

TABLE 5-1 **House and Senate Margins of Victory, 1974–2012**

Chamber and election year	Percentage of vote				Number of seats
	Under 55	55–59.9	60 plus	Unopposed	
House					
1974	24	16	46	14	435
1976	17	14	56	12	435
1978	17	14	53	16	435
1980	18	14	60	8	435
1982	16	16	63	6	435
1984	12	13	61	14	435
1986	9	10	64	17	435
1988	6	9	67	18	435
1990	11	16	58	15	435
1992	20	18	58	3	435
1994	22	17	52	9	435
1996	22	18	57	3	435
1998	10	17	63	10	435
2000	18	12	56	14	435
2002	10	10	70	10	435
2004	7	14	64	15	435
2006	15	14	62	9	435
2008	14	16	57	12	435
2010	24	16	54	6	435
2012	17	21	59	2	435
Senate					
1974	41	18	35	6	34
1976	30	33	30	6	33
1978	24	33	36	6	33
1980	58	18	21	3	34
1982	30	27	43	—	33
1984	18	21	58	3	33
1986	38	15	47	—	34
1988	33	15	52	—	33
1990	26	11	49	14	34
1992	34	34	32	—	35
1994	32	34	34	—	35
1996	59	18	24	—	34
1998	29	9	62	—	34
2000	29	15	55	—	34
2002	32	18	46	4	34
2004	32	15	50	3	34
2006	24	21	55	—	33
2008	26	20	51	3	35
2010	32	27	38	3	37
2012	39	27	33	0	33

Sources: *CQ Weekly* and authors' calculations.

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. "Unopposed" includes districts or states where only one major-party candidate was on the ballot.