

Redistricting Committee 4/8/2013

Existing Ward Population According the 2010 US Census

Ward (1993)	Number of Councilors	Ward Population (P0030001)	Ward Population Per Councilor	Deviation from Ideal Per Councilor	Percent Deviation from Ideal Per Councilor
1	2	7593	3797	767	25.3%
2	2	6106	3053	23	0.8%
3	2	6076	3038	8	0.3%
4	2	5081	2541	-489	-16.1%
5	2	5817	2909	-121	-4.0%
6	2	6343	3172	142	4.7%
7	2	5401	2701	-329	-10.9%
Total:		42417		Overall Plan Deviation:	41.5%
Ideal Per Councilor:		3030			

DEFINITIONS:	
DISTRICT	A geographic area whose boundaries that define the constituency of an elected official. A District can include one of more elected legislators (Councilors).
PLAN	An electoral District configuration proposal.
IDEAL POPULATION	Number of people that should be in each of the town or city's electoral districts for exactly equal representation. This number is calculated by dividing the total city population by the total number of legislators (City Councilors), then multipled by the number of legislators in each district.
DEVIATION	Amount or percentage by which a District's population differs from that District's Ideal Population. The percentage is the difference between actual and Ideal population, divided by the Ideal Population. The maximum Deviation for approximately equal representation is 10%.
OVERALL PLAN DEVIATION	The Overall Plan Deviation is the Deviation percentage point spread between the most and least populated Districts. The courts use this measure to determine the extent to which a Plan provides equal representation, defined as a maximum of 10% for equality.

The only guidance for how to redistrict is in State Law pertaining to the State House and Senate districts:

Vermont Constitution Sec 73

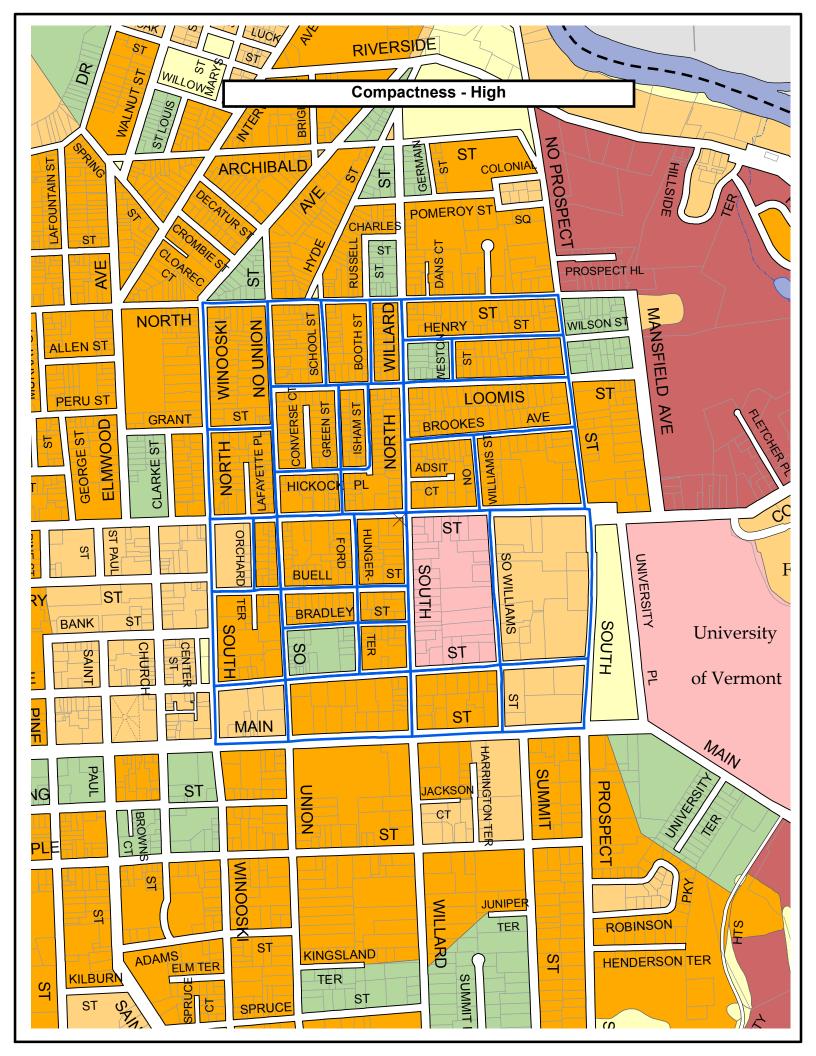
"At the biennial session following the taking of each decennial census under the authority of Congress, and at such other times as the General Assembly finds necessary, it shall revise the boundaries of the legislative districts and shall make a new apportionment of its membership in order to maintain equality of representation among the respective districts as nearly as is practicable.

