

A background image showing a row of colorful crayons in various shades including yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, and green, arranged horizontally.

State of Oregon

2021 Redistricting Overview

**Oregon House and Senate Committees on
Redistricting**

10 Public Hearings Throughout Oregon

WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

- **Redistricting is important because it helps determine who represents you in Salem and Washington D.C.**
- **During redistricting, boundaries of OR State House, OR State Senate, and U.S. Congressional districts are redrawn.**
- **District lines must be redrawn every 10 years to balance the population of districts as required by both the United States and Oregon constitutions.**
- **In Oregon, the Legislature has the primary responsibility for redrawing district lines.**
- **Oregon has traditionally used data from the U.S. Census when redrawing district lines. Though data is typically released by April 1, it is significantly delayed this year due to the pandemic.**

THE FIVE KEY REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

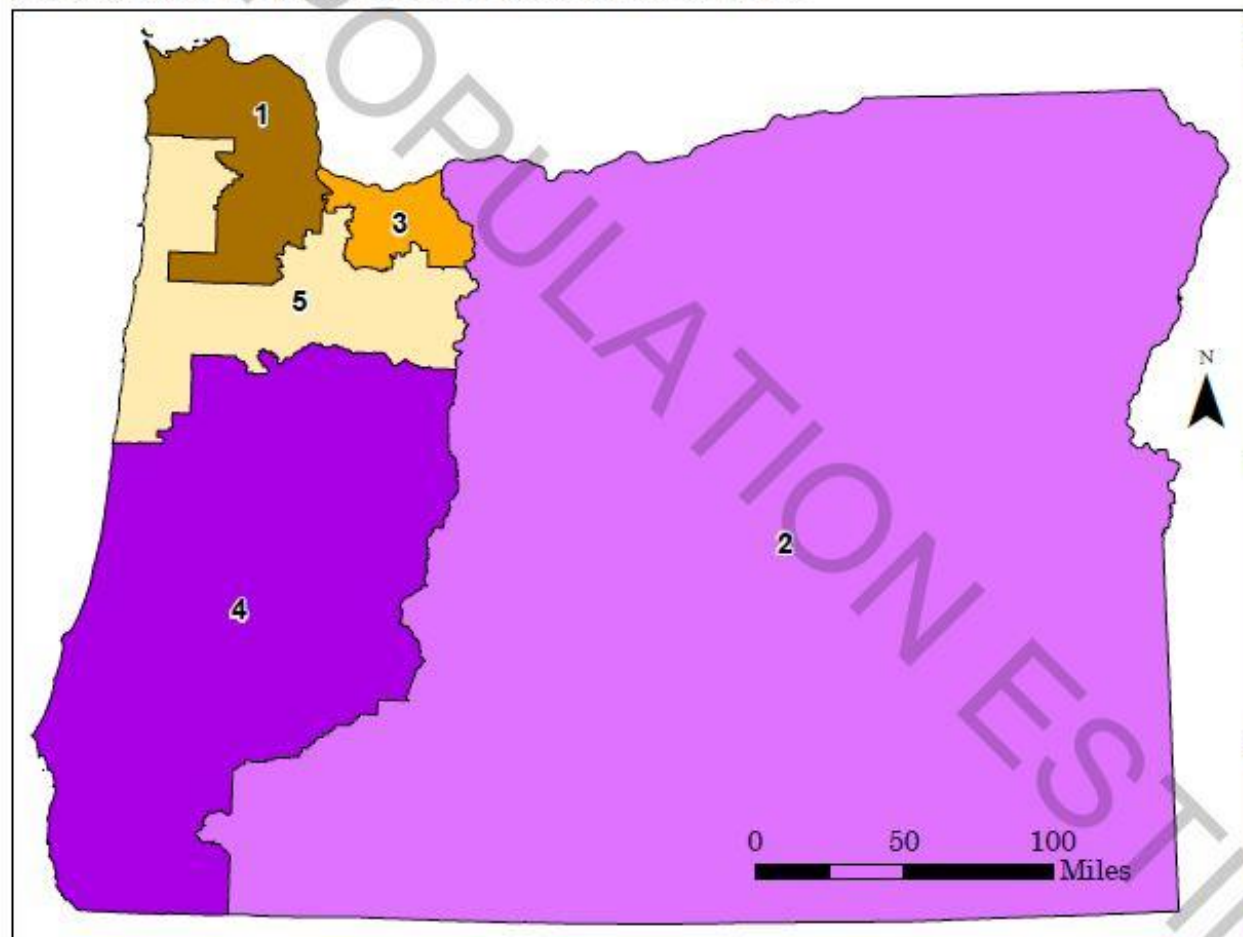
- **When conducting redistricting, the Legislature must consider how to meet the five listed criteria “as nearly as practicable”:**
 - **Be of equal population**
 - **Be contiguous** (*all portions of a district must touch all other parts of the same district*)
 - **Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries**
 - **Not divide communities of common interest**
 - **Be connected by transportation links**

