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Census & Redistricting

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Agenda:

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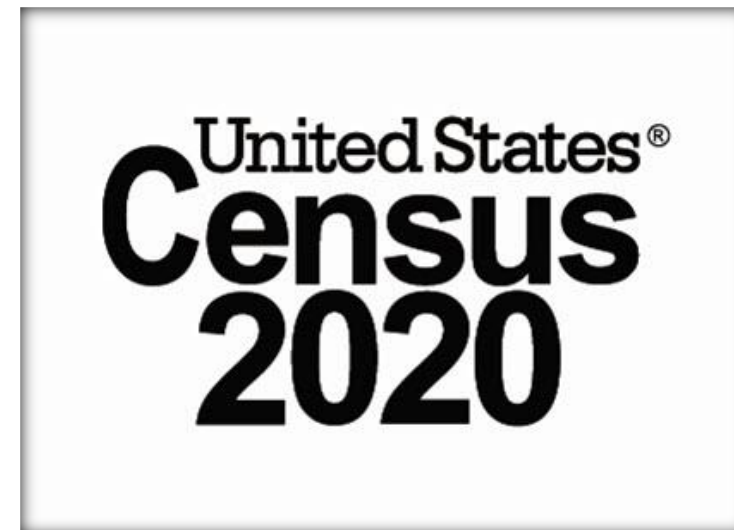
The Decennial Census

The Census:

Every 10 years, the United States completes the **Decennial Census**. We count ALL people living in the US on April 1st. Those numbers are then used to:

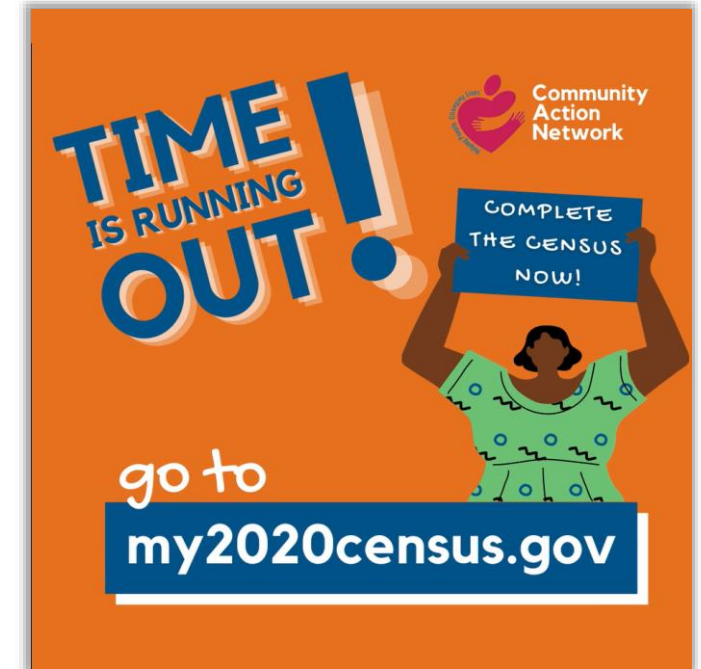
- Reapportion all 435 Congressional Seats
- Determine where billions of dollars in federal funding goes

This process is supposed to ensure fair and equal representation across the states, but it often doesn't.



Recap & Update:

- The “Citizenship Question” was not included
- The Census data collection phase was supposed to end on July 31st. It will now end on 9/30 or 10/31
- The administration’s executive memo directing the Census Bureau to exclude non-citizens in redistricting data was struck down.
- Despite the claims that 96.2% of housing units have been enumerated, we know that is not the case.



What is Redistricting and Why Does It Matter

Congressional Representation.

Our country's government is "of the people, by the people, for the people."

We elect representatives to Congress to create and enact laws, and they work for us. They serve as our voices in the lawmaking body of the land.

How to Identify Gerrymandering:

<https://www.nationaljournal.com/s/636757/modern-gerrymanders-10-most-contorted-congressional-districts-maps>

These newly drawn congressional districts are among the most contorted in the nation. In some places, their appendages are not much wider than a highway.



