

Congressional Black Caucus: Constituents at a Glance



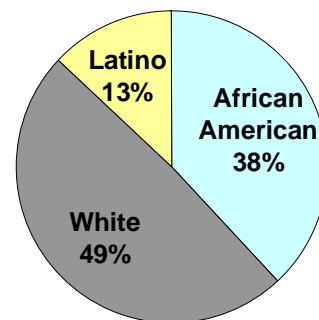
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The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) consists of 42 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and one member of the U.S. Senate. Four new members joined the CBC in the 109th Congress. As the Caucus expands, so do the number and variety of constituents they serve:

- **Today the Congressional Black Caucus represents 36.9 million constituents.**
- **The Congressional Black Caucus represents a racially and ethnically diverse population.**¹ Overall, 38 percent of constituents are African American, 49 percent are White Americans, and 13 percent are Latino. A total of 14 CBC districts do not have a majority—50 percent or more—of African American constituents.
- **There is a great balance to the makeup of constituents that Congressional Black Caucus members represent.** The Caucus represents 6.4 million African American males, of which 4.2 million are 18 years and older. Additionally, the Caucus serves 7.6 million African American females and 5.4 million are 18 years and older. In total, CBC members represent a great number of White constituents, 8.3 million White males and 8.6 million White females.
- **At least 10 CBC districts have poverty rates that are more than twice the U.S. poverty rate of 12.5 percent.** The concentration of poverty among CBC member districts ranges from 9 percent to 32 percent. Overall, 17 percent of constituents are in poverty within CBC districts.
- **On average, the income of constituents within 8 CBC districts exceeds the U.S. median of \$42,409.** Also, the median income of constituents in 34 CBC districts exceeds the U.S. average income (\$29,177) for African Americans.



¹Without the state of Illinois represented by Senator Barack Obama, CBC constituents constitute 49 percent of African Americans and 32 percent of White Americans.

