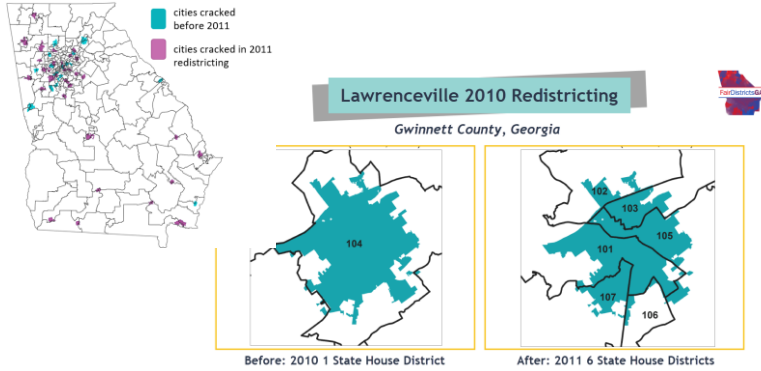


Fair Districts GA August Town Hall

August 31, 2021



Together, We are Making a Difference!



Legislative Advocacy

April 19, 2021

To: The Honorable Geoff Duncan, Lieutenant Governor, Georgia State Senate
The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives
All members of Georgia House Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment & Redistricting Committee

From: The undersigned coalition of organizations

Subject: Public participation in the upcoming redistricting process

Dear Lt. Gov. Duncan, Speaker Ralston, Senators, and Representatives

We the undersigned organizations urge you to adopt new guidelines that will improve public access, public participation and provide more comment.

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Redistricting in Georgia: A 20-Year History



**PRINCETON
GERRYMANDERING
PROJECT**

Fixing bugs in democracy

FDGA Map Room

Created by Karen McCown
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- State of Georgia districts
- Georgia's most populous counties
- How cities are split into multiple districts
- College Campus Maps

Mapping & Analysis



Thanks to Fair Districts Volunteers!



Listen to citizens' redistricting wishes

Citizens have been clear in their demand for fair maps and the end to partisan gerrymandering that both parties are guilty of. The people of Georgia want a redistricting process that is transparent, fair and gives every constituent a voice. It is now time for legislators to heed this input as they move into the redistricting process in Georgia over the coming months.



How businesses can engage on redistricting

By Ken Lawler

Business leaders are taking a courageous stand for democracy by speaking out against the ongoing wave of proposed and passed state laws that limit access to the ballot box. In Georgia's recent 2020 election, they recognized legislators who were not listening to the people and were not respecting the will of the voters. They recognized legislators who were not listening to the people and were not respecting the will of the voters.

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READERS WRITE

We must demand fair maps during redistricting

The good news is: The census is complete, and our population numbers are coming out. The possibly not-so-good news is that it's time for redrawing our legislative districts, and we could gain or lose representation.

The Georgia Legislature controls the redistricting process, so whoever is in power can choose their voters (called gerrymandering): This is not what our Constitution means when it guarantees one person one vote. The process is often done in secret and then presented to the public. But if we citizens speak up early – right now – to give our input on fair maps, we have a greater chance of limiting the biased gerrymandering. Ask for maps based on community input, logical geographic lines (not political boundaries) and independent nonpartisan guidelines or oversight.

Remember: We live with these maps for 10 years!
HARRIET JARDINE, MACON

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Town Hall – May 24, 2021



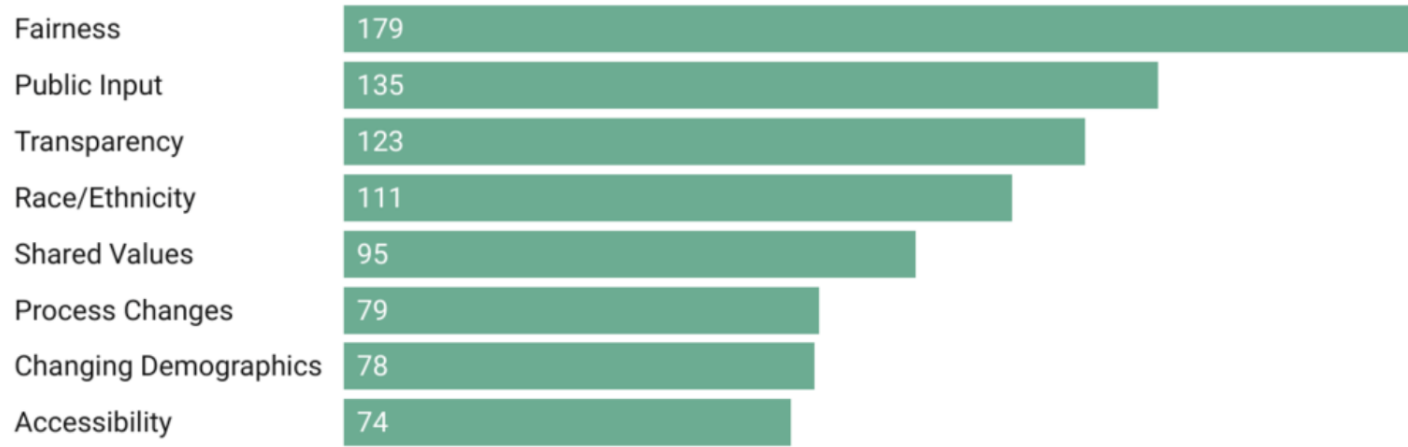
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Public Testimony

Public Comment Themes



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Fairness in the mapmaking process was the most common request during 18 hours of public comment during legislative town halls in recent weeks.

