



2019 Illinois Conference Legislative & Political Update



UPMA's New DC Government Relations Team

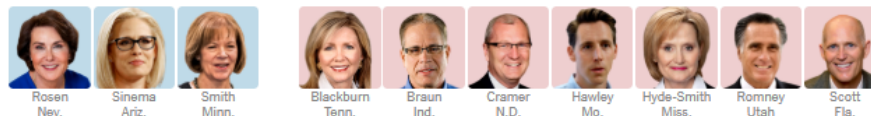
116th Congress – New & Old



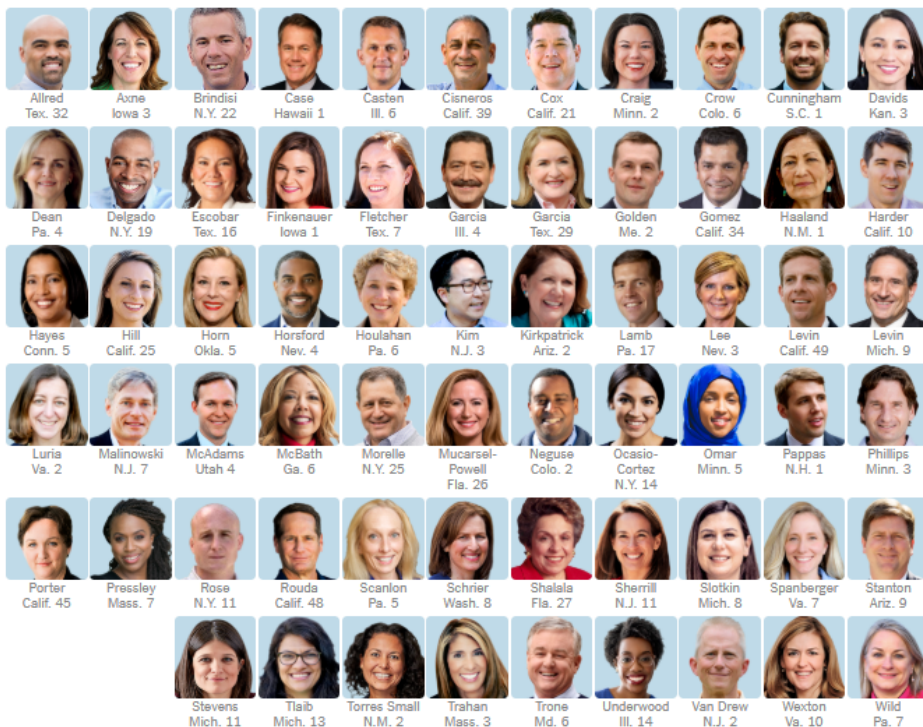
New Faces of Congress



There are 10 new elected senators ...



... and 101 new elected representatives ...

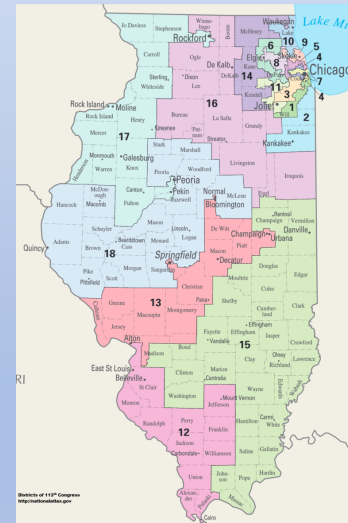
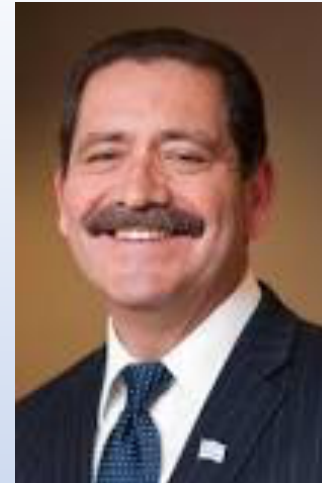


... for a total of 67 Democrats and 44 Republicans.

