Redistricting Rules: Idaho

**Apportm’t data 4.30.21**

- Raw Redistricting data 8.15.21
- Redistricting data 9.30.21
- 12.29.21 State & Cong. Maps Due
- 3.11.22 Candidate Filing
- 5.17.22 Primary Election

At least 5 months:
Public hearings to take communities of interest testimony

Approx. 3 months:
Process census data, display draft maps, hold hearings, complete maps

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Who draws the lines?

- Congressional and State Legislative district lines are drawn by an independent commission (each of the majority and minority leaders from each chamber selects one commissioner, then the chairs of the two largest political parties each select one commissioner)
What are the mapping rules?

- Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- State legislative districts must be **contiguous**, and **counties preserved intact where possible** (Idaho Const. Art. III § 5)
- Congressional and State legislative districts preserve:
  - Counties to the extent possible
  - Traditional neighborhoods
  - Communities of interest
  - If possible, voting precinct boundaries
- Districts cannot be oddly shaped
- Population data is the only data that may be used, and county lines may not be divided to protect a political party or incumbent
  - (Idaho Code § 72-1506)
Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

- legislature.idaho.gov/redistricting/2021