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ESTIMATED POPULATION BALANCE: U.S. CONGRESS

- Using current estimates, purple-colored districts have too few people, while orange ones have too many
- This does not mean all purple districts are losing population, only that they are growing less quickly than the orange ones

Current Oregon Congressional Districts:
Estimated Population Balance as of 2019*



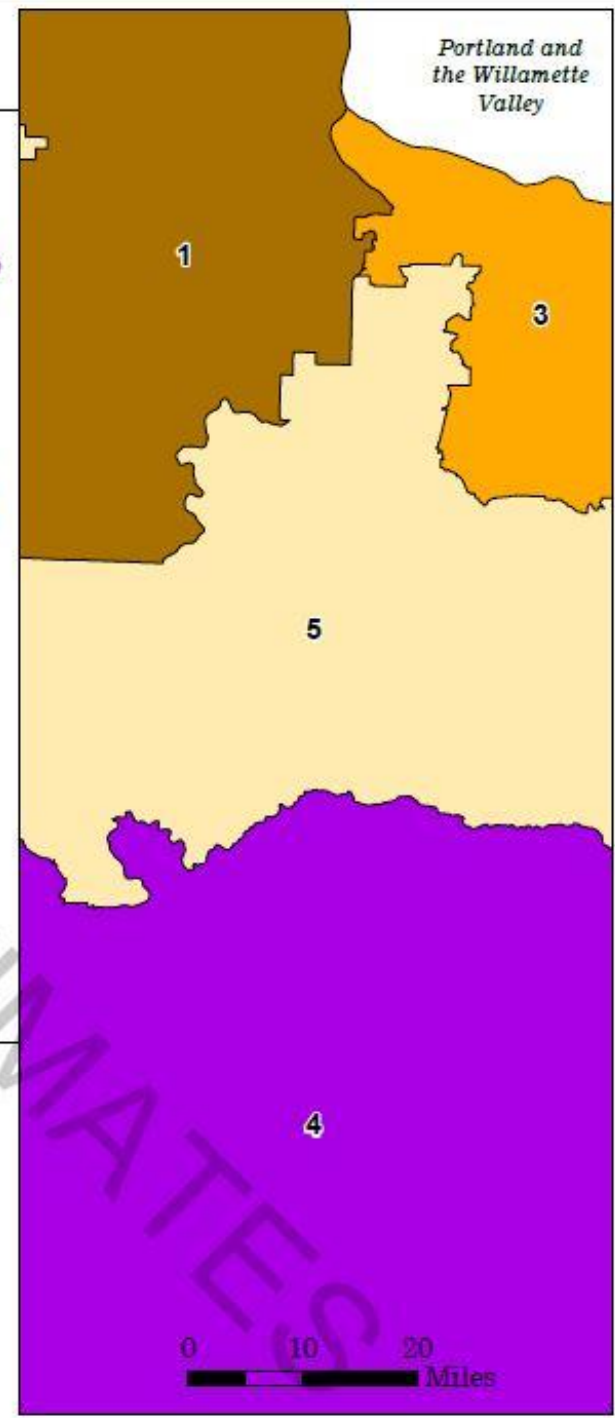
-22,767 (Dist. 4)	+2,358 (Dist. 5)	+16,991 (Dist. 1)
-8,168 (Dist. 2)	+11,584 (Dist. 3)	

Congressional Districts: Average Population Estimate: 825,961*

Purple districts have estimated populations below average.
Orange districts have estimated populations above average.

