



North Dakota Native Vote Redistricting in North Dakota

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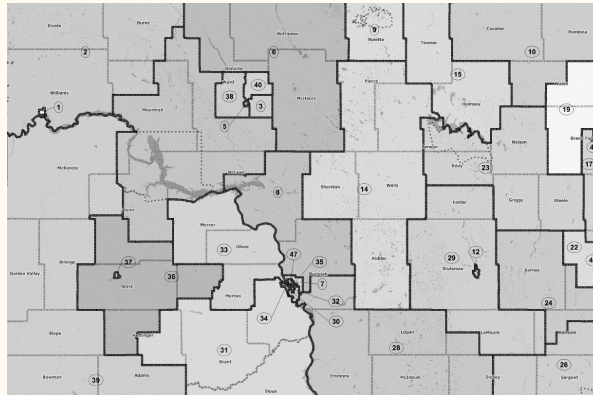
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Define Redistricting

What is redistricting?

- Redistricting is the process used by governments to redraw political boundaries.
- Redistricting is based on the idea of “one person, one vote”.
- This process is used to ensure that each person can be represented fairly.
- Legislative Districts are created to have the same number of people.



Census Data

Why is the Census important for redistricting?

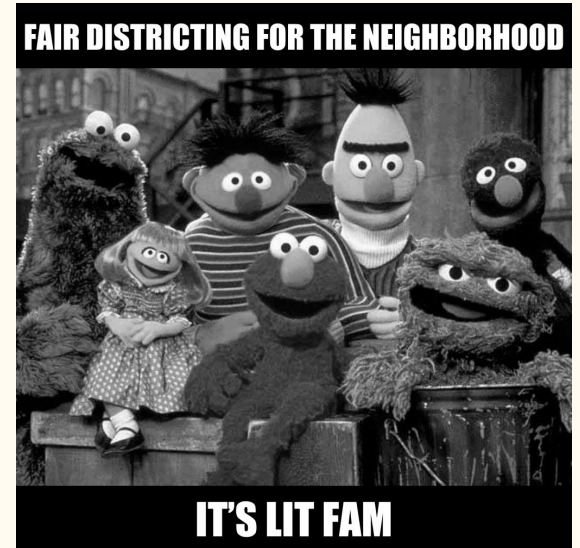
- The redistricting process occurs every 10 years after the Federal Decennial Census is complete.
- Census data is used to draw new legislative maps to account for population changes across communities.



North Dakota Legislature

How is the redistricting process established?

- The North Dakota State Legislature is responsible for drawing state legislative district boundaries
- Legislators create a bill to establish the process for North Dakota.
- HB 1397 was passed on April 22, 2021.



North Dakota Legislature Cont.

House Bill 1397

AN ACT to establish a legislative management redistricting committee, to provide for the implementation of a legislative redistricting plan, to exempt drafts of redistricting plans from open records requirements, to provide for public access to plans that are distributed or reported, and to provide for a special legislative session; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.



ND Redistricting Committee

How does the redistricting committee work?

- North Dakota establishes a legislative management redistricting committee.
- A committee chair is appointed to select committee members.
- The Redistricting Committee hosts public hearings across the state.
- Public Hearings are for citizens to address their concerns or support of redistricting.

