

**Congressional
Re-Districting
2011**

**Louisiana Family Forum Action's
Report on Congressional Re-districting in 2011**

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Overview

The 2010 Census results will lead to the re-drawing of Legislative and Congressional Districts in Spring/Summer 2011.

The Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate, as a general rule, handle drawing their own redistricting lines without the assistance of outside influences

The Congressional lines, however, have traditionally required more input from various sources, including both houses of the Legislature, Congressional staffers, the Governor's Office, private citizens, non-profit organizations and partisan political groups.

In the past, incumbent Congressmen would draft a plan without much assistance by the Louisiana House and Senate, particularly if the number of congressional districts remained the same as the previous census.

This is not the case for Louisiana in 2011. The number of districts appears certain to be reduced from seven districts to six. Which districts will be combined and which incumbents will face each other in an election? **That question must be answered.**

Louisiana Family Forum Action's Congressional Re-districting Report is attached. District population figures are based on the 2007 estimated population for the state at 4,300,000 people. Divided by population, each district would represent a population of approximately 717,000 people.

Should the 2010 census figures vary significantly from the 4.3 million population total, the core plan outlined in LFF Action's Congressional Re-Districting Report would remain viable and would only require minor adjustments.

The rationale behind this report is to assess the impact upon Louisiana's population decrease while maximizing congressional representation for each Louisiana citizen. LFF Action's premise is that the greatest change must reflect the actual shift in population.

Current Congressional District (CCD) One: Remains CD One

- This district would remove Tangipahoa Parish (115,000) and maintain Washington Parish (45,000); Uptown portion of Orleans Parish (46,000); most of Jefferson Parish (396,000) and all of St. Tammany Parish (227,000).
- **Total: 714,000.**

CCD Two and CCD Three: Combined and Re-Numbered: CD Two

- CD Two lost more than 300,000 people from the 2000 census (primarily due to hurricane activity), which makes it the logical choice for combination with another district. The obvious district is CD Three, which also lost population.
- To assure the Justice Department's request that Louisiana maintain a minority-based district, the new district (CD 2) would incorporate African-Americans from Orleans Parish, the river parishes and East Baton Rouge Parish, thus insuring a majority African American district.
- CD Two removes St. Mary, Iberia and the lower portion of St. Martin.
- CD Two would include all of St. Bernard (20,000), Plaquemines (22,000), Lafourche (93,000), Terrebonne (108,000), Assumption (23,000), Iberville (33,000) and West Baton Rouge (23,000), all but the Uptown portion of Orleans (193,000), the West Bank of St. John, St. James and Ascension (57,000); part of the West Bank of Jefferson (29,000), a portion of East Baton Rouge (60,000) and the lower portion of St. Martin Parish (5,000).
- **Total: 717,000.**

CCD Seven: Re-Numbered: CD Three

- CD Three removes St. Landry **and its portion** of Evangeline.
- CD Three maintains the I-10 corridor of Calcasieu (185,000), Jeff Davis (31,000), Acadia (60,000), Lafayette (205,000); and the coastal parishes of Cameron (7,000) and Vermilion (56,000).
- CD Three picks up most of St. Martin (47,000), Iberia (75,000) and St. Mary (51,000). **Total: 717,000**

CCCD Four: CD Number Remains: CD Four

- CD Four maintains its north/south makeup. To reach the requisite population for the district, Lincoln Parish (43,000) and Allen Parish (26,000) are added entirely. The remaining parishes in the current district continue into the new district: Caddo (253,000), Bossier (109,000), Webster (41,000), Claiborne (16,000), DeSoto (26,000), Red River (9,000), Sabine (24,000), Natchitoches (39,000), Grant (20,000), Vernon (47,000), and Beauregard (35,000).
- The Northwest corner of Rapides Parish would be added to CD Four (14,000).
- **Total: 717,000**

