

POSSIBLE MAPS FROM LWVKY

KENTUCKY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

The League of Women Voters of Kentucky (LWVKY) supports people-powered fair maps for legislative districts, reflecting public input and providing fair opportunity for voters to select their legislators. The U.S. House district maps shared in this report (and our maps for Kentucky Senate and House seats) show how Kentucky's legislative districts can be simpler and fairer. We welcome feedback from all Kentuckians to help us think further how to create fair maps for our commonwealth.

WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

After each federal census, redistricting is the process of drawing new boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts. Results from the 2020 census will be released sometime in 2021, and Kentucky redistricting is likely to occur sometime in 2021 or early in 2022.

WHY DID LWVKY DEVELOP THESE POSSIBLE MAPS?

- **Learning.** We are learning to use the Maptitude redistricting program with 2010 census data, so we'll have relevant skills ready to use when 2020 census data is available.
- **Informing.** We want to show our fellow Kentuckians what fairer, simpler maps can look like and invite public comment.
- **Advocating.** We seek discussions with legislators about how to create fairer, simpler maps that reflect wide public input.

WHAT LEGAL RULES DID LWVKY FOLLOW TO DEVELOP THESE POSSIBLE MAPS?

- **One person, one vote.** Districts must be nearly equal in population. U.S. House districts must be very, very close to perfectly equal. Kentucky Senate and House seats must be within 5% of perfectly equal size.
- **Opportunity.** Redistricting must provide "districts of opportunity" where minority voters have a chance to select representatives of their choosing.
- **County lines.** Kentucky Senate and House districts must not divide counties except when needed to create nearly equal districts.

WHAT ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES DID LWVKY FOLLOW TO DEVELOP THESE POSSIBLE MAPS?

- **Compact districts.** We tried to have the parts of a district in easy reach of one another.
- **Simple lines.** When we divided a county, we tried to do it at major highways or other well-known dividing points.
- **County seats.** When we divided a county, we tried to create a district that was just in that county and that included the county seat.
- **Indifference to incumbents.** We designed districts to fit the rules and our added goals, without considering how that might affect current legislators.

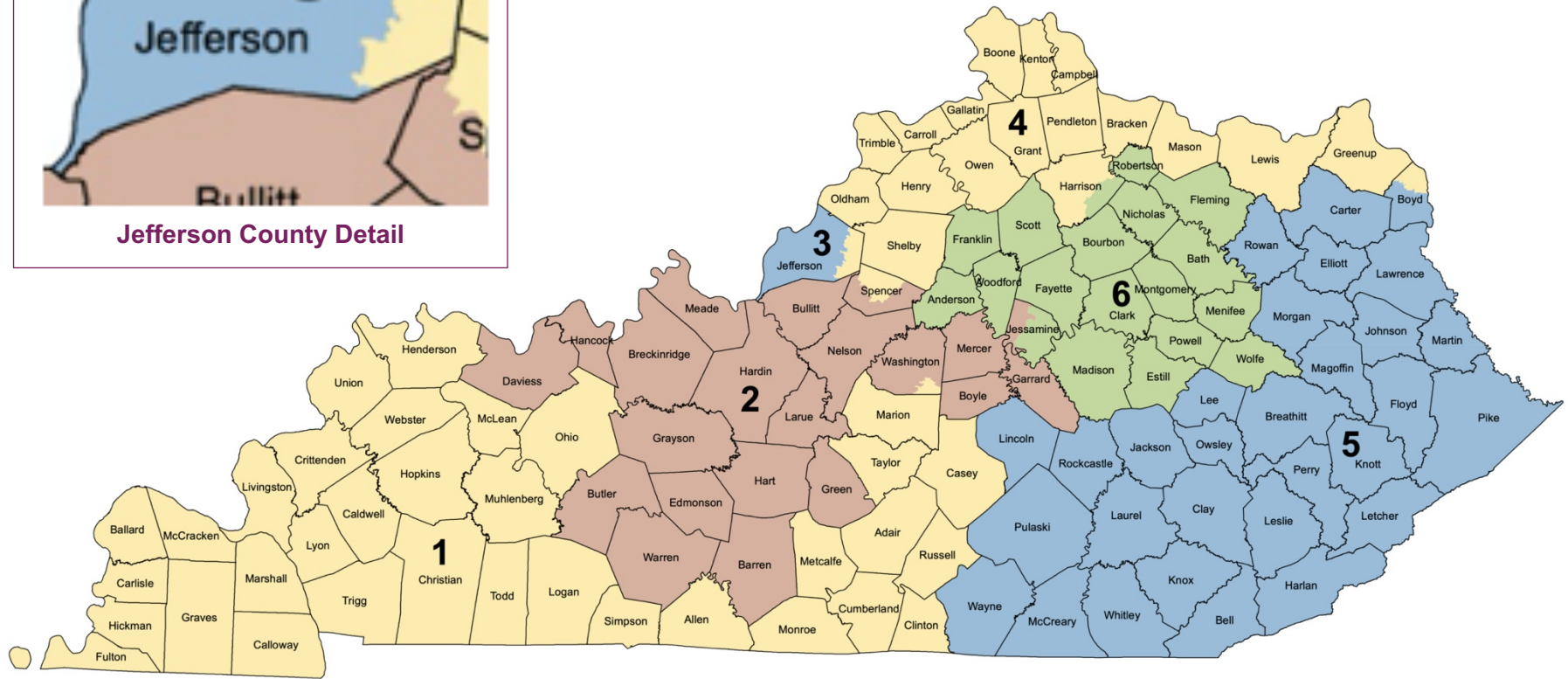
QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

