



# Atlanta City Council 2011 Redistricting Process

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# Redistricting

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# Redistricting Overview

Every 10 years, as a result of each U.S. Census, cities across America are tasked with the need to re-draw boundary lines of its representative areas, to achieve a balance of populations (+ - 5%) within each district.

Our City's governing body, the Atlanta City Council will create and review a variety of maps and will ultimately select a single map which will ensure that Atlanta's citizens have fair and balanced representation. This map will be presented as a part of City Charter amending legislation that will outline the new district boundaries, resulting from the 2011 decennial census.

The Municipal Clerk coordinates the City's redistricting efforts. The Planning Department provides statistical analysis and technical assistance in the mapping process. The Law Department provides legal counsel and required DOJ submissions.

Public hearings and a citizen comment web page will afford Atlanta's citizens an opportunity to have their voices heard in the City of Atlanta 2011 Redistricting process.

# Redistricting Process

## **The Governing Body is:**

- ▶ Authorized to redistrict Council election districts following each decennial census (every ten years)
- ▶ Authorized to redistrict Council election districts when significant imbalance occurs due to annexation

## **Council Districts Shall:**

- ▶ Be contiguous
- ▶ Be as closely sized as possible
- ▶ Comply with the one-person-one vote requirements of the U.S. Constitution
- ▶ Comply with Voting Rights Act Section 5 requirements

# Rules of Engagement

**Let traditional redistricting principles govern process to the extent possible and feasible**

- Use identifiable boundaries;
- Maintain whole voting precincts;
- Maintain communities of interest;
- Base the new plan on existing plans;
- Adopt districts of approximately equal size;
- Draw districts that are compact and contiguous;
- Allow existing representatives to remain in their districts
- Comply with the Voting Rights Act

# Redistricting Requirements

- ▶ New district boundaries must be in place by August 2012 to meet the required one-year residency for candidates to qualify for the November 2013 General Election;
- ▶ Any and all district boundary line changes must be submitted to:
  - U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
    - DOJ has 60 days to voice objections or to reply that there is no objection; if questions are asked by DOJ, the 60-day clock begins again upon receipt of City responses
  - Georgia's Secretary of State, Reapportionment Office and Department of Community Affairs within 30 days of adoption

# Other Matters of Note

- ▶ Council shall not change its membership or manner of election
- ▶ General Assembly may reapportion or change Council's membership at anytime
- ▶ Local Act of General Assembly can nullify Council's power to redistrict

# References

## Section 5-202. – Reapportionment of council districts.

- (a) Subject to the limitations of state and federal law, the council shall reapportion the council districts from which members of the council are elected following publication of the 2000 United States decennial census or any future such census. Such reapportionment of districts shall be effective for the election of members to the council at the next regular general municipal election following the publication of the decennial census.
- (b) The council shall reapportion the council districts in accordance with the following specifications:
  - (1) Each reapportioned district shall be formed of contiguous territory, and the boundary lines of said district shall be the center lines of streets or other well-defined boundaries;
  - (2) Variation in population between such districts shall comply with the one-person-one-vote requirements of the United States Constitution; and
  - (3) The reapportionment shall be limited to adjusting the boundary lines of the existing districts only to the extent reasonably necessary to comply with the requirements of paragraph (2) above; and the number of members of the council and the manner of electing such members, except for the adjustment of district boundary lines, shall not be changed by the council.
- (c) In addition to the reapportionment following publication of the decennial census, the council shall reapportion districts pursuant to this section if the annexation of additional territory to the corporate boundaries of the City of Atlanta has the effect of denying electors residing within the newly annexed territory the right to vote for the election of members of the council on substantially the same basis that the other electors of the City of Atlanta vote for members of the council. The reapportionment provided for herein shall meet the criteria specified in subsection (b) of this section and shall be further limited to making only those adjustments in district boundary lines as may be reasonably necessary to include the newly annexed territory within such districts. Reapportionment under this subsection shall be effective for the next regular general municipal election following annexation.

# References

## Atlanta City Council

### Section 2-102. - Qualifications.

- (a) To qualify for election as a councilmember, a person:
  - (1) Must be at least 18 years of age;
  - (2) Must be a resident of the city and of the council district from which he or she seeks to qualify for at least one year immediately preceding the date of his or her filing of notice of candidacy to seek office;
  - (3) Must be a qualified elector of the city; and
  - (4) Must not be an employee of the city.

# References

## Atlanta Board of Education Section 2-103.

- (c) For purposes of electing members of the board of education, other than the three at-large members, the City of Atlanta School District is divided into six education districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. **The six education districts shall be composed respectively of contiguous paired council districts of the city** and shall be and correspond to those six numbered districts.

### Example

Council Districts 1 and 2	= Education District 1
Council Districts 3 and 4	= Education District 2
Council Districts 5 and 6	= Education District 3
Council Districts 7 and 8	= Education District 4
Council Districts 9 and 10	= Education District 5
Council Districts 11 and 12	= Education District 6

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.);  
Atlanta Board of Education Charter; ARTICLE II; BOARD OF EDUCATION; SECTION  
2-103 (c). Elections; education districts.