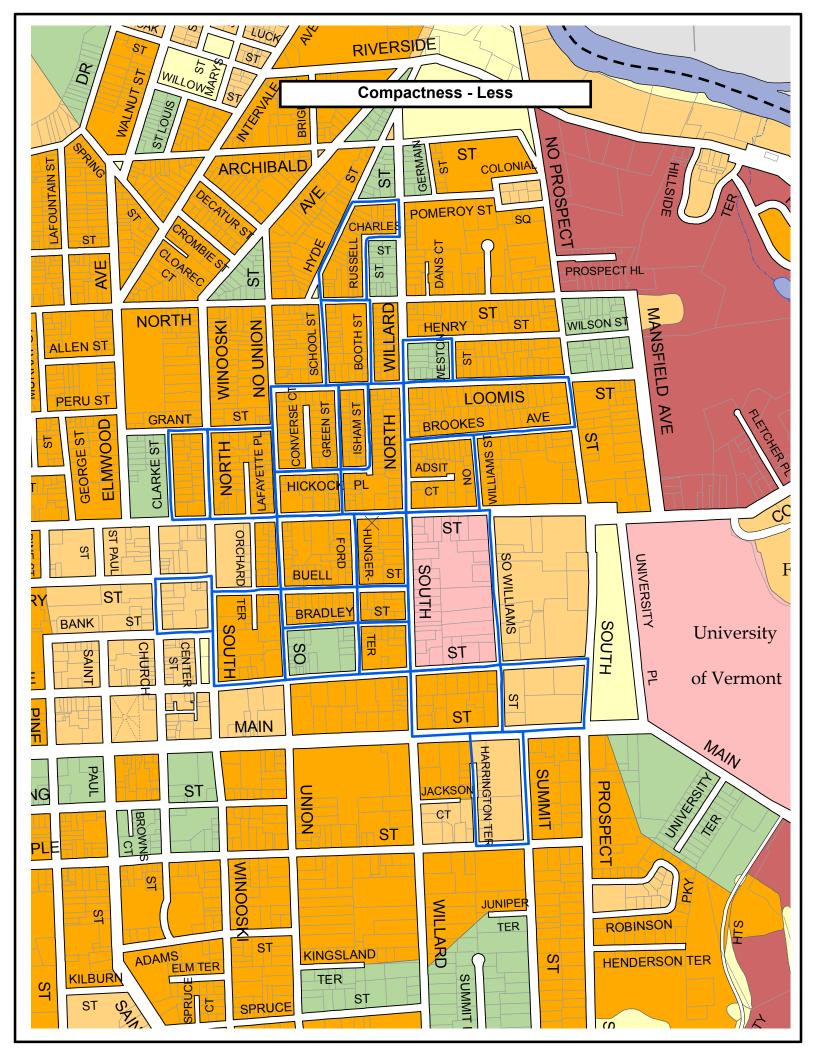
VSA Title 17: Elections

