2008 Democratic Presidential Wannabes

The following chart shows the composite liberal scores, based on *National Journal*'s annual vote ratings, of the **Democratic senators who are considered to be possible 2008 presidential contenders**. *NJ* began compiling the ratings in 1981.

	John Kerry Mass. (First elected 1984)	Russell Feingold Wis. (First elected 1992)	Hillary Rodham Clinton N.Y. (First elected 2000)	Joseph Biden Del. (First elected 1972)	Evan Bayh Ind. (First elected 1998)
1981	–	–	–	79.0	–
1982	–	–	–	75.8	–
1983	–	–	–	78.3	–
1984	–	–	–	70.7	–
1985	91.8	–	–	77.7	–
1986	93.5	–	–	85.8	–
1987	81.7	–	–	82.7	–
1988	93.0	–	–	*	–
1989	79.5	–	–	69.7	–
1990	92.7	–	–	80.8	–
1991	85.8	–	–	87.2	–
1992	80.7	–	–	91.2	–
1993	83.2	82.7	–	67.8	–
1994	80.3	72.3	–	78.2	–
1995	78.2	83.5	–	65.2	–
1996	84.5	88.2	–	70.3	–
1997	85.2	88.8	–	60.8	–
1998	86.8	75.2	–	69.7	–
1999	82.8	67.5	–	78.7	60.7
2000	76.7	78.3	–	76.7	72.0
2001	87.7	68.8	76.3	87.3	59.3
2002	87.3	84.7	86.7	75.3	59.3
2003	96.5	89.5	88.8	75.3	58.5
2004	*	82.8	71.0	78.7	61.7
2005	**86.7**	**85.2**	**79.8**	**80.2**	**70.7**
Lifetime Average Composite Liberal Score	85.7	80.6	80.5	76.8	63.2

* Indicates the senator did not receive scores that year because of missed votes.