ND Redistricting Committee Members

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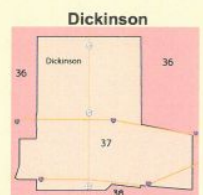
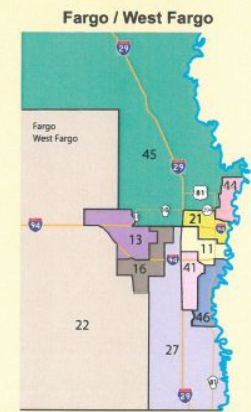
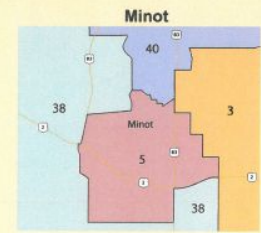
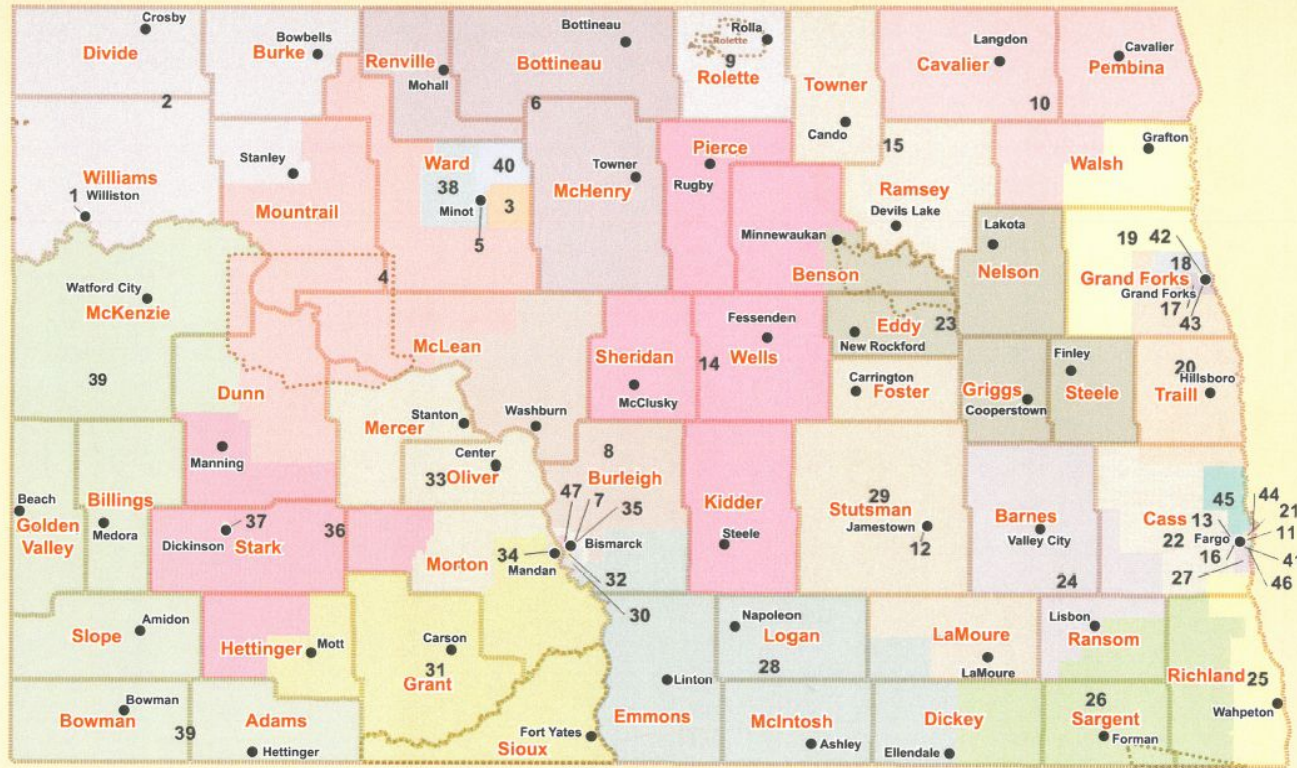
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Current ND District Landscapes

Who controls the state legislature?

