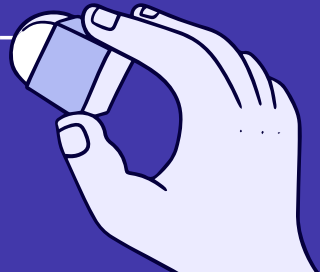




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Redistricting is the process of drawing or redrawing legislative maps based on data from the U.S. Census. It plays a critical role as the layout of these district lines determines who gets to vote for which candidates. It typically occurs every ten years to ensure that districts reflect population changes and shifts.

These maps define districts at multiple levels of government, from city councils and school boards to state legislatures and Congress.

Although redistricting typically occurs after the census, it can also take place at other times, such as when courts order adjustments to district boundaries.

While redistricting is managed at the state level, it is also guided by the U.S. Constitution, federal laws, and judicial precedents to ensure fair and lawful representation.

Gerrymandering is a word we might hear associated with redistricting. This means that a map is redrawn to have a specific impact to directly disadvantage or advantage a group of people or a candidate.

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