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Rep. Charles W. Dent (R-PA)

House · Republican (most recent term) · PA-15 · in Congress 2005–2018 ·
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Estimated net worth (from public disclosures)

Estimate	Report year	Low	Mid	High
(a) Estimated net worth at the earliest available report (2014); the member entered office earlier, in 2005	2014	-\$47,956	\$417,522	\$882,999
(b) Latest net worth estimate	2017	-\$89,968	\$299,515	\$688,998
(c) Estimated gain / loss, nominal dollars, 2014 → 2017 (3 years spanned)	2014– 2017	– \$972,967	– \$118,006	+ \$736,954

Gain Low = latest Low – earliest High; Gain High = latest High – earliest Low (widest possible spread); Mid = latest Mid – earliest Mid.

Reliability flags (net worth): none for these two endpoints. **Included in the recommended dollar-gain ranking.**

Net worth by report year (mid; Low–High)

Report year	Assets (mid)	Liabilities (mid)	Net worth mid	Low ... High	Status / flags
2014	\$592,522	\$175,000	\$417,522	-\$47,956 ... \$882,999	computed
2015	\$495,020	\$175,000	\$320,020	-\$92,959 ... \$732,999	computed
2016	\$496,520	\$207,501	\$289,019	-\$131,960 ... \$709,998	computed
2017	\$507,016	\$207,501	\$299,515	-\$89,968 ... \$688,998	computed

- **What this is:** Net worth = Schedule A assets (each value range at its midpoint; low–high range shown) minus Schedule D liabilities (midpoints / ranges). **Low** = assets at range floors minus liabilities at range ceilings; **Mid** = midpoints; **High** = assets at ceilings minus liabilities at floors. Low and High are outer bounds of the reported ranges, not likely outcomes.
- **What it excludes / understates:** exact values (only ranges are reported); a **personal residence is not reported as an asset** (although a mortgage on it may be listed as a liability, which then lowers the estimate); retirement and federal accounts (e.g. Thrift Savings Plan, defined-benefit pensions) are only partly or not

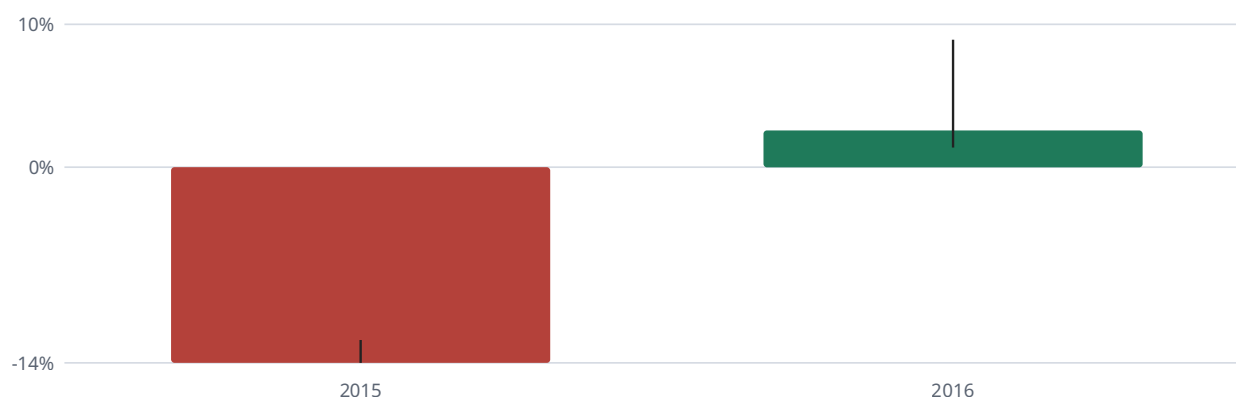
reported; assets of excepted/blind trusts, cash held below reporting thresholds, vehicles, household goods and most spouse/dependent items exempt from reporting are not included; liabilities on a personal residence, revolving credit under thresholds and loans to family may be omitted by filers.

- **Open-ended top ranges** (e.g. "Over \$50,000,000") are counted at their **lower bound** and flagged, so such values are understated.
- The change is a change in **estimated net worth in nominal dollars** (no inflation adjustment). It includes salary, gifts, inheritances, business income and re-valuation as well as investment results, and it is subject to range-bracket noise; it is **not** an investment return and implies nothing about conduct.

Read this first. Members report asset values only as *ranges* (e.g. "\$15,001 – \$50,000"), never exact dollars. Every figure below is an **estimate** computed from range midpoints, not a measured return. Figures cannot be interpreted as investment performance, and they do not show wrongdoing or skill. Methodology and limitations are at the end and in the project README. Sources: public financial disclosure reports filed with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and/or the Secretary of the Senate (Senate eFD), linked below.

Limited data – not ranked. Only 2 comparable year-pair(s) could be computed (minimum 3 to rank). 4 annual filing(s) were usable (text-readable, validated OCR, or validated X-mark decoding) and 0 scanned/image-only filing(s) could not be used (older layouts failing validation, small amendments not integrated). See the method-per-year section below.

Estimated year-over-year change



Bars: midpoint estimate; whisker: same-position floor/ceiling band. Axis clipped to -100%...+150%. Years with insufficient traceable holdings are omitted.

