

# Reapportionment and Redistricting City of Austin, TX

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# Rationale for Reapportionment and Redistricting

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Constitutional and Voting Rights Requirements

Reapportionment every ten years

Based on Census Reports

# Reapportionment

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Every ten years, immediately after census, must determine the amount of population growth or loss in each city council district.

All districts must be within a +/- 10% deviation from the most to least populated district to insure one-person/one-vote constitutional requirement.

# Census Data

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Basis of population numbers.

Total city population/number of districts = population per district.

There cannot be more than a 10% population deviation from the largest to the smallest district.

# Changes in Total Population 2000-2019

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>2000</b>    | <b>2010</b>    | <b>%Δ</b>   | <b>2019</b>    | <b>%Δ</b>   |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|              | <b>689,701</b> | <b>798,962</b> | <b>13.7</b> | <b>979,263</b> | <b>18.4</b> |

**Since 2000 Austin has grown by almost 300,000 persons.**

# Growth Changes per City Council District 2000 - 2010

| District | 2000   | 2010   | %Inc/Dec |   |
|----------|--------|--------|----------|---|
| 1        | 65,313 | 77,807 | 19.1     |   |
| 2        | 60,949 | 80,004 | 31.3     | <b>It is not clear if these growth changes were due to normal demographic occurrences or the result of the 2010 redistricting.</b>      |
| 3        | 75,789 | 79,573 | 5        |   |
| 4        | 78,810 | 79,357 | .7       |   |
| 5        | 66,365 | 81,532 | 22.9     |   |
| 6        | 54,535 | 82,389 | 51.1     | <b>The data do indicate that some districts have grown dramatically while others have shown smaller growth or even negative growth.</b> |
| 7        | 75,798 | 80,520 | 6.2      |   |
| 8        | 53,597 | 77,650 | 44.9     | <b>2019 data were not available too make further comparisons.</b>   |
| 9        | 81,484 | 79,299 | -2.7     |   |
| 10       | 77,061 | 80,839 | 4.9      |   |

## Change in Minority Pop 2000 - 2010

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| Race     | 2000    | 2010    | %Δ   |
|----------|---------|---------|------|
| Anglo    | 367,398 | 390,302 | 5.9  |
| Black    | 65,804  | 61,310  | -6.8 |
| Hispanic | 209,663 | 279,713 | 25   |
| Asian    | 32,919  | 53,908  | 38.9 |

Minority pops have grown dramatically from 2000-2010. Do not have projections for 2019 but its possible that Austin may be a minority majority city after 2020 census released. This will affect all city council districts.

# Decisions to be Made

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1. Redraw districts using new population ratios. (Lawyers).
2. Leave district boundaries as they are. May get sued.
3. Add more districts. (Lawyers).
4. Change electoral system: mixed (at-large/single member) or at-large, place system. (Lawyers).