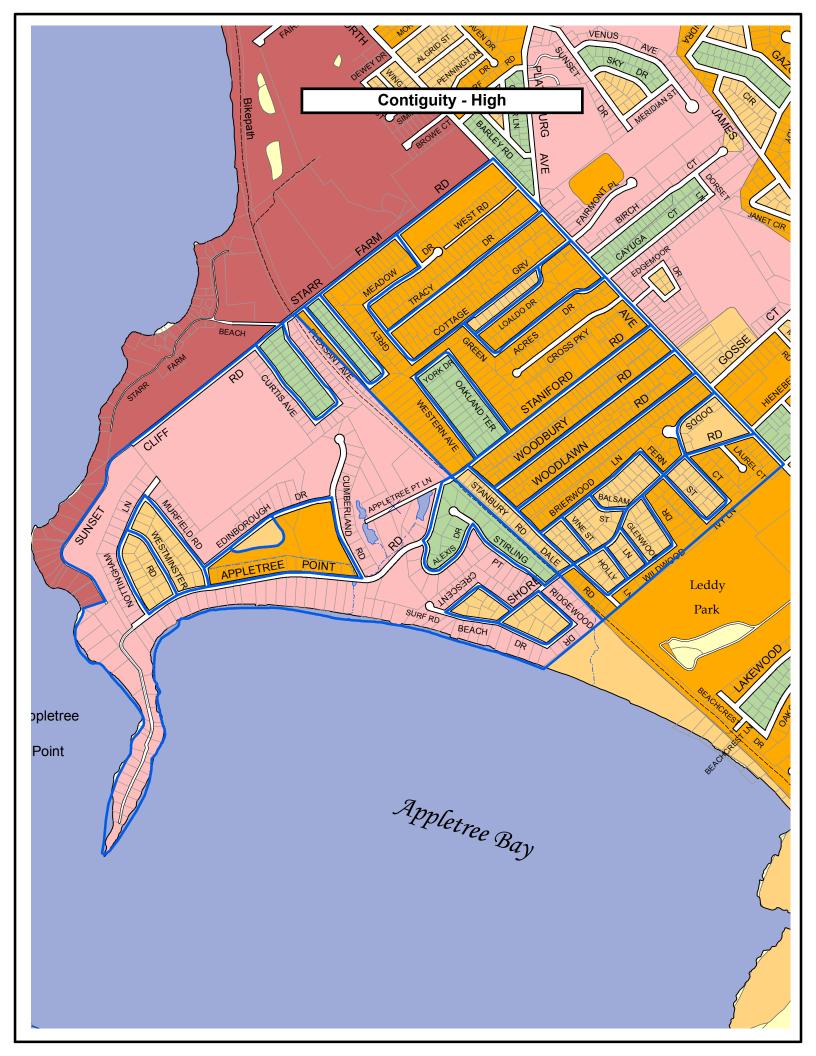
Sec 1903(b):

