

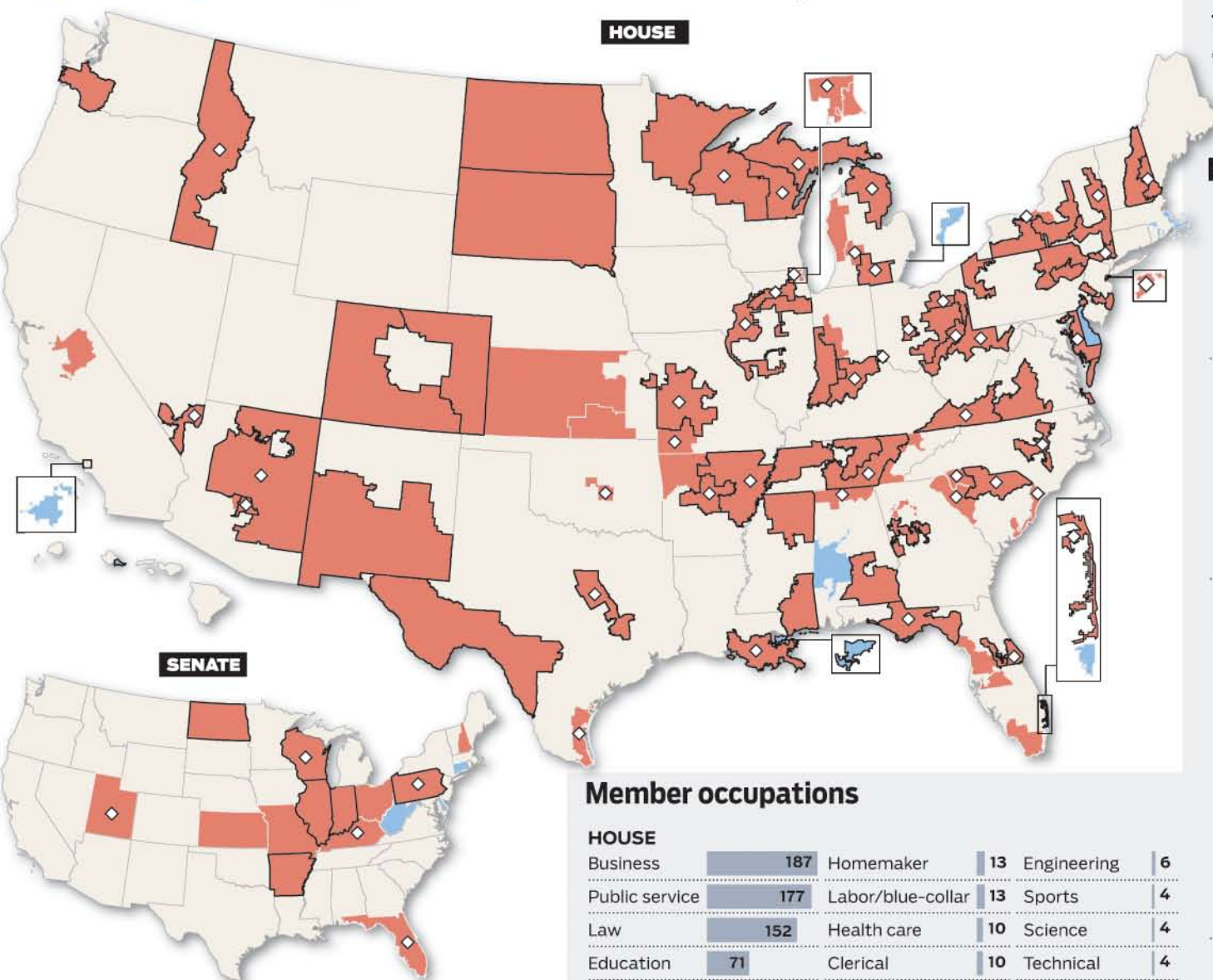
# A closer look at the new Congress

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Last week marked the beginning of the 112th Congress, with Republicans taking control of the House and Democrats holding on to the Senate, albeit by a reduced margin. But those aren't the only changes. The new Congress also is slightly younger and slightly more male than its predecessor. It also faces a job approval rating that was at an all-time low at the end of the last session.

## Where new members are from By congressional district

KEY: Republican Democrat Black outline indicates district switched parties Member has ties to tea party



## CONGRESS JOB APPROVAL

Monthly ratings



SOURCES: CQ Roll Call, Gallup, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate

## Member occupations

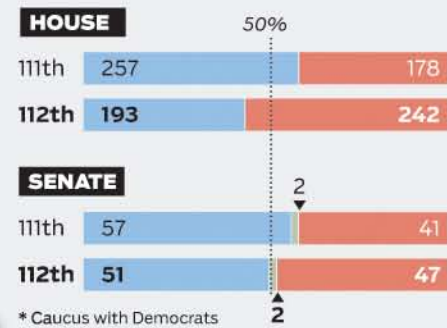
HOUSE					
Business	187	Homemaker	13	Engineering	6
Public service	177	Labor/blue-collar	13	Sports	4
Law	152	Health care	10	Science	4
Education	71	Clerical	10	Technical	4
Real estate	39	Journalism	9	Clergy	3
Agriculture	25	Law enforcement	9	Entertainment	2
Medicine	19	Military	8	Aeronautics	2
		Miscellaneous	1		

SENATE					
Law	54	Journalism	6	Labor/blue-collar	3
Public service	38	Agriculture	5		
Business	29	Medicine	5	Homemaker	1
Education	15	Entertainment	3	Military	1
Real estate	7	Artistic	3	Miscellaneous	1

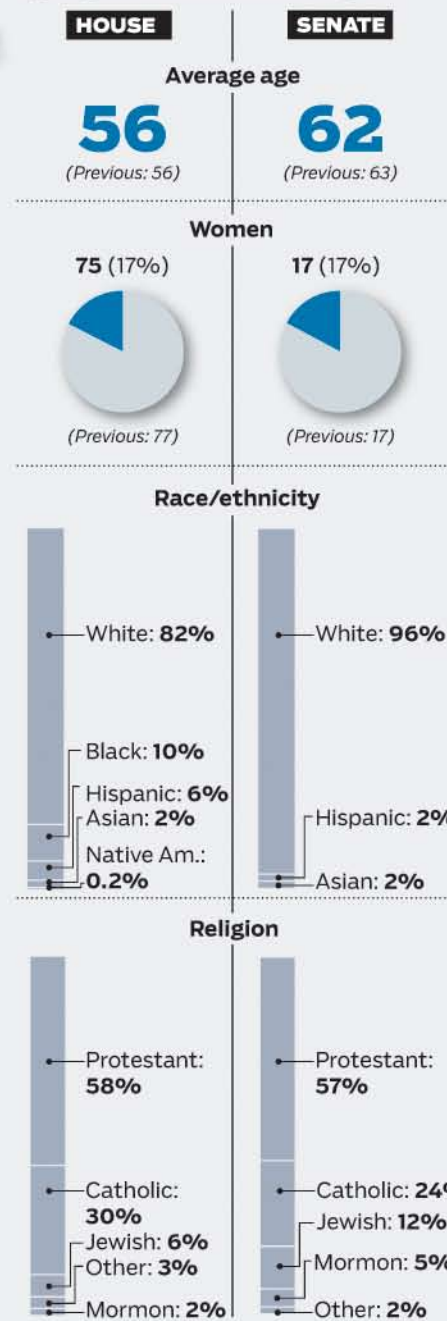
NOTE: Many members have more than one occupation.

## Congress by party

Democrats GOP Independents\*



## By age, race and religion



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