CCD Five: CD Number Remains: CD Five

- This CD would keep its north/south makeup, but would have to add several new parishes, including Evangeline (36,000), St. Landry (91,000), West Feliciana (15,000), East Feliciana (21,000), and St. Helena (11,000).
- CD Five would remove Lincoln Parish, as well as the northern portion of Iberville Parish to the newly combined CD Two/Three, while encompassing all of Pt. Coupee Parish (22,000).
- The remaining parishes of Current CD Five would remain the same: Union (23,000), Morehouse (29,000), West Carroll (12,000), East Carroll (8,000), Jackson (15,000), Winn (16,000), Ouachita (150,000), Richland (20,000), Madison (12,000), Caldwell (10,000), Franklin (20,000), Tensas (6,000), LaSalle (14,000), Catahoula (10,000), Concordia (19,000), Rapides (130,000 minus 14,000 for CD Four = 116,000), and Avoyelles (42,000).
- **Total: 717,000**

CCD Six: CD Number Remains: CD Six

- CD Six would include most of East Baton Rouge (370,000), all of Livingston (117,000) and Tangipahoa (115,000); the East Bank of Ascension, St. James and St. John (112,000).
- **Total: 714,000**

Summary

The re-districting report outlined above would reduce the number of districts from seven to six. Current Congressional District Two, which lost more than 300,000 people since the 2000 Census, would be merged with CD Three to form CD Two. The district would remain a majority African American district.


The other five congressional districts retain the same general makeup that followed the 2000 Census. CD Five, the most rural of the congressional districts, would add several parishes to reach the targeted population goal.

Louisiana Family Forum Action believes this Congressional Re-Districting Report is an ideal plan for the Legislature's review.

Comments and suggestions are welcome. Louisiana Family Forum Action e-mail address is: Info@LaFamilyForum.org

Percent Change in Population, 2000-2007

The table is sorted in **ascending** order by **FIPS code**. Click a column title to sort by that column; click again to reverse the sort.

 FIPS ¹	County name	RUC code ²	Population 1990	Population 2000	Population 2007	Change 1990-2000	Change 2000-07
22001	Acadia Parish	4	55,882	58,864	59,958	5.3%	1.9%
22003	Allen Parish	6	21,226	25,440	25,524	19.9%	0.3%
22005	Ascension Parish	2	58,214	76,408	99,056	31.6%	29.6%
22007	Assumption Parish	6	22,753	23,388	22,991	2.8%	-1.7%
22009	Avoyelles Parish	6	39,159	41,481	42,169	5.9%	1.7%
22011	Beauregard Parish	6	30,083	32,986	34,776	9.7%	5.4%
22013	Bienville Parish	6	16,232	15,752	14,907	-3.0%	-5.4%
22015	Bossier Parish	2	86,088	98,597	108,705	14.3%	10.3%
22017	Caddo Parish	2	248,253	251,879	252,609	1.5%	0.3%
22019	Calcasieu Parish	3	168,134	183,577	184,512	9.2%	0.5%
22021	Caldwell Parish	8	9,806	10,560	10,307	7.7%	-2.4%
22023	Cameron Parish	3	9,260	9,988	7,414	7.9%	-25.8%
22025	Catahoula Parish	9	11,065	10,920	10,452	-1.3%	-4.3%
22027	Claiborne Parish	7	17,405	16,851	16,283	-3.2%	-3.4%
22029	Concordia Parish	7	20,828	20,247	19,058	-2.8%	-5.9%
22031	De Soto Parish	2	25,668	25,492	26,269	-0.7%	3.0%
22033	East Baton Rouge Parish	2	380,105	412,852	430,317	8.6%	4.2%
22035	East Carroll Parish	7	9,709	9,421	8,302	-3.0%	-11.9%
22037	East Feliciana Parish	2	19,211	21,360	20,833	11.2%	-2.5%
22039	Evangeline Parish	6	33,274	35,434	35,905	6.5%	1.3%
22041	Franklin Parish	7	22,387	21,263	20,060	-5.0%	-5.7%