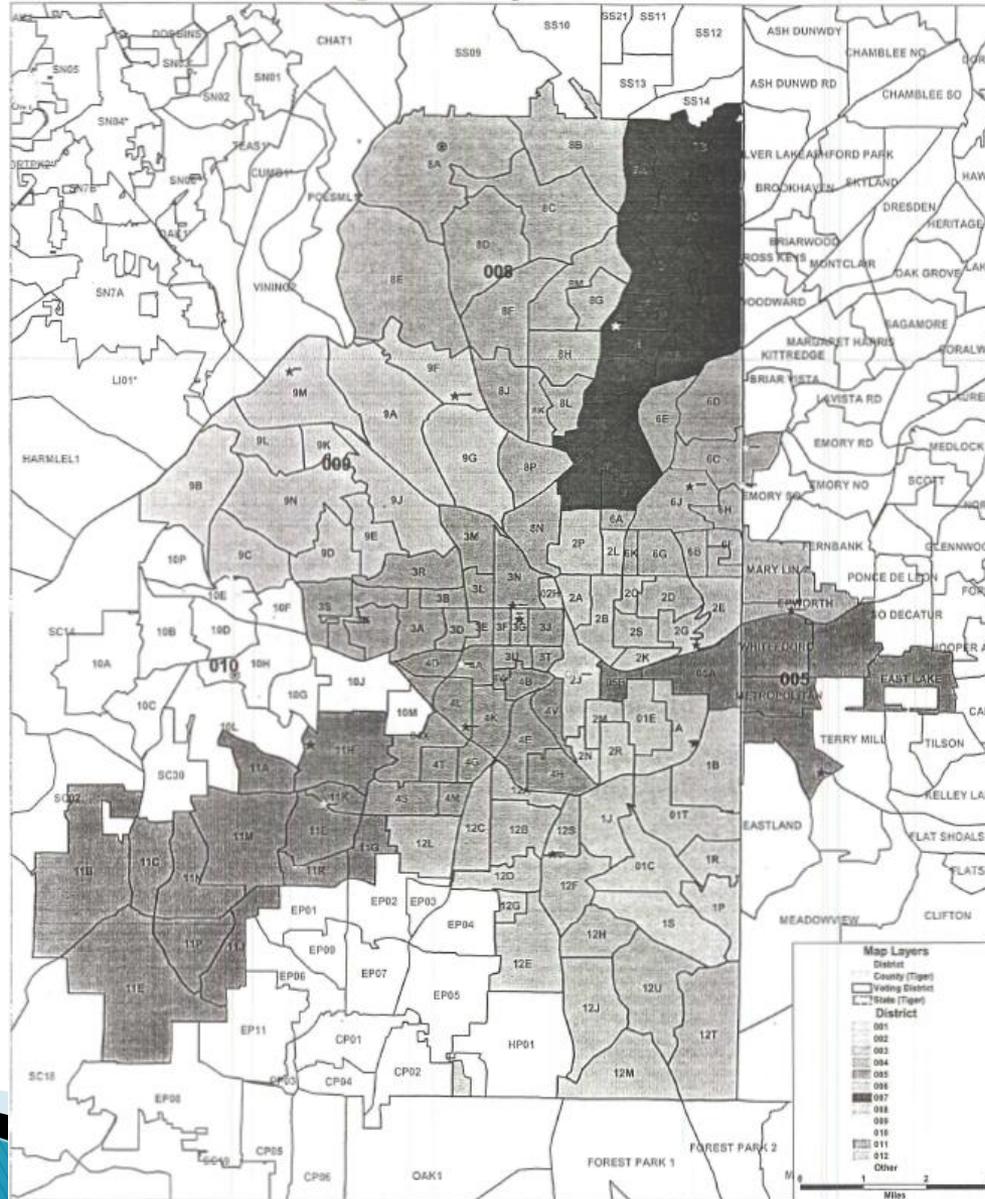


# 2001 Redistricting History

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# 2001 Council District Map

Existing Atlanta City Council Districts



# 2001 Council District Statistics

## Existing Atlanta City Council Districts

Number of Districts: 12  
 Ideal District Population: 34,706  
 Total Population: 416,474

