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# Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN)

House · Republican (most recent term) · IN-6 · in Congress 2013–2019 ·  
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## Estimated net worth (from public disclosures)

| Estimate                                                                                                       | Report year   | Low              | Mid                   | High             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> Estimated net worth before entering office<br>(report year 2013, the member's first year in office) | 2013          | –<br>\$1,164,967 | –<br><b>\$329,986</b> | \$504,994        |
| <b>(b)</b> Latest net worth estimate                                                                           | 2017          | –\$575,938       | <b>\$422,030</b>      | \$1,419,997      |
| <b>(c)</b> Estimated gain / loss, nominal dollars, 2013<br>→ 2017 (4 years spanned)                            | 2013–<br>2017 | –<br>\$1,080,932 | +<br><b>\$752,016</b> | +<br>\$2,584,964 |

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 |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 2013        | \$767,516    | \$1,097,503       | – <b>\$329,986</b> | –\$1,164,967 ... \$504,994 | computed       |
| 2014        | \$881,019    | \$890,002         | – <b>\$8,983</b>   | –\$817,962 ... \$799,996   | computed       |
| 2015        | \$881,019    | \$890,002         | – <b>\$8,983</b>   | –\$817,962 ... \$799,996   | computed       |
| 2016        | \$1,063,520  | \$827,502         | <b>\$236,019</b>   | –\$617,959 ... \$1,089,997 | computed       |
| 2017        | \$1,249,531  | \$827,502         | <b>\$422,030</b>   | –\$575,938 ... \$1,419,997 | 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.

AVG. ANNUAL  
CHANGE  
(GEOMETRIC, EST.)

**+19.7%**

SIMPLE AVERAGE OF  
YEARS

**+20.9%**

YEARS ESTIMATED

**4**

BEST / WORST  
SINGLE YEAR

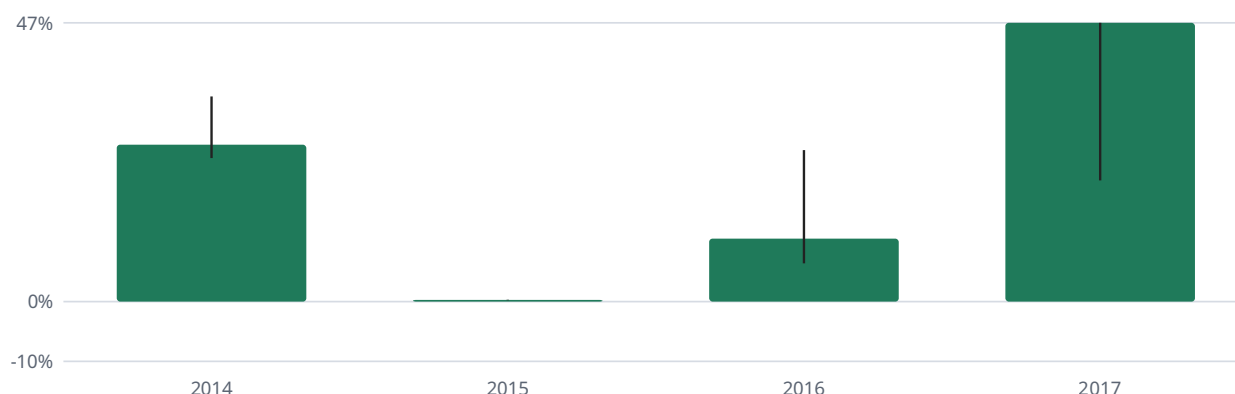
**2017 +47%**

**2015 +0%**

**Reliability flags:** few years (4); 1 year(s) driven by income/one position/range artefact.

Sensitivity band for the average (all ranges at floor vs. all at ceiling, same holdings both years): +19.4% to +19.6%. This band is narrow because it moves both years together; the true uncertainty is larger — see the per-year "strict envelope" column and the limitations.

## 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                                                                                |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2013→2014      | \$767,516           | \$808,018           | \$2,152      | \$16,001   | \$175,000   | <b>+26.3%</b> | +24.0%<br>...<br>+34.3% | -101% ...<br>+154% | 100%            | counted                                                                                       |
| 2014→2015      | \$706,018           | \$706,018           | \$2,002      | \$8,000    | \$8,000     | <b>+0.3%</b>  | +0.2%<br>...<br>+0.3%   | -122% ...<br>+123% | 80%             | counted                                                                                       |
| 2015→2016      | \$840,518           | \$1,023,020         | \$2,502      | \$96,504   | \$0         | <b>+10.5%</b> | +6.4%<br>...<br>+25.4%  | -119% ...<br>+140% | 95%             | counted                                                                                       |
| 2016→2017      | \$1,047,520         | \$1,169,028         | \$551,302    | \$184,012  | \$0         | <b>+46.7%</b> | +20.3%<br>...<br>+54.8% | -127% ...<br>+220% | 98%             | counted; many new/exited positions; income-dominated (reported income > 50% of opening value) |

