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Rep. John P. Sarbanes (D-MD)

House · Democrat (most recent term) · MD-3 · in Congress 2007–2025 ·
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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 (2015); the member entered office earlier, in 2007	2015	\$98,009	\$281,504	\$464,998
(b) Latest net worth estimate	2023	\$478,014	\$1,061,506	\$1,644,999
(c) Estimated gain / loss, nominal dollars, 2015 → 2023 (8 years spanned)	2015– 2023	+\$13,016	+ \$780,003	+ \$1,546,990

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
2015	\$346,504	\$65,001	\$281,504	\$98,009 ... \$464,998	computed
2016	\$336,505	\$65,001	\$271,504	\$78,010 ... \$464,998	computed
2017	\$479,005	\$45,000	\$434,004	\$198,010 ... \$669,999	computed
2018	\$521,505	\$0	\$521,505	\$298,010 ... \$745,000	computed
2019	\$605,504	\$175,000	\$430,504	\$96,008 ... \$764,999	computed

2020	\$648,004	\$175,000	\$473,004	\$131,008 ... \$814,999	computed
2021	\$1,020,506	\$175,000	\$845,506	\$326,012 ... \$1,364,999	computed; 1 Schedule A row(s) had the upper bound of the range lost in text extraction; completed from the fixed statutory bracket
2022	\$1,112,007	\$175,000	\$937,006	\$414,014 ... \$1,459,999	computed
2023	\$1,236,507	\$175,000	\$1,061,506	\$478,014 ... \$1,644,999	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.)

+13.7%

SIMPLE AVERAGE OF
YEARS

+14.8%

YEARS ESTIMATED

7

BEST / WORST
SINGLE YEAR

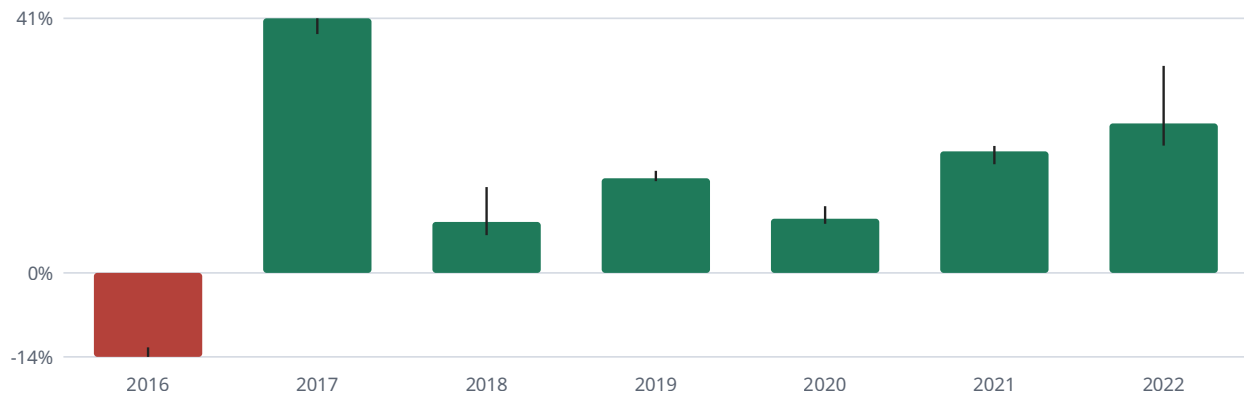
2017 +41%

2016 -14%

Reliability flags: 1 unparsed value(s).

Sensitivity band for the average (all ranges at floor vs. all at ceiling, same holdings both years): +15.9% to +12.8%. 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
2015→2016	\$346,504	\$304,004	\$3,552	\$8,000	\$0	-13.5%	-17.4% ... -12.0%	-100% ... +73%	100%	counted
2016→2017	\$336,505	\$479,005	\$3,652	\$8,000	\$0	+41.1%	+38.5% ... +48.1%	-73% ... +155%	100%	counted
2017→2018	\$479,005	\$521,505	\$4,802	\$8,000	\$0	+8.2%	+6.1% ... +13.8%	-86% ... +102%	100%	counted
2018→2019	\$521,505	\$605,504	\$3,602	\$8,000	\$0	+15.3%	+14.8% ... +16.4%	-79% ... +110%	100%	counted
2019→2020	\$605,504	\$648,004	\$2,351	\$0	\$8,000	+8.7%	+7.9% ... +10.8%	-80% ... +97%	100%	counted
2020→2021	\$473,004	\$573,004	\$701	\$8,000	\$0	+19.6%	+17.5% ... +20.5%	-74% ... +113%	73%	counted
2021→2022	\$738,004	\$921,505	\$2,452	\$8,000	\$0	+24.1%	+20.5% ... +33.4%	-72% ... +120%	87%	counted