District Number	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	Black Single Race	% Black	Black, Multi-Racial	Total Black	% Total Black	Hispanic or Latino	% Hispanic
001	31,517	-3,189	-9.19%	20,954	66.5%	223	21,177	67.2%	2,805	8.9%
Voting Age Pop	22,151			13,277	59.9%	32	13,309	60.1%	2,049	9.3%
002	40,558	5,852	16.86%	22,775	56.2%	328	23,103	57.0%	1,624	4.0%
Voting Age Pop	34,125			17,292	50.7%	115	17,407	51.0%	1,381	4.1%
003	32,578	-2,128	-6.13%	31,163	95.7%	290	31,453	96.6%	355	1.1%
Voting Age Pop	25,186			23,942	95.1%	109	24,051	95.5%	278	1.1%
004	33,892	-814	-2.35%	32,238	95.1%	295	32,533	96.0%	334	1.0%
Voting Age Pop	24,951			23,637	94.7%	67	23,704	95.0%	247	1.0%
005	28,188	-6,518	-18.78%	22,817	81.0%	248	23,065	81.8%	975	3.5%
Voting Age Pop	20,941			16,203	77.4%	68	16,271	77.7%	743	3.6%
006	37,279	2,573	7.41%	3,904	10.5%	261	4,165	11.2%	1,815	4.9%
Voting Age Pop	33,364			3,276	9.8%	73	3,351	10.0%	1,510	4.5%
	41,119	6,413	18.48%	3,523	8.6%	191	3,714	9.0%	4,356	10.6%
Voting Age Pop	36,363			3,199	8.8%	70	3,269	9.0%	3,646	10.0%
008	37,674	2,968	8.55%	2,157	5.7%	96	2,253	6.0%	784	2.1%
Voting Age Pop	31,526			1,939	6.2%	31	1,970	6.3%	687	2.2%
009	34,145	-561	-1.62%	24,893	72.9%	207	25,100	73.5%	2,011	5.9%
Voting Age Pop	23,742			15,820	66.6%	52	15,872	66.9%	1,407	5.9%
010	32,456	-2,250	-6.48%	30,762	94.8%	228	30,990	95.5%	1,239	3.8%
Voting Age Pop	23,518			22,199	94.4%	53	22,252	94.6%	957	4.1%
011	33,101	-1,605	-4.62%	31,946	96.5%	240	32,186	97.2%	243	.7%
Voting Age Pop	24,179			23,207	96.0%	70	23,277	96.3%	170	.7%
012	33,967	-739	-2.13%	28,557	84.1%	314	28,871	85.0%	2,179	6.4%
Voting Age Pop	23,424			19,154	81.8%	95	19,249	82.2%	1,624	6.9%