Source: New York Times, "Meet the New Freshmen In Congress" (January 3, 2019).

Changes in Illinois

- IL – 4, Rep. Chuy Garcia
 - Replaced retired Rep. Luis Gutierrez
- IL – 6, Rep. Sean Casten
 - Defeated Rep. Peter Roskam
- IL – 14, Rep. Lauren Underwood
 - Defeated Rep. Randy Hultgren



Updates on Legislative Leadership

House has major changes

Key House Committee: Oversight and Reform

- Chairman Elijah Cummings (D-MD) : Ranking Member Jim Jordan (R-OH)
- Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-8) remains on the committee

Senate brings small but significant changes to key committee:
Homeland Security and Government Affairs

- Chairman Ron Johnson (R-WI), Ranking Member Gary Peters (D-MI)
- New Republicans: Sen. Hawley (MO), Sen. Romney (UT), Sen. Scott (FL)
- New Democrats: Sen. Sinema (AZ), Sen. Rosen (NV)

PAEA Passed in 2006.

45% of this Congress
have less than three
terms of experience.

- 204 members of the House of Representatives (47%) were elected in 2014 or later.
- 35 Senators (35% of the Senate) were elected in 2014 or later.

The Freshmen

1/3 of the House's
freshmen — **32**
members — have no
substantive experience
in government. (All **nine**
new Senators have
previously held elected
office.)

