



## History of Congressional Districting Criteria in Montana: 1974 to 2010

Commission Year	Number of Districts	Mandatory Criteria	Discretionary Criteria	Counties Split?	Other Notes
1974	2	None <sup>1</sup>	None <sup>1</sup>	None	The 1974 Commission the districts adopted in 1965 by a federal court
1980	2	✓ To "achieve the minimum amount of deviation in congressional districts"	None	None	<u>Absolute range:</u> - 47 to +47 <u>Overall Absolute Range:</u> 94 <u>Relative Range:</u> -.01% to +.01% <u>Overall Relative Range:</u> .02%
1990	1	None	None	N/A	
2000	1	✓ Population equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Following the lines of political units</li> <li>✓ Following geographic boundaries</li> <li>✓ Keeping communities of interest intact</li> </ul>	N/A	Adopted November 16, 2000 <sup>2</sup>
2010	1	✓ Population equality	None	N/A	Adopted May 28, 2010 <sup>3</sup>

### Notes

1. The 1974 Commission report does not mention commissioners discussing or adopting criteria. It states: "The Commission has made no changes in the existing Congressional districts since they already comply with the law."
2. November 16, 2000, meeting minutes: [https://leg.mt.gov/content/committees/interim/2001\\_2002/dist\\_apport/nov16min.pdf](https://leg.mt.gov/content/committees/interim/2001_2002/dist_apport/nov16min.pdf)
3. Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Criteria: <https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2011-2012/Districting/Other-Documents/1124RWFA-corrected-criteria-updated-2011.pdf>