

LEGISLATURES

**Table 3.21
STAFF FOR INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS**

State or other jurisdiction	Senate			House		
	Capitol			Capitol		
	Personal	Shared	District	Personal	Shared	District
Alabama	YR	YR/2	...	...	YR/10	...
Alaska	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Arizona*	...	YR/2 (b)	...	...	YR/2 (b)	...
Arkansas	...	YR	...	...	YR	...
California	YR	...	YR	YR	...	YR
Colorado	(c,d)	YR (e)	...	(c)	YR (e)	...
Connecticut	YR	YR (f)	...	...	YR/4 (f)	...
Delaware	SO	YR/2	...	SO	YR/2	...
Florida	YR (g)*	...*	(g)*	YR (g)	...	YR (g)
Georgia	...	YR/3 (e)	...	...	YR/5 (e)	...
Hawaii	YR	...	...	YR	...	...
Idaho	...	SO/.75	...	...	SO/1.5	...
Illinois	YR	YR/2 (h)	YR (i)	YR	YR/1 (h)	YR (i)
Indiana	...	YR/3	...	...	YR/3	...
Iowa	SO	...	...	SO	...	...
Kansas	SO (e)	...	...	...	SO/3 (e)	...
Kentucky	...	YR (j)	...	...	YR (j)	...
Louisiana	(k)	YR (l)	YR (k)	(k)	YR (l)	YR (k)
Maine*	...	SO/15 (m)	...	...	SO/45 (n)	...
Maryland (z)	YR (a) (c)	SO	(w)	YR (a) (c)	SO (z)	(w)
Massachusetts*	YR	...	...	YR	...	...
Michigan	YR	...	...	YR	...	...
Minnesota	YR (o)	IO/2 (o)	...	...	YR/3	...
Mississippi	...	YR	...	...	YR	...
Missouri*	YR	...	YR	YR	IO/1	...
Montana	...	SO	...	...	SO	...
Nebraska	YR	...	...	...	Unicameral	...
Nevada	SO (e)	YR	...	SO (e)	YR	...
New Hampshire	...	SO	...	...	YR	(g)
New Jersey	YR (g)	...	(g)	YR (g)	...	...
New Mexico	SO	SO	...	SO	SO	YR
New York*	YR	...	YR	YR	YR	...
North Carolina	SO (e)	YR	...	SO (e)	YR	...
North Dakota	...	SO/(e)	...	...	SO/(e)	(f)
Ohio	YR (p)	YR (q)	(r)	YR (s)	YR (q)	...
Oklahoma	YR	...	...	SO (c,e)	IO/7	...
Oregon	YR	...	...	YR	...	YR
Pennsylvania*	YR	...	YR	YR	YR	...
Rhode Island*	...	YR/8	...	...	YR/7	...
South Carolina*	YR	YR/(t)	...	SO	SO/1	...
South Dakota	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	YR	...	...	YR	...	YR
Texas	YR	...	YR	YR	...	...
Utah	(u)	SO (c)	...	(u)	SO(c)	...
Vermont	...	YR	...	...	YR	(s)
Virginia	SO (g)	...	(g)	SO (g)	SO/2	(w)
Washington	YR (v)	...	(w)	YR	...	...
West Virginia	SO	...	...	...	SO/17	...
Wisconsin	YR (x)	YR (x)	(x)	YR	YR (x)	(w)
Wyoming	...	...	...	...	...	...
No. Mariana Islands*	YR (y)	(y)	...	YR (y)	(y)	...
Puerto Rico*	YR (y)	...	(x)	YR (y)	...	(x)
U.S. Virgin Islands*	YR (y)	Unicameral	...

See footnotes at end of table.

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Source: The Council of State Governments' legislative survey January 2000, except where noted by * where data are from *The Book of the States, 1998-99*.

Note: For entries under column heading "Shared," figures after slash indicated approximate number of legislators per staff person, where available.

Key:

. . . — Staff not provided for individual legislators.

YR — Year-round.

SO — Session only.

IO — Interim only.

(a) Varies from year-to-year; it is up to legislator whether to have staff in capitol, district office, or elsewhere. Staff can move around as well as work part-year.

(b) Includes only majority and minority policy and research staff, not secretarial staff.

(c) Majority and minority leadership have a year-round secretarial staff.

(d) Legislators are allocated \$1,000 during the session for personal staff assistance.

(e) Secretarial staff; in North Dakota contracted with a professional secretarial service to provide a joint steno pool of 8 people.

(f) Each senator is provided with one constituent case worker; all Senate and House members receive support from a centralized caucus staff.

(g) Personal and district staff are the same.

(h) Majority and minority offices provide staff year-round.

(i) District office expenses allocated per year from which staff may be hired.

(j) Leadership offices provide staff support year-round. Individual legislators have access to clerical support year-round, augmented during a session.

(k) Each legislator may hire as many assistants as desired, but pay from public funds ranges from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month per legislator. Assistant(s) generally work in the district office but may also work at the capitol during the session.

(l) The six caucuses are assigned one full-time position each (potentially 24 legislators per one staff person).

(m) Majority and minority offices provide staff support year-round. Legislators have access to limited secretarial support during the session through the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

(n) Majority and minority offices provide staff support year-round and additional secretarial support during the session.

(o) Each majority party senator has one year-round secretary; some minority party senators share secretarial staff (YR/2).

(p) One secretary and one legislative aide per senator. Senate president and other leaders have one or more additional staff members.

(q) Majority and Minority Caucus staff positions provide services to respective members.

(r) Some legislators have established district offices at their own expense.

(s) One secretary per house member. Members in the minority caucus share constituent aides and legislative research assistants. Speaker has Executive Assistant, Administrative Aide, and a Legislative Aide. Minority Leader has an Executive Assistant and an Administrative Aide. Other leadership positions, both Majority and Minority, have Administrative Assistants and Legislative Aides as do Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. Some members have chosen fewer staff; other members have an Administrative Aide.

(t) One secretary per two senators for 32 of the members; one secretary for each of the committee chairs.

(u) Legislators are provided student interns during session.

(v) Leadership, caucus chair, and Ways and Means Committee chair have two full-time staff each. All other legislators have one full-time staff year round and one additional staff session only.

(w) Full-time staff may move to the district office during interim period.

(x) Some of personal staff may work in the district office. Total of all staff salaries for each senator must be within limits established by the Senate.

(y) Individual staffing and staff pool arrangements are at the discretion of the individual legislator

(z) Maryland Senators can hire an administrative aide on a year round basis. This is a regular employee with benefits. The Senators may also hire a session secretary for the annual legislative session. This is a temporary non-benefitted employee. Salaries are limited to amounts listed in the annual budget. Delegates may hire an administrative aid on a year round basis. This is regular employee with benefits. Since each legislative district includes one senator and three delegates, the amount included in the House budget for a delegate's aide is limited to 1/3 of the amount provided for a senator. The budget provides funding so that three delegates may share one session secretary of the annual legislative session. This is a temporary non-benefitted employee.