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Rep. Steve Watkins (R-KS)

Served: House 2019–2021 Former member – left office 2021

House · Republican (most recent term) · KS-2 · in Congress 2019–2021 · Bioguide ID W000824

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Party history: R 2019–2021. Source: term data in unitedstates/congress-legislators (CC0); party shown is as recorded per term there.

Estimated net worth (from public disclosures)

Estimate	Report year	Low	Mid	High
(a) Estimated net worth before entering office (report year 2017)	2017	$178,075	**$1,375,036**	$2,571,998
(b) Latest net worth estimate	2019	$45,035	**$892,016**	$1,738,997
(c) Estimated gain / loss, nominal dollars, 2017 → 2019 (2 years spanned)	2017–2019	– $2,526,963	– **$483,020**	+ $1,560,922

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

Reliability flags (net worth): short span (2 yr). **Not in the recommended dollar-gain ranking** (shown only in the full list).

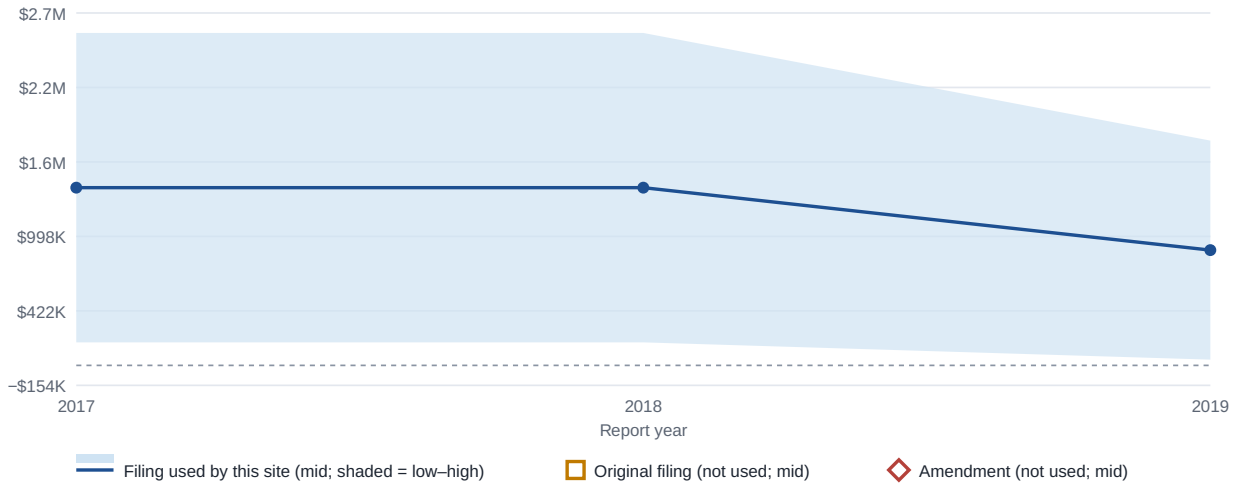
Net worth by report year (mid; Low–High)

Report year	Assets (mid)	Liabilities (mid)	Net worth mid	Low ... High	Status / flags
2017	$1,925,038	$550,001	**$1,375,036**	$178,075 ... $2,571,998	computed
2018	$1,925,038	$550,001	**$1,375,036**	$178,075 ... $2,571,998	computed
2019	$1,474,518	$582,502	**$892,016**	$45,035 ... $1,738,997	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.

Net worth by filing (every annual report and amendment)



Report year	DocID	Filed	Type	Net worth low … high (mid)	Used by this site	Note
2017	10027808	5/15/2019	Amendment	$178,075 … $2,571,998 ($1,375,036)	yes	
2018	10027730	5/15/2019	Amendment	$178,075 … $2,571,998 ($1,375,036)	yes	
2019	10038291	8/13/2020	Original	$45,035 … $1,738,997 ($892,016)	yes	