## Filings used

Each annual-report year uses one filing (most recently filed version among originals/amendments whose Schedule A row count is ≥ 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                                                               |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2013        | 10006424 | House amendment | 5/8/2015 | 33              | 0                        | <a href="#">10006424.pdf</a><br>3943e62b6b96392de2c355e5e76fe83d8e5fd6acedbaae33ab9802e5c6bae177 |

|      |          |                 |           |    |   |                                                                                                          |
|------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2014 | 10006293 | House annual    | 5/15/2015 | 38 | 0 | <a href="#">10006293.pdf</a><br>4c7eac9fc539b15c359fd16a7<br>bc5b7655769b0d55d73511f9f<br>da2850be6b2467 |
| 2015 | 10011589 | House annual    | 5/16/2016 | 39 | 0 | <a href="#">10011589.pdf</a><br>0c5fd50c217447af1e1b438677<br>b96bab201ab82343a020805c42<br>15fca2fed35d |
| 2016 | 10016266 | House annual    | 8/8/2017  | 45 | 0 | <a href="#">10016266.pdf</a><br>1ab5ef86e0041bcd1d046100e8<br>ccb54e5b9939ce44802d7c914<br>b178bc4a653cd |
| 2017 | 10025556 | House amendment | 4/9/2019  | 68 | 0 | <a href="#">10025556.pdf</a><br>a8df3d9c019ef724be2360a617<br>9c258e1d13f174053a06d3334<br>ad43a55442f2a |

## Largest movers 2014→2015

| Position (as written in filing)                                | Owner | Kind | Opening range(s)    | Closing range(s)    | Buys (mid) | Sales (mid) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fd A           | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Citibank - Checking                                            | SP    | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones (SEP) IRA - Spouse ⇒ AMCAP Fund CL C              | SP    | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Growth Fund Class A            | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin High Income Fund Class A       | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones (SEP) IRA - Spouse ⇒ Templeton World Fund class A | SP    | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Templeton Growth Fund CI A              | —     | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$0        | \$0         |
| Mainsource Bank - Savings                                      | JT    | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$0        | \$0         |

## Largest movers 2015→2016

| Position (as written in filing)                                         | Owner | Kind | Opening range(s)    | Closing range(s)     | Buys (mid) | Sales (mid) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Growth Fund Class A                     | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$50,001 - \$100,000 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Mutual Shares Fund Class A              | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$50,001 - \$100,000 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Citibank - Checking                                                     | SP    | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | None                 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Mainsource Bank - Savings                                               | JT    | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | None                 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Citibank - Savings                                                      | SP    | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | None                 | \$0        | \$0         |
| College Choice 529 Plan ⇒ Adv 529 Large Cap Index Class A               | —     | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$15,001 - \$50,000  | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Templeton Growth Fund CI A                       | —     | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$15,001 - \$50,000  | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones (SEP) IRA - Spouse ⇒ Investment Co. of America Fd. Class A | SP    | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$15,001 - \$50,000  | \$0        | \$0         |

## Largest movers 2016→2017

| Position (as written in filing)                                              | Owner | Kind | Opening range(s)                                           | Closing range(s)     | Buys (mid) | Sales (mid) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Rising Dividends Fd. Class A [MF]            | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000                                        | \$50,001 - \$100,000 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Flex Cap Growth Fd A [MF]                    | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000                                        | None                 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Large Cap Equity Fd. Class A [MF]            | —     | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000                                        | None                 | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones (SEP) IRA - Spouse ⇒ Investment Co. of America Fd. Class A [MF] | SP    | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000                                        | \$1,001 - \$15,000   | \$0        | \$0         |
| Edward Jones SEP IRA ⇒ Franklin Intl. Sm. Cap. Gr. Class A [MF]              | —     | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000                                         | \$15,001 - \$50,000  | \$0        | \$0         |
| Franklin Rising Dividend Fund Class A [MF]                                   | DC    | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000; \$1,001 - \$15,000 | \$1,001 - \$15,000   | \$0        | \$0         |

|                                                            |    |      |                     |                     |         |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|-----|
| 2022 Enrollment Portfolio Class A [5P]                     | SP | held | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$15,001 - \$50,000 | \$8,000 | \$0 |
| College Choice 529 Plan ⇒<br>Diamond Hill Sm-Mid 529A [5P] | —  | held | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$1,001 - \$15,000  | \$8,000 | \$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.
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