

EQUAL DISTRICTS

Drawing Our Future

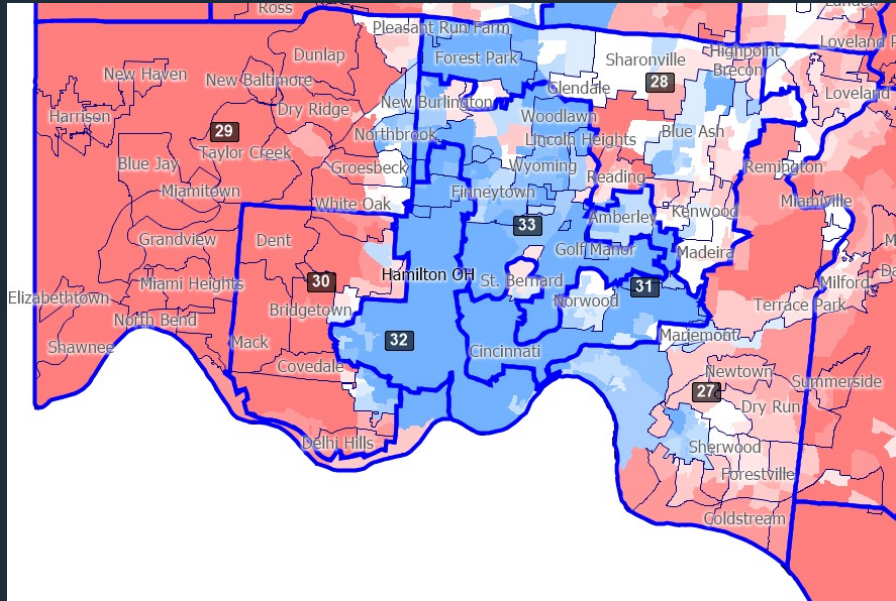
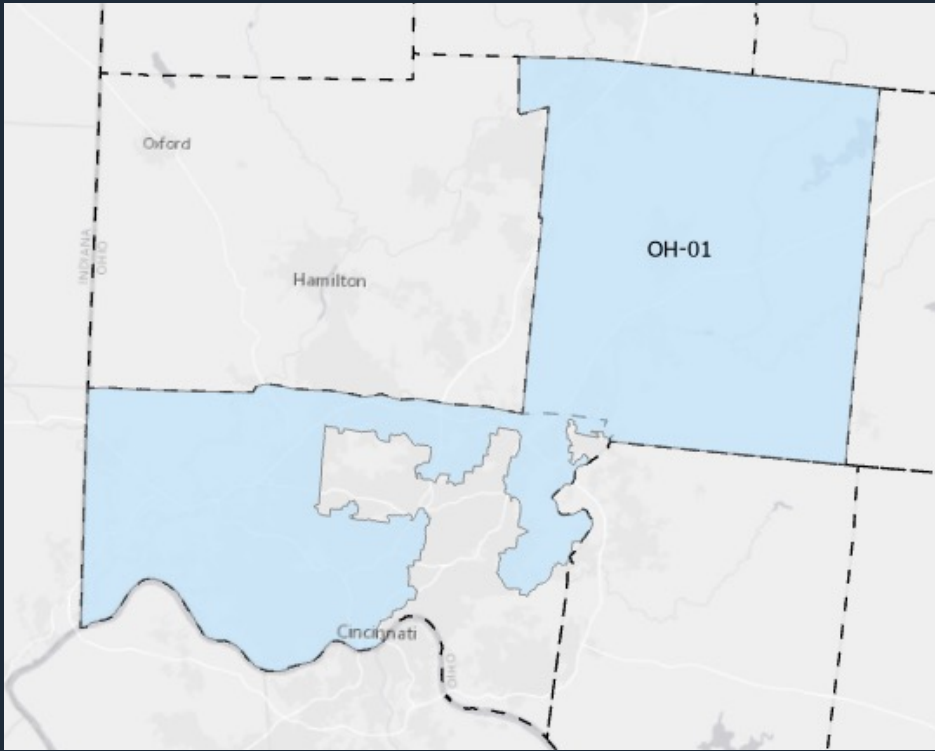
Fair Maps Town Hall Tour

What is the Equal Districts Coalition?

A unified group of prominent Ohio advocacy and labor organizations working to make sure our government works for all of us. No exceptions.

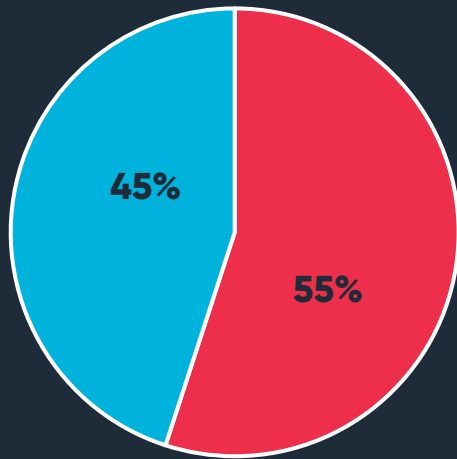
Our goal is to secure fair district maps that will give Ohio voters power over choosing who their elected officials are.