Year (t-1 → t)	Opening value (mid)	Closing value (mid)	Income (mid)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)	Est. gain	Same-position band	Strict envelope	Traced coverage	Status / flags
2014→2015	\$584,522	\$487,020	\$1,508	\$0	\$16,001	-13.7%	-21.4%	-139% ... +111%	99%	counted
							-12.1%			

2015→2016	\$438,518	\$447,518	\$2,306	\$0	\$0	+2.6%	+1.4%	-134% +139%	89%	counted
2016→2017	\$16,502	\$8,000	\$100	\$0	\$0	-50.9%	-51.0% ... -50.0%	-182% +80%	3%	excluded; not eligible: traced prior- year value below \$50,000

Filings used

Each annual-report year uses one filing (most recently filed version among originals/amendments whose Schedule A row count is $\geq 40\%$ of the largest). Electronic (text) PDFs are parsed. Scanned/image-only filings are OCR-read and used **only** if they pass the explicit validation gates described in the project README (value/income coverage, two-engine agreement, exact bracket snapping, page completeness, year-to-year position continuity); such years are labelled **OCR-derived** below. Scanned filings that fail validation are listed as “insufficient data – scanned”.

Report year	Doc ID	Type	Filed	Schedule A rows	Rows with unparsed value	Source (official filing) / SHA-256
2014	10005442	House annual	6/15/2015	52	0	10005442.pdf cdc519d7950c4d67494840a8d a866a3ce47bcbe9a9ed8e00db3 977e0788e0632
2015	10013896	House amendment	8/25/2016	44	0	10013896.pdf ac8355028fa087d1389ec46b37 f0d677a666a22150e5e0108ae e5648745b8f67
2016	10016156	House annual	7/28/2017	42	0	10016156.pdf dc0819f8bbdb4580a467bcac1 f15e03f74f4a03675c898194f7 eb0db2742f2f0
2017	10021345	House annual	5/7/2018	32	0	10021345.pdf c90ef639a2ba1c19f24c58b017 b8e52f27eae824be56d5692c5 fbbac67420408

Largest movers 2014→2015

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
Wells-Fargo Advisors - Cash Sweep	DC	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
Power Shares Int DVD ET	JT	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	None	\$0	\$8,000
Bank of America Corporation (BAC)	JT	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	None	\$0	\$8,000
AFLAC Incorporated (AFL)	JT	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	\$0	\$0
I-Shares Global Telecom (IRA)	—	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
I-Shares Select Dividend DVY Index Fund ETF	DC	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation ET (IRA)	—	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Lafayette-Ambassador Bank --savings	DC	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0

Largest movers 2015→2016

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
TIAA-CREF Traditional 403(B) Plan Guaranteed	—	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Ellsworth Conv Growth & Income Fund	DC	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000; None; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
Wells-Fargo Advisors - Cash Sweep	DC	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1 - \$1,000	\$0	\$0
I-Shares Global Telecom (IRA)	—	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
I-Shares Select Dividend DVY Index Fund ETF	DC	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0

Lafayette-Ambassador Bank --savings	DC	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
Alliance Bernstein Growth & Income Fund CL A	DC	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
Gabelli Utilities Trust (IRA)	—	held	\$1 - \$1,000	\$1 - \$1,000	\$0	\$0

Method (summary)

1. Schedule A asset rows are read from each annual report; the dollar range for each row is converted to its midpoint. Open-ended top ranges ("Over \$50,000,000") are excluded from the traced set and counted as a coverage loss.
2. Positions are matched year to year by owner code (self/SP/DC/JT) + normalised asset name. A position that appears only in year t is included only if Schedule B shows a purchase of it in year t (opening value 0); a position that disappears is included only if Schedule B shows a sale (closing value 0). Otherwise it is excluded as unexplained.
3. Estimated gain = (closing – opening + reported income – purchases + sale proceeds) ÷ opening, all at midpoints, for the traced positions. "Capital gains" income is not added again (it is already in value change and sale proceeds).
4. A year counts only if traced opening value ≥ \$50,000 and traced coverage ≥ 60% of the opening midpoint. A member is ranked only with ≥ 3 such years (exactly 2 = "limited data", shown but unranked). Average = geometric mean of (1+yearly estimate).

Limitations

- Ranges are wide (up to a factor of 5 or more, and up to \$50M+ open-ended); a holding can move between ranges without any real change in value, and stay in a range while moving materially. Yearly estimates are therefore noisy; the "strict envelope" shows the mathematical worst/best case and is typically wider than ±100%.
- Purchases and sales are only disclosed as ranges and only for transactions over \$1,000; partial sales, dividend reinvestment, spousal/dependent accounts and retirement-plan funds are reported inconsistently. Excepted/ blind trusts, personal residences and certain pensions are not reported at all.
- Filers sometimes change how they list assets (e.g. listing a brokerage account vs. its individual holdings), which can make positions untraceable across years; these are excluded rather than guessed.
- Asset values in an annual report are as of Dec 31 of the reporting year; the report year t–1→t covers that calendar year. Late or amended filings are used when filed; extensions can delay them.
- The text of these reports is machine-parsed from PDFs; parse errors are possible. Every number links back to the cited filing. This is not investment advice.
- Use of these filings is restricted by 5 U.S.C. § 105(c) (no unlawful, commercial or credit-rating purpose, and none for solicitation of money).

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