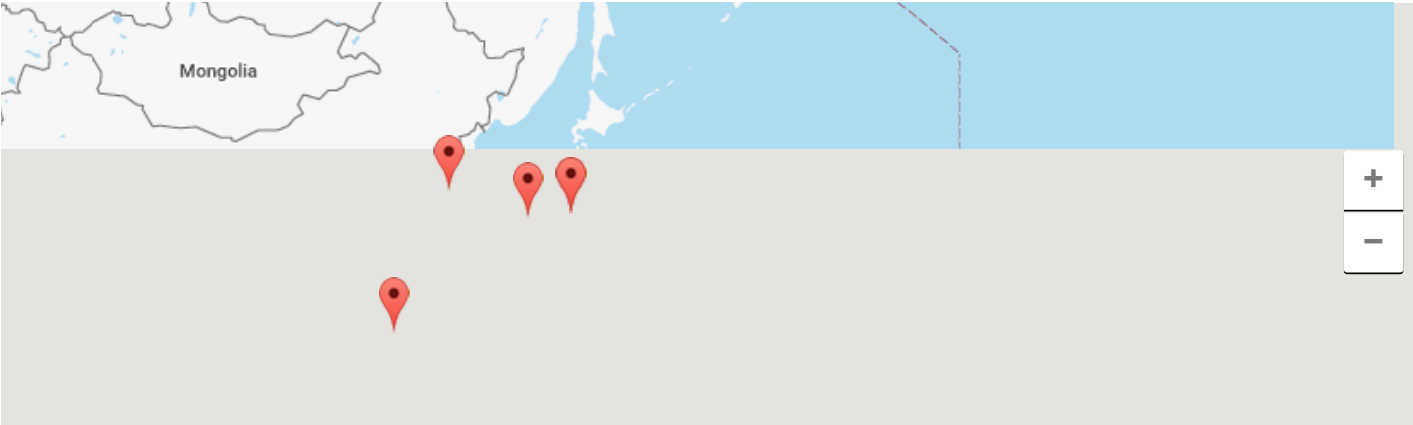
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Category ▼

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
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Publications/Reference Mat'l	Geonemoves Enterprise	\$412	December 30,	December 29,

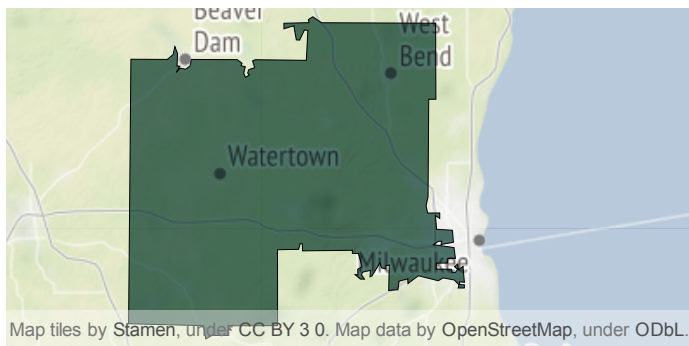
Private Travel

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

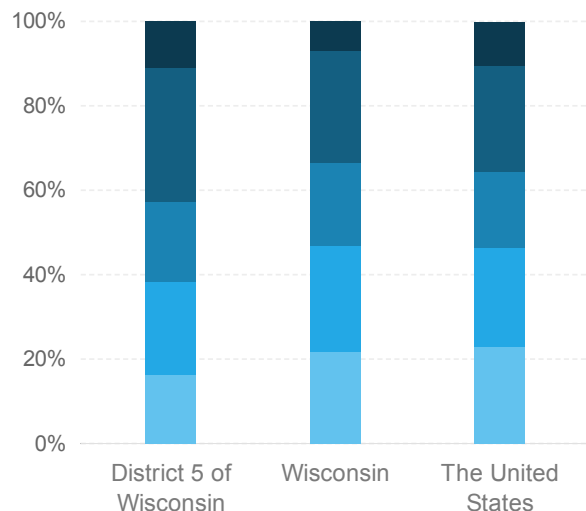
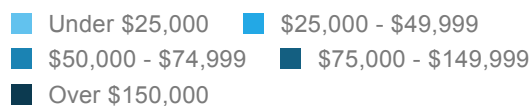
Wisconsin's 5th District Demographics