**WHAT DOES
GERRYMANDERING
LOOK LIKE IN OHIO?**

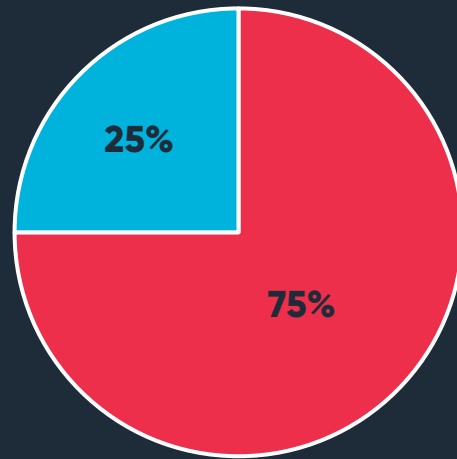


VOTING ≠ REPRESENTATION

2012-2020 Congressional Results

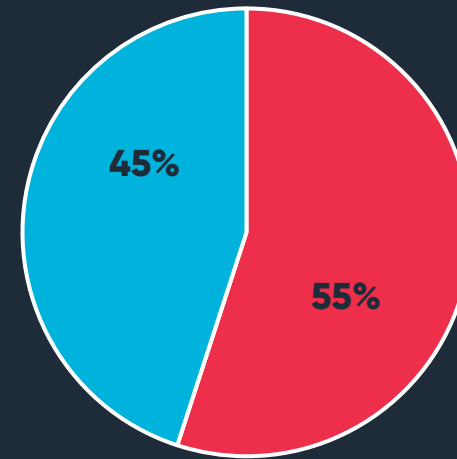


Votes

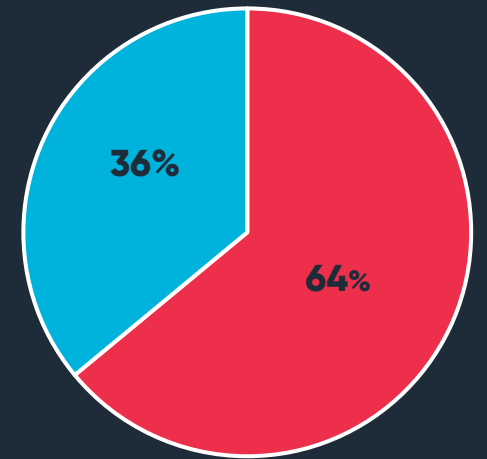


Seats

2012-2020 State House Results



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THE PROBLEM

Our elected officials aren't accountable to the public because they have manipulated the redistricting process to gerrymander or pick their voters and ensure their victory.

“Vote them out” doesn't work when the system is broken.

Providing access to
affordable health care.

Reducing the gun violence
that plagues our schools
and communities.

Protecting voting rights.

Achieving equal pay.

Solving the urgent threat
of climate change.

ALL ON THE LINE

THE SOLUTION

Organize.

We need to increase public engagement around the redistricting process to advocate for fair maps that don't harm the political voice of key communities and build transparency into the map drawing process.

OHIO'S REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Who Runs The Maps?

- A new seven-member Redistricting Commission draws the state legislative maps
- The Ohio General Assembly and (if needed) the Redistricting Commission draw the congressional maps
- The Ohio Supreme Court has original jurisdiction (or first review) for all future state legislative and congressional maps

New Criteria for State Legislative and Congressional Maps

General Criteria

- Compact district boundaries
- Bipartisan support needed for any 10-year map

Rules to Curb Community Splits

- Use existing local boundaries to help create new district lines to help keep communities together
- Where possible, districts should avoid splitting apart counties
 - Congressional rules will heavily decrease how many county splits there are
 - State House districts shouldn't be drawn to split apart counties more than once, if possible

Rules Against Partisan Gerrymandering

- For state legislative maps, no partisan gerrymandering! For congressional maps, no partisan gerrymandering for 4-year maps
- State legislative maps must have representational fairness based on the preferences of Ohio's voters – that means the seat share for Republicans and Democrats should look a lot more like the vote share they get at the ballot box

THE PATH TO GETTING **FAIR** **MAPS** STARTS NOW

We need your help to build the grassroots infrastructure necessary to secure fair maps in 2021.

What can we do now?

- Demand action from Gov. DeWine and the Ohio legislature
- Sign our **pledge to testify** at future public hearings
- Join our programs: **Monthly Volunteer Meetings, Testimony Workshops, and Legislator Accountability Teams!**