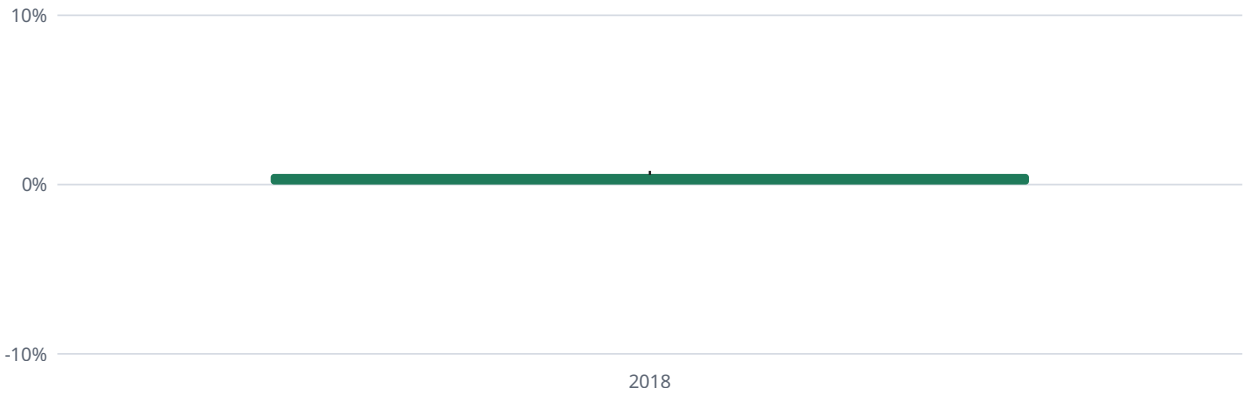
Every annual report and amendment on record for this member is listed. Net worth is computed for each filing with the same rules as above. For each report year the site uses one filing (the most recently filed one whose Schedule A is at least 40% as long as the longest filing for that year; electronic filings take precedence over scanned ones); the others are shown for comparison only and do not affect any figure or ranking. Scanned (image-only) filings are listed but not computed. Senate paper reports are not listed.

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.

Insufficient data to rank. Only 1 comparable year-pair(s) could be computed (minimum 3 to rank). 3 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
2017→2018	$1,925,038	$1,925,038	$12,156	$0	$0	**+0.6%**	+0.6% … +0.8%	-103% … +104%	100%	counted
2018→2019	$1,108,014	$893,014	$44,403	$8,000	$0	**-16.1%**	-21.0% … -14.2%	-100% … +67%	58%	excluded; not eligible: traced coverage 58% < 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
2017	10027808	House amendment	5/15/2019	75	0	10027808.pdf 0985c0cc8a2ce8a026057f6092e7ae50b544ede9e520a34b290d2730e83ac0a6
2018	10027730	House amendment	5/15/2019	75	0	10027730.pdf dfff38326b8c710cfd3a734d260737bd620170812f5d19e85e278f812887c875
2019	10038291	House annual	8/13/2020	36	0	10038291.pdf f3994ce6bc5f11eef6b84b4d8df969605e9f827394f3658c683379b827f3023e

Largest movers 2017→2018

Position (as written in filing)	Owner	Kind	Opening range(s)	Closing range(s)	Buys (mid)	Sales (mid)
SEP IRA ⇒ U.S. Global Investors Emerging Europe Fund (EURoX) [MF]	—	held	$1,001 - $15,000	$1,001 - $15,000	$0	$0
WF 401(k) ⇒ PIMCo High Yield I [MF]	—	held	$1 - $1,000	$1 - $1,000	$0	$0
SEP IRA ⇒ Fidelity® Select Energy Service Portfolio (FSESX) [MF]	—	held	$1,001 - $15,000	$1,001 - $15,000	$0	$0
Roth IRA ⇒ Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral Shares (VFAIX) [MF]	—	held	$1,001 - $15,000	$1,001 - $15,000	$0	$0
Merrill Brokerage Account ⇒ Weitz Partners Value Fund Investor Class - WPVLX [MF]	—	held	$15,001 - $50,000	$15,001 - $50,000	$0	$0
Investment ⇒ Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares (VEMAX) [MF]	—	held	$15,001 - $50,000	$15,001 - $50,000	$0	$0
Merrill Brokerage Account ⇒ Dreyfus Appreciation Fund, Inc. Class Investor - DGAGX [MF]	—	held	$1,001 - $15,000	$1,001 - $15,000	$0	$0
Merrill Brokerage Account ⇒ Firsthand Technology opportunities Fund - TEFQX [MF]	—	held	$15,001 - $50,000	$15,001 - $50,000	$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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