### Summary Statistics:

Population Range: 28,188 to 41,119

Ratio Range: 1.46

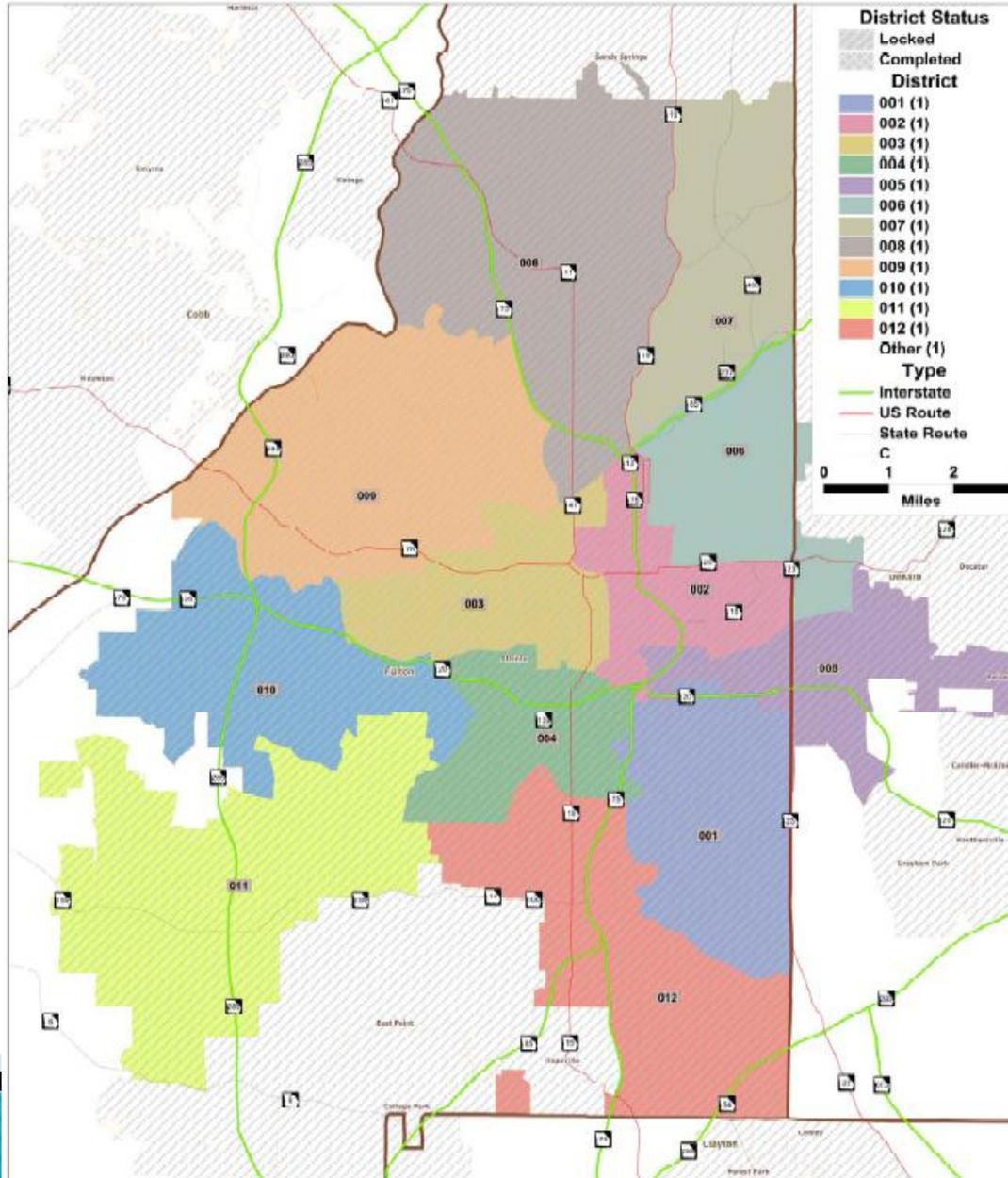
Absolute Range: -6,518 to 6,413

Absolute Overall Range: 12,931

Relative Range: -18.78% to 18.48%

Relative Overall Range: 37.26%

# 2001 Final Council District Map



# 2001 Final Council District Statistics

## Proposed Atlanta City Council Districts

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Total Population: 416,474

District Number	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	Black Single Race	% Black	Black, Multi-Racial	Total Black	% Total Black	Hispanic or Latino	% Hispanic
001	36,165	1,459	4.20%	25,313	70.0%	247	25,560	70.7%	2,919	8.1%
Voting Age Pop	25,202			16,102	63.9%	34	16,136	64.0%	2,125	8.4%
002	36,315	1,609	4.64%	15,721	43.3%	298	16,019	44.1%	1,585	4.4%
Voting Age Pop	32,667			12,963	39.7%	107	13,070	40.0%	1,387	4.3%
003	36,173	1,467	4.23%	32,362	89.5%	312	32,674	90.3%	483	1.3%
Voting Age Pop	28,297			24,747	87.5%	117	24,864	87.9%	395	1.4%
004	34,573	-133	-38%	32,783	94.8%	303	33,086	95.7%	350	1.0%
Voting Age Pop	25,368			23,972	94.5%	69	24,041	94.8%	258	1.0%
005	32,987	-1,719	-4.95%	25,475	77.2%	327	25,802	78.2%	1,061	3.2%
Voting Age Pop	24,529			17,951	73.2%	101	18,052	73.6%	813	3.3%
006	36,295	1,589	4.58%	2,941	8.1%	188	3,129	8.6%	1,781	4.9%
Voting Age Pop	32,595			2,674	8.2%	47	2,721	8.4%	1,479	4.5%
007	34,401	-305	-88%	2,498	7.3%	165	2,663	7.7%	4,148	12.1%
Voting Age Pop	30,275			2,260	7.5%	59	2,319	7.7%	3,459	11.4%
008	35,304	598	1.72%	1,867	5.3%	87	1,954	5.5%	719	2.0%
Voting Age Pop	29,210			1,654	5.7%	31	1,685	5.8%	623	2.1%
009	34,145	-561	-1.62%	24,893	72.9%	207	25,100	73.5%	2,011	5.9%
Voting Age Pop	23,742			15,820	66.6%	52	15,872	66.9%	1,407	5.9%
010	33,048	-1,658	-4.78%	31,333	94.8%	233	31,566	95.5%	1,241	3.8%
Voting Age Pop	23,982			22,643	94.4%	53	22,696	94.6%	959	4.0%
011	33,101	-1,605	-4.62%	31,946	96.5%	240	32,186	97.2%	243	.7%
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012	33,967	-739	-2.13%	28,557	84.1%	314	28,871	85.0%	2,179	6.4%
Voting Age Pop	23,424			19,154	81.8%	95	19,249	82.2%	1,624	6.9%
<b>Totals</b>	416,474			255,689	61.4%	2,921	258,610	62.1%	18,720	4.5%
Voting Age Pop	323,470			183,147	56.6%	835	183,982	56.9%	14,699	4.5%

