


WHEN THE LINES ARE DRAWN



Fall 2009	Census Bureau begins recruiting census takers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- These individuals will go door to door to ensure a full count
February 2010	Census Bureau starts counting “group populations” <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Includes group homes, student dorms, prisons, etc.
April 1, 2010	Census Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hundreds of millions of people return forms by mail- More than 3.8 million Census workers go door-to-door to count those who don’t return mail forms
December 31, 2010	Census delivers population counts to President
January 10, 2011	President delivers apportionment count to U.S. House <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Specific formula set by statute (2 U.S.C. §2a(a))
March 2011	Census Bureau starts sending data to states <ul style="list-style-type: none">- By statute, last data must arrive by April 1 (P.L. 94-171)
2011-2012	States conduct redistricting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Each state has a different deadline (usually end of leg. session)- Most states finish by 2012 (ME and MT finish in 2013)- If legislatures or commissions don’t draw in time, courts step in
2011-2012	State primary elections <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Redistricting has to be complete before filing deadline