WHEN THE LINES ARE DRAWN

Fall 2009  Census Bureau begins recruiting census takers
  - These individuals will go door to door to ensure a full count

February 2010  Census Bureau starts counting “group populations”
  - Includes group homes, student dorms, prisons, etc.

April 1, 2010  Census Day
  - 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
  - Specific formula set by statute (2 U.S.C. §2a(a))

March 2011  Census Bureau starts sending data to states
  - By statute, last data must arrive by April 1 (P.L. 94-171)

2011-2012  States conduct redistricting
  - 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
  - Redistricting has to be complete before filing deadline

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