

# **Redrawing the Summit County Council Districts in 2021**

Presented to the  
**Nonpartisan Independent Council Fair Districting Commission**

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## **According to the County Charter, Section 3.01.4 APPORTIONMENT**

### **The Commission**

The Council shall appoint five electors of the County, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party and none of whom shall hold public office or be an officer of a political party, who shall constitute a Nonpartisan Independent Council Fair Districting Commission.

The Commission shall, not later than one hundred twenty days following its appointment shall prepare and certify to the Board of Elections of the County of Summit a detailed apportionment of the Council districts in accordance with the principles provided for in this section.

The districts shall be effective for the first regular County election thereafter. (i.e., the 2024 elections)

# Principles

- substantially equal population
  - compact
  - composed of contiguous territory
  - formed by combining existing areas of governmental units, giving preference, in the order named, to townships, municipalities and city wards and precincts.
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- Political subdivisions with noncontiguous portions can be included in one district – e.g., Bath, Coventry, Cuyahoga Falls, Springfield, Twinsburg.
  - Political subdivisions may be divided between more than one district with no limitation upon the division of a political subdivision among districts.
  - Precincts shall not be divided.
  - Must adhere to federal and state law.
  - Consideration will be given to broaden opportunities for historically under-represented and minority communities to elect representatives to the Council.
  - The Council may establish additional criteria... to use in order to achieve a government that is effective, efficient. and at the same time, accountable, responsive, and fairly representative.

## What is Substantial Equality of Population?

In a series of court cases in the 1960s, the Supreme Court held that the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution requires that all districts within a political jurisdiction have “substantial equality of population.”<sup>3</sup>

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### How much deviation in population is allowed between districts?

The Supreme Court has stated that deviation of up to 10 percent is only a minor deviation and is not enough to show a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.<sup>4</sup>

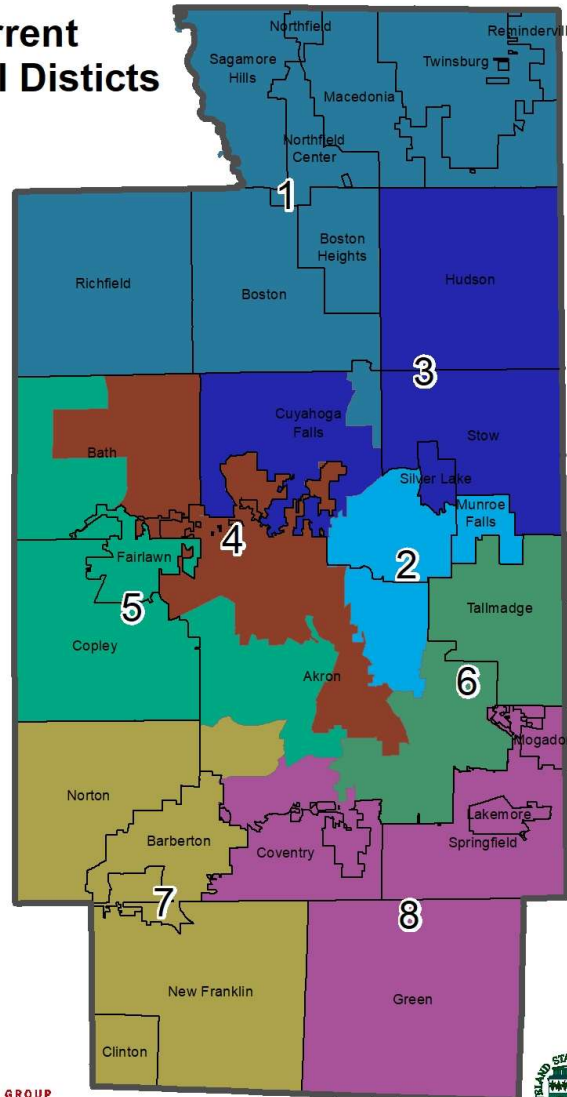
### Maps with population deviations above 10 percent can be justified only in limited circumstances.<sup>5</sup>

The appropriate measure of population when considering substantial equality of population is total population, not alternative measures like the number of voters or the citizen voting-age population (CVAP).<sup>6</sup>

This reflects the principle that a city council represents all of a city’s residents, not merely those who are eligible to vote.

With release of the 2020 Census...

