Redistricting Rules: New Jersey Timeline

- **Apportionment data**: 4.30.21
- **Raw Redistricting data**: 8.15.21
- **Redistricting data**: 9.30.21
- **1.18.22 Cong. Maps Due**
- **4.04.22 Candidate Filing**
- **6.07.22 Primary Election**

Timeline:

- **March 21**: Apportionment data
- **April 21**: Raw Redistricting data
- **May 21**: Redistricting data
- **June 21**: 1.18.22 Cong. Maps Due
- **July 21**: 4.04.22 Candidate Filing
- **August 21**: 6.07.22 Primary Election
- **September 21**: **October 21**: **November 21**: **December 21**: **January 22**: **February 22**: **March 22**: **April 22**: **May 22**: **June 22**:
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Who draws the lines?

- Congressional legislative lines are drawn by a political commission, 12 members are appointed by the Assembly and Senate's majority and minority leaders and the chairs of the state's two political parties, and the 12 members choose the 13th member (N.J. Const. art. II, § II)

- State legislative lines are drawn by a 10 or 11 member political commission. The members are appointed by the chairs of the state's two political parties (N.J. Const. art. II, § II). If the 10 member political commission cannot decide on a plan, the N.J. Supreme Court appoints the 11th member.
What are the mapping rules?

- Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race.
- Both congressional and legislative districts to be as equally populated as possible (N.J. Const. art. II, § II, ¶¶ 1, 3)
- Legislative districts must be as contiguous and compact as possible and municipalities must be kept intact, except where otherwise required by law (N.J. Const. art. II, § II, ¶¶ 1, 3)
- For state legislative districts, census data is adjusted to count incarcerated individuals at their last known address before incarceration (N.J. Stat. §§ 52:4 –1.1–1.5)
- State legislative districts are nested by definition. ([N.J. Const. art. IV, § II, ¶ 3)
Where can I find out more about my state's redistricting process?

- www.njredistrictingcommission.org
- www.apportionmentcommission.org