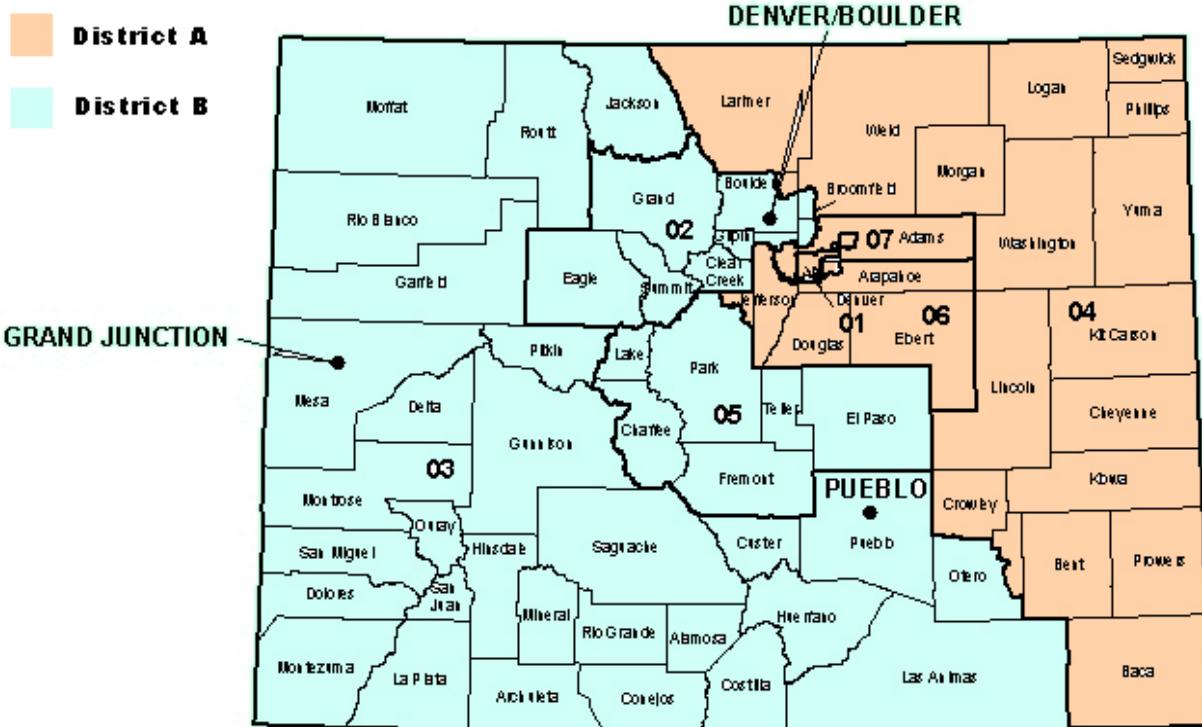


Colorado



Racial Representation

Of Colorado's voting population of 1,708,834, roughly 3.5% are black and 16.7% are Latino. Under the current seven-district system, neither black nor Latino voters can elect a candidate of choice in any district. Under the proposed super districting plan, Latino voters in coalition with white and other minority voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in Super District A, and in Super District B Latino voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could elect a candidate of choice in coalition with white and other minority voters.

Political Analysis

In the 2000 Presidential election, George W. Bush won Colorado with 51% of the vote over Al Gore's 42%. Colorado has an overall Democratic partisanship of 44.8%. However, although Democrats make up almost half the voting population, only one of the seven districts can be considered Democratic, and liberal voters are competitive in only two other districts. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters in Super District A would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans, while voters in Super District B would likely elect two Republicans and one Democrat, a much more accurate representation of the voting population.

SUPER DISTRICT A - FOUR SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Colorado	1	72455	(32.8%)	134187	(60.7%)	14430	(6.5%)	221072	10.1%	30.0%
Colorado	4	145056	(57.1%)	92602	(36.5%)	16271	(6.4%)	253929	0.7%	17.0%
Colorado	6	169205	(60.2%)	104126	(37.1%)	7580	(2.7%)	280911	1.9%	5.8%
Colorado	7	101632	(48.9%)	103592	(49.8%)	2783	(1.3%)	208007	5.8%	19.6%
Total		488348	(50.7%)	434507	(45.1%)	41064	(4.3%)	963919	4.3%	17.3%

Winning Percentage:

20%

Voting Rights Analysis:

Latino voters in coalition with other racial minority and white voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship: 46.7% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans.

SUPER DISTRICT B - THREE SEATS

State	CD	2000 Presidential Vote						Total	% Black	% Latino
		Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)		Origin	Origin
Colorado	2	103518	(42.6%)	126607	(52.1%)	13107	(5.4%)	243232	1.0%	14.7%
Colorado	3	140191	(53.5%)	102100	(39.0%)	19585	(7.5%)	261876	0.7%	21.5%
Colorado	5	151751	(63.3%)	74940	(31.3%)	13116	(5.5%)	239807	5.7%	11.1%
Total		395460	(53.1%)	303647	(40.8%)	45808	(6.1%)	744915	2.4%	15.9%

Winning Percentage: 25%

Voting Rights Analysis: Latino voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with other racial minority and white voters, elect a candidate of choice.

District Partisanship: 32.9% This super district would likely elect two Republicans and one Democrat.

This proposal is based on the current congressional districts of Colorado. Because current congressional districts are often the results of gerrymandering, the proposed super district boundaries are not as smooth and nice-looking as they could be in a similar proposal that made use of sub-congressional district data.