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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



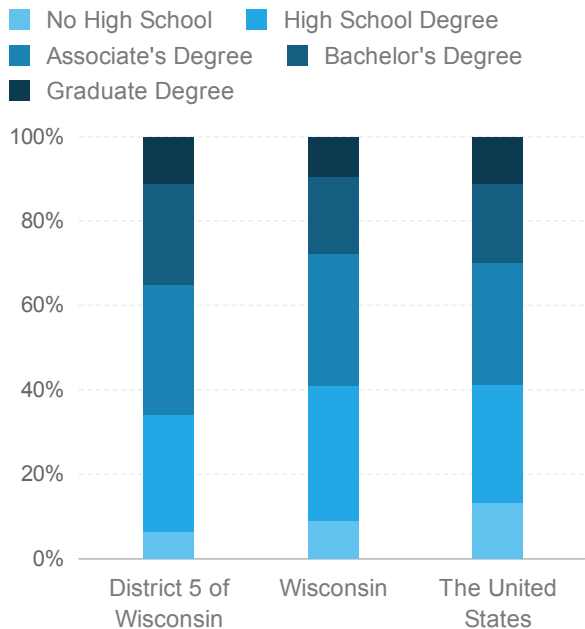
Upper Middle Class

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

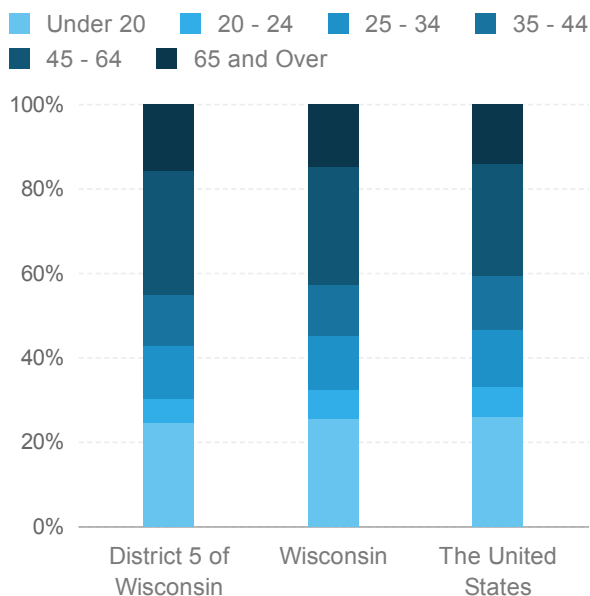


Associate Degree Attainers

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)

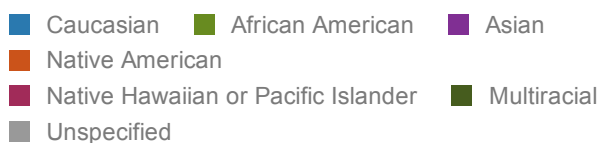
Approximately 29.20% of residents are between the ages of 45 and 64 years old. This is a **similar percentage** to the state average (27.84%), but a **higher percentage** for the United States.

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.

