

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Redistricting Criteria Guidelines</b> <b>2001 House Redistricting Committee</b></p>
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On August 21, 2001, the House Redistricting Committee adopted the following criteria as guidelines for developing districts for the House of Representatives for the 2001 redistricting process.

***A. General Criteria for Redistricting***

1. One person – one vote
2. Convenient, contiguous territory
3. Voting strength of racial or language minorities not diluted
4. No town or ward divided
5. County commissioners and House of Representatives within county lines

***B. Criteria Applicable to Redistricting Plans for New Hampshire House of Representative and County Commissioner Seats***

1. Regardless of the office for which a redistricting plan is considered, no town or ward will be divided
2. Redistricting for the New Hampshire House of Representative's seats will be done by county and House districts will not cross county lines
3. Districts should not dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority populations
4. Districts should be composed of convenient, contiguous territory
5. Districts should be drawn in such a manner as to adhere to the one person, one vote principle.

***C. Criteria for Developing New Hampshire House of Representative District Seats within Cities***

1. Districts should be substantially equal in population. Population of a district should not deviate from ideal by more than 5% plus or minus (ideal population for each House district = 3,089)
2. Districts shall be composed of convenient contiguous territory. Contiguity by water is sufficient if the water is not a serious obstacle to travel within the district.
3. Districts should not dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority populations.
4. Districts should be as compact as possible.
5. Notice of all committee meetings in which proposed legislation concerning redistricting will be considered by the committee shall be provided in accordance with the applicable rules of the House.