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Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC)

House · Republican (most recent term) · SC-1 · in Congress 1995–2019 ·
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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 1995	2014	\$2,329,031	\$4,132,015	\$5,934,999
(b) Latest net worth estimate	2017	\$2,805,026	\$6,265,012	\$9,724,999
(c) Estimated gain / loss, nominal dollars, 2014 → 2017 (3 years spanned)	2014– 2017	– \$3,129,973	+ \$2,132,998	+ \$7,395,968

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

Reliability flags (net worth): 2014: 1 Schedule A row(s) had the upper bound of the range lost in text extraction; completed from the fixed statutory bracket. **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	\$4,507,016	\$375,000	\$4,132,015	\$2,329,031 ... \$5,934,999	computed; 1 Schedule A row(s) had the upper bound of the range lost in text extraction; completed from the fixed statutory bracket
2015	\$7,148,016	\$375,000	\$6,773,015	\$3,106,031 ... \$10,439,999	computed; 1 Schedule A row(s) had the upper bound of the range lost in text extraction; completed from the fixed statutory bracket
2016	\$6,273,014	\$750,001	\$5,523,012	\$2,056,027 ... \$8,989,998	computed

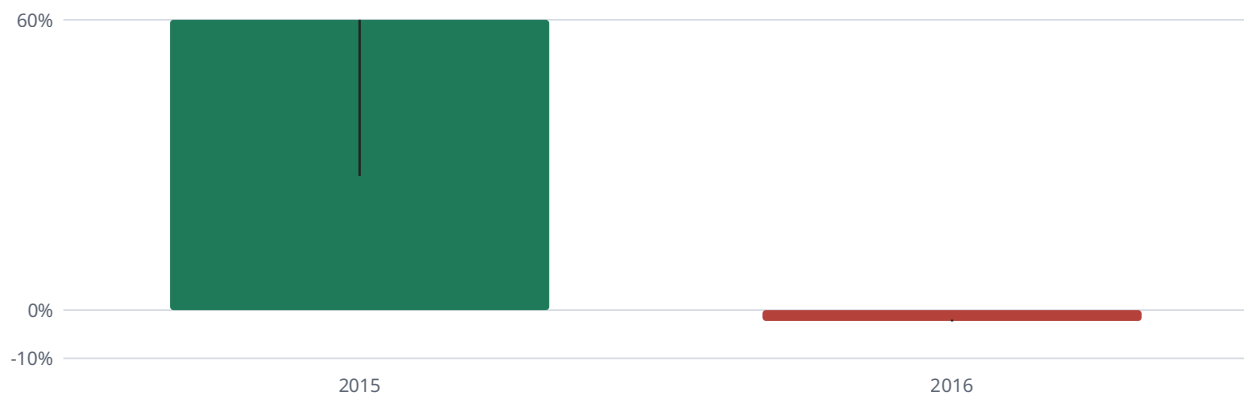
2017	\$6,640,013	\$375,000	\$6,265,012	\$2,805,026 ...	computed
				\$9,724,999	

- **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	\$4,416,014	\$6,957,514	\$119,008	\$8,000	\$8,000	+60.2%	+27.9% ... +75.1%	-57% ... +178%	100%	counted; single position drives the result (range jump)
2015→2016	\$6,307,014	\$6,057,512	\$107,957	\$0	\$0	-2.2%	-2.3% ... -1.9%	-104% ... +100%	89%	counted
2016→2017	\$1,207,510	\$1,250,010	\$120,706	\$107,501	\$75,000	+10.8%	+10.5% ... +11.6%	-86% ... +108%	19%	excluded; not eligible: traced coverage 19% < 60%

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
2014	10008983	House amendment	5/16/2016	33	1	10008983.pdf f4dd1c952f0e1fbc91b131591a4ddf7d4976ae084ab81776b9bd9e536a11442a
2015	10011004	House annual	5/16/2016	33	1	10011004.pdf d9f18a1ef862e97879187505eba0007b5d4bdb522c413c6ceb ecc548e3eb5d6b

2016	10015661	House annual	5/10/2017	31	0	10015661.pdf 30d654a01f191168fbba6c6f7 cb6306a3c278164cdaecf2d4d4 442554885e1a7
2017	10022148	House annual	5/15/2018	29	0	10022148.pdf 9ff3d997a6ac7157f061687237 b5301d73c3c058f5551207cf9 ce9d90fba6a13

Largest movers 2014→2015

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
Sanford Land Company ⇒ Sanford Land Company	—	held	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	\$0	\$0
509 King Street Residence	—	held	\$250,001 - \$500,000	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Bank of america ⇒ Checking account	—	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$0
Blue Creek Capital, LLC ⇒ 311 Middle Street	—	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Blue Creek Capital, LLC ⇒ Oak Ridge Drive	—	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	\$0	\$0
Brick 21, LLC ⇒ 307 Sea Island Parkway	—	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$0
Blue Creek Capital, LLC ⇒ 1813 Lovejoy Street	—	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Cotton Hope, LLC ⇒ Cotton Hope, LLC	—	held	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$0	\$0

Largest movers 2015→2016

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
Capital One ⇒ Savings account	—	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$250,001 - \$500,000	\$0	\$0
SC Deferred Compensation Fund ⇒ 84M Pre-2010	—	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	None	\$0	\$0
UBS ⇒ Cash balance	—	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	None	\$0	\$0

Merrill Lynch ⇒ Cash Investment account	—	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
SC Deferred Compensation Fund ⇒ 84M Post 2009	—	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	None	\$0	\$0
Brick 21, LLC ⇒ 307 Sea Island Parkway	—	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$0
Blue Creek Capital, LLC ⇒ 1813 Lovejoy Street	—	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Cotton Hope, LLC ⇒ Cotton Hope, LLC	—	held	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$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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