

2021 Redistricting: Region 5-Sheridan, Johnson



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What is Redistricting? When needed?

- *The process of redrawing the geographic boundaries of an area from which people are elected (not required for U.S. Congress for Wyoming) – “one person, one vote” criteria*
 - *Ensured through districts of nearly equal population (+/- 5% deviation is presumptively constitutional)*
- *State constitution requires Legislature to redraw state legislative districts at the first budget session following the federal census (Wyo. Constitution, Art.3, s.48);*
 - *2020 Census = 2021 Census Data Reporting = 2022 Budget Session Redistricting*



2021 Process

- *Management Council assigned redistricting to Joint Corporations Committee (January 2021)*
- *Joint Corporations adopted core redistricting principles at their last two meetings (August 16 and September 3)*
- *Joint Corporations adopted ten (10) regions for counties to begin development of local plans and feedback*
- *Legislative liaisons/coordinators were nominated by the Corporations committee for each region*



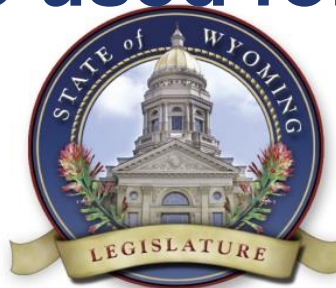
2021 Regions and Feedback

- *Each region requested to have at least one (1) public meeting to gather public input, suggestions, feedback*
- *Feedback can include what each region desires to provide: comments, concerns, example plans, etc.*
- *Joint Corporations to meet October 6th in Douglas to receive initial feedback from the ten regions*
- *Joint Corporations to meet one or more additional times prior to drafting a statewide, recommended redistricting plan*



Statewide Plan

- Recommended regional or public plans should be submitted to the Committee (through LSO)
- Joint Corporations to draft recommended statewide redistricting plan/bill draft (est. Dec. 2021-Jan. 2022)
- Statewide plan's bill draft introduced in 2022 legislative session (session begins Feb. 14, 2022)
- Each chamber's legislators will be able to offer amendments on the statewide plan
- 2022 enacted plan will be used for the 2022 primary and general elections



2020 Redistricting Principles

- 1) Election districts should be contiguous, compact, and reflect a community of interest;
- 2) Population of election districts should be substantially equal, with the range of deviation not to exceed 10%;
- 3) To the greatest extent possible, in establishing election districts:
 - County boundaries should be followed;
 - Census blocks should be followed.



2020 Redistricting Principles (cont.)

- 4) The plan should avoid diluting voting power of minorities in violation of the Voting Rights Act;**
- 5) The House shall have 60 seats and the Senate shall have 30 seats;**
- 6) Consideration should be given to two (2) contiguous House districts in each Senate district; and**
- 7) Significant geographical features should be considered in establishing districts.**



Statewide and County Population Summary

- **Since the 2010 Census:**
 - State grew by just over 13,000 people (about 2.3%) since 2010 Census
 - Nine (9) counties increased population; 14 counties declined in population
- **Region 5:**
 - Increased by about 1,683 residents (approx. 4.5%)



Current Districts

- *Adopted 2012 (2012 HB 32, HEA 8, Chapter 8)*
- *Region 5:*
 - *Four (4) House Districts:*
 - *HD 29, 30, 40, 51*
 - *Two (2) Senate Districts:*
 - *SD 21, 22*
- *Two of four House Districts are currently within the +/-5% deviation standard*
- *One of two Senate Districts is currently within the +/- 5% deviation standard*



2012 HD and 2020 Ideal Size

- ***Ideal Population (60 House and 30 Senate seats, single-member districts):***
 - ***2020 = 9,614 per House District***

2012 House District No.	County(ies)	2020 Census	Current HD Deviation 2020	Difference to Ideal HD	District Need to Grow or Shrink
29	Sheridan	9,318	-3.08%	(296)	Grow
30	Sheridan	10,067	4.71%	453	Shrink
40	Johnson, Sheridan	8,824	-8.22%	(790)	Grow
51	Sheridan	11,159	16.07%	1,545	Shrink
Total	Statewide Population	576,851			
	Region 5 Population	39,368			
	Average for Four (4) HDs	9,842	2.37%		

2012 SD and 2020 Ideal Size

- **Ideal Population (60 House and 30 Senate seats, single-member districts):**

2012 Senate District No.	County(ies)	2020 Census	Current SD Deviation 2020	Difference to Ideal SD	District Need to Grow or Shrink
21	Sheridan	20,477	6.49%	1,249	Shrink
22	Johnson, Sheridan	18,891	-1.75%	(337)	Grow
Total	Statewide Population	576,851			
	Region 5 Population	39,368			
	Average for Two (2) SDs	19,684	2.37%		

- **2020 = 19,228 per Senate District**