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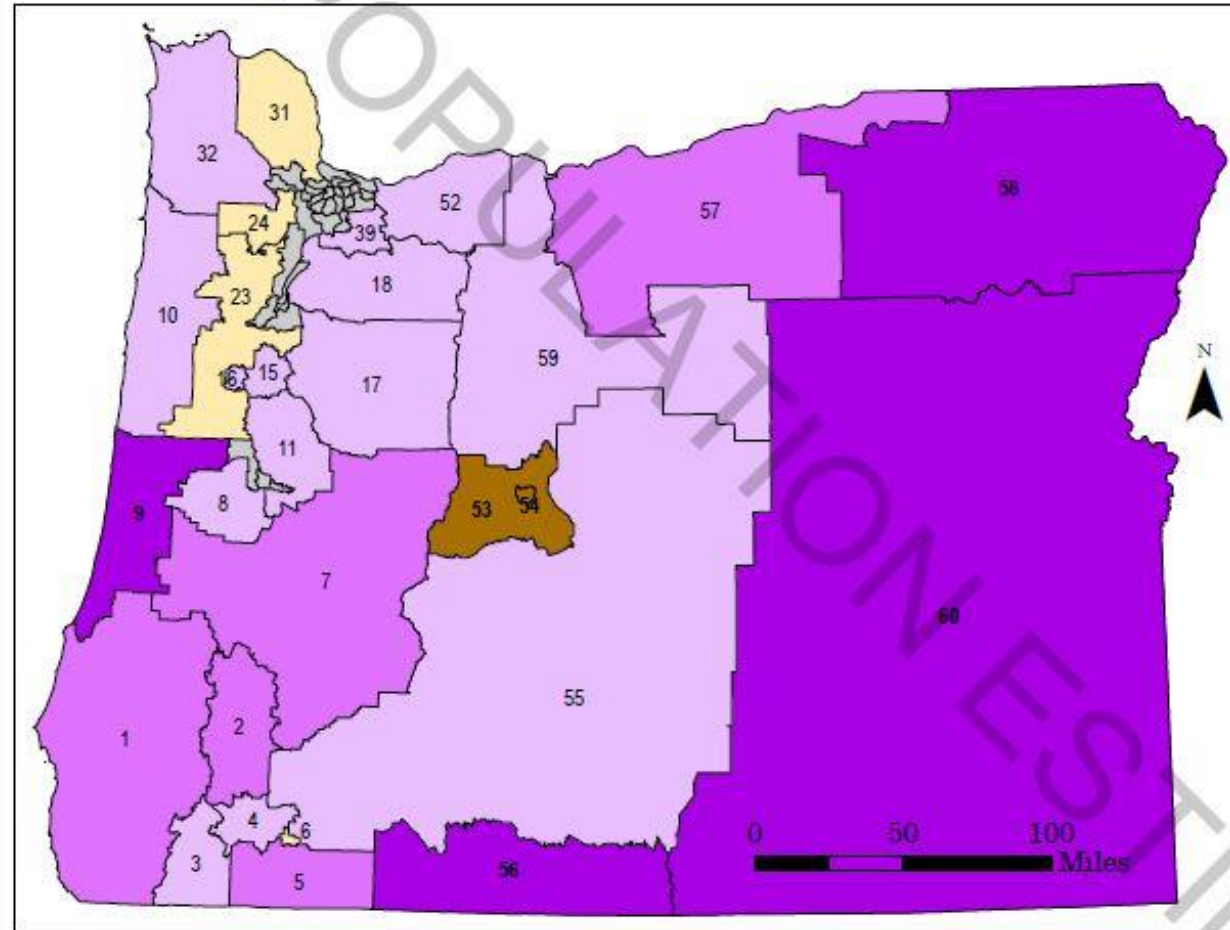
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






