

# BUSH'S TEAM, BY THE NUMBERS

President Bush's second-term team isn't much different from the one he first fielded. What started as an administration of insiders has become even more experienced: 88 percent previously served in the executive branch, up from 59 percent when this survey was first conducted in June 2001. Few rookies are on the roster—only 6 percent had never before drawn a government paycheck.

The administration even looks the same, but more so, as Yogi Berra might say. It is more than four-fifths white, overwhelmingly male, and very much married. It has lost a little diversity from 2001, when 10 percent of the Bush team was African-American. Today, that share is down to 5 percent.

In many ways, these numbers reveal

an administration that has matured. The average age of members is 51, up from 48 four years ago. The administration is also developing a character of its own. Four years ago, 43 percent of Bush's team had served in his father's administration; that figure now has dropped to 28 percent. There is something of a marriage gap: A top female Bush official is almost five times as likely to be single as her male counterpart. And it appears that women have twice the chances of landing senior positions in a Cabinet department if it is run by a woman.

Those are among the statistics you'll see on the following two pages. The numbers are based on biographical information *National Journal* compiled on 367 top Bush administration officials

in the White House, Cabinet departments, and independent agencies, boards, and commissions. The figures for 2001 were based on demographic data for 300 top administration officials.

A few points about who made our list—and who didn't. The 367 officials include key White House aides, plus most officials in departments and agencies who require Senate confirmation (plus a few who don't, such as chiefs of staff). As a general rule, we gathered information on Cabinet officials who held the rank of at least assistant secretary and who helped craft or sell public policy. We did not include assistant secretaries who handle only management, legal issues, or information technology.

—J.A.B.

## THE BASICS

### Percentage of Top Bush Officials Who Are:

	2001	2005
Male	74%	73%
Female	26%	27%
Non-Hispanic white	80%	83%
Non-Hispanic black	10%	5%
Hispanic	6%	7%
Asian	3%	3%
Other	1%	2%
In their 20s	1%	1%
30s	14%	13%
40s	39%	31%
50s	34%	35%
60s	12%	17%
70s and up	0%	3%
Married	82%	86%
Single	18%	14%
Protestant*	54%	46%
Catholic*	34%	38%
Jewish*	9%	9%
Mormon*	1%	2%
Other*	0%	1%
No religion*	2%	4%

\* As a percentage of the 291 people in 2005 and 233 people in 2001 whose religious affiliation is known  
 \*\* Not applicable

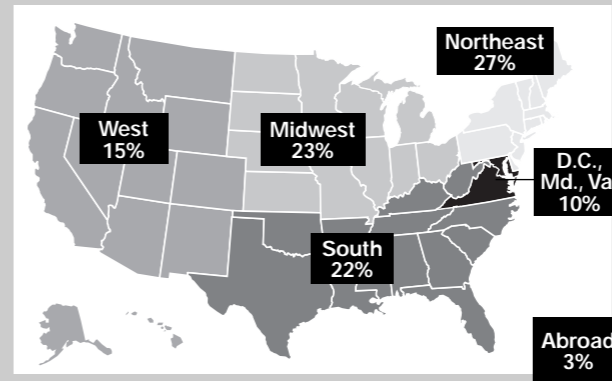
## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

### Percentage of Top Bush Officials Who:

	2001	2005
Worked in federal, state, or local government	86%	94%
Never worked in government	14%	6%
Worked in federal government	72%	93%
Worked in federal executive branch	59%	88%
Worked as business executive	38%	31%
Worked in federal legislative branch	32%	30%
Worked in state, local government	31%	27%
Worked for D.C. area lobbying, PR, or trade group	19%	19%
Held elective office	8%	6%
Held position in George W. Bush's first term	**	81%
Held position in George H.W. Bush administration	43%	28%
Held position in Reagan administration	31%	22%
Held position in Clinton administration	15%	13%
Held position in Ford administration	7%	5%
Held position in Nixon administration	6%	4%
Have law degree	34%	30%
Served in active-duty military or Reserves	18%	20%



## WHERE THEY GREW UP



### Top States Where They Grew Up

New York	10%
Texas	9%
California	7%
Ohio	5%
Pennsylvania	5%

## OF NOTE

- The average age of top Bush officials is 51. The youngest is 25 and the oldest is 83.
- Women are twice as likely to hold top positions in a Cabinet department run by a woman as in one run by a man. On average, in the four departments with female secretaries, 45 percent of the top posts are held by women. In the 11 departments run by men, only 22 percent of the top positions are held by women.
- Female Bush officials are almost five times as likely as their male counterparts to be single. Thirty-three percent of the women are single, compared with only 7 percent of the men.
- As to Howard Dean's comment that the GOP is "pretty much a white Christian party," some 71 percent of top Bush officials are white Christians.
- Of the 100 top officials who were young men during the Vietnam War (ages 50 to 60 now), 38 have served in the military (active duty or Reserves), and 15 of them are in the Pentagon or VA.
- Of the 160 top officials who are under 50, 10 (8 men, 2 women) served in the military.
- Of the 49 top Bush officials who are under 40, only 2 served in the military.
- A total of 99 Bush officials graduated from an Ivy League school; 35 graduated from a Texas school; and 8 graduated from both.

The only Cabinet departments where Texas graduates outnumber Ivy League graduates are Education (which has the highest percentage of Texas alumni), Energy, and Interior. The USDA has no graduates from either Texas or Ivy League schools in its top ranks, and HUD has one of each. In the other 10 departments, Ivy rules.

Five Bush Cabinet secretaries graduated from an Ivy League school, 1 has a degree from a Texas school, and 1 has diplomas from both.

And at the Pentagon, the academic trophy goes to ... the U.S. Naval Academy, with 8 graduates in top posts along the E Ring, and one each for the Air Force Academy, Virginia Military Institute, and West Point.

## AT THE TOP

### Top Undergraduate Colleges (number of graduates)

Yale	17
Harvard	10
Naval Academy	10
Princeton	10
University of Texas	10

### Top Graduate Schools (number of graduates)

Harvard	47
Georgetown	13
Yale	13
George Washington	12
Stanford	10

These Cabinet departments have the highest percentage of top officials in these categories:

Treasury	Ivy Leaguers
Labor	Women
Defense	Men
Justice	Under 40
VA	60-plus
HUD	Minority
Homeland	White
Transportation	Lobbyists
Justice	Catholics
Labor	Bush 2004 campaign activity

### Top Religious Denominations

Catholic	38%
Nondenominational Christian	15%
Episcopalian	12%
Jewish	9%
Methodist	8%