

2020 congressional retirement tracker

Analyzing retirements from the House and Senate in 2020

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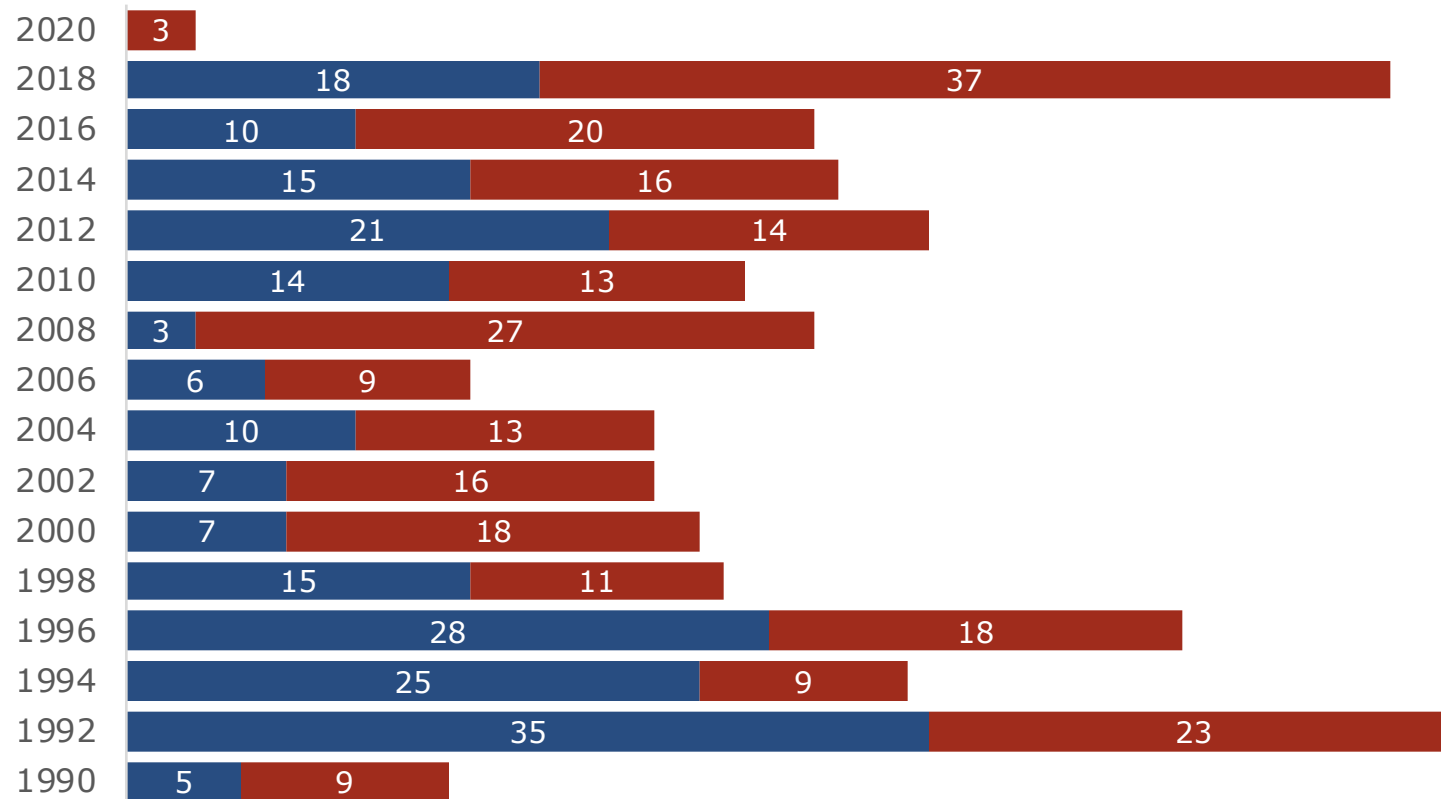
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More Republicans than Democrats retired from Congress in the 2018 election cycle

Retirements from Congress, by election cycle

■ Republicans ■ Democrats



*Data includes retirements and resignations; does not include members of Congress seeking a different office

Sources: Historical data from FiveThirtyEight, "The Recent Rush of GOP Retirements Is Good For Democrats," "List of U.S. Congress incumbents who did not run for re-election in 2018," Ballotpedia, Drew Gerber, "Roberts to Announce He Won't Seek Reelection," National Journal, January 4, 2019; "Hotline Extra: Lamar! Is Retiring!" National Journal, December 17, 2018; Brian Murphy, "NC rep earns key conservative endorsement, says it's his last run for Congress," The News & Observer, April 5, 2018

Only one House member has announced his retirement

Representatives not seeking re-election in R-leaning districts

NAME OF RETIRING INCUMBENT ("PARTISAN VOTER INDEX"), (PARTY-STATE-DISTRICT)

Republican Toss-Ups

Lean Republican

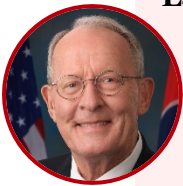
Solid Republican



Rob Woodall (R+7)
R-GA07

Retirements from the Senate generally result in contentious general elections

Senators retiring and not seeking reelection in 2020



Lamar Alexander (R-TN)

- Alexander is the first senator to announce retirement in 2020, following his four-term tenure as senator and 8 years as governor of Tennessee
- Serves as Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, where he worked on a bipartisan plan to improve the Affordable Care Act



Pat Roberts (R-KS)

- Roberts announced that he would retire in 2020 after serving in the Senate for four terms
- Serves as Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, where he helped shepherd the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill

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