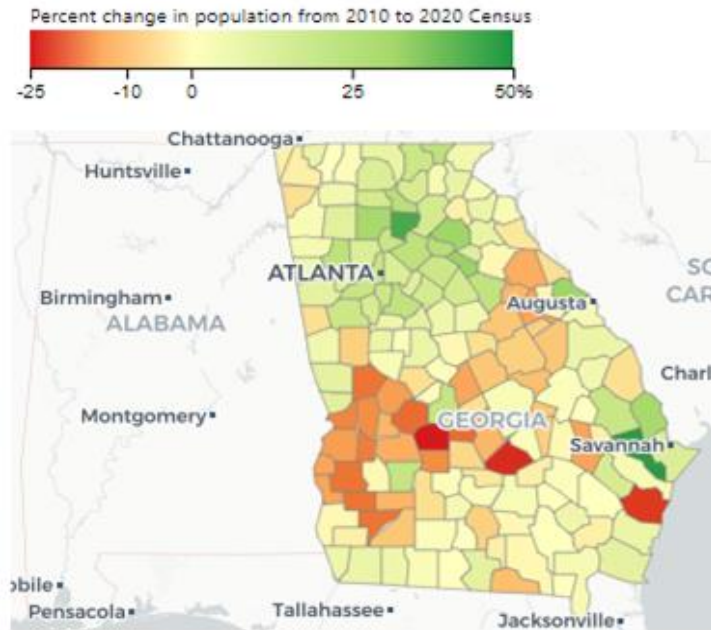
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GPB News

**Submit written testimony:
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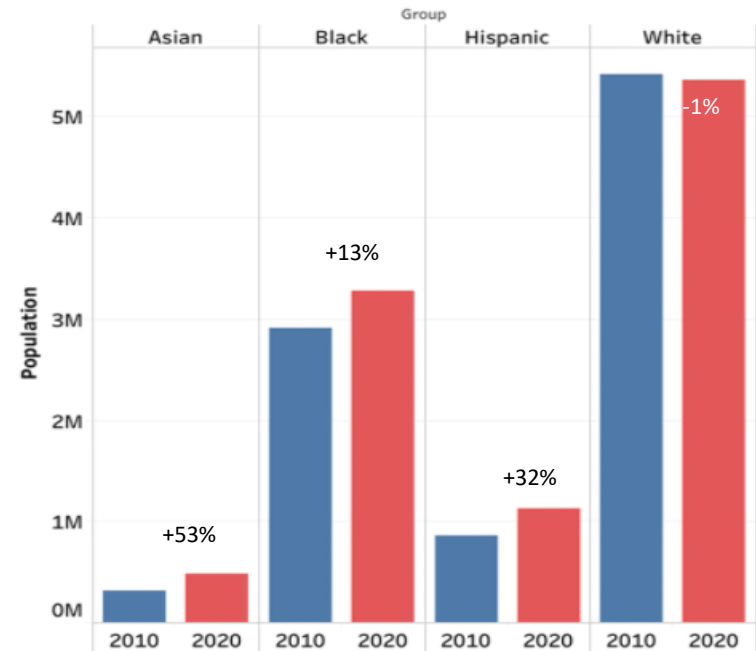
2020 Census shows 2 pivotal changes to the state of Georgia over the last 10 years

Total population grew by 10.6% to 10.7M total residents up from 9.7M in 2010

Shift from Rural to Urban



GA Grows More Diverse



Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 and 2020 Census

Putting Georgia's Redistricting Process in Context

Alan I. Abramowitz

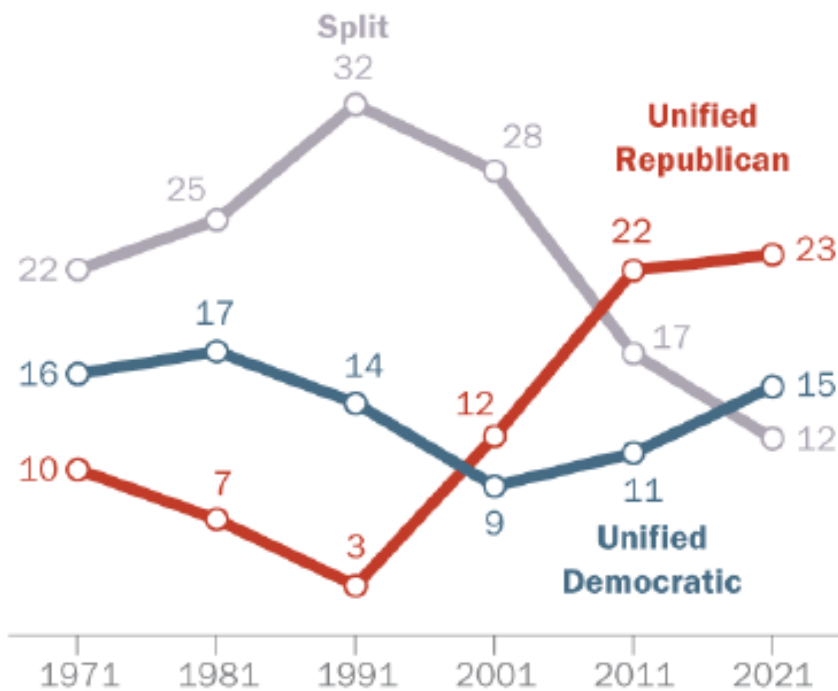
Professor Emeritus of Political Science

Emory University

- 1. Control of redistricting**
- 2. Demographic change**
- 3. Why redistricting matters**

In 2021, GOP has unified control of nearly half of states; divided governments at low point

Number of states where party control of governor's office and state legislatures is...