### Summary Statistics:

Population Range: 32,987 to 36,315

Ratio Range: 1.10

Absolute Range: -1,719 to 1,609

Absolute Overall Range: 3,328

Relative Range: -4.95% to 4.64%

Relative Overall Range: 9.59%

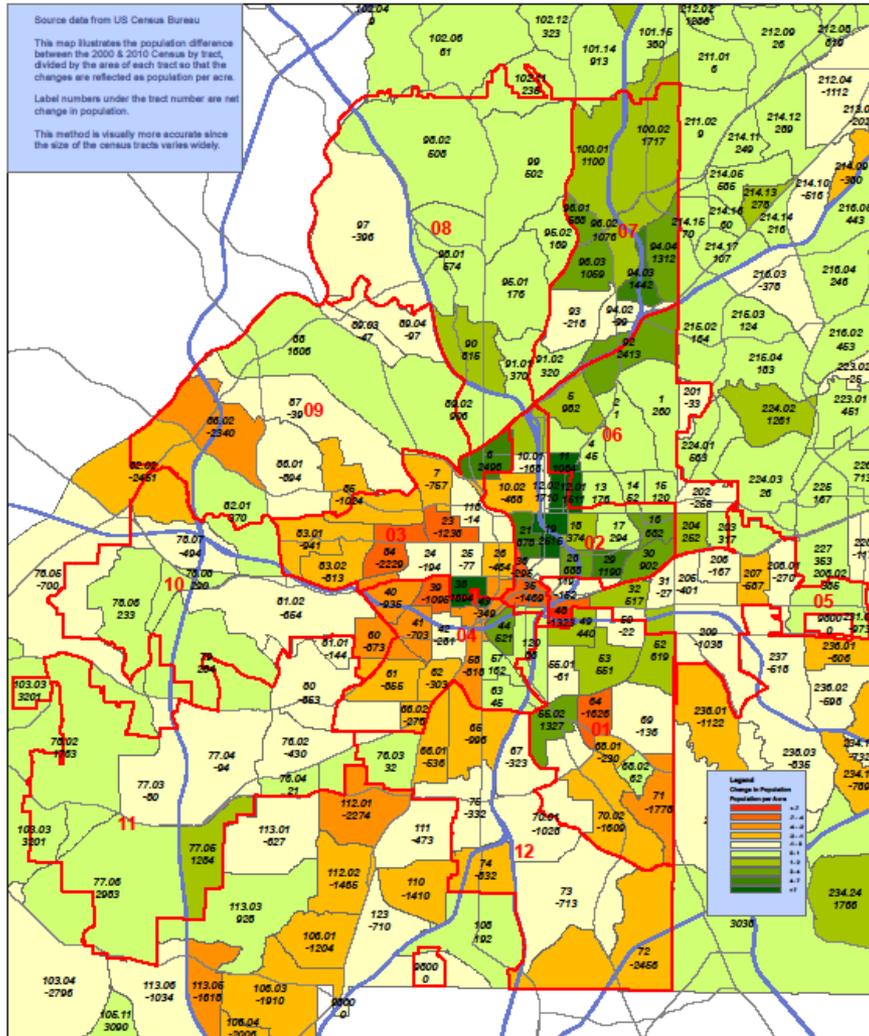


# 2010 Census Snapshot

Department of Planning and Development  
Office of Planning

# 2010 Census - Population

City of Atlanta: Population Change 2000 - 2010

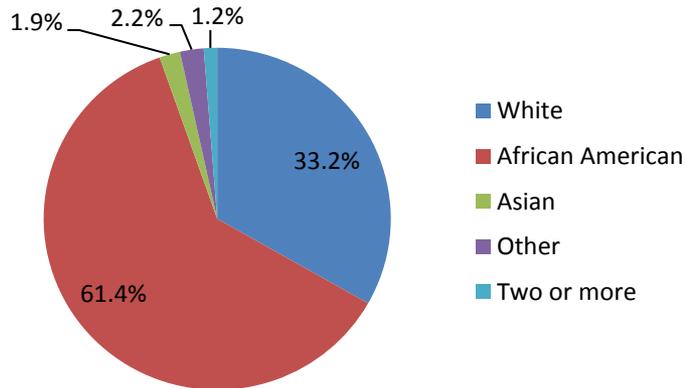


- 2010 US Census City of Atlanta population is 420,003
- An increase of 3,539 people from the 2000 Census
- Some Census Tracts gained population and others lost population.
- The Census Tracts shown in green increased in population, while Census Tracts in yellow, orange and red lost population.



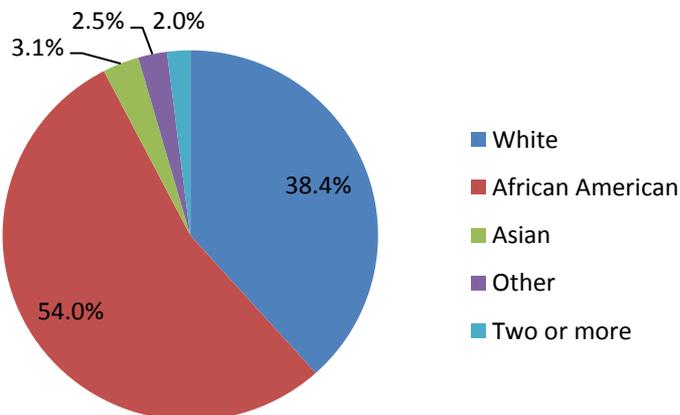
# 2000-2010 Racial Composition

## 2000 COA Racial Composition



2000 City of Atlanta Racial Composition		
Race	#	%
White	138,352	33.2%
African American	255,689	61.4%
Asian	8,046	1.9%
Other	9,210	2.2%
Two or more	5,177	1.2%
Total	416,474	100.0%
Hispanic/Latino	18,720	4.50%

