

2020 Census Results

& What it Means for Redistricting



Cortland County Planning Department

Why the Census?

- Every 10 years all people living in the United States are counted.
- All citizens are required to respond.
- An accurate count of the population serves as the basis for fair political representation and plays a vital role in many areas of public life.

What does it mean for Cortland County?

Our population has changed;
representation must change
along with it.

2010 Pop.	49,336
2020 Pop.	46,809
Difference	-2,527
% Change	-5.12%

Update to NYS Laws

October 27th, 2021

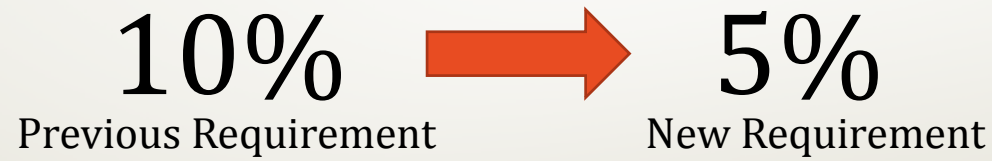
Governor Hochul signed legislation
(S.5160-B/A.229c)

#1 priority



Districts are as nearly
equal in population as
possible

What does “nearly equal in population” mean?



County Comparison

Counties with:

- Legislatures
- Populations under 200k

NYS County	Chief Admin. Official	Legislative Body	No. of Members	Population**	Pop/Rep
Allegany	Administrator	Legislature	15	46,456	3,0
Broome*	Executive	Legislature	15	198,683	13,2
Cattaraugus	Administrator	Legislature	17	77,042	4,5
Caygua	Manager	Legislature	15	76,248	5,0
Chautauqua*	Executive	Legislature	19	127,657	6,7
Chemung*	Executive	Legislature	15	84,148	5,6
Clinton	Administrator	Legislature	9	79,843	8,8
Cortland	Administrator	Legislature	17	46,809	2,7
Franklin	Manager	Legislature	7	47,555	6,7
Genesee	Manager	Legislature	9	58,388	6,4
Greene	Administrator	Legislature	14	47,931	3,4
Herkimer*	Administrator	Legislature	17	60,139	3,5
Jefferson	Administrator	Legislature	15	116,721	7,7
Lewis	Manager	Legislature	10	26,582	2,6
Orleans	Administrator	Legislature	7	40,343	5,7
Oswego	Administrator	Legislature	25	117,525	4,7
Otsego	Chair of Leg. Body	Legislature	14	58,524	4,1
Putnam*	Executive	Legislature	9	97,668	10,8
Rensselaer*	Executive	Legislature	19	161,130	8,4
St. Lawrence	Administrator	Legislature	15	108,505	7,2
Schenectady*	Manager	Legislature	15	158,061	10,5
Schuyler	Administrator	Legislature	8	17,898	2,2
Steuben	Manager	Legislature	17	93,584	5,5
Sullivan*	Manager	Legislature	9	78,624	8,7
Tioga	Chair of Leg. Body	Legislature	9	48,455	5,3
Tompkins*	Administrator	Legislature	14	105,740	7,5
Ulster*	Executive	Legislature	23	181,851	7,9
Yates	Administrator	Legislature	14	24,774	1,7
*Charter County	**Based off 2020 Census Redistricting Data		Avg. No. of Members 14	Avg. Pop 85,246	Avg. Pop/R 6,1

Average Across the State*

of Legislators = **14**
Population per Legislator = **6,123**

Currently in Cortland County

of Legislators = **17**
Avg. Population per Legislator = **2,753**

* Average of Counties with Legislative bodies and populations less than 200, 000

Redistricting Options

Legislative District Counts	Ideal Population Value	5% Range Value
7	6687	334
9	5201	260
11	4255	213
13	3601	180
15	3121	156
17	2753	138

Note: Calculations based on Cortland County 2020 population total of 46,809 as reported by the US Census Bureau.

Redistricting Rules

Districts shall...