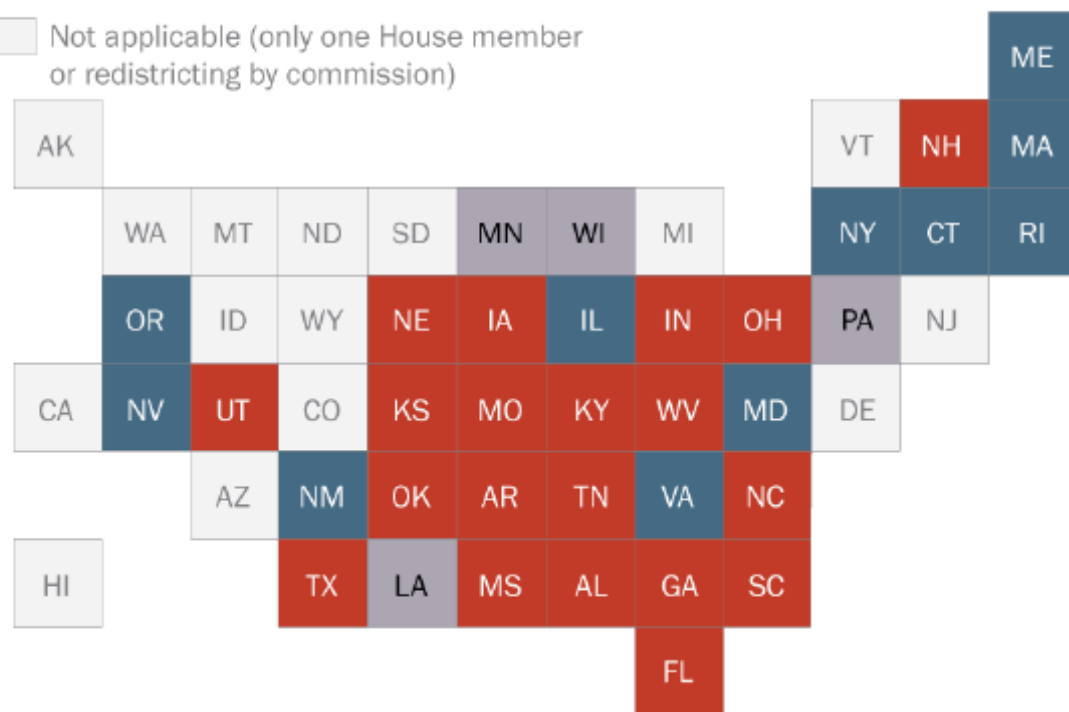


Which party will dominate the congressional redistricting process in 2021?

Among 35 states where legislature has primary responsibility for congressional redistricting or votes on plans submitted to it, who is in charge of the system

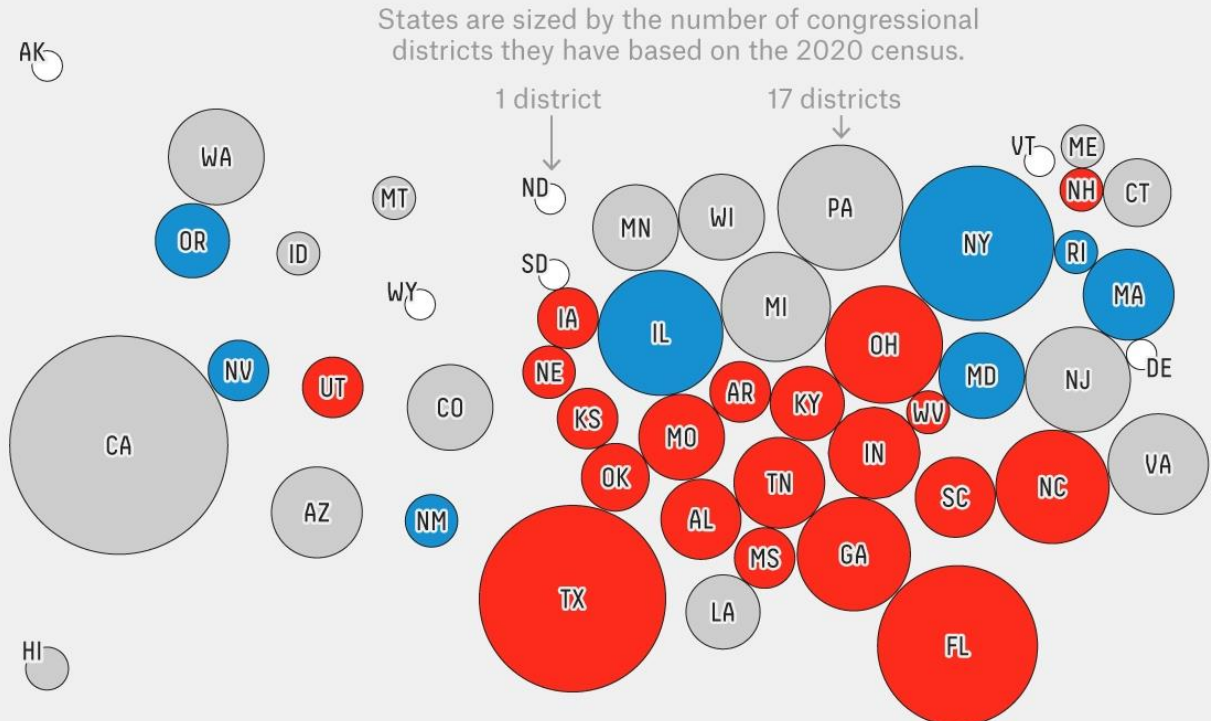
■ Democrats ■ Republicans ■ Split

□ Not applicable (only one House member or redistricting by commission)