**Current Council Districts**



District	Population
1	72,148
2	65,845
3	70,642
4	66,034
5	67,096
6	64,952
7	63,425
8	70,286
<b>Total</b>	<b>540,428</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>67,554</b>

## Current Districts' 2020 Population by Race and Hispanic/Latino Ancestry

District	Population	White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	Some Other Race alone	Population of two or more races	Black or African American, any combination	Hispanic / Latino
<b>1</b>	72,148	55,719	8,501	74	3,996	23	471	3,364	9,482	1,484
<b>2</b>	65,845	47,411	6,856	176	6,849	20	860	3,673	8,136	1,818
<b>3</b>	70,642	61,736	2,220	76	2,662	6	411	3,531	2,909	1,575
<b>4</b>	66,034	40,275	16,558	155	3,587	17	1,267	4,175	18,561	2,668
<b>5</b>	67,096	33,493	26,499	150	2,309	12	852	3,781	28,357	1,875
<b>6</b>	64,952	47,711	10,306	139	1,729	49	612	4,406	12,288	1,440
<b>7</b>	63,425	53,154	5,564	146	376	20	450	3,715	6,777	1,066
<b>8</b>	70,286	61,319	3,222	134	1,113	13	456	4,029	4,285	1,280
<b>Total</b>	<b>540,428</b>	<b>400,818</b>	<b>79,726</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>22,621</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5,379</b>	<b>30,674</b>	<b>90,795</b>	<b>13,206</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>67,554</b>	<b>50,102</b>	<b>9,966</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>3,834</b>	<b>11,349</b>	<b>1,651</b>

## District Population Deviations

District	Population	Deviation	Percent Deviation
1	72,148	4,595	6.80%
2	65,845	-1,709	-2.53%
3	70,642	3,089	4.57%
4	66,034	-1,520	-2.25%
5	67,096	-458	-0.68%
6	64,952	-2,602	-3.85%
7	63,425	-4,129	-6.11%
8	70,286	2,733	4.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>540,428</b>	0	0.00%
<b>Average</b>	<b>67,554</b>		
<b>5% range</b>			
High	70,931		
Low	64,176		

## 2020 Population Data County Subdivisions

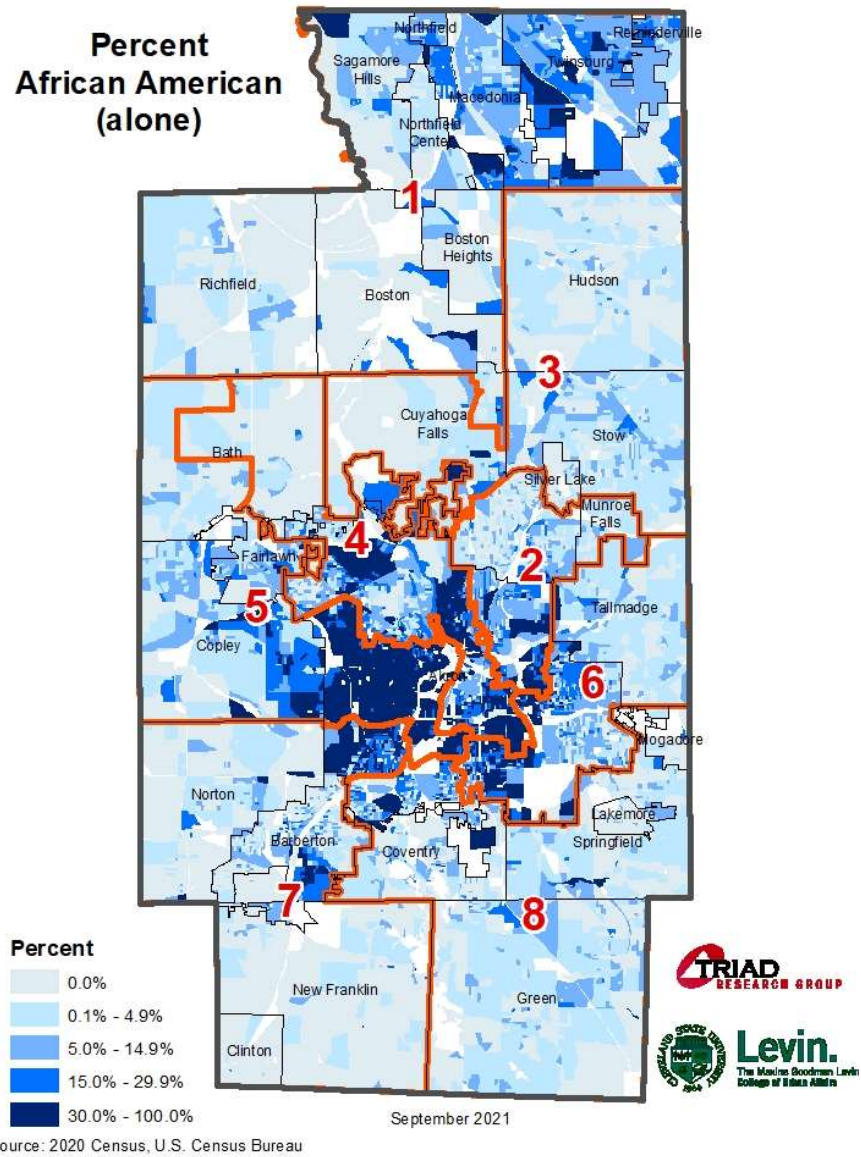
Ward and precinct population  
data available upon request