1. be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; the difference between the most and least populous district shall not exceed **five (5) percent of the mean** of all districts.
2. not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minority groups.
3. consist of contiguous territory.
4. be as compact in form as practicable.
5. not be drawn to discourage competition or to favor or disfavor incumbents or political parties.
6. consider existing district cores, political subdivisions, and communities of interest.
7. no villages or cities or towns except those having more than **forty (40) percent of a full ratio** for each district shall be divided.
8. be formed so as to promote the orderly and efficient administration of elections

Note: More information can be found in NYS Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(a)(13)



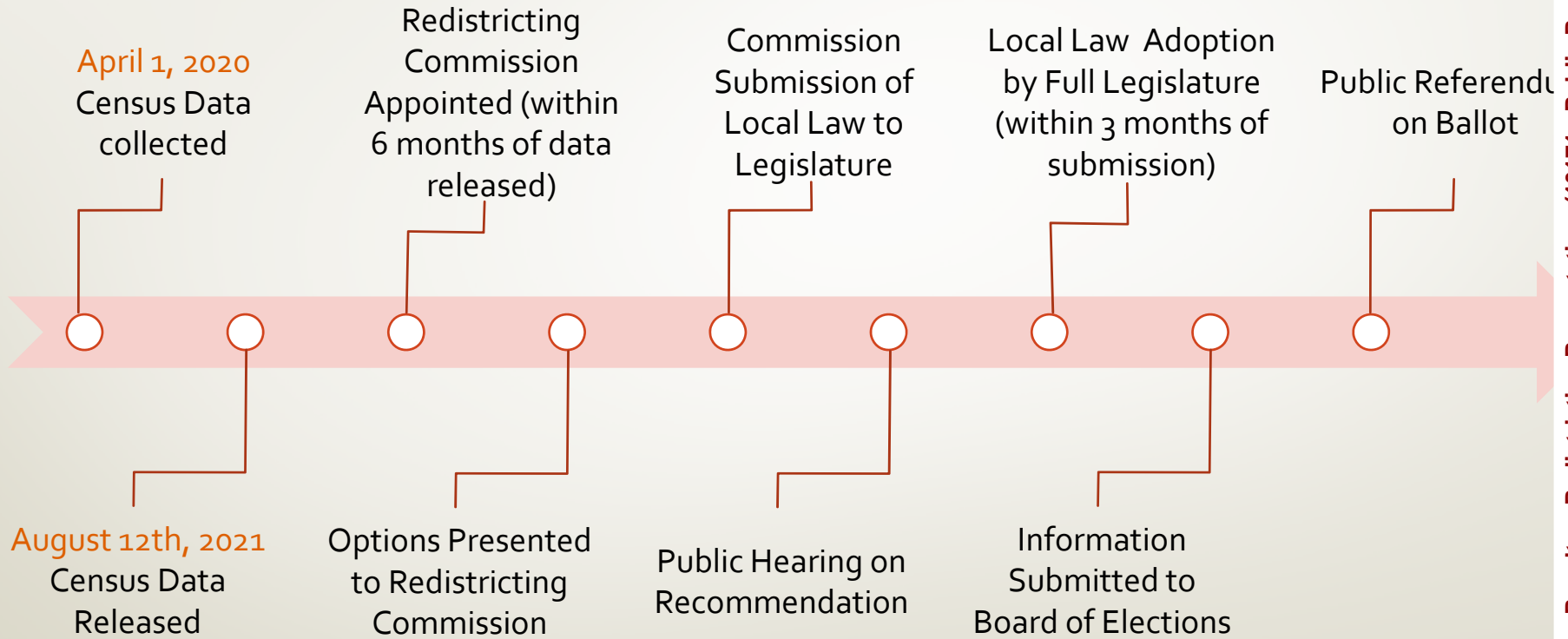
More Priority

Less Priority

Voting Rights Act

- Fair representation of minority groups will be maintained
- Provide for equal opportunity of racial or language minority groups

Where We Go From Here



Questions???

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