Where the parties wield redistricting power

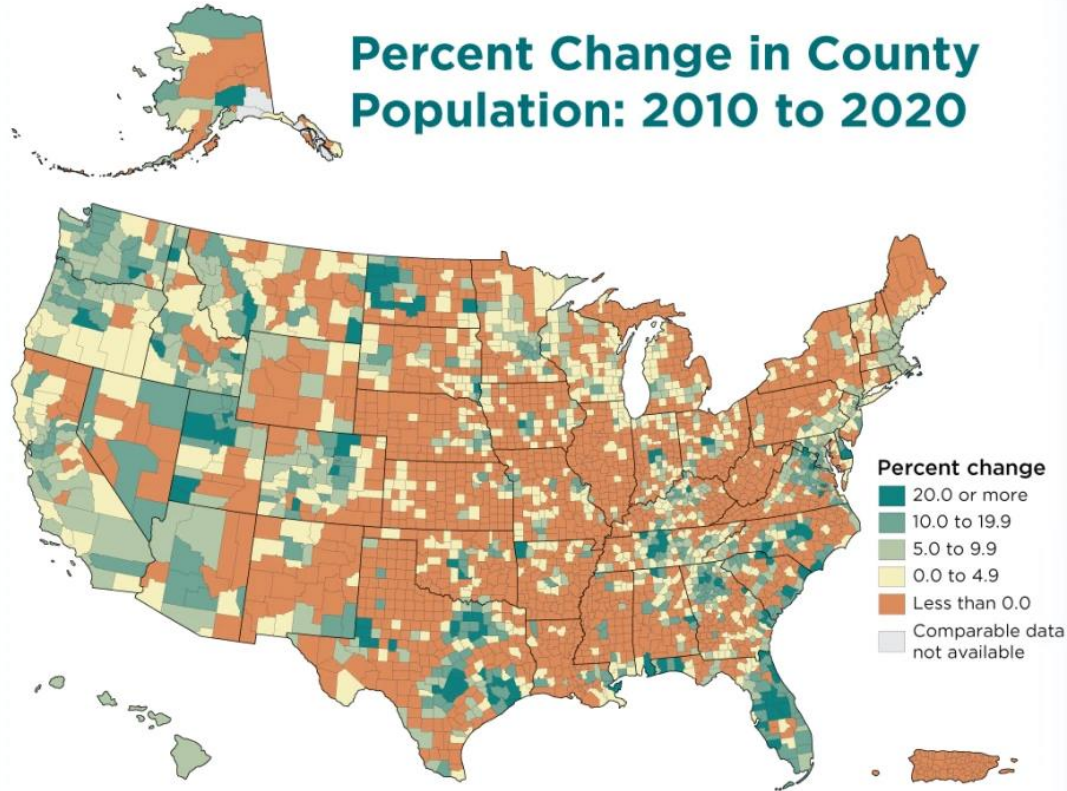
Party control of the redistricting process in each state after the 2020 election, based on 2020 census reapportionment data



Demographic Shifts

- Many urban and suburban areas experienced rapid growth
- Many rural areas experienced population loss
- Racial diversity increases even faster than expected

Percent Change in County Population: 2010 to 2020



Note: Bedford city, VA, was changed to town status and added to Bedford County, VA, effective July 1, 2013. For purposes of presenting data, Bedford County is treated as if Bedford city were included in it at the time of the 2010 census.

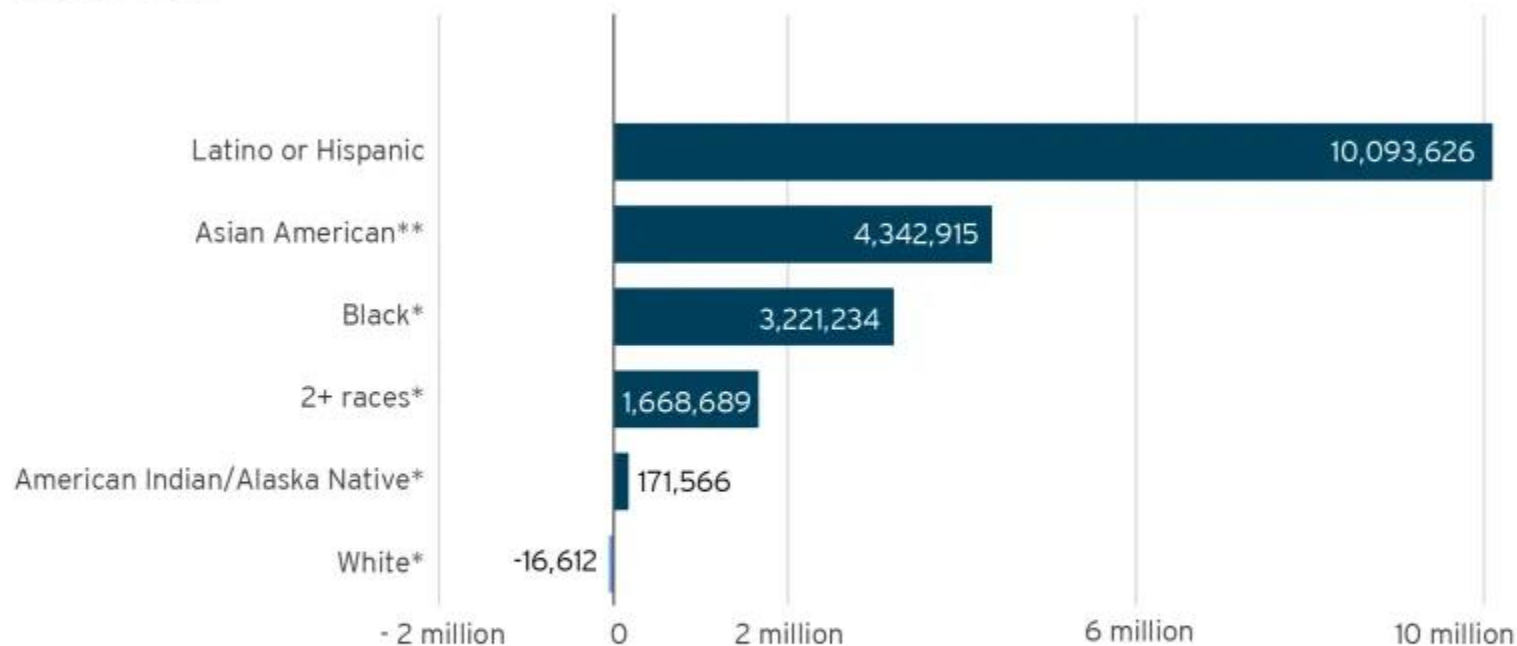
Overall, the average county that voted for Biden boosted its population by 3.4 percent between 2010 and 2020, while the average Trump county grew by just 0.2 percent. Strikingly, 370 out of the 538 Biden counties (69 percent) gained population, while 1,468 out of the 2,574 Trump counties (57 percent) lost residents.