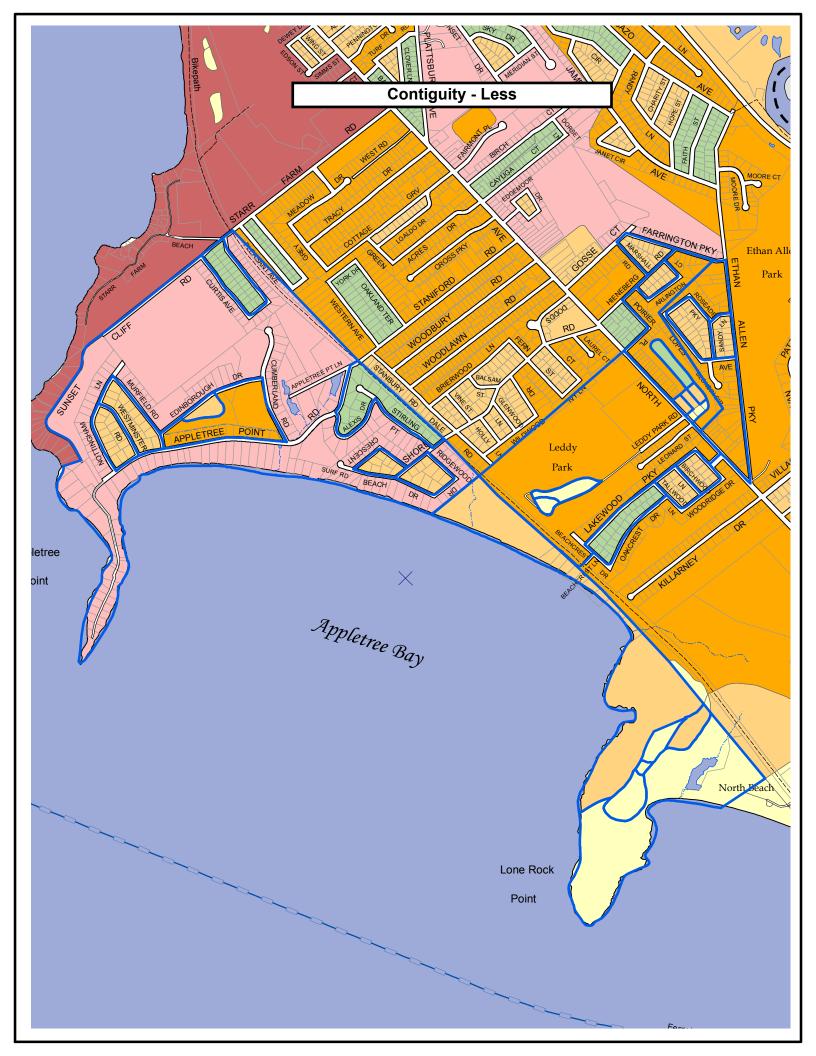
"The representative and senatorial districts shall be formed consistent with the following policies insofar as practicable:

- (1) preservation of existing political subdivision lines;
- (2) recognition and maintenance of patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, political ties, and common interests;
- (3) use of compact and contiguous territory."







