

LGBTQ+ representation in the 116th Congress

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Roadmap

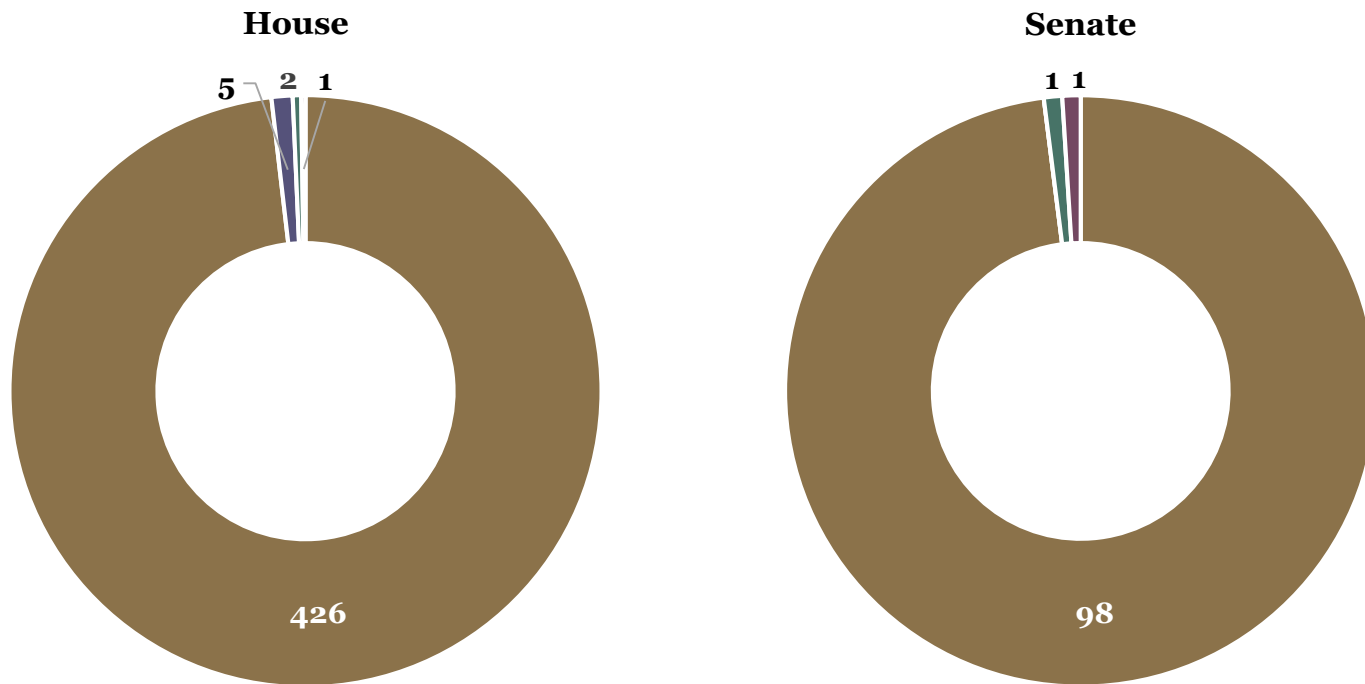
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There are ten total Members of Congress who openly identify as LGBTQ+

116th Congress (2019-2020) by sexual orientation

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN BOTH CHAMBERS OF CONGRESS

■ Not openly LGBTQ+ ■ Openly gay ■ Openly lesbian ■ Openly bisexual



Sources: National Journal Research.

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Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)



Background

Sinema represented Arizona's 9th district in the House from 2012-2019. In 2018, she was elected US Senator for Arizona for the first time. Prior to her public-service career, she worked as a social worker, attorney, professor, and instructor at the Center for Progressive Leadership, a Washington-based institute that trains activists in progressive policies. In 2010, she was elected to the Arizona State Senate, where she sponsored several bills aimed at curbing Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's immigration policies, including targeted documentation checks. In Congress, Sinema was a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, comprising conservative Democrats, and the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. She has a center-left voting record. In 2015 and 2016, she did not vote for Nancy Pelosi for majority leader. She has voted with her party 73 percent of the time. In 2017, she voted with President Trump's position roughly half of the time. She is the first openly bisexual Congress member.

State Profile

State: Arizona

Status: Senior Senator

Serving with: Martha McSally (R)

Cook PVI: R+5

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: TBD

Room Number: TBD

Phone Number: TBD

Facebook: TBD

Instagram: TBD

Twitter: TBD

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 7/12/1976

Education: PhD, Arizona State University, School of Justice and Social Inquiry, 2009-2012; JD, Arizona State University, 2002-2004; MSW, Social Work, Arizona State University, 1997-1999; Attended, Brigham Young University

Family: Divorced

Election Results

2018 General

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| Kyrsten Sinema (D) | 50% |
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| Martha McSally (R) | 48% |
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Committees

- TBD

Rep. Katie Hill (D-CA-25)



Background

Hill has worked most of her career at the nonprofit People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), rising from a development coordinator to executive director and deputy CEO. She studied at California State University at Northridge, where she received an undergraduate degree in English as well as a Master of Public Administration in 2014. She has identified as bisexual and becomes one of only seven members of Congress to openly identify as LGBTQ.