Source: FiveThirtyEight

FIGURE 3

Race-ethnic contributions to change in US population

2010 to 2019

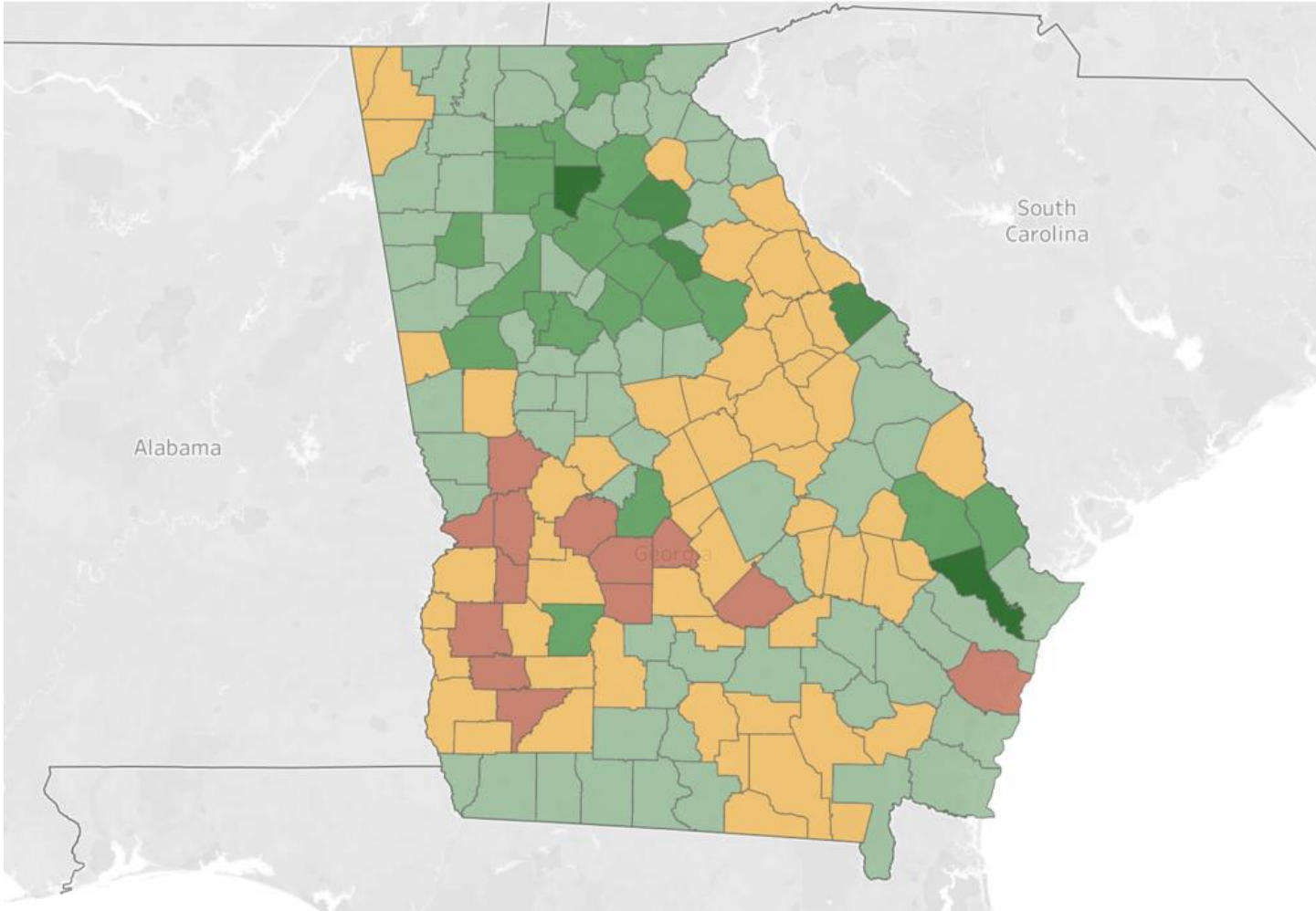


* members of race group who do not identify as Latino or Hispanic

** non-Latino or Hispanic Asians, Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders

Source: William H Frey analysis of Census population estimates released June 25, 2020