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Ethnicity

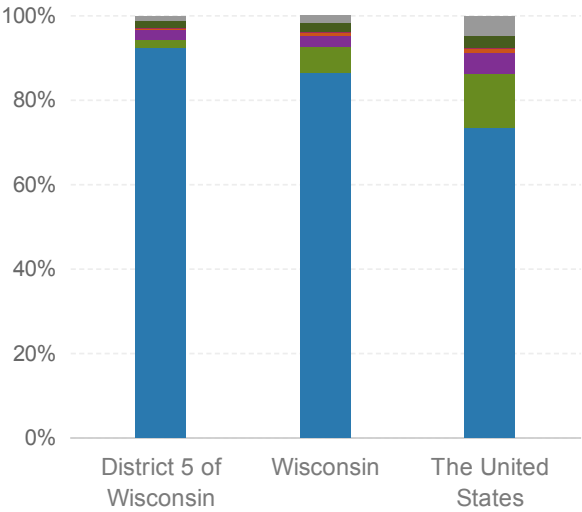


Mostly Caucasian

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

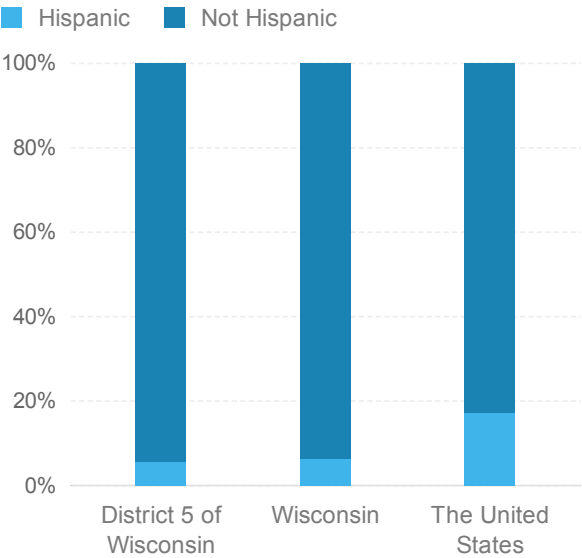
Asian

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.

Click to see more about ethnicity demographics in [Wisconsin](#) and [The United States](#)..

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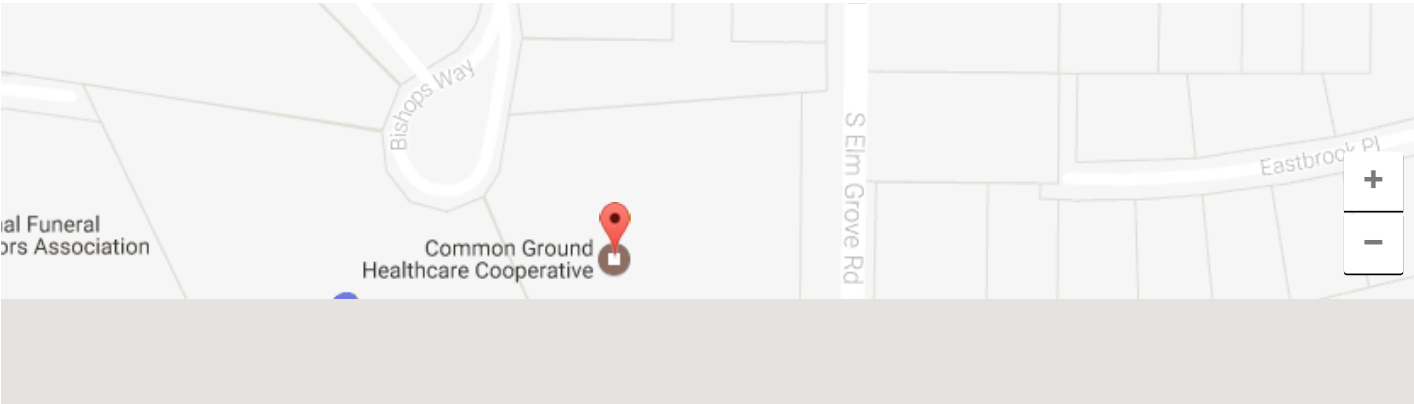
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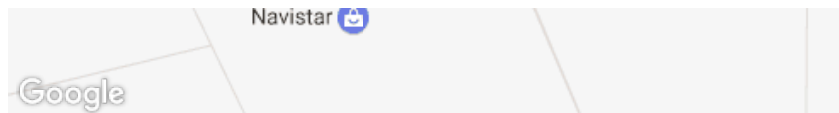
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