

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS FROM MICHIGAN, SERVING 1837-2021

U.S. SENATORS

Lucius Lyon (D)¹ 1836-1840
 John Norvell¹ 1836-1841
 Augustus S. Porter² 1840-1845
 William Woodbridge (W) 1841-1847
 Lewis Cass (D)³ 1845-1848
 Alpheus Felch (D) 1847-1853
 Thomas Fitzgerald (D) 1848-1849
 Lewis Cass (D) 1849-1857
 Charles E. Stuart (D) 1853-1859
 Zachariah Chandler (R) 1857-1875
 Kinsley S. Bingham (R)⁴ 1859-1861
 Jacob M. Howard (R) 1862-1871
 Thomas W. Ferry (R) 1871-1883
 Isaac P. Christancy (R)⁵ 1875-1879
 Zachariah Chandler (R)⁶ 1879
 Henry P. Baldwin (R) 1879-1881
 Omar D. Conger (R) 1881-1887
 Thomas W. Palmer (R) 1883-1889
 Francis B. Stockbridge (R)⁷ 1887-1894
 James McMillan (R)⁸ 1889-1902
 John Patton Jr. (R) 1894-1895

Julius C. Burrows (R) 1895-1911
 Russell A. Alger (R)⁹ 1902-1907
 William Alden Smith (R) 1907-1919
 Charles E. Townsend (R)¹⁰ 1911-1923
 Truman H. Newberry (R)¹¹ 1919-1922
 James Couzens (R)¹² 1922-1936
 Woodbridge N. Ferris (D)¹³ 1923-1928
 Arthur H. Vandenberg (R)¹⁴ 1928-1951
 Prentiss M. Brown (D) 1936-1943
 Homer Ferguson (R) 1943-1954
 Blair Moody (D) 1951-1953
 Charles E. Potter (R) 1953-1959
 Patrick V. McNamara (D)¹⁵ 1955-1966
 Philip A. Hart (D)¹⁶ 1959-1976
 Robert P. Griffin (R) 1966-1979
 Donald W. Riegle Jr. (D) 1976-1994
 Carl Levin (D) 1979-2014
 Spencer Abraham (R) 1995-2000
 Debbie Stabenow (D) 2001-
 Gary C. Peters (D) 2015-

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 Christancy'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.