House

2014 — **44** freshmen still serving

2016 — **59** freshmen still serving

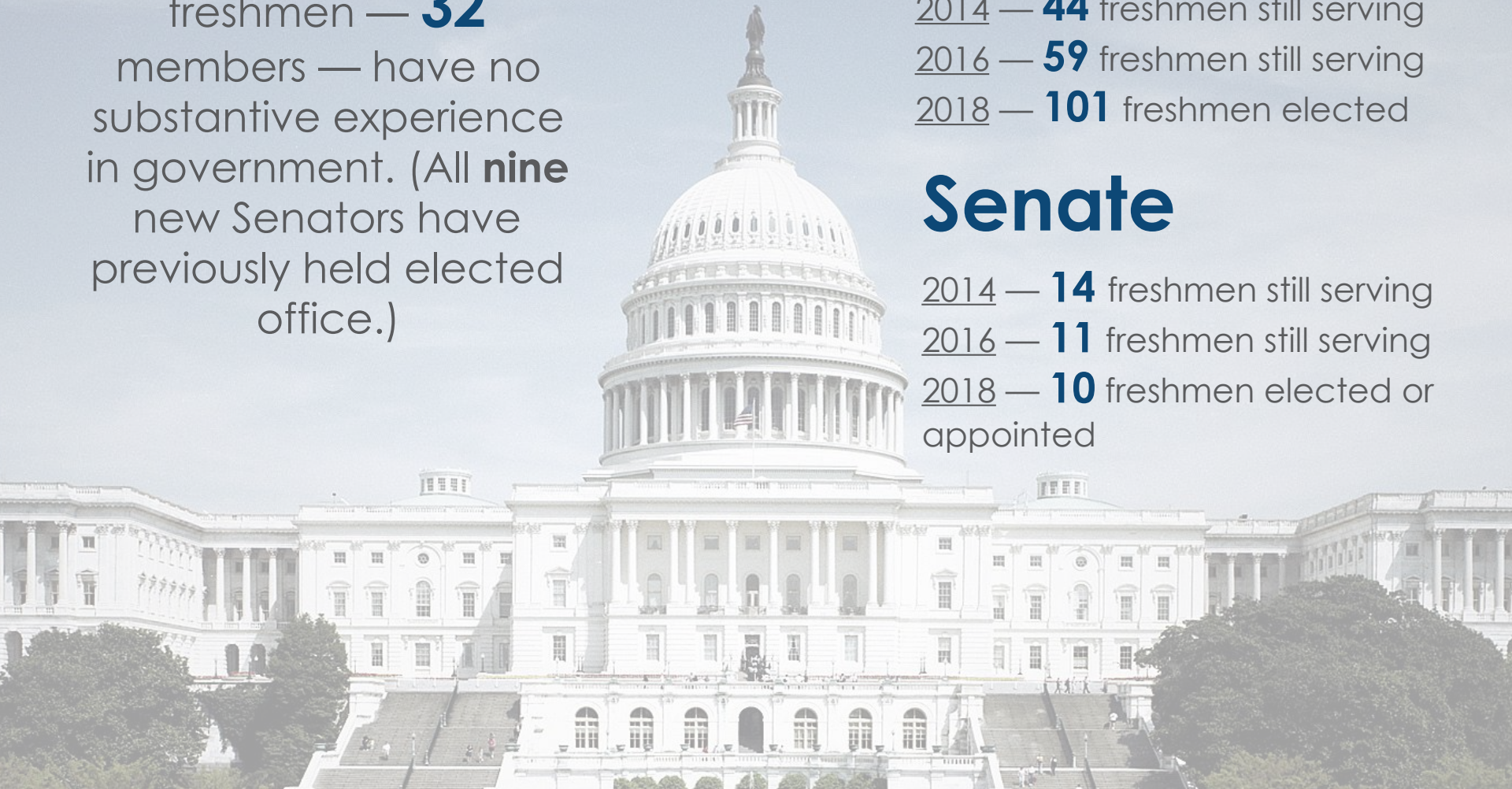
2018 — **101** freshmen elected

Senate

2014 — **14** freshmen still serving

2016 — **11** freshmen still serving

2018 — **10** freshmen elected or
appointed



UPMA Advocacy Overview



- **Member Driven Issues**
 - Sustainability of USPS
 - Protecting of Federal Benefits
 - Fight any attempt to privative USPS
 - Workplace Protections
- **Federal Issues**
 - Postal Reform
 - Budget Agreements
 - FEHBP, FERS, CSRS.
 - Cost of Living Adjustments
- **Coalition Partners (Federal employee unions and management groups)**
- **Coordinating with USPS Advocacy**

2019 Advocacy Highlights



No Comprehensive Postal Reform Bill Introduced – YET

- Expected introduction in the House, by end of July
- Senate working on similar consensus proposal.

Senate Hearing on Postal Reform March 12

House Hearing on Postal Reform April 30

- UPMA submitted testimony.

Senate Confirmation Hearings for 2 Postal Board of Governors, April 3

Growing support for legislation impacting Postal employees and retirees

Budget proposals threaten postal pay, benefits and retirement

Meetings with key stakeholders ongoing

TITLE:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

SPONSOR:

Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-08)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (221)

Republicans: 32

Democrats: 189

TITLE:

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SPONSOR:

Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (37)

Republicans: 7

Democrats: 28

Independents: 2

TITLE:

Social Security Fairness Act of 2019

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SPONSOR:

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (28)

Republicans: 3

Democrats: 23

Independents: 2

TITLE:

Social Security Fairness Act of 2019

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

SPONSOR:

Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (158)

Republicans: 39

Democrats: 119

TITLE:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012.

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

SPONSOR:

Rep. David McKinley (R-WV-01)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (124)

Republicans: 19

Democrats: 105

TITLE:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service.

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

SPONSOR:

Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (187)

Republicans: 46

Democrats: 141

TITLE:

Postal Employee Appeal Rights Amendments Act

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

SPONSOR:

Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (22)

Republicans: 2

Democrats: 20

TITLE:

United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act

LATEST PROGRESS:

Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

SPONSOR:

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14)

COSPONSOR TOTAL: (14)

Republicans: 2

Democrats: 12

President's Budget Resolution



- Assumes cuts of \$98 billion from USPS
- Cuts Postal retirement benefits (annuity & healthcare)
- Cuts Postal healthcare benefits for current USPS employees
- Raises retirement contribution of current USPS employees
- Moves to top 5 retirement years vs top 3 years
- Reduces interest rates offered by TSP's G Fund
- Unspecified changes to Universal Service Obligation