District Profile

State: California

District: 25th

Northern LA County: Santa Clarita

Cook PVI: EVEN

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

Room Number: 1130

Phone Number: (202) 225-1956

Facebook: TBD

Instagram: TBD

Twitter: TBD

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 8/25/1987

Education: Master's, Public Administration, California State University at Northridge, 2012-2014; BA, English, California State University at Northridge

Family: Spouse: Kenny

Election Results

2018 General

Katie Hill (D) 54%

Steve Knight (R) 46%

Committees

- TBD

Rep. Christopher Pappas (D-NH-1)



Background

Pappas is a restaurant owner and former New Hampshire state representative from Manchester, New Hampshire. His first entrance to politics was in 1996 when he volunteered for now Senator Jeanne Shaheen's gubernatorial race while he was still in high school. He attended Harvard University and graduated in 2002 with a BA in Government. Following college, he returned to Manchester to help run his family's restaurant. He is now the fourth-generation owner of the Puritan Backroom. Pappas served two terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives from 2002 to 2004 and also served as a county treasurer and executive councilor. He campaigned on a platform that supports comprehensive legislation to combat the opioid crisis, expanding Medicaid, and implement environmental regulation. He received endorsements from both US Senators from New Hampshire, Planned Parenthood, and others.

District Profile

State: New Hampshire

District: 1st

Eastern New Hampshire, Manchester

Cook PVI: R+2

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Cannon

Room Number: 323

Phone Number: (202) 225-5456

Facebook: TBD

Instagram: TBD

Twitter: TBD

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 6/4/1980

Education: BA, Government, Harvard University, 1998-2002

Family: Single

Election Results

2018 General

Christopher Pappas (D) 54%

Eddie Edwards (R) 45%

Committees

- TBD

Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2)



Background

Craig built a career as a newspaper reporter and was the head of global human resources for Saint Jude Medical. Craig was endorsed by former President Obama, Planned Parenthood, the Sierra Club, and several others. She campaigned on a platform of investing in education, health care, job training, and infrastructure. She supports a path to citizenship for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients, affordable college, and the Affordable Care Act. Craig lives in Eagan with her wife, Cheryl, and four sons.

District Profile

State: Minnesota

District: 2nd

Twin Cities' South Suburbs

Cook PVI: R+2

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

Room Number: 1523

Phone Number: (202) 225-2271

Facebook: TBD

Instagram: TBD

Twitter: TBD

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 2/14/1972

Education: Graduated, BA in Journalism, University of Memphis, 1994

Family: Spouse: Cheryl; 4 Children: Josh, Jonas, Jacob, Isaac

Election Results

2018 General

Angie Craig (D) 53%

Jason Lewis (R) 47%

Committees

- TBD

Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS-3)



Background

Davids grew up in Kansas and graduated from Johnson County Community College. In 2010, she earned a law degree from Cornell University. Davids is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, a Native American tribe in Wisconsin. Before running for office, she served as the chair of the board of directors of Twelve Clans and as a White House fellow in the Transportation Department. Davids believes climate change should be addressed immediately and that Kansas is uniquely positioned to capitalize on wind energy. Her campaign focused on an economic platform that included a tax cut for the middle class, incentivizing health care benefits for small businesses and creating a child-care tax credit. Davids supports the continued expansion of Medicaid and enabling Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

District Profile

State: Kansas

District: 3rd

Greater Kansas City

Cook PVI: R+4

Official Contact Info

Capitol Hill Office Building: Longworth

Room Number: 1541

Phone Number: (202) 225-2865

Facebook: TBD

Instagram: TBD

Twitter: TBD

Biography

First Elected: 11/6/2018

Party: Democrat

Birth date: 5/22/1980

Education: JD, Business Law, Cornell University Law School, 2007-2010; BA, Business Administration, University of Missouri-Kansas City., 2004-2007; Attended, University of Kansas; Attended, Haskell Indian Nations University; Attended, Johnson County Community College

Family: Unknown

Election Results

2018 General

Sharice Davids (D) 53%

Kevin Yoder (R) 44%

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There are five LGBTQ members returning to Congress (2019-2020)

Senate

| Name | Party-State | First elected | Sexuality |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| Tammy Baldwin | D-WI | 2012 | Lesbian |

House of Representatives

| Name | Party-State-District | First elected | Sexuality |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| David Cicilline | D-RI-1 | 2010 | Gay |
| Mark Pocan | D-WI-2 | 2012 | Gay |
| Mark Takano | D-CA-41 | 2012 | Gay |
| Sean Patrick Maloney | D-NY-18 | 2012 | Gay |