CONSTITUENTS OF THE 109TH CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS BY RACE, GENDER AND AGE

Member of Congress	State	District	Total Population	Total African American			African American Male 18 years and older			African American Female			Percent White	White Male	White Female	Percent Latino	Median Income	Percent in Poverty
				Population	Percent Black	African American Male	African American Male under 18 years old	African American Male 18 years and older	African American Female	African American Female under 18 years	African American Female 18 years and older							
Davis, Artur	AL	Congressional District 7	635,300	393,907	62%	177,953	61,988	115,965	215,954	60,350	155,604	36%	109,089	116,612	1%	\$ 24,297	28%	
Lee, Barbara	CA	Congressional District 9	639,088	168,957	26%	77,221	23,567	53,654	91,736	23,048	68,688	35%	109,522	115,355	17%	\$ 43,718	17%	
Watson, Diane E.	CA	Congressional District 33	639,088	194,923	31%	86,783	24,779	62,004	108,140	24,339	83,801	20%	65,607	61,577	35%	\$ 25,401	30%	
Waters, Maxine	CA	Congressional District 35	639,088	221,705	35%	98,153	34,845	63,308	123,552	34,452	89,100	10%	33,272	33,368	54%	\$ 29,800	29%	
Millender-McDonald, Juanita	CA	Congressional District 37	639,088	161,108	25%	73,049	27,036	46,013	88,059	26,723	61,336	17%	52,318	54,014	57%	\$ 32,878	26%	
Norton, Eleanor Holmes	DC	Delegate District (at Large)	572,059	343,312	60%	155,547	43,235	112,312	187,765	43,065	144,700	28%	79,070	80,108	8%	\$ 40,127	20%	
Brown, Corrine	FL	Congressional District 3	639,295	318,909	50%	148,195	55,392	92,803	170,714	54,407	116,307	38%	123,340	122,084	6%	\$ 30,094	21%	
Meek, Kendrick	FL	Congressional District 17	639,296	363,877	57%	169,773	62,911	106,862	194,104	61,442	132,662	18%	57,125	60,658	27%	\$ 27,050	28%	
Hastings, Alcee L.	FL	Congressional District 23	639,295	332,307	52%	159,440	59,257	100,183	172,867	57,598	115,269	29%	92,611	95,028	13%	\$ 30,773	23%	
Bishop Jr., Sanford D.	GA	Congressional District 2	629,735	281,832	45%	130,420	47,586	82,834	151,412	46,879	104,533	50%	156,301	160,581	3%	\$ 30,272	21%	
McKinney, Cynthia	GA	Congressional District 4	629,690	337,146	54%	157,335	53,237	104,098	179,811	51,635	128,176	32%	96,104	105,288	11%	\$ 49,096	11%	
Lewis, John	GA	Congressional District 5	629,727	353,540	56%	165,411	50,733	114,678	188,129	49,729	138,400	34%	110,807	106,062	5%	\$ 37,218	20%	
Scott, David	GA	Congressional District 13	629,732	258,778	41%	120,413	45,013	75,400	138,365	44,068	94,297	42%	129,134	135,841	10%	\$ 43,429	11%	
Rush, Bobby L.	IL	Congressional District 1	653,647	428,227	66%	191,557	66,642	124,915	236,670	64,841	171,829	27%	86,171	92,410	7%	\$ 34,647	22%	
Jackson Jr., Jesse L.	IL	Congressional District 2	653,647	408,017	62%	184,652	66,811	117,841	223,365	65,774	157,591	26%	79,245	87,819	8%	\$ 38,912	19%	
Davis, Danny K.	IL	Congressional District 7	653,647	405,478	62%	186,947	68,882	118,065	218,531	67,336	151,195	27%	87,241	91,302	5%	\$ 38,683	24%	
Barack, Obama	IL	Statewide	12,419,293	1,876,875	15%	879,589	308,489	571,100	997,286	299,407	697,879	73%	4,472,933	4,652,538	12%	\$ 46,590	11%	
Carson, Julia	IN	Congressional District 7	675,674	199,508	30%	92,774	32,952	59,822	106,734	32,068	74,666	63%	205,757	219,985	2%	\$ 40,872	10%	
Jefferson, William, J.	LA	Congressional District 2	638,562	409,633	64%	187,498	69,001	118,497	222,135	67,043	155,092	28%	89,427	91,604	4%	\$ 27,064	28%	
Wynn, Albert Russell	MD	Congressional District 4	662,062	379,083	57%	173,858	58,333	115,525	205,225	56,619	148,606	28%	89,381	93,092	10%	\$ 51,587	9%	
Cummings, Elijah, E.	MD	Congressional District 7	662,060	391,390	59%	179,840	56,096	123,744	211,550	55,074	156,476	34%	111,420	114,941	1%	\$ 31,796	21%	
Kilpatrick, Carolyn Cheeks	MI	Congressional District 13	662,563	402,800	61%	187,620	67,480	120,140	215,180	65,989	149,191	29%	94,573	97,135	2%	\$ 51,239	9%	
Conyers, Jr., John	MI	Congressional District 14	662,563	406,567	61%	185,617	64,863	120,754	220,950	63,319	157,631	32%	104,319	108,621	1%	\$ 35,730	21%	
Thompson, Bennie G.	MS	Congressional District 2	711,164	451,781	64%	211,443	78,252	133,191	240,338	76,408	163,930	35%	119,331	126,131	1%	\$ 25,459	29%	
Clay Jr., William "Lacy"	MO	Congressional District 1	621,690	309,906	50%	138,765	50,108	88,657	171,141	49,742	121,399	46%	137,160	147,816	1%	\$ 32,689	19%	
Cleaver II, Emanuel	MO	Congressional District 5	621,691	151,562	24%	69,771	25,567	44,204	81,791	24,607	57,184	66%	199,121	213,201	6%	\$ 37,431	13%	
Payne, Donald M.	NJ	Congressional District 10	647,258	373,514	58%	170,136	57,433	112,703	203,378	55,399	147,979	21%	66,522	71,845	16%	\$ 36,277	19%	
Meeks, Gregory W.	NY	Congressional District 6	654,361	352,700	54%	157,557	50,281	107,276	195,143	50,091	145,052	13%	39,983	43,744	18%	\$ 44,479	14%	
Towns, Edolphus	NY	Congressional District 10	654,361	412,234	63%	181,591	63,551	118,040	230,643	62,751	167,892	16%	51,951	53,766	17%	\$ 30,617	29%	
Owens, Major R.	NY	Congressional District 11	654,361	400,764	61%	174,205	58,835	115,370	226,559	58,590	167,969	21%	67,613	72,657	11%	\$ 32,136	24%	
Rangel, Charles B.	NY	Congressional District 15	654,361	226,480	35%	105,722	28,901	76,821	120,758	27,205	93,553	16%	52,591	54,574	50%	\$ 25,858	32%	
Butterfield, G.K.	NC	Congressional District 1	619,178	313,958	51%	144,569	48,435	96,134	169,389	46,791	122,598	44%	133,532	141,375	3%	\$ 29,053	21%	
Watt, Melvin L.	NC	Congressional District 12	619,178	278,724	45%	128,012	42,705	85,307	150,712	41,118	109,594	45%	134,398	141,547	7%	\$ 36,370	16%	
Jones, Stephanie Tubbs	OH	Congressional District 11	630,730	352,273	56%	158,227	55,962	102,265	194,046	54,955	139,091	39%	116,400	128,563	1%	\$ 30,580	21%	
Fattah, Chaka	PA	Congressional District 2	646,355	395,720	61%	175,010	59,121	115,889	220,710	57,721	162,989	30%	90,882	102,093	2%	\$ 31,101	23%	
Clyburn, James E.	SC	Congressional District 6	668,670	381,092	57%	176,138	59,009	117,129	204,954	57,272	147,682	40%	132,590	136,719	1%	\$ 27,865	24%	
Ford Jr., Harold E.	TN	Congressional District 9	632,143	377,335	60%	174,689	63,199	111,490	202,646	61,281	141,365	35%	106,162	114,326	3%	\$ 30,792	22%	
Green, Al	TX	Congressional District 9	651,619	244,475	38%	111,768	40,568	71,200	132,707	39,754	92,953	17%	55,960	57,585	14%	\$ 41,105	14%	
Jackson Lee, Sheila	TX	Congressional District 18	651,619	263,371	40%	122,902	40,031	82,871	140,469	38,426	102,043	20%	64,878	63,808	33%	\$ 31,622	24%	
Johnson, Eddie Bernice	TX	Congressional District 30	651,620	272,154	42%	123,797	42,995	80,802	148,357	42,692	105,665	22%	72,258	70,132	35%	\$ 33,973	20%	
Scott, Robert C. "Bobby"	VA	Congressional District 3	643,476	363,049	56%	166,748	55,309	111,439	196,301	54,686	141,615	38%	121,308	121,551	3%	\$ 32,258	19%	
Christensen, Donna M.	VI	Delegate District (at Large)	108,612	82,750	76%	39,115	14,075	25,040	43,635	14,061	29,574	11%	6,236	6,039	14%	\$ 24,704	32%	
Moore, Gwendolynne	WI	Congressional District 4	670,458	223,779	33%	101,893	44,762	57,131	121,886	43,672	78,214	50%	162,531	175,278	12%	\$ 44,847	9%	
TOTAL*			36,996,163	14,023,778	38%	6,438,547	2,225,892	4,212,655	7,585,231	2,174,476	5,410,755	49%	8,313,517	8,667,242	13%	NA	17%	