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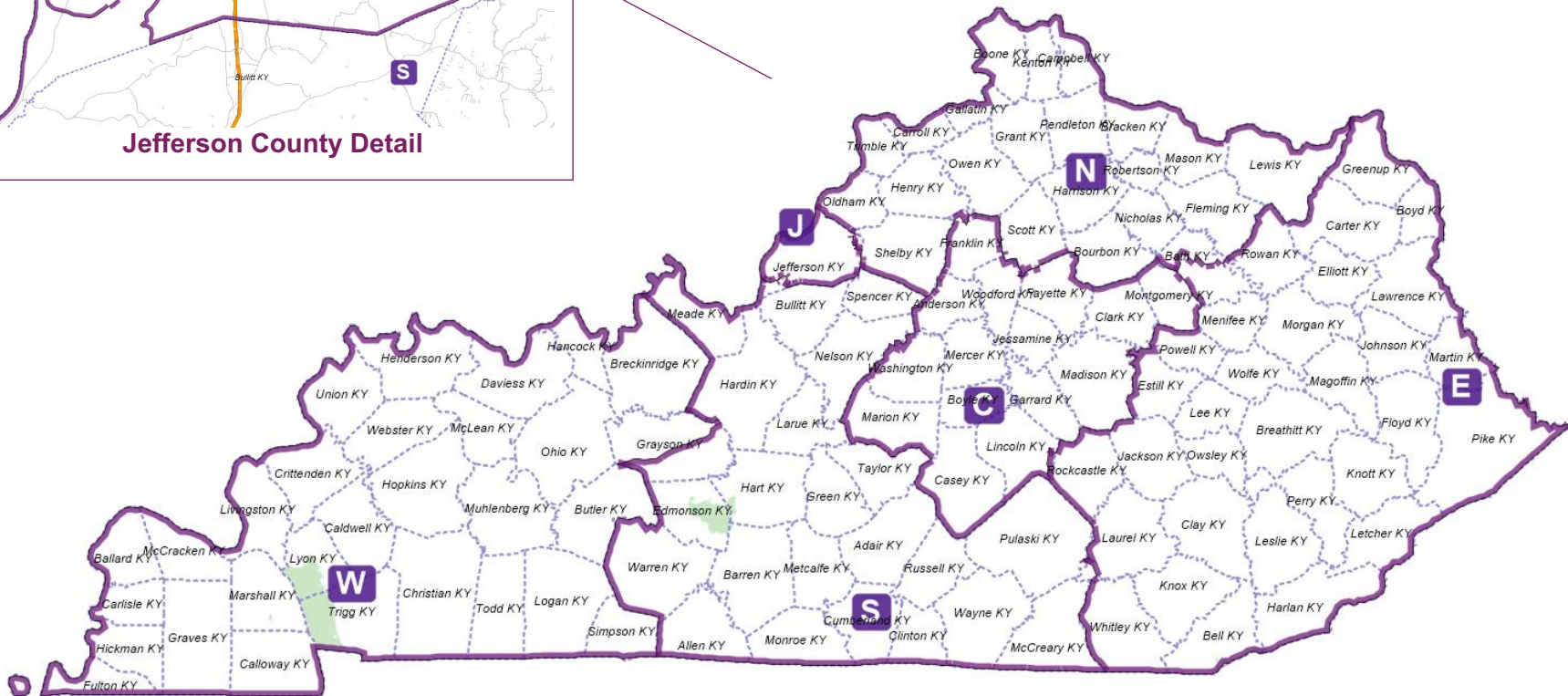
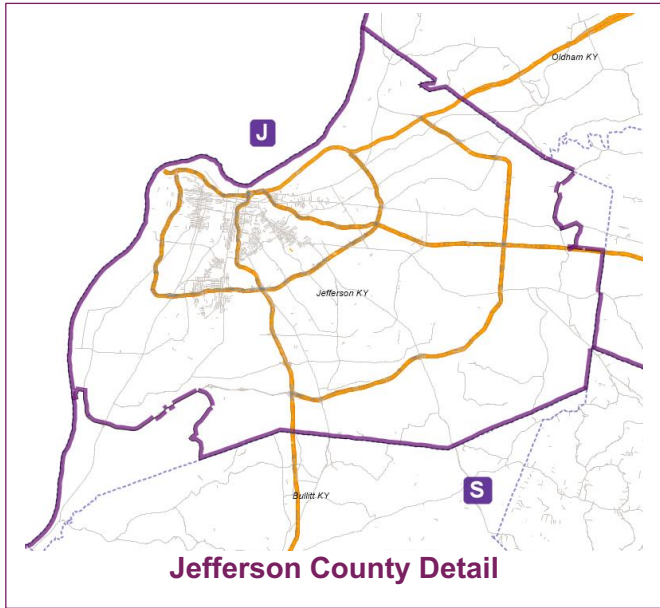
UNITED STATES CONGRESS: OFFICIAL MAP USING 2010 CENSUS DATA

Here are Kentucky's current districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, enacted by the General Assembly in 2012. This map comes from legislature.ky.gov.



CONGRESS: POSSIBLE MAP USING 2010 DATA

Here's another way Kentucky's U.S. House seats could have been drawn using 2010 census data. The yellow lines show interstate highways within Jefferson County



STATISTICS ON POSSIBLE U.S. HOUSE DISTRICTS USING 2010 CENSUS DATA

District	Population	Distance from Equal Size (723,228)	Black Non-Hispanic Population	Hispanic Population
Central	723,238	10	9.5%	4.4%
East	723,197	-31	1.5%	0.9%
Jefferson	723,261	33	21.9%	4.4%
North	723,250	22	4.1%	3.2%
South	723,206	-22	5.4%	2.9%
West	723,215	-13	7.8%	2.6%