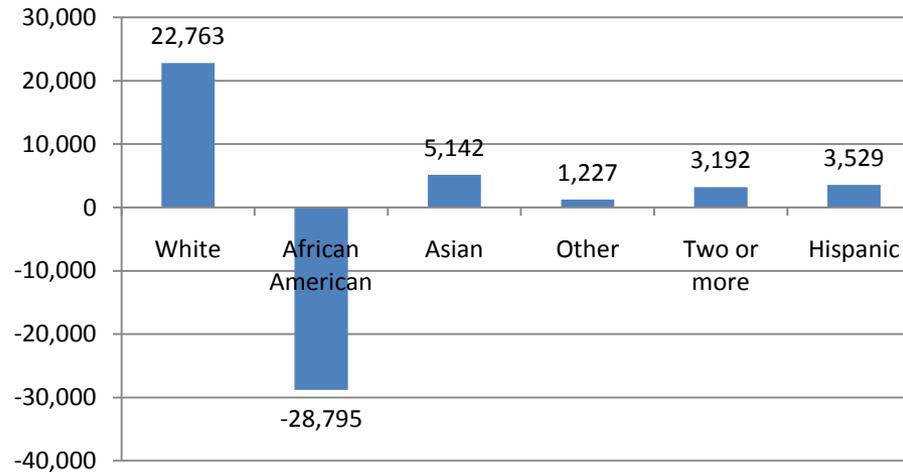
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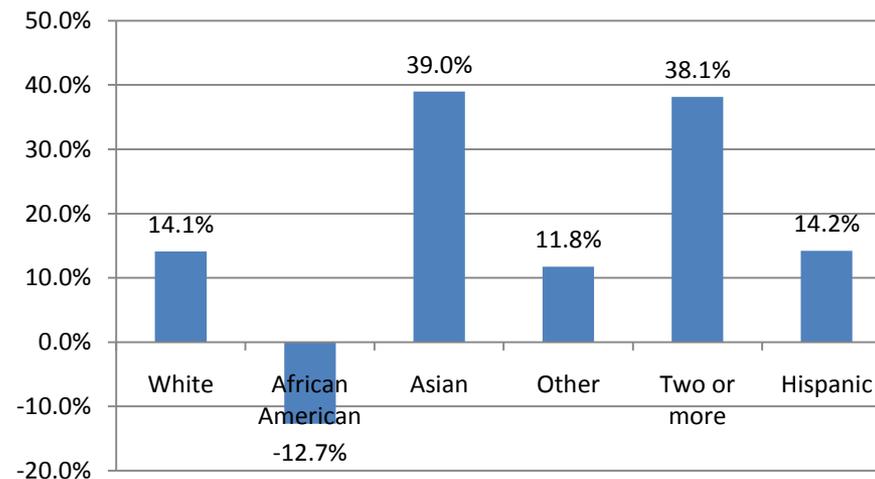
2010 City of Atlanta Racial Composition		
Race	#	%
White	161,115	38.4%
African American	226,894	54.0%
Asian	13,188	3.1%
Other	10,437	2.5%
Two or more	8,369	2.0%
Total	420,003	
Hispanic/Latino	21,815	5.20