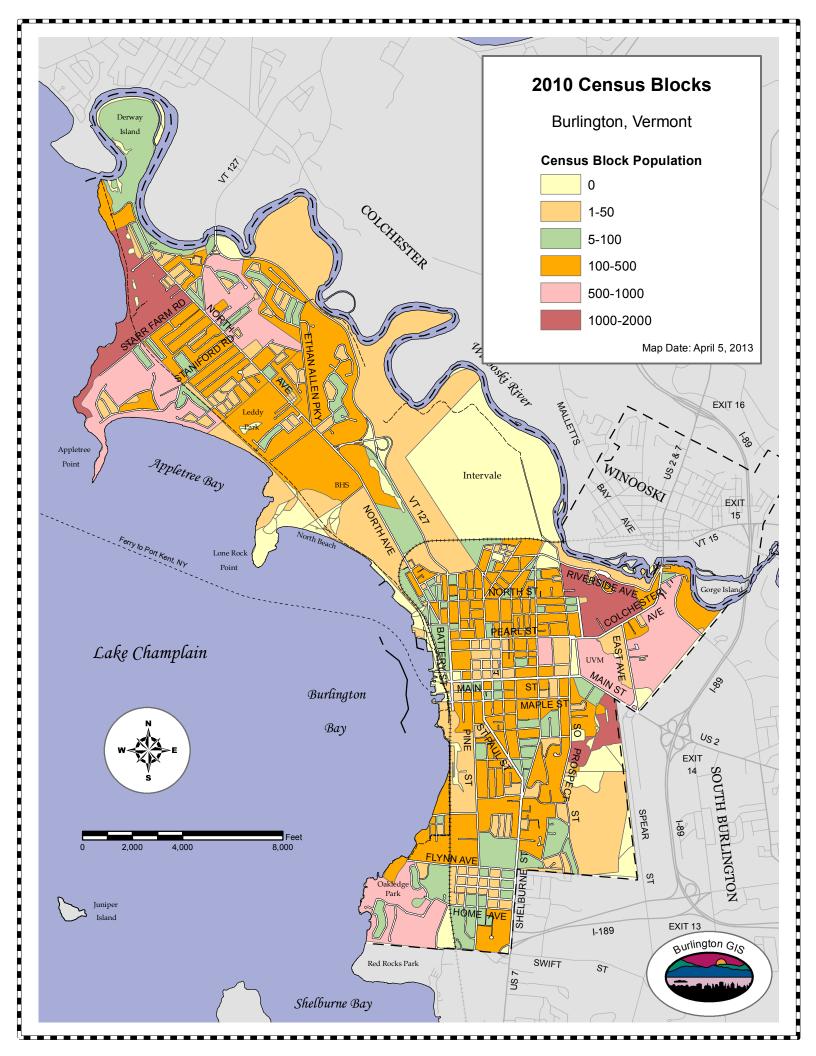


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City Council Size and Representation

Total Number of Councilors	Ideal Population Per Councilor	Maximum Deviation per Councilor
10	4240	424
11	3855	386
12	3535	354
13	3260	326
14	3030	303
15	2830	283
16	2650	265

Total Population (2010):	42,417
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Census Blocks with 500+ People in Existing Wards

ВLОСК	POPULATION	PERCENT OF WARD IDEAL POPULATION	CURRENT WARD LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
500070039003003	527	8.7%	Ward 1	UVM Main Campus
500070006001017	626	10.3%	Ward 1	East of East Ave to Grove St
500070006001006	1345	22.2%	Ward 1	Riverside to Colchester Ave
500070039003008	1980	32.7%	Ward 1	UVM South of Main Campus
500070006002009	604	10.0%	Ward 2	Pearl/South Willard/College/South Williams block
500070002003000	513	8.5%	Ward 4	Appletree Point to Bikepath
500070002001002	1263	20.8%	Ward 4	Northgate/Starr Farm
500070011002003	592	9.8%	Ward 5	Austin Drive Condo Area
500070039002007	1509	24.9%	Ward 6	UVM Redstone Campus
500070001001008	720	11.9%	Ward 7	Plattsburg Ave South to Gosse Ct
WARD IDEAL POPULATION:	6060			
TOTALS:	4478	73.9%	Ward 1	
	604	10.0%	Ward 2	
	0	0.0%	Ward 3	
	1776	29.3%	Ward 4	
	592	9.8%	Ward 5	
	1509	24.9%	Ward 6	
	720	11.9%	Ward 7	

Review of Redistricting Committee Work in 2012

The first step in redistricting is to determine the number of Councilors. The committee thought that 12-14 Councilors would be best.

The committee considered 4, 6, 7, and 8 wards plans. The committee preferred an equal number of councilors per ward. There was discussion of a mix of one and two Councilor wards. The committee did not favor at-large Councilors.

Summary of Redistricting Criteria discussed:

CRITERIA	SPECIFICS	NOTES
NNE Ward(s) Discrete	NNE Ward(s) should not span into the ONE.	Patterns of geography, social interaction, political ties, common interests.
Keep Existing Geographic Areas Intact	NNE, ONE, Downtown, Hill Section, South End	Patterns of geography, social interaction, political ties, common interests.
Boundaries Follow Major Roads as Much as Possible		Compactness, but can split social patterns
Academic Institutions in More Than One Ward	UVM Live/Learn and Redstone blocks in particular	Permanent residents tend to participate in governance more.
Ward Size for Citizen Communication and Campaigning	4 ward configuration considered too big.	High Contiguity
Minimize Number of State District – Ward Combinations	Affects election cost and complexity.	Ward/State House ballot combinations: Currently 19.
Minimize Degree of Change from Current Wards	Existing wards have been in place for 20 years	

Boston Redistricting – Plan Adopted Oct 31, 2012





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