Population Change, 2010-20



Change in Population of Georgia Congressional Districts, 2010-2020

Population in 000s					
District	Representative	2010	2020	Change	Pct. Change
1	Carter (R)	692	756	+ 64	+ 9.2
2	Bishop (D)	692	673	- 19	- 2.7
3	Ferguson (R)	692	763	+ 71	+ 10.3
4	Johnson (D)	692	774	+ 82	+ 11.8
5	Williams (D)	692	788	+ 96	+ 13.9
6	McBath (D)	692	766	+ 74	+ 10.7
7	Bordeaux (D)	692	859	+ 167	+ 24.2
8	Scott (R)	692	720	+ 28	+ 4.0
9	Clyde (R)	692	775	+ 83	+ 12.1
10	Hice (R)	692	775	+ 83	+12.0
11	Loudermilk	692	803	+ 111	+ 16.0
12	Allen (R)	692	739	+ 47	+ 6.7
13	Scott (D)	692	793	+ 101	+ 14.6
14	Greene (R)	692	729	+ 37	+ 5.3
State Total		9,688	10,713	+ 1,025	+ 10.6
8 Rep Districts		5,536	6,060	+ 524	+ 9.5
6 Dem Districts		4,152	4,653	+ 501	+ 12.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

2020 Census: Georgia's urban and minority populations have surged

Georgia is growing ever more urban and ever more diverse, Census figures released Thursday show, continuing a shift in population toward metro Atlanta and away from the rural areas that were once the backbone of the state.

The state's fastest-growing areas remain in the suburbs of Atlanta, Savannah and Augusta.

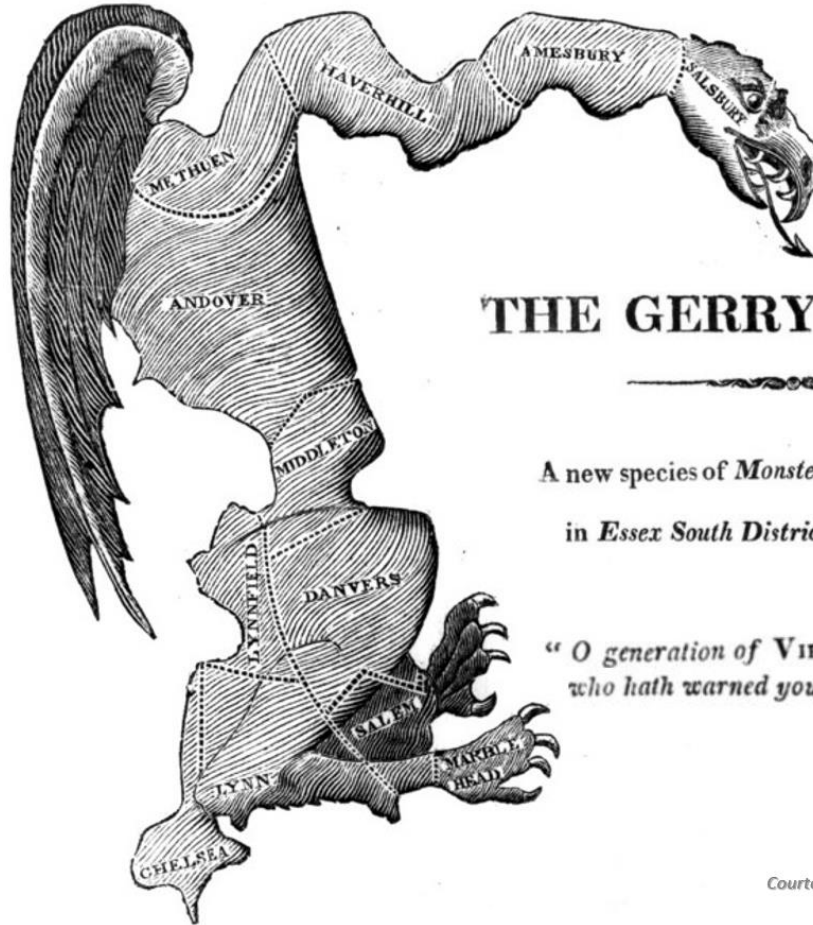
Metro Atlanta's core counties didn't grow as rapidly, percentage-wise, but all added large numbers of people. Of the just more than 1 million people that the state added between 2010 and 2020, about 152,000 were in Gwinnett County and about 146,000 were in Fulton County. Cobb, Forsyth and DeKalb counties each added more than 70,000 residents. Most of those areas will see their share of political representation increase.

Georgia gets more diverse as white residents dip

The share of Georgia's residents who identify as white and non-Hispanic shrank to 50.1%, the lowest on record, signifying that the state's transition to majority-minority may have already happened in the year since the Census was taken.

The raw number of people who identify as white alone fell by more than 50,000, to under 5.4 million. Some of that change is because more people are identifying as a combination of races or ethnicities, with changes in how the Census asks about those subjects. People identifying as Black alone rose by 367,000 to 3.3 million, while people identifying as Hispanic or Latino rose by 270,000 to 1.1 million, as Georgia continues to act as a beacon for in-migration among nonwhite groups.