# 2000-2010 Racial Composition

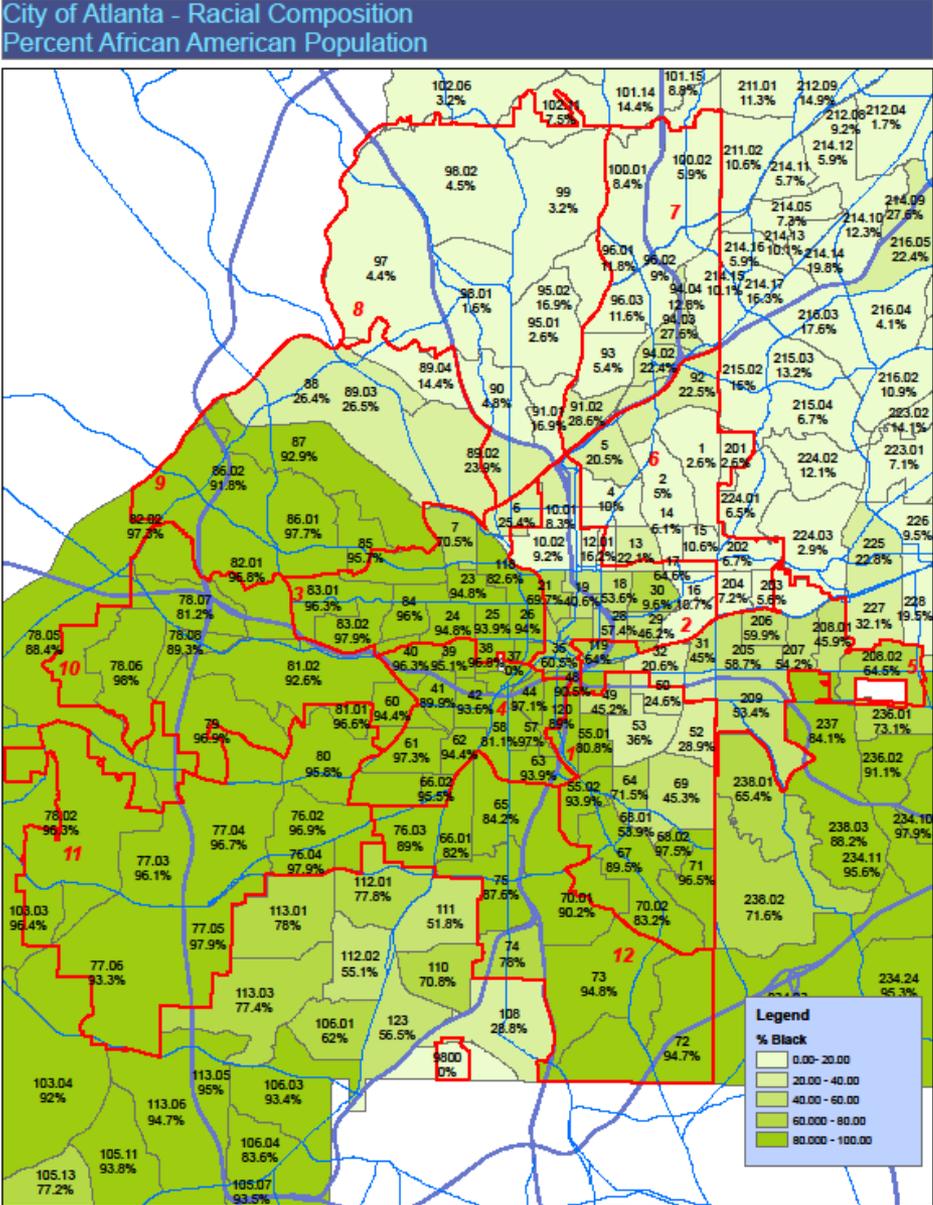
## 2000-2010 Racial Composition - Number Change



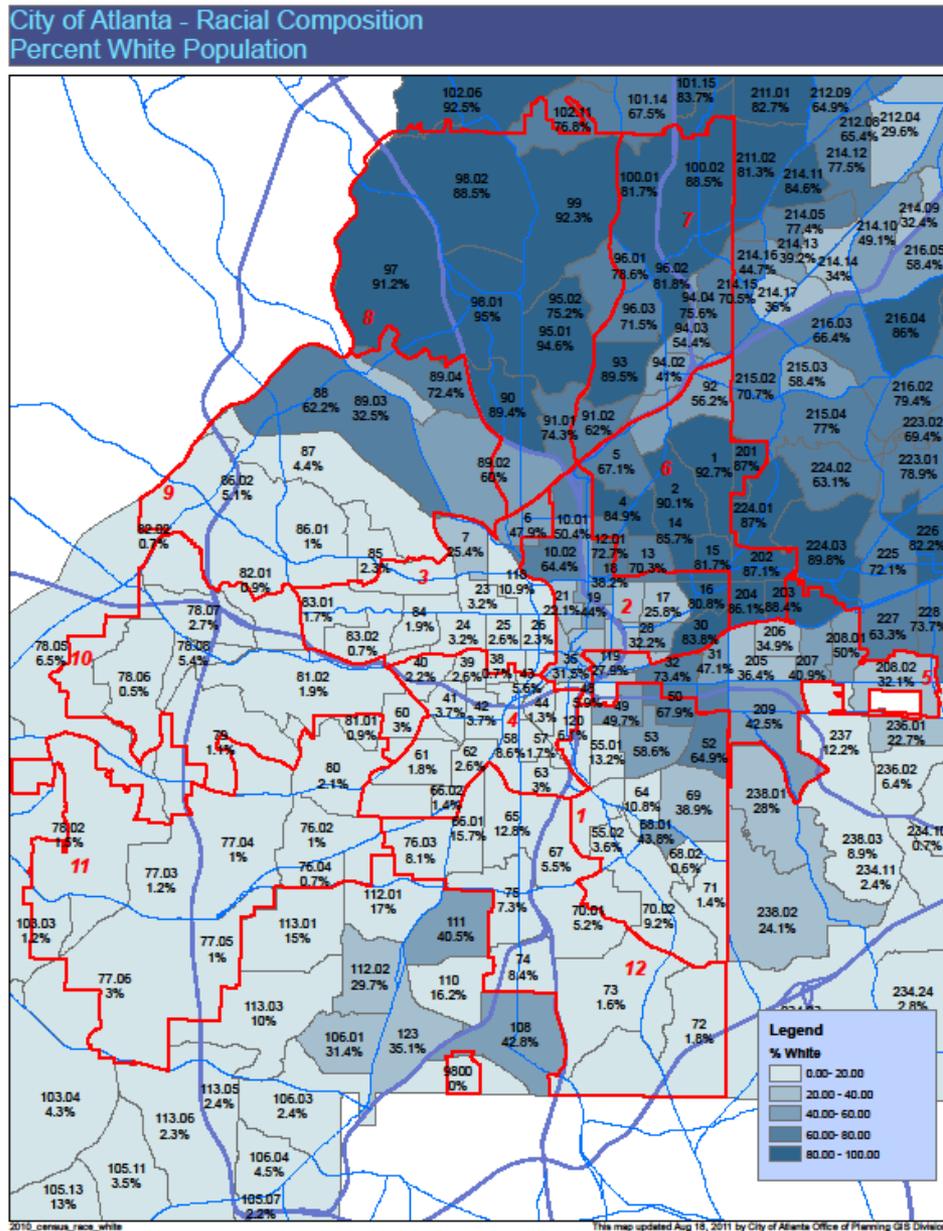
## 2000-2010 Racial Composition - Percent Change