NAME	Housing Units	Population	White alone	Black or	American	Asian alone	Native	Some Other Race alone	Population of two or more races	Black or	Hispanic / Latino
				African alone	Indian and Alaska Native alone		Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone			African, any combination	
Akron city	92,517	190,469	104,240	59,821	514	10,093	80	3,058	12,663	66,555	6,196
Barberton city	11,844	25,191	21,189	2,019	63	132	14	208	1,566	2,568	474
Bath township	4,031	10,024	8,955	197	6	312	1	59	494	267	216
Boston township	703	1,401	1,255	29	1	19	3	16	78	54	31
Boston Heights village	536	1,402	1,272	24	1	27	0	9	69	35	22
Clinton village	550	1,197	1,116	8	3	4	0	2	64	17	6
Copley township	7,773	18,403	13,917	1,829	42	1,361	3	173	1,078	2,119	492
Coventry township	5,358	10,238	9,231	307	28	98	1	59	514	398	172
Cuyahoga Falls city	24,827	51,114	42,872	2,423	121	2,565	11	429	2,693	3,117	1,113
Fairlawn city	3,533	7,710	5,974	905	11	315	0	80	425	1,051	237
Green city	11,825	27,475	24,595	722	30	545	7	134	1,442	995	496
Hudson city	8,379	23,110	20,421	299	20	1,128	2	115	1,125	428	560
Lakemore village	1,417	2,926	2,582	76	20	56	0	20	172	115	58
Macedonia city	5,094	12,168	9,535	1,468	10	571	3	66	515	1,625	198
Mogadore village	1,150	2,799	2,603	8	3	13	0	19	153	33	56
Munroe Falls city	2,158	5,044	4,415	111	9	203	2	38	266	163	89
New Franklin city	6,031	13,877	13,004	86	27	57	4	68	631	156	153
Northfield village	1,629	3,541	2,736	325	6	236	2	33	203	387	105
Northfield Center township	2,419	5,597	4,653	482	11	181	0	25	245	543	108
Norton city	4,914	11,668	10,717	212	15	112	0	75	537	314	157
Reminderville village	2,161	5,412	3,536	765	3	809	3	34	262	853	105
Richfield township	2,572	6,437	5,843	113	3	181	0	25	272	134	93
Sagamore Hills township	4,937	10,845	9,463	660	18	215	1	73	415	752	229
Silver Lake village	1,068	2,516	2,325	36	0	49	0	16	90	64	48
Springfield township	6,419	14,162	12,687	324	26	196	4	100	825	508	228
Stow city	15,372	34,483	30,166	1,246	26	1,052	4	193	1,796	1,636	760
Tallmadge city	7,796	18,114	15,697	846	17	517	4	93	940	1,106	291
Twinsburg city	8,104	19,248	13,707	3,160	13	1,323	6	133	906	3,464	414
Twinsburg township	1,356	3,857	2,112	1,225	3	251	5	26	235	1,338	99
<b>Summit County</b>	<b>246,473</b>	<b>540,428</b>	<b>400,818</b>	<b>79,726</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>22,621</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5,379</b>	<b>30,674</b>	<b>90,795</b>	<b>13,206</b>





# Voting Rights Act



**Questions???**