

Mid-decade redistricting in Georgia, 2001-2023

71 districts altered in 4 waves of mid-decade redistricting* that would be disallowed under new amendment

Without a requirement otherwise, the party in power at the time of the decennial census always seeks to maximize its electoral advantage. This was true in each of the decade redistrictings shown here.

Mid-decade redistricting allows ongoing tweaks to maintain party power and keep incumbents in office.

Year	Action	Party	Reason	Districts affected	Next election Ga legislature result
2001	Decade redistricting	D	2000 US Census		
2004	Redistricting to new maps drawn by the Court	N/A	Court found 2001 General Assembly maps unconstitutional	All General Assembly districts	2004: Rs retained 2002 Senate majority and won a majority in House
2005-2006	Mid-decade redistricting ¹	R	"We're fixing the Democratic gerrymander" of 2001.	Congressional: all 13 General Assembly: 11	2006: Rs gain 10 House seats despite virtually level statewide vote share
2011	Decade redistricting	R	2010 US Census		
2012	Mid-decade (additional) redistricting	R	Produce super-majority	General Assembly: 23	2012: Rs achieve super-majority in Senate, 1 seat shy in House, despite 2.4% decline in statewide vote share
2015	Mid-decade redistricting	Both	"Make districts better for incumbents to get re-elected." ²	General Assembly: 17	2016: Incumbents re-elected in altered districts
2021	Decade redistricting	R	2020 US Census		
2023	Mid-decade redistricting in response to court order calling for new Congressional & General Assembly districts for Black voters	R	Complies but goes beyond court-ordered change, altering other districts to maintain partisan advantage. "We're maintaining the existing partisan balance." ³	Congressional: 1 General Assembly: 6 altered as partisan take-backs	All districts altered as partisan take-backs are won as expected.

*An additional 33 mid-decade redistricting bills did not pass.

Source: FDGA analysis of enacted legislation and election results, 2000-2024

¹Action challenged in court; allowed by GA Supreme Court in Blum v. Schrader, 2006

²Court deposition of Gina Wright, LCRO, in GA NAACP v. Georgia, 2017

³Senator Bill Cowsert, Senate Committee Hearing, 2023