ESTIMATED POPULATION BALANCE: OREGON HOUSE

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Current Oregon House Districts:
Estimated Population Balance as of 2019*



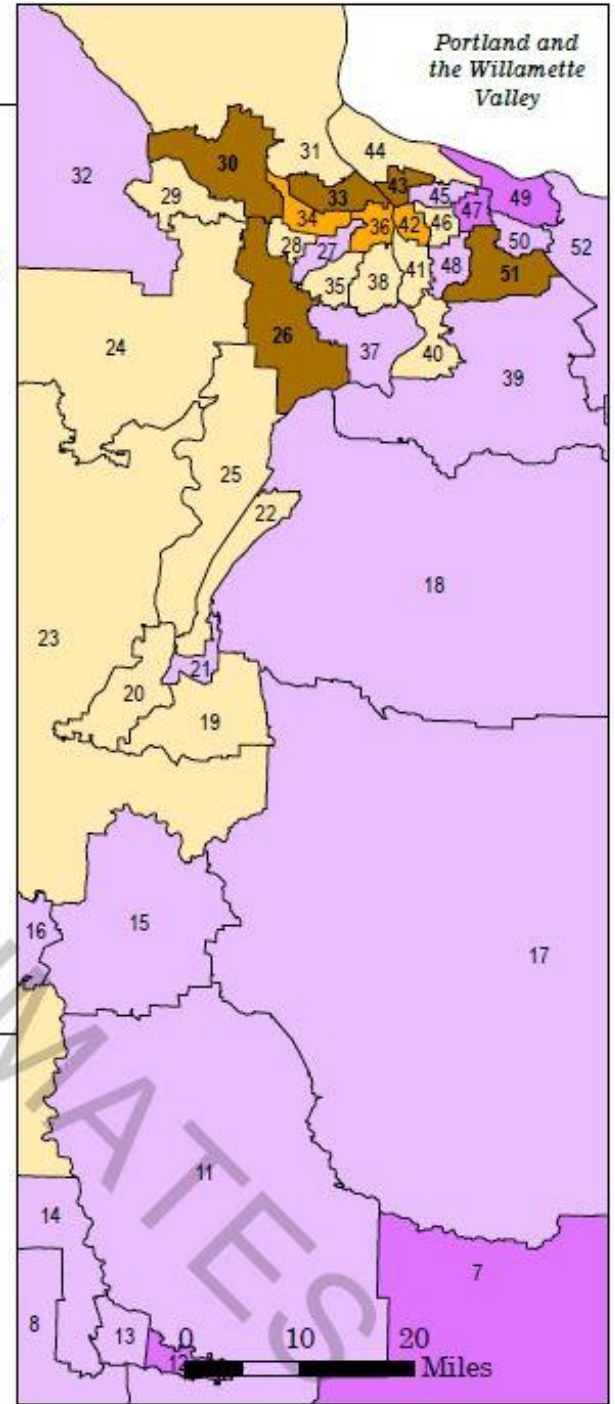
 -5,000 or less	 0 to -2,499	 +2,500 to +4,999
 -2,500 to -4,999	 0 to +2,499	 +5,000 or more

