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 **AP Human Geography Course Descriptors**

Voting districts, redistricting, and gerrymandering influence the results of elections at various scales

* **Why do shapes of congressional districts vary from state to state?**
* ➙Click the link above to launch the map.
* **? What is gerrymandering?**
* ➙ In the map, click a few districts to find the average number of people per district.
* **?  What is the average?**
* **?  Why do some states have more congressional districts?**
* **What is the connection between population and district size?**
* ➙With the Details button underlined, press the button Show Contents of Map.
* ➙ Check the box to the left of the layer, 2016 Population Density by Congressional District.
* ➙ Uncheck the box to the left of the layer, USA 115th Congressional Districts.
* ➙ Click the map in a few districts to explore population density.
* **?  What is the connection between population density and the size of congressional districts?**
* **?  Why do you think the Constitution’s founding fathers created this system?**
* **How can gerrymandering be recognized?**
* ➙Click Bookmarks and choose the Chicago Metropolitan bookmark.
* ➙Turn on the Chicago Metro Districts layer and turn off all other layers.
* **–**The Supreme Court ruled that districts must be drawn compact, contiguous, and have roughly equal populations.
* **? Which of Chicago’s districts appear to be the most gerrymandered?**
* **How do party politics affect the drawing of districts?**
* ➙ Select the bookmark, North Carolina.
* ➙Turn on the two layers for North Carolina Congressional Districts.
* **–** The state legislature is responsible for drawing district borders after each census.
* ➙Assuming support for the Republicans and Democrats are roughly equal, which political party likely had
* majority control when districts were drawn? Why?
* ➙Compare the 115th Congressional Districts to North Carolina’s previous districts by changing the transparency of one of the layers.
* **? Which seems to meet the court requirements better?**

**How do different states draw their congressional districts?**

➙Turn off all layers except the 2016 Congressional Districts layer.

➙Type the name of a state into the search field to zoom to the state.

**?  Do the districts seem to be drawn fairly or not? What criteria did you use?**

**?  Which districts seem to be the most gerrymandered in the state? Explain your reasoning.**

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