Why Redistricting Matters

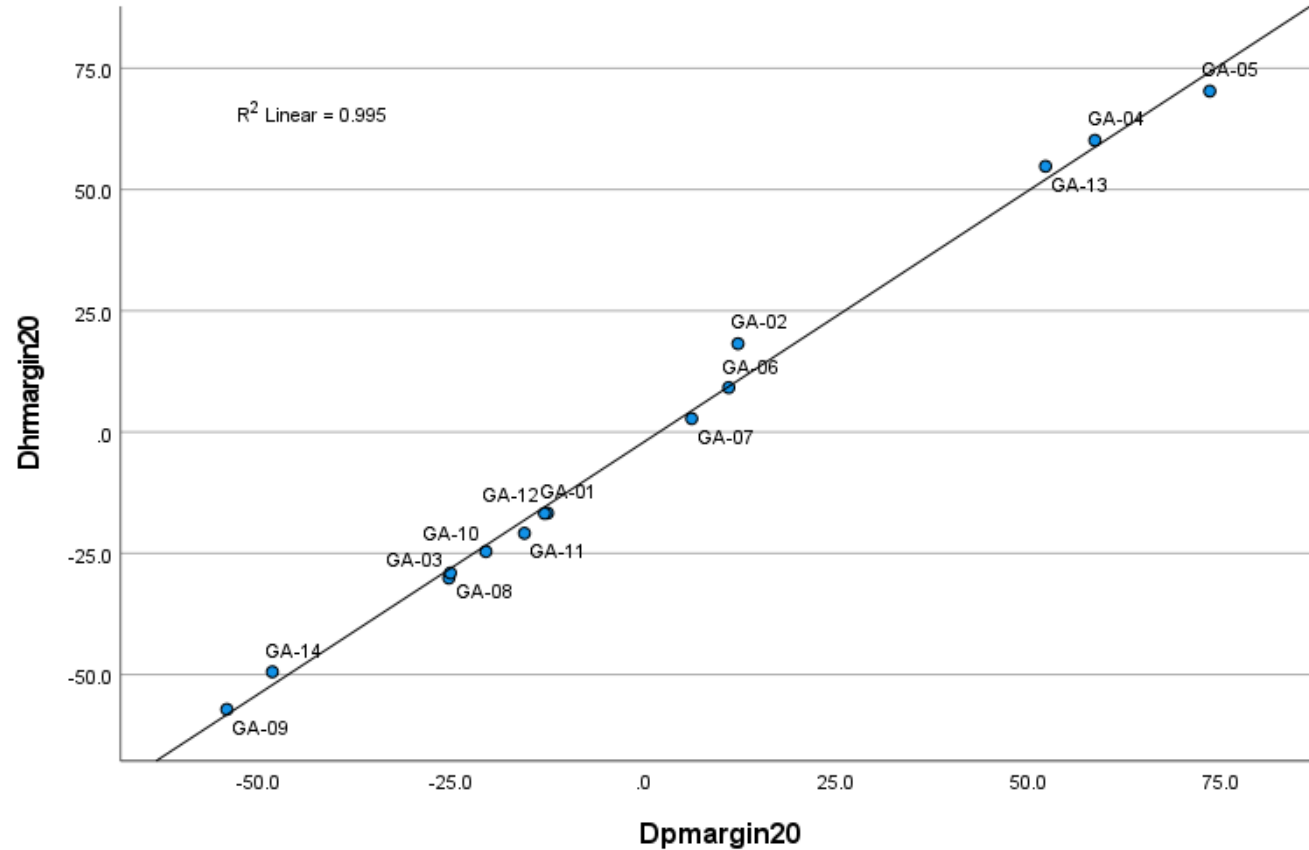


THE GERRY-MANDER.

A new species of *Monster*, which appeared
in *Essex South District* in Jan. 1812.

“O generation of *VIPERS!*
who hath warned you of the wrath to come?”

Presidential Results Now Almost Perfectly Predict Congressional Results



A close-up photograph of Vladimir Putin, the Russian President, looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful or serious expression. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white shirt. His hand is resting under his chin. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

THANK YOU!

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Realistic Expectations for Georgia Redistricting

