

Hattiesburg Redistricting 2020 Cycle



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Population Change

Total Population:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020 Less 2010</u>
White	19,268 (41.9%)	19,494 (40.0%)	226
Black	24,391 (53.0%)	24,962 (51.2%)	571
<u>Other</u>	<u>2,332 (5.1%)</u>	<u>4,274 (8.8%)</u>	<u>1,942</u>
Total	45,991	48,730	2,739

Group Quarters Population:

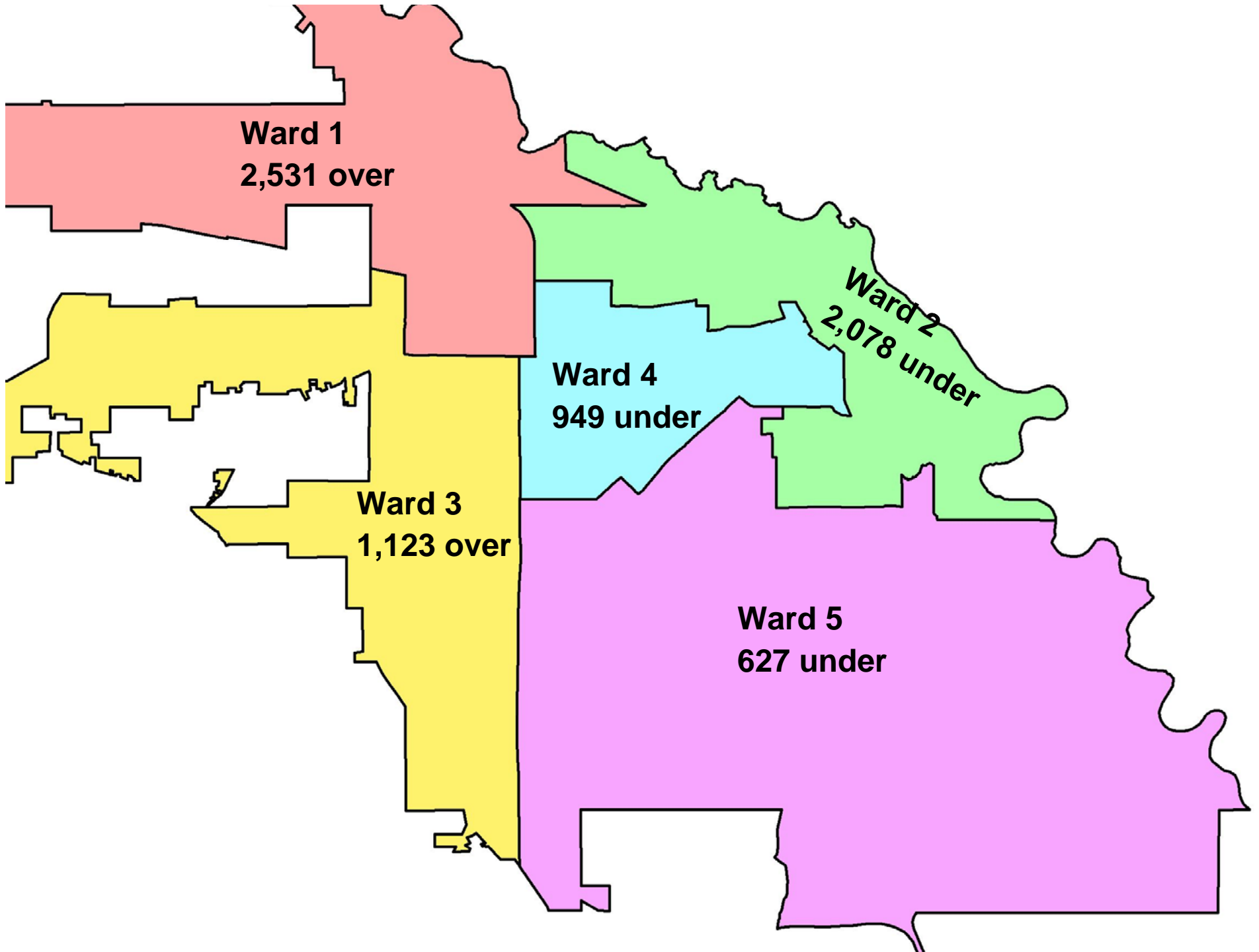
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020 Less 2010</u>
College Dorms	2,442	4,297	1,855
<u>Other Group Qtrs.</u>	<u>1,087</u>	<u>1,489</u>	<u>402</u>
Total	3,529	5,786	2,257

Population Imbalance

- 48,730 persons with 5 election districts
- Ideal population is $48,730 / 5$ or 9,746 per ward

Ward	Pop.	Ideal	Variance	% Var.
1	12,277	9,746	2,531	26.0%
2	7,668	9,746	(2,078)	-21.3%
3	10,869	9,746	1,123	11.5%
4	8,797	9,746	(949)	-9.7%
5	9,119	9,746	(627)	-6.4%

- The total degree of imbalance is **47.3%**



Racial Composition of Wards

Voting Age Population

Ward		White		Black		Other		Non White		Total
			%		%		%		%	
1	2010 Census	4,368	52.7%	3,470	41.8%	457	5.5%	3,927	47.3%	8,295
	2020 Census	5,012	46.2%	4,831	44.5%	1,010	9.3%	5,841	53.8%	10,853
2	2010 Census	1,238	18.7%	4,898	74.0%	480	7.3%	5,378	81.3%	6,616
	2020 Census	1,141	18.8%	4,358	71.9%	559	9.2%	4,917	81.2%	6,058
3	2010 Census	5,584	73.6%	1,735	22.9%	264	3.5%	1,999	26.4%	7,583
	2020 Census	6,177	67.9%	2,124	23.3%	801	8.8%	2,925	32.1%	9,102
4	2010 Census	4,800	64.3%	2,430	32.5%	240	3.2%	2,670	35.7%	7,470
	2020 Census	3,826	52.7%	2,867	39.5%	573	7.9%	3,440	47.3%	7,266
5	2010 Census	1,208	19.1%	4,870	76.9%	252	4.0%	5,122	80.9%	6,330
	2020 Census	1,401	21.3%	4,828	73.5%	336	5.1%	5,164	78.7%	6,565
Totals										
	2010 Census	17,198	47.4%	17,403	48.0%	1,693	4.7%			36,294
	2020 Census	17,557	44.1%	19,008	47.7%	3,279	8.2%			39,844

Typical Redistricting Process

1. The necessity to redistrict is determined (out of balance).
2. Seek input before drawing plan(s)
3. Prepare plan(s) applying traditional districting principles
4. Public input after drawing plan(s) but before adoption
5. Board adopt the plan
6. Plan implementation

Shelby County v Holder (2013) – Invalidated the coverage formula of the Voting Rights Act rendering section 5 preclearance requirements inapplicable – But section 5 requirements should be utilized.

Considerations When Drawing a Plan

Apply principles of Voting Rights Act

Traditional districting principles (no certain order):

- Contiguity
- Compactness
- Protection of incumbents
- Effectuate the least amount of change
- Use visible lines of demarcation
- Maintain core constituency
- Avoid disturbing polling places and precincts
- Avoid splitting census blocks
- Avoid dividing communities of interest

These principles often come into conflict.

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- Questions



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