22043	Grant Parish	3	17,526	18,696	19,758	6.7%	5.7%
22045	Iberia Parish	4	68,297	73,266	74,965	7.3%	2.3%
22047	Iberville Parish	2	31,049	33,320	32,501	7.3%	-2.5%
22049	Jackson Parish	6	15,859	15,397	15,139	-2.9%	-1.7%
22051	Jefferson Parish	1	448,306	455,466	423,520	1.6%	-7.0%
22053	Jefferson Davis Parish	6	30,722	31,435	31,177	2.3%	-0.8%
22055	Lafayette Parish	3	164,762	190,323	204,843	15.6%	7.6%
22057	Lafourche Parish	3	85,860	89,974	92,713	4.8%	3.0%
22059	La Salle Parish	6	13,662	14,282	14,041	4.5%	-1.7%
22061	Lincoln Parish	4	41,745	42,509	42,562	1.8%	0.1%
22063	Livingston Parish	2	70,523	91,810	116,580	30.2%	27.0%
22065	Madison Parish	7	12,463	13,728	11,858	10.2%	-13.6%
22067	Morehouse Parish	6	31,938	31,021	28,783	-2.9%	-7.2%
22069	Natchitoches Parish	6	37,254	39,080	39,485	4.9%	1.0%
22071	Orleans Parish	1	496,938	484,674	239,124	-2.5%	-50.7%
22073	Ouachita Parish	3	142,191	147,250	149,502	3.6%	1.5%
22075	Plaquemines Parish	1	25,575	26,757	21,540	4.6%	-19.5%
22077	Pointe Coupee Parish	2	22,540	22,763	22,392	1.0%	-1.6%
22079	Rapides Parish	3	131,556	126,339	130,079	-4.0%	3.0%
22081	Red River Parish	6	9,526	9,622	9,195	1.0%	-4.4%
22083	Richland Parish	6	20,629	20,981	20,469	1.7%	-2.4%
22085	Sabine Parish	6	22,646	23,459	23,683	3.6%	1.0%
22087	St. Bernard Parish	1	66,631	67,229	19,826	0.9%	-70.5%
22089	St. Charles Parish	1	42,437	48,067	52,044	13.3%	8.3%
22091	St. Helena Parish	2	9,874	10,523	10,620	6.6%	0.9%

22093	St. James Parish	6	20,879	21,414	21,578	1.5%	0.8%
22095	St. John the Baptist Parish	1	39,996	43,049	47,684	7.6%	10.8%
22097	St. Landry Parish	4	80,312	87,700	91,362	9.2%	4.2%
22099	St. Martin Parish	3	44,097	48,583	51,651	10.2%	6.3%
22101	St. Mary Parish	4	58,086	53,500	51,311	-7.9%	-4.1%
22103	St. Tammany Parish	1	144,500	191,270	226,625	32.4%	18.5%
22105	Tangipahoa Parish	4	85,709	100,592	115,398	17.4%	14.7%
22107	Tensas Parish	9	7,103	6,618	5,865	-6.8%	-11.4%
22109	Terrebonne Parish	3	96,982	104,503	108,424	7.8%	3.8%
22111	Union Parish	3	20,796	22,803	22,773	9.7%	-0.1%
22113	Vermilion Parish	4	50,055	53,990	55,691	7.5%	3.2%
22115	Vernon Parish	4	61,961	52,531	47,380	-15.2%	-9.8%
22117	Washington Parish	6	43,185	43,926	44,920	1.7%	2.3%
22119	Webster Parish	6	41,989	41,828	40,924	-0.4%	-2.2%
22121	West Baton Rouge Parish	2	19,419	21,601	22,625	11.2%	4.7%
22123	West Carroll Parish	9	12,093	12,314	11,553	1.8%	-6.2%
22125	West Feliciana Parish	2	12,915	15,111	15,113	17.0%	0.0%
22127	Winn Parish	6	16,498	16,894	15,521	2.4%	-8.1%

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 1990 and 2000 Censuses of Population (corrected), and 2007 county estimate files.

1) The FIPS codes uniquely identify each county and are part of the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Department of Commerce. For more information, see the [NIST FIPS](#) publication page.

2) The 2003 rural-urban continuum codes classify metropolitan counties (codes 1 through 3) by size of the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and nonmetropolitan counties (codes 4 through 9) by degree of urbanization and proximity to metro areas. See [rural-urban continuum codes](#) for precise definitions of each code.