- North Dakota currently has 47 legislative districts.
 - 47 Senate Members are Elected
 - 2021 Seats - 40 R & 7 D
 - 94 House of Representatives are Elected
 - 2021 Seats - 80 R & 14 D





North Dakota Legislative Districts

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- County Boundary
- Eddy County Name
- County Seat
- Legislative District
- Reservation Boundary

Tribes in ND Legislative Districts

Fort Berthold Reservation (District 4)			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Years Served</i>
Senator Jordan Kannianen	R	Stanley, ND	2017 – 2021
Representative Clayton Fegley	R	Berthold, ND	2018 – 2021
Representative Terry B. Jones	R	New Town, ND	2017 – 2021
Spirit Lake Reservation (District 23)			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Years Served</i>
Senator Joan Heckaman	D	New Rockford, ND	2007 – 2021
Representative Bill Devlin	R	Finley, ND	1997 – 2006 2011 – 2021
Representative Don Vigesaa	R	Cooperstown, ND	2003 - 2021
Standing Rock Reservation (District 31)			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Years Served</i>
Senator Donald Schaible	R	Mott, ND	2011 – 2021
Representative Karen M. Rohr	R	Mandan, ND	2011 – 2021
Representative Jim Schmidt	R	Huff, ND	2011 – 2021
Turtle Mountain Reservation (District 9)			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Years Served</i>
Senator Richard Marcellais	D	Belcourt	2007 – 2021
Representative Tracy Boe	D	Mylo, ND	2003 – 2021
Representative Marvin E. Nelson	D	Rolla, ND	2011 – 2021

Possibilities

What can we advocate for?

- Single Member House Districts
- Prison Populations
- Deviations? What?



Single Member House Districts

What is a single member house district?

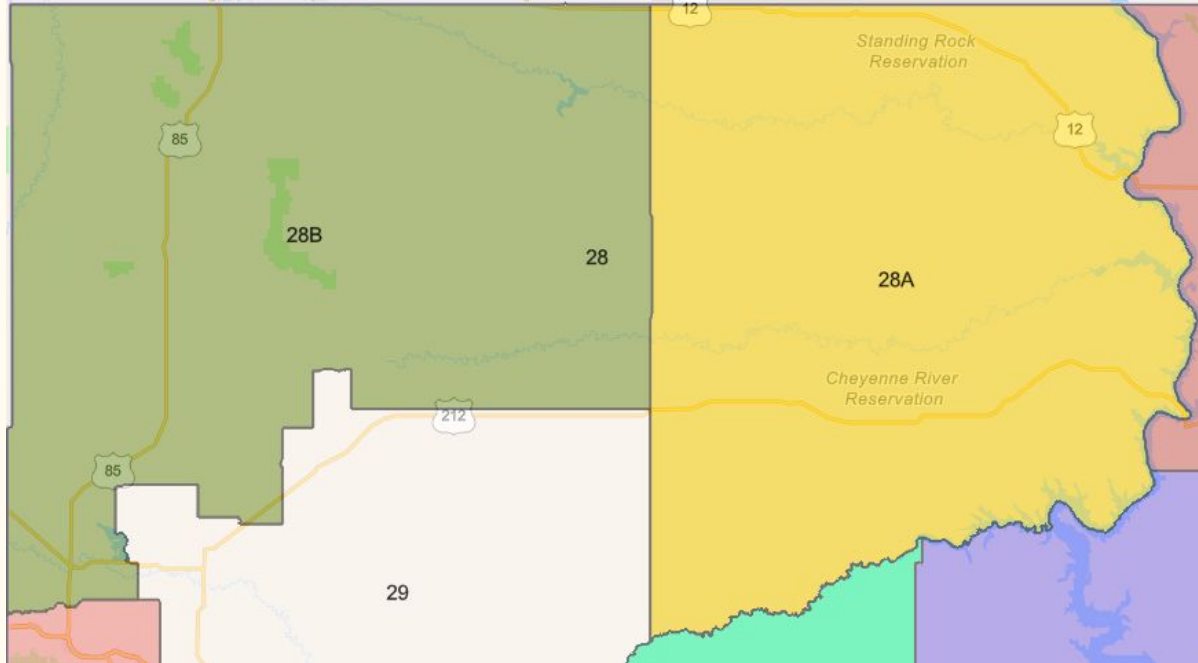
The idea of a single member house district or split house district, is that the legislative district be split into two parts (example: District 31A & District 31B). In theory, citizens who live within the boundaries of 31A will vote for a single member and 31B will vote for a single member. This allows 2 house members to be elected to legislature but they represent the split populations in that district.

