

People's Maps Commission Shares Refined Draft Voting Maps

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Public feedback portal for updated maps available until noon on October 27

Madison, Wis. — Wednesday, the People's Maps Commission released updated versions of initial maps the Commission [released last month](#). Commission maps released today include seven electoral maps for public consideration, as the Commission gets closer to its goal of creating unbiased and nonpartisan maps for Wisconsin voters. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to use the [PMC public comment portal](#) to submit final feedback and suggestions by noon on Wednesday, October 27.

"The Commission has worked hard to update our preliminary maps, taking into account the input we've received since their initial release. We especially worked to ensure communities of interest weren't split while ensuring that candidates of choice for minority populations get a fair shot," said PMC Chair Christopher Ford. "We trust that our transparent and deliberate process will more clearly reflect the communities where Wisconsinites live, work, and vote."

Over the course of the last year, the nine [PMC commissioners](#), representing Wisconsin's eight congressional districts, have hosted multiple [public hearings](#) to ensure Wisconsinites were an integral part of the map drawing process.

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Last month, on September 30, 2021, the Commission [released](#) a first, preliminary round of draft maps for public review and consideration. The updated preliminary maps released today incorporate feedback that the Commission received and consolidate the nine preliminary drafts into the seven released today. The Commission eliminated one of its previously released Congressional maps, and is releasing a fourth Congressional map for public input. Congressional Draft 4 responds to public input desiring more competitive Congressional districts, while respecting the Commission's other criteria.

All preliminary maps and updated maps released today were drawn according to the Commission's [criteria](#), including best efforts to not split the [communities of interest submitted](#) by residents in each particular region of the state.

Based on feedback received regarding preliminary maps released last month, the Commission is also providing additional information regarding how updated maps released today affect minority communities.

The Commission's newest Assembly maps, labeled [Refined Assembly 1](#) and [Refined Assembly 2](#), each has nine districts in the Milwaukee area with majority-minority (non-white) voting age populations. Of those, both Refined Assembly 1 and Refined Assembly 2 have seven districts with substantial Black voting age populations, ensuring that in each the Black community's candidate of choice is electable. There are also two districts in each plan with substantial Hispanic voting age populations, likewise allowing the Hispanic community to elect its candidates of choice. Each plan also has a tenth majority-minority district in the Racine area when considering population of all ages.

In the corresponding Senate maps, [Refined Senate 1](#) and [Refined Senate 2](#), each has two districts with substantial Black voting age populations, ensuring that the Black voting age population candidates of choice are electable. Refined Senate 1 includes two majority-minority districts and Refined Senate 2 has three majority-minority districts.

Latest series of maps includes the following (see 'Data Layers' tab for additional viewing options, including local school districts and county boundaries):

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Refined Set 1

Refined Assembly Draft 1

- <https://distrctr.org/plan/63855>
- [Other formats and info](#)

Refined Senate Draft 1

- <https://distrctr.org/plan/66430>
- [Other formats and info](#)

Refined Set 2:

Refined Assembly Draft 2

- <https://distrctr.org/plan/63661>
- [Other formats and info](#)

Refined Senate Draft 2

- <https://distrctr.org/plan/63878>
- [Other formats and info](#)

Congressional Drafts:

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Congressional Draft 2 *(previously released)*

- <https://districtr.org/plan/55125>
- [Other formats and info](#)

Congressional Draft 3 *(previously released)*

- <https://districtr.org/plan/54774> - *updated link*
- [Other formats and info](#)

Congressional Draft 4 *(new)*

- <https://districtr.org/plan/66476>
- [Other formats and info](#)

The Commission will incorporate incoming feedback and plans to release final maps in early November.

About the People's Maps Commission

Selected by a three judge panel, the People's Maps Commission is a nine-member nonpartisan redistricting commission charged with drawing fair, impartial maps for the State of Wisconsin.

The Commission has thus far engaged input from nearly 2,000 Wisconsinites, representing 68

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counties, and 321 municipalities, as well as 18 leading redistricting experts. Wisconsinites [across the state](#) submitted recommended maps and identified dozens of communities of interest.

More information about the Commission is available at <https://wisconsin.gov/PeoplesMaps> .