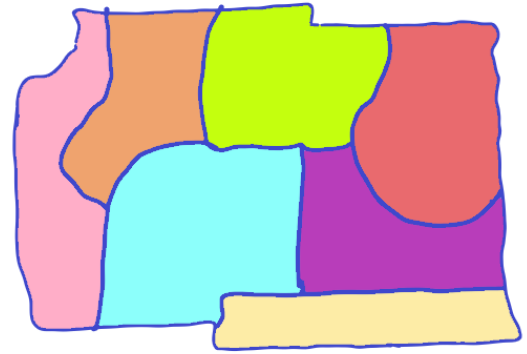

Dane County, Wisconsin

2021 Redistricting

What is Redistricting?

Following the 2020 census, every municipality, county, and state must redraw their respective wards or precincts, aldermanic districts, county supervisory districts, state assembly, senate, and federal congressional districts.



Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines of districts from which public officials are elected to reflect population shifts in accordance with the results of the census. A county's ability to redistrict is governed by traditional concepts of redistricting, which include: compactness, contiguity, and substantial equivalence of population.

The boundaries for Dane County's districts are adjusted based on population changes that occurred over the previous decade. Through the redistricting process, the population within each supervisory district is equalized so that residents across the county are equally represented on the Board of Supervisors. The approved final map is used for the next decade.

The local redistricting data timeline begins as soon as the US Census data is published. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the data has been delayed and is now expected to be released by September 30, 2021. The County Board Office, the County Clerk's Office, the Land Information Office, and the Planning and Development Department are all involved in the process.

What is Dane County Doing?

A non-partisan Redistricting Commission composed of community members chosen by the Dane County Board Chair and the County Clerk will create the map and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. From there, the Board will decide if the map determines the number of districts set by statute based on population. Items including population, geography, board organization and functioning, electoral issues, and cost of campaigns need to be considered. If the map doesn't meet this criterion, it will be sent back to the Redistricting Commission to be amended.

The public will have the opportunity to provide input on the proposed maps in public hearings. The County Board will adopt a final map.

The map will remain unchanged until the next census or until it is required to be changed to permit creation of districts of substantially equal population or to enhance the participation of members of a racial or language minority group in the political process and their ability to elect representatives of their choice.



2021 Redistricting Timeline

October 1, 2021 – 2020 Census Data Released

October 1, 2021 – November 1, 2021 Map Development and Review

November 1, 2021 – Commission Makes Recommendations to County Board

November 2021 – Executive Committee Selects Preferred Map, Recommends to County Board

December 2021 – County Board Approves Tentative Plan

December 2021 to February 2021 – Municipalities Adjust Ward Boundaries and Submit Ward Plans to County

February 2022 County Board Adopts Final District Plan

2021 Redistricting Opportunities for Public Participation

Attend Monthly Redistricting Commission meetings

Attend Public Hearings (Dates TBD)

New for 2021! Map Your Community of Interest with Representable (June – August 2021)

New for 2021! Submit a map for consideration by the Redistricting Commission using District Builder (October 1 – November 1, 2021)

Learn About Dane County's Redistricting Commission at
<https://www.danecountyplanning.com/Projects/Redistricting>

Contact the Redistricting Commission: 2021redistricting@countyofdane.com