Oregon House Districts: Average Population Estimate: 68,830*

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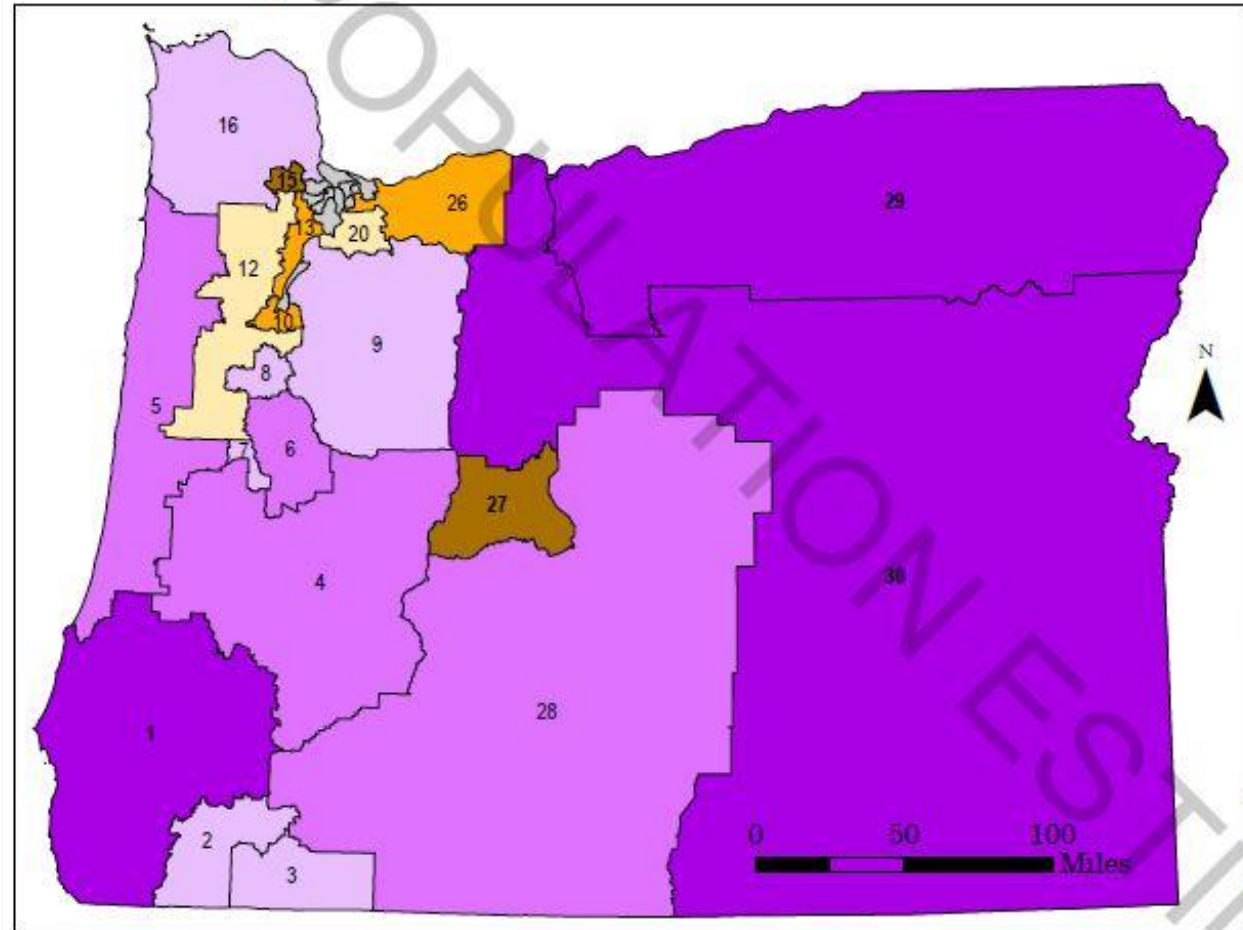
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ESTIMATED POPULATION BALANCE: OREGON SENATE

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Current Oregon Senate Districts:
Estimated Population Balance as of 2019*



 -7,500 or less	 0 to -2,999	 +3,000 to +7,499
 -3,000 to -7,499	 0 to +2,999	 +7,500 or more

Oregon Senate Districts: Average Population Estimate: 137,660*

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