Single Member House Districts

How can we split the house district without losing people?

(2011 Population Requirement: 14,310 per district)

26B
7,155 people



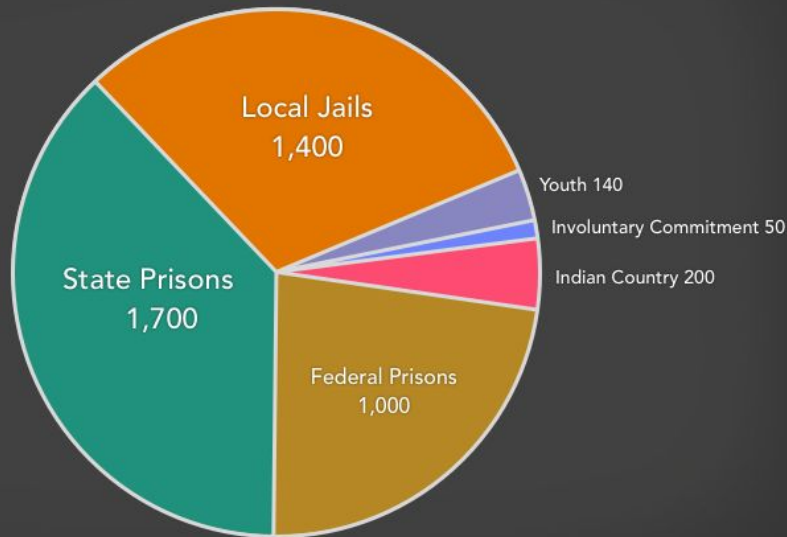
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Prison Populations

How are the incarcerated people counted in redistricting?

How many North Dakota residents are locked up and where?

4,500 of North Dakota's residents are locked up in various kinds of facilities



North Dakota law says a prison cell is not a residence:

- “A prison cell is not a residence in North Dakota because a residence is where one chooses to be and return to when one is not being called away to other places for temporary purposes.” ([N.D. Cent. Code, § 54-01-26.](#))

Prison Populations

Why are my relatives not being counted in their hometown?

- **District 30:** Incarcerated people account for 4.5% of the total population. According to the 2010 census, there were 791 Native American people in that district, 144 of whom are incarcerated.
- **District 12:** Incarcerated people account for 3% of the total population. According to the 2010 census, there were 260 Native American people in that district, 94 of whom are incarcerated.

Deviations

What is a deviation? Why is it used in redistricting?

Definition: the action of departing from an established course or accepted standard.

Tribes in North Dakota Districts <i>(Population Requirement: 14,310 per district)</i>				
Name	District	District Population	Deviation	% Deviation
Fort Berthold	4	14,081	-229	-1.60%
Spirit Lake	23	14,455	+145	+1.01%
Standing Rock	31	14,844	+534	+3.73%
Turtle Mountain	9	13,937	-373	-2.61%

**2011 ND Redistricting Outcome*

Get Involved

How can I get involved in the redistricting process?

- Attend public hearings with the Redistricting Committee
- Give public testimony to the Redistricting Committee
- Submit written testimony to the Redistricting Committee
- Contact your local representatives
- Consult your tribal leaders about your concerns
- Connect with North Dakota Native Vote
- Attend community events
- Talk to your family and friends about redistricting

Upcoming Events

ND Redistricting Committee Public Hearing
Thursday, August 26, 2021
10:00am - 4:00pm CT
North Dakota State Capitol

Community Engagement
Any events NDNV can participate
in please let us know.



Questions?

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