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Main Points

- Constitutionally Mandated
- 50 Different Approaches
  - 43 for Congressional Redistricting
- Governed by Voluminous Federal and State Law
Rate of Population Growth 2000 to 2010

- 20% to 35.2%
- 10% to 20%
- 5% to 10%
- 0% to 4.9%

Map showing the rate of population growth across the United States from 2000 to 2010.
Center of Population in 2010:
Texas County, Missouri
(2.9 miles from Plato)
Reapportionment 2010
2011 Redistricting Progress

- Congressional Plan Complete
- Legislative Plans Complete
- Both Plans Complete
- Plans being challenged or pending preclearance
Redistricting 2010

- Board or commission--
  - 13 States for Legislative Lines
  - 7 States for U.S. House
- Advisory
- Back-up
- Legislature
  - 37 States for Legislative Lines
  - Iowa
Examples of Variations

- Different Authorities
- Two states wait until “3” year
- Special Sessions
  - 4 odd year election states
- Adjusted Population Base
  - Students, military and prisoners
- No Veto by Governor
- Super-majority Vote
- Voting Rights Act Section 5 States
- Various Back-up Systems
Redistricting Commissions: Legislative Plans
Iowa

- Three maps drawn by nonpartisan legislative staff
- No political data can be used
- Legislature must approve--no amendments
- Legislature can amend third set of proposed maps if first two sets are rejected
California

- 14 Member Commission
- Extensive Eligibility Requirements
- State Auditor reviewed applications
- Narrowed to 60 (20 Decline to State, 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans)
- 8 Legislative Leaders Eliminated 2 in each pool to get to 36 (12-12-12)
- Random Draw of 3 Ds, 3 Rs and 2 DTS
- They chose 2 from each pool to complete the Commission
California

Criteria:

- Equal Population, VRA, Contiguous, Compact
- Preserve Political Subdivision Lines and Communities of Interest
- Nested Districts
- “Districts shall not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against and incumbent, political candidate or political party”

Final Maps had to Garner 9 votes

- 3 from each party group
Advisory and Back-up Commissions

- Back-up
- Advisory
- Back-up for U.S. House
- Back-up is Secretary of State
Redistricting Commissions: Congressional Plans
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