

What is redistricting?

What is redistricting? And why is it important? Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines of electoral districts from which public officials are elected to reflect population shifts in accordance with the results of the census. 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 goals of redistricting are: Population equality, Racial and linguistic minority representation, Geographically contiguous and compact districts, Nonpartisan districts. Click here for more information: https://www.danecountyplanning.com/Projects/Redistricting

Dane County Redistricting Commission. Who? What do they do? (Illustration of two people with speech bubbles)

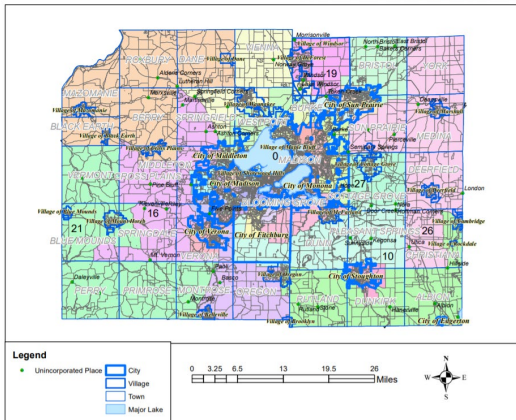
What is the Dane County Redistricting Commission? What do they do? The Dane County Redistricting Commission is a commission of selected community members who will draw new maps for the Dane County districts. Members were chosen by the County Board Chair and the County Clerk after much deliberation. They will use specialized software to draw maps, using teamwork and public input. The software is also available for public use, and members of the public can submit maps. Additionally, the County Board Office, the Land Information Office, the County Clerk's

Office, and the Planning and Development Department will work with the commission and the public. The Wisconsin Legislative Technical Services Bureau and the Wisconsin Election's Commission are also involved in the process.

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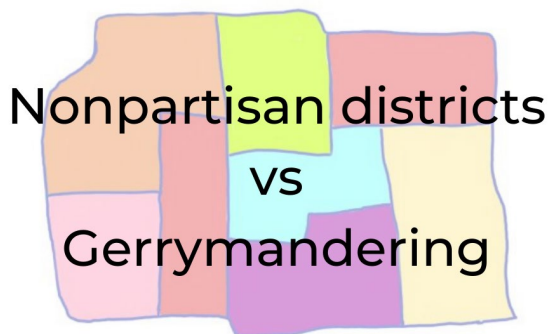


How does the redistricting process work?

The Dane County Redistricting Commission will use a specialized software and public input to draft maps, which the Dane County Board will consider. At this point, the maps are either approved or sent back for further editing. The map may be sent back to the commission multiple times until it is perfected.

The final map is adopted for the next 10 years, or until after the results of the next census are released.

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How does the Dane County Board ensure that electoral districts are nonpartisan (i.e. avoid gerrymandering)?

Gerrymandering is the process of manipulating electoral districts to suit a certain political party, which increases their chances of winning an election.

Nonpartisan redistricting aims to eliminate the harmful effects gerrymandering has on voters. A goal of the Dane County Redistricting Commission is to create population equality to ensure voter equality.

The commission considers compactness,

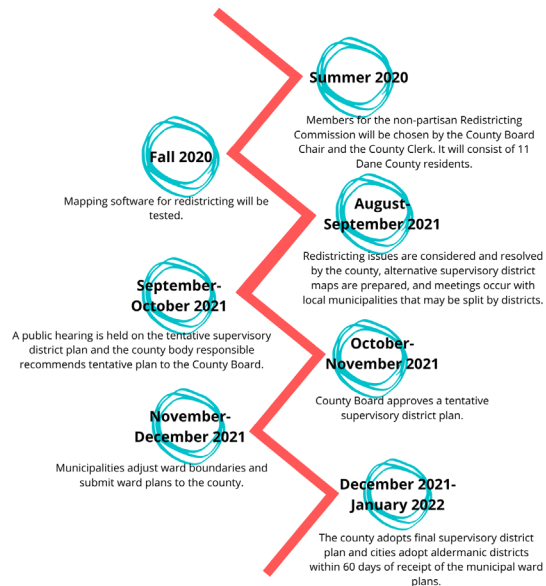
contiguity, and substantial equivalence of population that reflect population shifts in accordance with the census when creating a map.

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The local redistricting data timeline begins as soon as the Legislative Technology Services Bureau publishes the 2020 Census block data with population counts. This will begin after July 31, 2021.

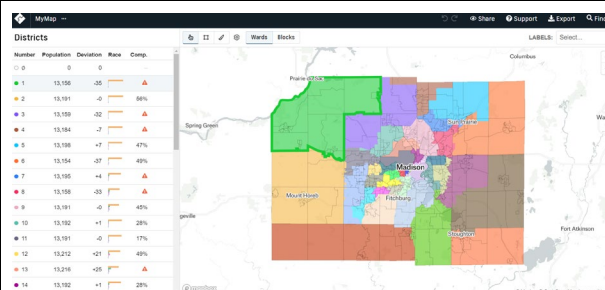


How does COVID-19 impact the redistricting process?

The redistricting process has been delayed due to the virus. According to the original timeline, the Redistricting Commission was required to submit maps to the County Board by May 31. However, due to not being able to meet in person and shifting all of the work to a virtual platform, the commission is set to submit maps this fall. The public will also have the opportunity to submit maps.

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What mapping software is being used for Dane County's redistricting?

The Dane County Redistricting Commission and the public will use DistrictBuilder, a mapping software, to create electoral districts.

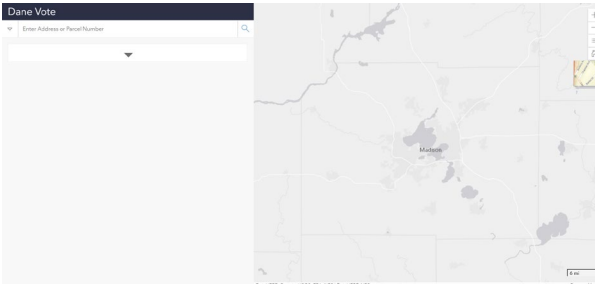
The software has been updated for 2021. Multiple maps can be created and shared via a custom URL.

The link below contains a presentation as well as a video demo on how to use the software. Additional updates have been made to the

software since then to create a more user-friendly experience.

Click here for more information:

<https://dane.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8929663&GUID=10548DB3-1523-47D7-BA0A-F36EB0475D50>



What do the current Dane County electoral districts look like?

Dane Vote provides information on the current districts. It will be updated after the new map is implemented by the Dane County Board, which is set for this winter.

Link to Dane Vote:

<https://countyofdane.maps.arcgis.com/apps/inslant/lookup/index.html?appid=c0ad611c889f47fd9e758a2dbd2c6194>