Graphic by: PETER BELL

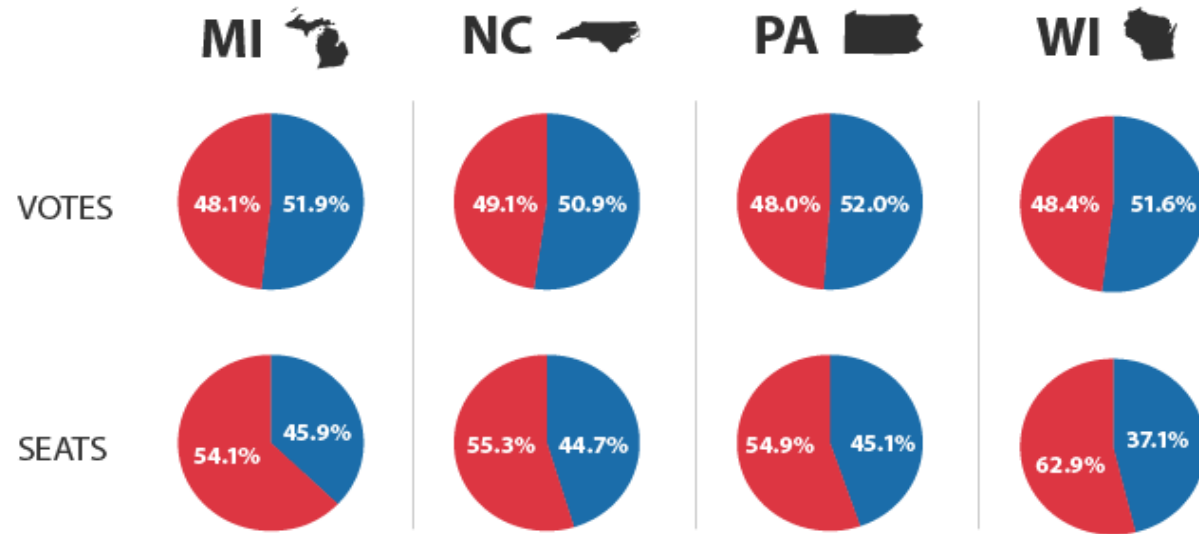
Source: State redistricting officials

The Impact of Gerrymandering:

FIGURE 1

In these four states, the party that won less than half of the votes won more than half of the seats

Gerrymanders that resulted in minority rule in state legislatures after the 2018 elections



Note: This figure combines the 2018 votes for the state House of Representatives and the most recent votes for each state Senate seat.
Source: Percentages are author's calculations based on data purchased from Carl Klarner, "State Legislative Election Returns, 1967-2018," available at <https://www.klarnerpolitics.org/> (last accessed November 2019).

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Why Does it Matter to Us?

- It's part of our 2019-2020 Public Policy platform "Encouraging Civic Engagement that Allows Every Voice to Be Heard"
- State level redistricting "...voicing opposition to redistricting maps that disparately impact communities of color."
- Federal funding levels & Political Power

