

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2021 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING

1.
 - A. The committee will strive to make all legislative and congressional plans fair and reasonable with regard to population, minority, ethnic and political groups.
 - B. Districts will be drawn to be numerically as equal in population as possible, using the following percentages:
 - i. The House district plan must have an overall range of no more than 5% (+/-2.5%). No individual district population shall deviate more than 2.5% from the ideal district population unless it is in consideration of a political boundary (e.g., a municipal boundary).
 - ii. The congressional district plan must have an overall range of no more than 1% (+/-0.5%). This shall be considered a guideline. The committee will strive for the accepted standard of “as nearly equal in population as practicable.”
2. Whenever possible, county and municipal boundaries that are *on physical features* will be considered for district boundaries, in order to preserve the integrity of existing political subdivisions.
3. As required by law, districts will be drawn to be contiguous. Compactness of districts will be a consideration; however, population and geographic requirements will take precedence should a conflict arise.
4. Where possible, consideration shall be given to preserving long-standing communities of interest based on social, cultural, ethnic, and economic similarities. Communities of interests are those known to the committee through public feedback at town halls, written correspondence to the House Redistricting Office, or written correspondence to a state representative.
5. In addition, the House State and Federal Redistricting Committee may seek to preserve the core of existing districts, and may consider the residence of incumbents.
6. The House State and Federal Redistricting Committee will use population estimates from the 2015-2019 five-year American Community Survey as the basis for the House redistricting plan and the 2020 census redistricting data [P.L. 94-171] summary files as the basis for the congressional redistricting plan. Should adjustments be necessary to conform to the constitutional standard of “one person, one vote” following the release of the 2020 census redistricting data, the House will reconvene in a special session to adjust its legislative district lines.
7. The House plan will be drawn to include 101 districts. The congressional plan will be drawn to include the number of congressional seats apportioned to the state of Oklahoma based on the apportionment population count from the 2020 census.