

FORMER MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS FROM MICHIGAN

U.S. SENATORS, 1837-2011

Lucius Lyon (D) ¹	1836-1840	John Patton, Jr. (R)	1894-1895
John Norvell ¹	1836-1841	Julius C. Burrows (R)	1895-1911
Augustus S. Porter ²	1840-1845	Russell A. Alger (R) ⁹	1902-1907
William Woodbridge (W)	1841-1847	William Alden Smith (R)	1907-1919
Lewis Cass (D) ³	1845-1848	Charles E. Townsend (R) ¹⁰	1911-1923
Alpheus Felch (D)	1847-1853	Truman H. Newberry (R) ¹¹	1919-1922
Thomas Fitzgerald (D)	1848-1849	James Couzens (R) ¹²	1922-1936
Lewis Cass (D)	1849-1857	Woodbridge N. Ferris (D) ¹³	1923-1928
Charles E. Stuart (D)	1853-1859	Arthur H. Vandenberg (R) ¹⁴	1928-1951
Zachariah Chandler (R)	1857-1875	Prentiss M. Brown (D)	1936-1943
Kinsley S. Bingham (R) ⁴	1859-1861	Homer Ferguson (R)	1943-1954
Jacob M. Howard (R)	1862-1871	Blair Moody (D)	1951-1953
Thomas W. Ferry (R)	1871-1883	Charles E. Potter (R)	1953-1959
Isaac P. Christianity (R) ⁵	1875-1879	Patrick V. McNamara (D) ¹⁵	1955-1966
Zachariah Chandler (R) ⁶	1879	Philip A. Hart (D) ¹⁶	1959-1976
Henry P. Baldwin (R)	1879-1881	Robert P. Griffin (R)	1966-1979
Omar D. Conger (R)	1881-1887	Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (D)	1976-1994
Thomas W. Palmer (R)	1883-1889	Carl Levin (D)	1979-
Francis B. Stockbridge (R) ⁷	1887-1894	Spencer Abraham (R)	1995-2000
James McMillan (R) ⁸	1889-1902	Debbie Stabenow (D)	2001-

Political Party Designations

D — Democrat
R — Republican
W — Whig

Information on party affiliation was not always available; therefore, some individuals may be listed without this data.

¹ First elected U.S. senator from Michigan, elected November 10, 1835, following adoption of the Constitution of 1835. However, due to Michigan's dispute with the U.S. Congress over the Toledo Strip and the state's admission to the Union, Congress refused to accept their credentials until it admitted Michigan as a state January 26, 1837. See U.S. Const, art I, § 3, cl 1, 2; art I, § 4, cl 1; art I, § 5, cl 1; legislative resolution approved November 10, 1835.

² Elected January 20, 1840, for a 6-year term beginning March 4, 1839. On February 13, 1839, the legislature in joint convention failed, after six votes, to elect a successor to Lucius Lyon. A vote was not taken again until January 20, 1840. See Revised Statutes of 1838, title II, chapter 10.

³ Resigned May 29, 1848; Thomas Fitzgerald appointed to fill vacancy June 8, 1848. Cass became the 1848 Democratic nominee for U.S. president, but lost to Zachary Taylor; he was elected to fill the remainder of his own vacancy January 20, 1849. See Revised Statutes of 1846, title II, chapter 11.

⁴ Died October 5, 1861; Jacob M. Howard elected to fill vacancy January 4, 1862. See Act 175 of the Extra Session of 1851, Laws of Michigan.

⁵ Resigned February 10, 1879; Zachariah Chandler elected to fill vacancy February 19, 1879. See Act 1 of 1869, Laws of Michigan.

⁶ Died November 1, 1879; Henry P. Baldwin appointed November 17, 1879, and elected to fill remainder of Christianity's unexpired term January 19, 1881.

⁷ Died April 30, 1894; John Patton, Jr. appointed to fill vacancy May 5, 1894; Julius C. Burrows elected to fill remainder of unexpired term January 16, 1895.

⁸ Died August 10, 1902; Russell A. Alger appointed to fill vacancy September 17, 1902, and elected to fill remainder of unexpired term January 21, 1903.

⁹ Died January 24, 1907; William Alden Smith elected to fill remainder of unexpired term February 6, 1907.

¹⁰ First senator nominated for office through the direct primary system, September 1910, and first senator elected by direct vote of the people, November 1916. See Act 281 of 1909; U.S. Const, art XVII; Act 24 of 1915; Act 156 of 1915.

¹¹ Resigned November 19, 1922; James Couzens appointed to fill vacancy November 29, 1922, and elected to fill remainder of unexpired term November 4, 1924. See Act 156 of 1915; Act 199 of 1923.

¹² Died October 22, 1936; Prentiss M. Brown appointed to fill vacancy November 16, 1936.

¹³ Died March 23, 1928; Arthur H. Vandenberg appointed to fill vacancy March 31, 1928, and elected to remainder of unexpired term November 6, 1928.

¹⁴ Died April 18, 1951; Blair Moody appointed to fill vacancy April 23, 1951, and Charles E. Potter elected to fill remainder of unexpired term November 4, 1952.

¹⁵ Died April 30, 1966; Robert P. Griffin appointed to fill vacancy May 11, 1966. See Act 116 of 1954.

¹⁶ Died December 26, 1976; Donald W. Riegle, Jr., appointed to fill vacancy December 30, 1976.