These changes are also reflected by the US Senate
Budget Resolution

The US House will not endorse these budget recommendations

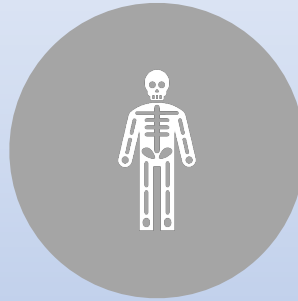
Illinois Snapshot

Name	Postal Reform	Retirement/Health	H.Res 33	H.R. 141	H.R. 597
Mike Bost	Y	Y	Y+	Y+	Y
Cheri Bustos	Y	?	Y+	Y+	?
Sean Casten	Y	Y	Y	+	?
Danny Davis			+		
Rodney Davis	Y	Y	Y+	Sponsor	Y
Tammy Duckworth	Y	Y	Y+	Y	?
Dick Durbin					
Bill Foster	?	Y	Y+	+	?
Chuy Garcia	Need more info		+		
Robin Kelly	Y	Y	Y+	+	?
Adam Kinzinger	Y	Y	Y+	Y+	Y
Raja Krishnamoorthi	Y	Y	Y+	Y+	+
Darin LaHood	Y	Y	Y	Y	?
Dan Lipinski	?	Y	Y+	Y+	?
Mike Quigley	?	Y	Y+	Y+	?
Bobby Rush	Y	Y	Y+	Y+	Y
Janice Schakowsky	Y	Y	Y+	+	?
Bradley Schneider	Y	Y	Y+	Y+	?
John Shimkus	?	Y	Y+	+	Neutral
Lauren Underwood	?	?	?	?	?

What we need from Illinois



UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM THE
ENTIRE DELEGATION FOR UPMA
PRIORITIES



ENGAGEMENT WITH SENATOR
DURBIN. KNOW WHERE WE STAND,
ENSURE HE STANDS WITH US



LETTER TO THE DELEGATION IN
SUPPORT OF POSTAL REFORM



Political Activity

Polls [See all »](#)

KEY A = ADULTS RV = REGISTERED VOTERS V = VOTERS LV = LIKELY VOTERS

DATES	POLLSTER	SAMPLE	BIDEN	SANDERS	HARRIS	O'ROURKE	WARREN	BUTTIGIEG	BOOKER	KLOBUCHAR	CASTRO	GILLIBRAND	YANG
APR 29-MAY 5, 2019	B- Morning Consult	15,770 LV	40%	19%	7%	5%	8%	6%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%
MAY 3-4, 2019	C+ HarrisX	440 RV	46%	14%	6%	3%	7%	8%	3%	0%	1%	1%	1%
APR 30-MAY 1, 2019	C+ Harris Interactive	259 RV	44%	14%	9%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%
APR 30-MAY 1, 2019	C+ Harris Interactive	254 RV	34%	17%	4%	8%	3%	4%	5%	1%	0%	0%	2%
APR 26-29, 2019	A- Quinnipiac University	419 RV	38%	11%	8%	5%	12%	10%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%
APR 26-28, 2019	C+ HarrisX	741 RV	33%	16%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%
APR 25-28, 2019	A- CNN/SSRS	411 RV	39%	15%	5%	6%	8%	7%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
APR 22-28, 2019	B- Morning Consult	15,475 LV	36%	22%	7%	5%	9%	8%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%

[More candidates »](#)

2020 Presidential Race

Illinois Senate Race 2020



Incumbent: Senator Dick Durbin

Senate Minority Whip

#2 in Democratic Senate Leadership

Possible Challengers:

Primary: Anne Stava Murray

General: Peggy Hubbard

Erica Harold

Bruce Rauner

Rep. Rodney Davis

Rep. Darin LaHood



Competitive House Races



Rep. Dan Lipinski

Primary Challenge:
Marie Newman lost
2018 primary by
2,145 votes



Rep. Rodney Davis

Facing Betsy
Londrigan Dirksen
2018 rematch,
decided by 2,058
votes



Rep. Lauren
Underwood

First term, swing
district



Rep. Sean Casten

First term, swing district

Questions?

