

The Reconstruction Congresses

(Congressional seat figures given in the table are approximate; they come from different sources that measure at different times during the session. However, they convey roughly the party divisions and the numbers of Southern representatives missing in each Congress.)

Congress	elected	in session	total seats & members seated	Republicans	Democrats
38th	1862	Mar. 1863 - Mar 1865	House: 241 (180 seated) Senate: 68 (48 seated)	85 House 33 Senate	72 House 10 Senate
39th	1864	Dec 1865 - Mar 1867	House: 241 (193 seated) Senate: 72 (50 seated)	132 House 37 Senate	40 House 9 Senate
40th	1866	Mar 1867 - Mar 1869	House: 243 (193 seated; 155 present 3/4/67) Senate: 74 (54 seated; 51 present 3/4/67)	140 House 45 Senate	45 House 8 Senate
41st	1868	Dec 1869 - Mar 1871	House: 243 (223 initially seated) Senate: 74 (66 initially seated)	171 House 62 Senate	67 House 12 Senate
42nd	1870	Dec 1871 - Mar 1873	House 243 Senate 74	136 House 56 Senate	104 House 17 Senate
43rd	1872	Dec 1873 - Mar 1875	House 292 Senate 74	199 House 47 Senate	88 House 19 Senate
44th	1874	Dec 1875 - Mar 1877	House 293 Senate 76	103 House 46 Senate	182 House 28 Senate