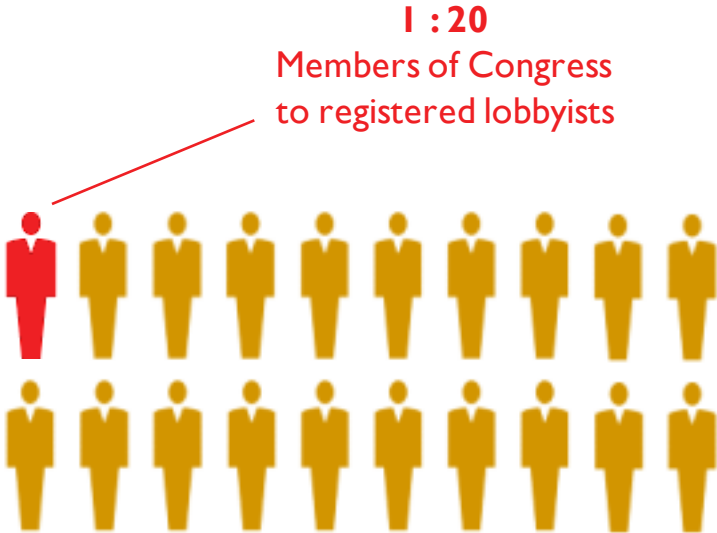


There are 20 registered lobbyists per member of Congress

Registered lobbyists per member of Congress, 2016



Analysis

- There are 535 members of Congress
- As of October 2016, there were 10,882 registered lobbyists
- For every member of Congress, there are about 20 registered lobbyists competing for his or her time and attention
- The number of lobbyist has decreased consistently since 2007
- The drop in the number of lobbyists is due in part to President Obama’s lobby curbing policies; however, it is likely the number has fallen so drastically because fewer people are registering as lobbyists, choosing instead to dodge the classification by lobbying less than 20 percent of their time

Source: OpenSecrets.org, Lobbying Database, 2016.