

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?

10%  5%

Previous Requirement New Requirement

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	3,097
Broome*	Executive	Legislature	15	198,683	13,246
Cattaraugus	Administrator	Legislature	17	77,042	4,532
Cayuga	Manager	Legislature	15	76,248	5,083
Chautauqua*	Executive	Legislature	19	127,657	6,719
Chemung*	Executive	Legislature	15	84,148	5,610
Clinton	Administrator	Legislature	9	79,843	8,871
Cortland	Administrator	Legislature	17	46,809	2,753
Franklin	Manager	Legislature	7	47,555	6,794
Genesee	Manager	Legislature	9	58,388	6,488
Greene	Administrator	Legislature	14	47,931	3,424
Herkimer*	Administrator	Legislature	17	60,139	3,538
Jefferson	Administrator	Legislature	15	116,721	7,781
Lewis	Manager	Legislature	10	26,582	2,658
Orleans	Administrator	Legislature	7	40,343	5,763
Oswego	Administrator	Legislature	25	117,525	4,701
Otsego	Chair of Leg. Body	Legislature	14	58,524	4,180
Putnam*	Executive	Legislature	9	97,668	10,852
Rensselaer*	Executive	Legislature	19	161,130	8,481
St. Lawrence	Administrator	Legislature	15	108,505	7,234
Schenectady*	Manager	Legislature	15	158,061	10,537
Schuyler	Administrator	Legislature	8	17,898	2,237
Steuben	Manager	Legislature	17	93,584	5,505
Sullivan*	Manager	Legislature	9	78,624	8,736
Tioga	Chair of Leg. Body	Legislature	9	48,455	5,384
Tompkins*	Administrator	Legislature	14	105,740	7,553
Ulster*	Executive	Legislature	23	181,851	7,907
Yates	Administrator	Legislature	14	24,774	1,770
*Charter County	**Based off 2020 Census Redistricting Data		Avg. No. of Members 14	Avg. Pop 85,246	Avg. Pop/Rep 6,123



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...



Less Priority



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

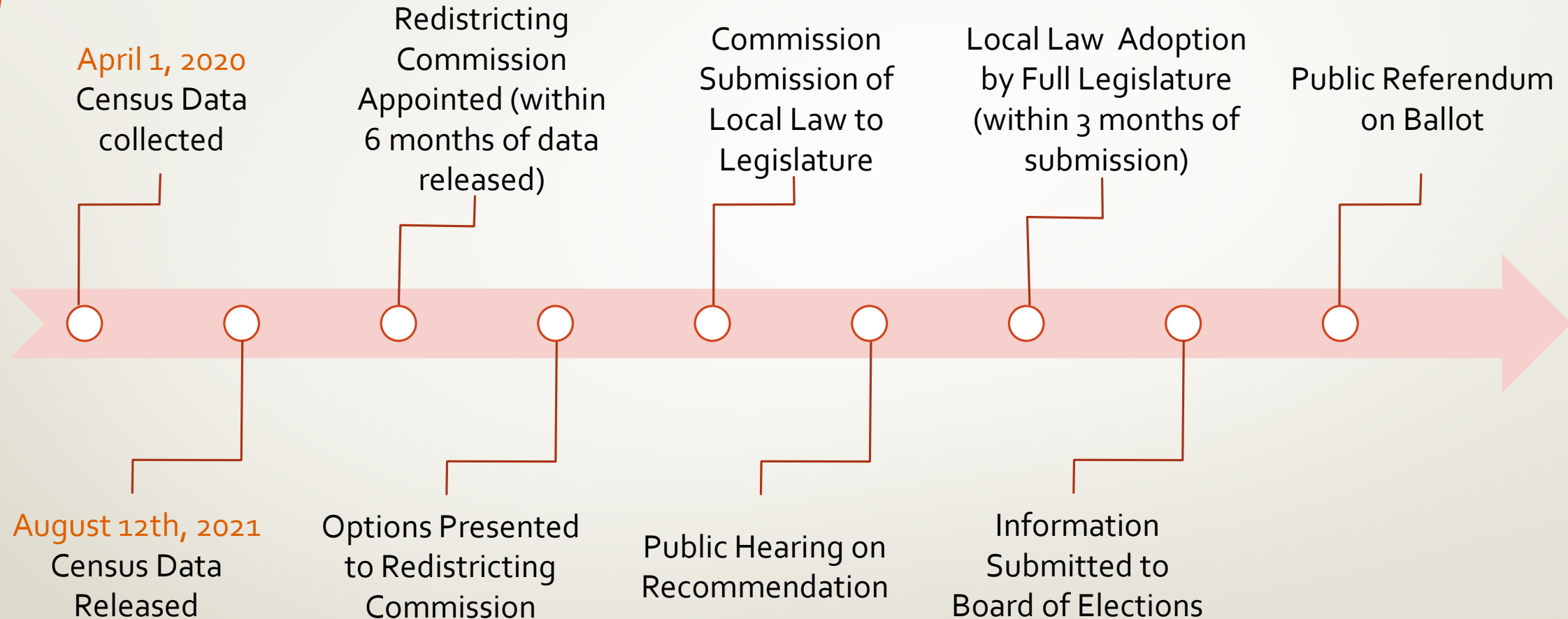
Note: More information can be found in NYS Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(a)(13)



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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