Redistricting Rules: Delaware

- Apportionment data: 4.30.21
- Raw redistricting data: 8.15.21
- Redistricting data: 9.30.21
- State maps due: 7.12.22
- Candidate filing: 9.13.22
- Primary election: 9.13.22
- State maps due: 11.07.21

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- **Apr 21** to **Jun 21**: Process data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps

- **Mar 21** to **May 21**: Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony

- **Jun 21** to **Aug 21**: At least 5 months: Court & County Prep

- **Aug 21** to **Sep 21**: Approx. 3 months: Move to 12.31.21 State Redistricting Maps due

- **Sep 21** to **Oct 21**: Proposed Adjustment

- **Oct 21** to **Nov 21**: 7.12.22 Candidate Filing

- **Nov 21** to **Dec 21**: 9.13.22 Primary Election
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Who draws the lines?

- Delaware only has one congressional district
- Delaware's state legislative districts are **drawn by state legislatures**, subject to gubernatorial veto (29 Del. Code §§ 801-805)
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What are the mapping rules?

- Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the Voting Rights Act and constitutional rules on race
- State statute requires each district to be contiguous, nearly equal in population, be bound by major roads or natural boundaries, and not created to favor a person or political party when possible (29 Del. Code § 804)
- Statute also requires census data to be adjusted to include incarcerated individuals at their last address before incarceration (29 Del. Code § 804A)