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## Identifying Elected Officials: Federal Level



New Jersey has 12 Congressional Districts, each of which elects one person to serve in the **U.S. House of Representatives** out of the 435 total members.

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| Which congressional district do you live in? |  |
| Who is your representative?                  |  |

Each state also has two senators (100 total) that serve in the **U.S. Senate**.

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| Who are your senators? |  |
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These three individuals serve in Congress, which is the Legislative branch of the U.S. government where laws are written and passed. Laws that are passed are sent to another branch of government, the Executive Branch.

The Executive Branch is overseen by the **President of the United States**, the highest political office in the U.S. The president is the head of state and commander-in-chief of the military. Elected alongside the president is the **Vice President of the United States**, who is first in line to succeed the president, should he or she be unable to serve.

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| Who is the President?      |  |
| Who is the Vice President? |  |

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Observe the makeup of each unit of federal government:

House of Representatives

U.S. Senate

Your District's Delegation

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| What is the gender breakdown?                |  |  |  |
| What is the partisan breakdown?              |  |  |  |
| What careers or experiences are represented? |  |  |  |

Do you believe these officials represent your community and its interests? Why or why not? Your community can include but is not limited to: your state, town, neighborhood, school, age group, ethnic group, religion, or career.