

Michigan

Racial Representation

Of Michigan's voting population of 4,215,110, roughly 12.7% are black and 3.2% are Latino. Under the current 15-district system, black voters make up the majority in two districts. There are currently two black representatives. Under the proposed super districting plan, black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice in Super District A, and black voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with other minority and white voters, elect a second candidate of choice. Racial minority voters in Super Districts B and C supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could elect a candidate of choice in coalition with white voters.

Political Analysis

In the 2000 Presidential election, Al Gore won Michigan with 51% of the vote over George W. Bush's 46%. Michigan's overall Democratic partisanship is 53.1%. Under the current system, five districts can be considered Democratic, six can be considered Republican, and four are Republican-leaning competitive districts. Under the proposed super districting plan, voters would likely elect seven Democrats, six Republicans, and two representatives from either party.



SUPER DISTRICT A - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote							% Black	% Latino
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
Michigan	9	164149	(51.0%)	151996	(47.2%)	5987	(1.9%)	322132	8.0%	3.0%
Michigan	11	150692	(51.0%)	138735	(47.0%)	6022	(2.0%)	295449	3.7%	2.0%
Michigan	12	106628	(37.0%)	175524	(60.9%)	5940	(2.1%)	288092	12.0%	1.5%
Michigan	13	39024	(18.7%)	167830	(80.4%)	1975	(0.9%)	208829	60.5%	7.2%
Michigan	14	44345	(18.1%)	198687	(80.9%)	2449	(1.0%)	245481	61.1%	1.8%
Total		504838	(37.1%)	832772	(61.2%)	22373	(1.6%)	1359983	25.6%	2.9%

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

Voting Rights Analysis: Black voters are well-positioned to elect a candidate of choice. Black voters supporting a candidate with crossover appeal could, in coalition with white and other minority voters, elect a second candidate of choice.

District Partisanship: 62.8% This super district would likely elect three Democrats and two Republicans.

SUPER DISTRICT B - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote							% Black	% Latino
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
Michigan	3	170622	(59.5%)	110121	(38.4%)	5942	(2.1%)	286685	7.9%	6.2%
Michigan	6	138658	(52.2%)	119740	(45.0%)	7413	(2.8%)	265811	8.8%	3.6%
Michigan	7	141647	(51.4%)	127344	(46.2%)	6682	(2.4%)	275673	5.6%	3.2%
Michigan	8	153798	(50.6%)	141770	(46.6%)	8426	(2.8%)	303994	4.8%	3.5%
Michigan	15	101607	(37.5%)	161913	(59.8%)	7086	(2.6%)	270606	11.7%	2.8%
Total		706332	(50.4%)	660888	(47.1%)	35549	(2.5%)	1402769	7.7%	3.9%

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

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

District Partisanship: 48.7% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat.

SUPER DISTRICT C - FIVE SEATS

		2000 Presidential Vote							% Black	% Latino
State	CD	Bush	(%)	Gore	(%)	Other	(%)	Total	Origin	Origin
Michigan	1	154772	(51.7%)	135503	(45.2%)	9371	(3.1%)	299646	1.0%	0.9%
Michigan	2	172428	(59.3%)	111739	(38.4%)	6550	(2.3%)	290717	4.5%	5.2%

Michigan	4	154539	(53.6%)	126282	(43.8%)	7468	(2.6%)	288289	2.1%	2.4%
Michigan	5	106445	(37.1%)	174788	(60.9%)	5811	(2.0%)	287044	18.5%	3.6%
Michigan	10	152780	(53.3%)	127640	(44.5%)	6242	(2.2%)	286662	1.5%	2.1%
Total		740964	(51.0%)	675952	(46.5%)	35442	(2.4%)	1452358	5.5%	2.8%

Winning Percentage: 16.7%

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

District Partisanship: 48.1% This super district would likely elect two Democrats and two Republicans with one swing seat.

This proposal is based on the current congressional districts of Michigan. 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.