Charles S. Bullock, III

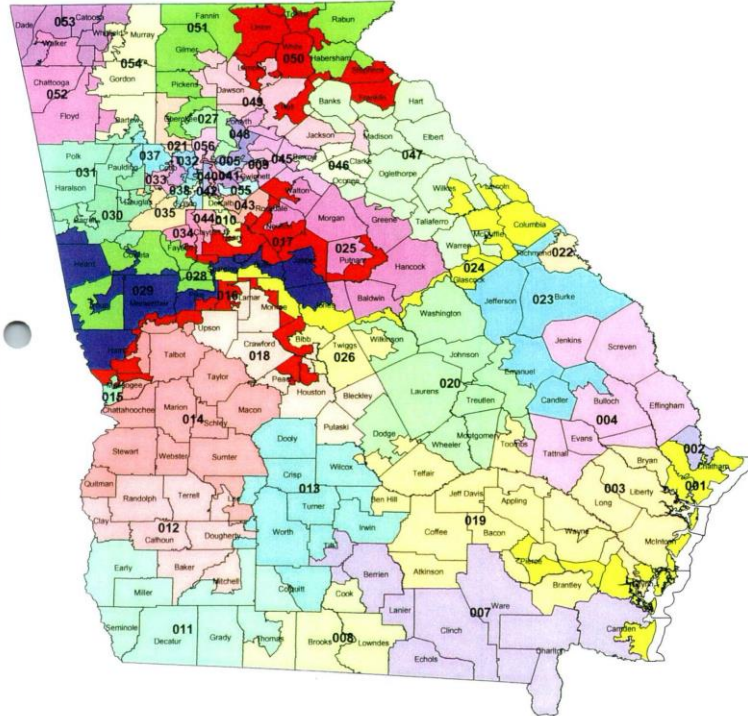


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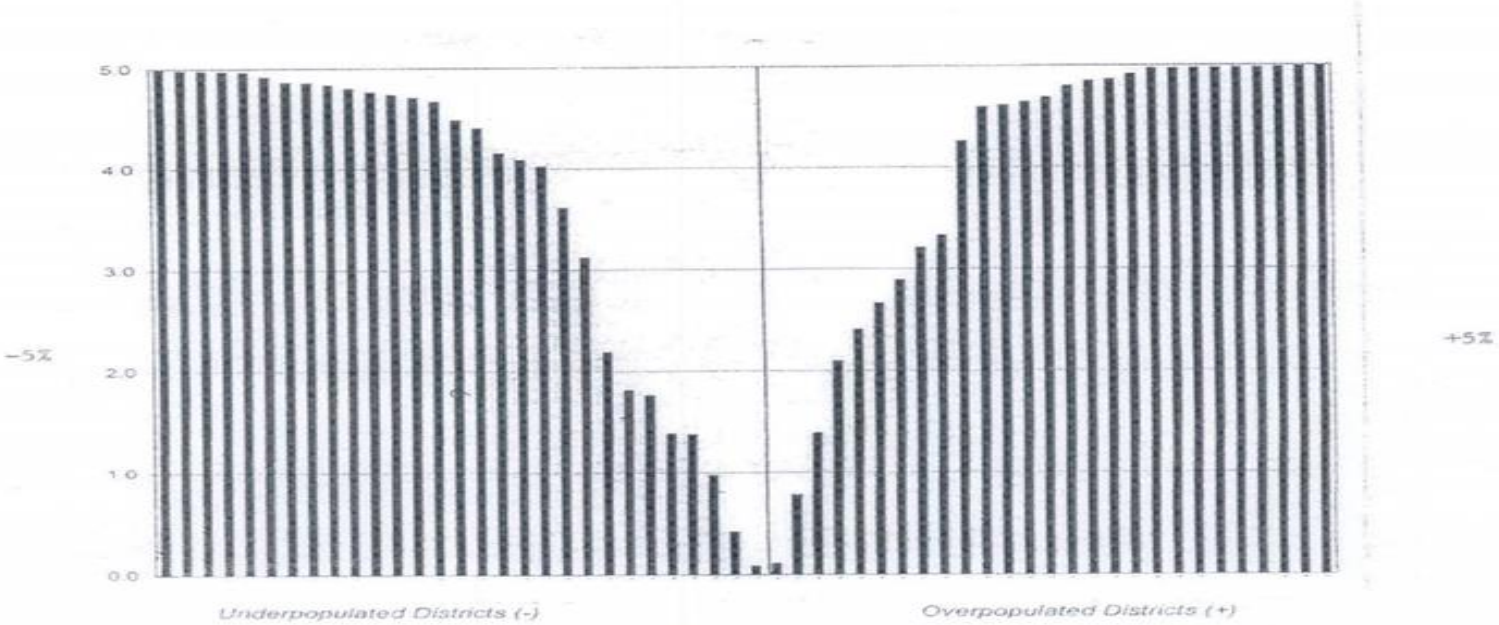
GOP Shares of Votes and Seats

	Senate		House		
	Votes (%)	Seats (%)	Votes (%)	Seats (%)	
• Redistricting of both chambers					
• 1996	52	39	51	41	
• 1998	51	39	53	43	
• 2000	55	43	52	42	
• Democrats Redistrict both chambers					
• 2002		55	46	52	41
• Federal Judges Redistrict both chambers					
• 2004	57	61	57	53	
• 2006	67	61	59	59	

Georgia Senate, 2002



Population Distribution of Georgia Senate Districts, 2003



This chart indicates the population deviations as positive differences to illustrate the deviation from 0.0%. Deviations to the left of the chart represent underpopulated districts, to the right, overpopulated districts.

- 1. Range of Deviation: from: -4.989 to: 4.995 range: 9.984
- 2. District Populations: from: 138,894 to: 153,489 range: 14,595
- 3. Ratio of Max to Min: 1.11 The most populous district divided by the least populous.
- 4. Average Deviation: 3.76 The average of the absolute value of all deviation percentages
- 5. Standard deviation: 4.11 The dispersion of the deviations about the mean as a %.

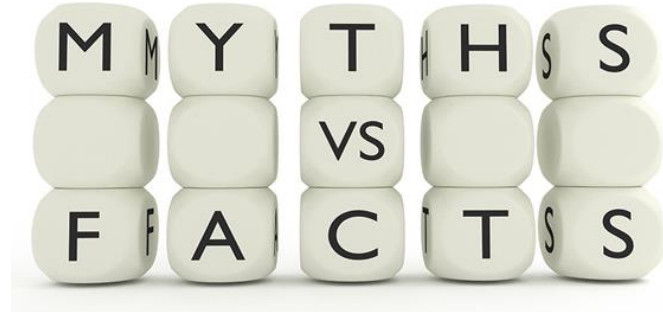
Democratic Support for President and US House in Arizona

	• 2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
• President	45%		45%		54%
• House	5-4	4-5	4-5	5-4	5-4
•	55%	45%	45%	55%	55%

Democratic Support for President and House in California

	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
• .					
• President	60%		60%		64%
• House	38-15	39-14	39-14	46-7	42-11
•	72%	74%	74%	87%	79%

Upcoming



Fair Districts GA September Town Hall September 27th, 7pm

ADVOCACY DAY

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Register: bit.ly/FDGAAdvocacyDay

Keynote Speaker:
Dave Daley
Author: *Unrigged: How Americans are Battling Back to Save Democracy*

Join us for an action-packed lobby day with national expert, Dave Daley, a legislative panel, and real-time advocacy on our virtual "rope line".

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