*The total does not reflect double counting of Congressional Districts in Illinois; because the entire state of Illinois is now represented by a Senator, total constituents within the three Congressional Districts within Illinois were deducted from the grand total.

Source: Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Compiled using 2000 109th Congressional District Census Data

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As part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Center for Policy Analysis and Research (CPAR) comprehensively creates, identifies, analyzes, and disseminates policy-oriented information critical to advancing the African American community towards economic independence, education, and health equity.

CPAR Philosophy

Quality research and policy analysis are essential for crafting effective policies that meet the needs of African Americans and other underserved populations. Policymakers must have good information in order to assess the viability of existing policies and to formulate new policies that effectively address outstanding social problems. Despite the need for quality policy analysis and research, there are relatively few existing resources from which policymakers can receive information from an African American perspective. The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. has established the Center for Policy Analysis and Research (CPAR), in order to facilitate evidence-based policymaking and positively influence public discourse on important issues.

Purpose

The goal of CPAR is to improve the socio-economic circumstances of African Americans and other underserved communities by:

- Generating insightful analyses of policy alternatives for existing and emerging policy issues in the areas of African Globalism, education, economic development, public health and social welfare;
- Identifying and disseminating policy-relevant research;
- Facilitating substantive communication between academics and policymakers and;
- Disseminating vital information to African American elected officials, academics, media and the general public.

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