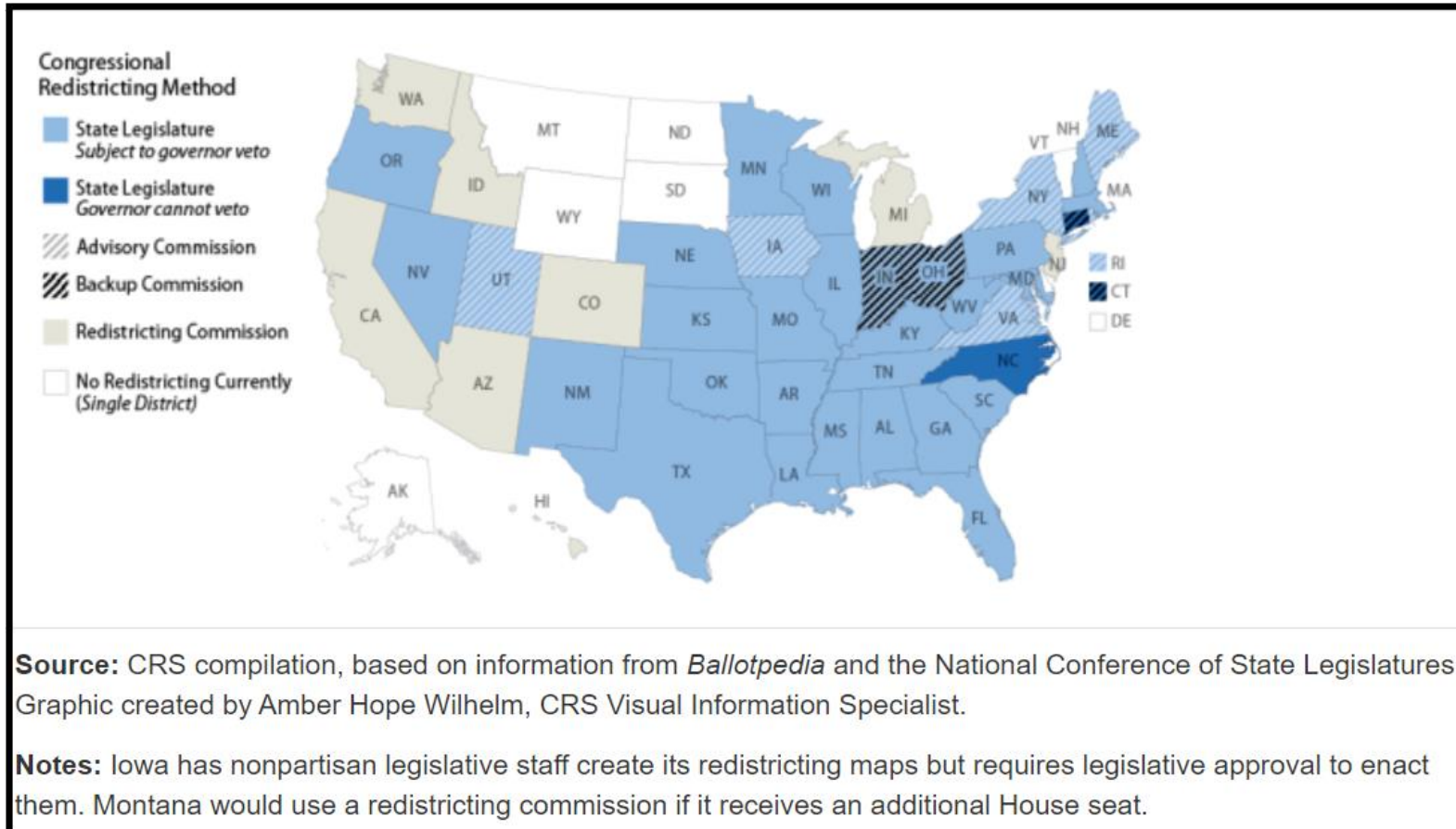
CAP POLICY PLATFORM

- Supporting Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funding & Reauthorization
- Creating an Economy that Works for All with Sufficient Income for Family Well-Being
- Providing Equitable Access to Clean, Affordable Energy & Infrastructure
- Expanding Safe & Affordable Housing
- Ensuring High Quality Education & Workforce Readiness Regardless of Circumstance
- Promoting Universal Health & Well-Being
- Establishing Structural Equity in the Criminal Justice System
- Protecting Immigrant Community Members
- Encouraging Civic Engagement that Allows Every Voice to Be Heard
- Strengthening Community Resilience

<https://communityactionpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/CAP-Policy-Platform-FINAL-Unformatted-1.30.20.pdf>

Community Action & Creating Fair Districts

How Each State Goes About Redistricting:



Source: CRS compilation, based on information from *Ballotpedia* and the National Conference of State Legislatures. Graphic created by Amber Hope Wilhelm, CRS Visual Information Specialist.

Notes: Iowa has nonpartisan legislative staff create its redistricting maps but requires legislative approval to enact them. Montana would use a redistricting commission if it receives an additional House seat.

<https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/R45951.html>

Identifying Gerrymandering:

How does your state look?

- The most gerrymandered states in the US are Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin
- Google “Congressional District Map [your state], then click on an image.
 - Do any of them look awkward or very disjointed?
 - If so, see if you can find an odd district and determine why it was drawn that way.
 - Does it carve up areas based on race or income?

How You Can Help:

- **Help get out the count for the Decennial Census**
- **Vote!**
 - Register, update your info, and confirm you are registered at [vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov).
- **Educate yourself about redistricting:**
 - Read up on the [redistricting process in your state](#) (state by state one pagers!)
 - Find out when public redistricting hearings will be held, attend, and advocate for fair district lines
- **Get Involved**
 - Sign up for civic news through the [Partnership Civic Engagement google group](#)
 - Meet your redistricting committee, and/or get to know your **state legislator**
 - Find local groups (League of Women Voters, Brennan Center, SPLC, ACLU) that are working on fair redistricting and connect

Links and Resources:

Learn About Redistricting:

- [The National Conference of State Legislatures](#)
 - [Get Ready to Redistrict: Seminars for Practitioners and Others](#)
 - [5 Trends Shaping Redistricting](#)
- Southern Poverty Law Center, [Drawing the Line](#), 5-part series on the basics and how you can help
- Brennan Center for Justice, [Gerrymandering and Fair Representation](#)
- [Ballotpedia](#)
- [Loyola Law School's Professor Justin Levitt's Guide to Drawing the Electoral Lines](#)
- [What data does your state use to redistrict?](#)
[Census data required, tradition of census data, census or other datasets]

Redistricting By the Numbers

1 State legislative districts added nationwide during redistricting	10 States that lost congressional seats
3 to 18 The range of members on redistricting commissions in the 13 states that use them	185 Court cases filed challenging redrawn district boundaries since 2010
8 States that gained congressional seats after reapportionment	7,383 Total state legislative seats after redistricting
9 and parts of 7 States required to get federal approval for redrawn maps	7,838 Total state legislative seats in 1963

Upcoming Webinar Series:

Voter Registration and Community Action: Rules, Regulations, and Engagement Strategies

July 16th | [Recording](#)

Advocating for Your Community: Effective Strategies for Public Policy Engagement

August 13th | [Recording](#)

Census & Redistricting

September 24th | [Register](#)

The Right to Vote: A Short History & Issues for 2020

October 22nd | [Register](#)



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Questions?

