

# Michigan redistricting: Evaluating the state's new maps

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# IPPSR Report on 2021 MI Redistricting maps

Includes original work by teams of researchers at:

- Michigan State University,
- the University of Michigan,
- the MGGG Lab at Tufts University,
- Princeton University,
- Yale University, and
- Duke University.

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	Congressional (Chestnut)	MI Senate (Linden)	MI House (Hickory)	... (16 other maps)
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1b. Voting Rights Act				
2. Contiguity				
3. Communities				
4. Partisan Fairness				
5. Candidate fairness				
6. Counties and cities				
7. Compactness				


















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<b>1.a. Equal Population</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>1b. Voting Rights Act</b>	✓	✗	✓
<b>2. Contiguity</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>3. Communities</b>	✗	✗	✗
<b>4. Partisan Fairness</b>	✓	✗	✗
5. Candidate fairness	✓	✓	✓
6. Counties and cities	☹	☹	☹
7. Compactness	✓	✓	☹






# Two controversies; one lawsuit

	Congressional (Chestnut)	MI Senate (Linden)	MI House (Hickory)
Voting Rights Act	 	 	 
Communities of Interest	 	 	 
Partisan Fairness			




# Lawsuit: not enough “districts of opportunity”

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<b>Communities of Interest</b>	 	 	 

-What is a “District of Opportunity?” Commission: “≥40% black.” Plaintiffs “≥50% black.”

-No magic number. Take the middle-road: “≥45%”. Then

# ≥45% “black” districts	Congressional	MI Senate	MI House
Adopted map	1	1 	8
Normal range in race-neutral maps	1 to 2	2 to 4	6 to 10



# The City of Detroit under Senate Map Linden

- The map splits Detroit into eight districts.
- Urban (and mostly black) Detroiters are split across suburban (not black) districts.
- If the people of Detroit are a community of interest (if they “*share cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests*”), this map fails to reflect it.
- Both Detroit commissioners voted against this map.