2022→2023	\$562,006	\$686,506	\$3,052	\$0	\$0	+22.7%	+20.8%	-77% ...	51%	excluded; not eligible: traced coverage 51% < 60%
							...	+122%		
							+23.4%			

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
2015	10010828	House annual	5/13/2016	16	0	10010828.pdf 449b235e850ed03d845c66d176d b5dd9088c2bc8c12ce71eeadea88 97087f200
2016	10016022	House annual	5/8/2017	17	0	10016022.pdf 807d2a0aeef73c4f4bb81dd73390 1287078e181e7895424caa89ed21 ef2c4740
2017	10021815	House annual	5/14/2018	18	0	10021815.pdf 29d8fd75f4da69de7dbf0c08baf9 b0e0b0fbb025ba1f365f8095f81 a40d5e532
2018	10026868	House annual	5/14/2019	19	0	10026868.pdf 761c47dbc7420eefccd7f2a91b59 04060f92a7a42a3a71c14eb25811 3a4d9fa6
2019	10037051	House annual	8/10/2020	19	0	10037051.pdf c0e2b30a14c971d3865011156602 0d57e021758fa18e9961a30d81e fac6daa4a
2020	10041705	House annual	8/10/2021	17	0	10041705.pdf 0303913e56a4e7a9727c99daa7b f4b7d0e8a8cf499ace366a5452f a8527f6c4f

2021	10047587	House annual	5/15/2022	12	1	10047587.pdf 1954aeae556c9ead839bbe4027a4b97d5187980b0501adac6658d8d829b4455d
2022	10052884	House annual	5/12/2023	14	0	10052884.pdf 814ee9bc8d906c5a385a877578abcfc3ae1a0701ecdafa6d044a1778309409d58
2023	10060024	House annual	5/13/2024	14	0	10060024.pdf d21192b461d147966838a84d47d956569f95e040e1b086834a45939ccaa3b84d

Largest movers 2019→2020

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
Vanguard FTSE Social Index Fund Inv. Shares [MF]	JT	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$0	\$0
Morgan Stanley American Washington Mutual [MF]	JT	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$8,000
Wells Fargo Bank Accounts [BA]	JT	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$0
Nationwide Retirement Vankamp Growth & Inc. FdA [MF]	SP	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Pappas Education Trust ⇒ Schafer Cullen Capital Mgmt. [EQ]	—	held	None	None	\$0	\$0
MD College Investment Plan Portfolio 2015 [5P]	DC	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Pappas Education Trust ⇒ PNC [EQ]	—	held	None	None	\$0	\$0
Wells Fargo Traditional IRA Retirement Savings Certificate [IH]	SP	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0

Largest movers 2020→2021

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
Capital One Money Market Account [BA]	SP	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$0	\$0

Vanguard Traditional IRA Tgt. Rtmt 2030 [IH]	SP	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$8,000	\$0
Nationwide Retirement Vankamp Growth & Inc. FdA [MF]	SP	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Wells Fargo Bank Accounts [BA]	JT	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$0
MD College Investment Plan Portfolio 2015 [5P]	DC	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Wells Fargo Traditional IRA Retirement Savings Certificate [IH]	SP	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
Morgan Stanley American Washington Mutual [MF]	JT	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$0

Largest movers 2021→2022

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
Capital One Money Market Account [BA]	SP	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$250,001 - \$500,000	\$0	\$0
Berkshire Bank [BA]	JT	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income [MF]	—	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Wells Fargo Bank Accounts [BA]	JT	held	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$0	\$0
MD College Investment Plan Portfolio 2015 [5P]	DC	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
T. Rowe Price Government Money Fund [MF]	—	held	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0
Wells Fargo Traditional IRA Retirement Savings Certificate [IH]	SP	held	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$1,001 - \$15,000	\$0	\$0
TIAA Traditional IRA [FN]	—	held	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$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.
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