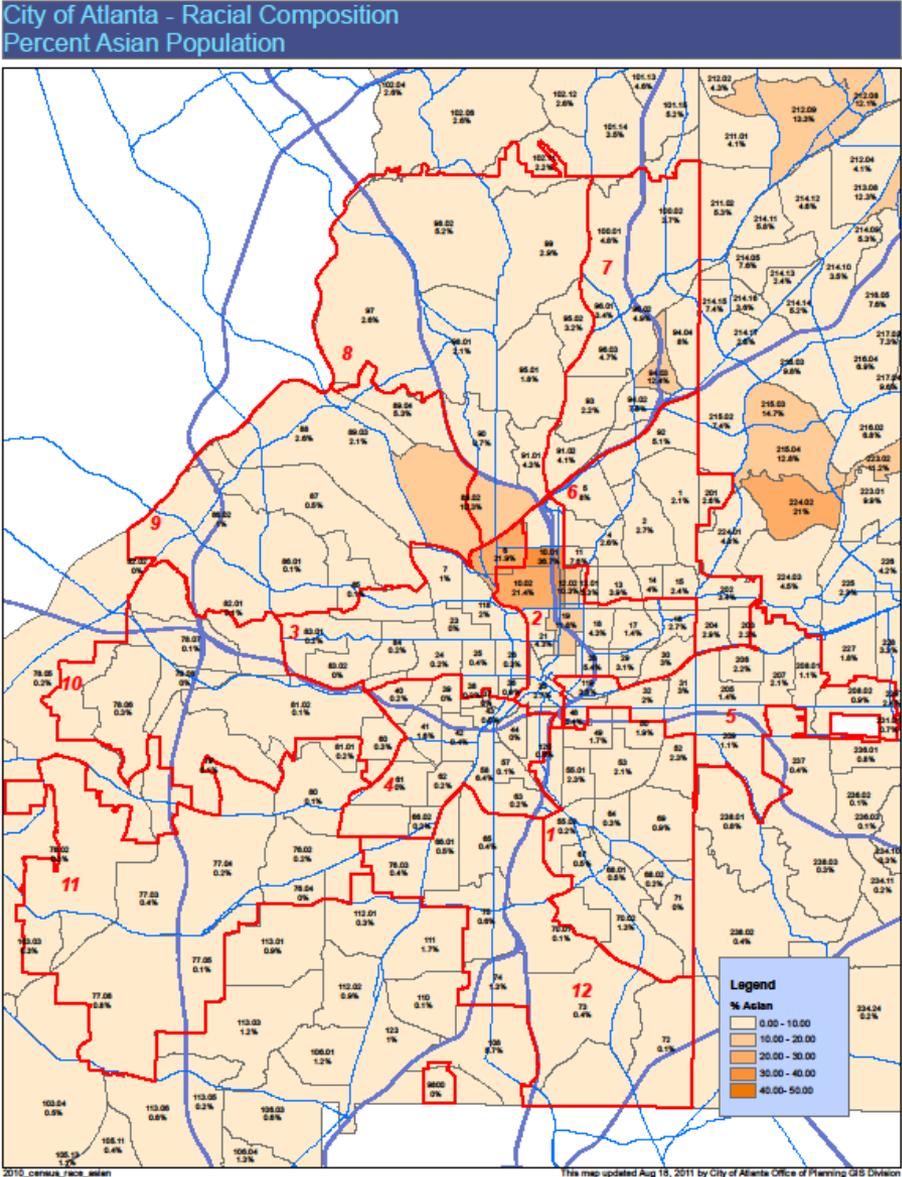
# 2010 Census- Racial Composition



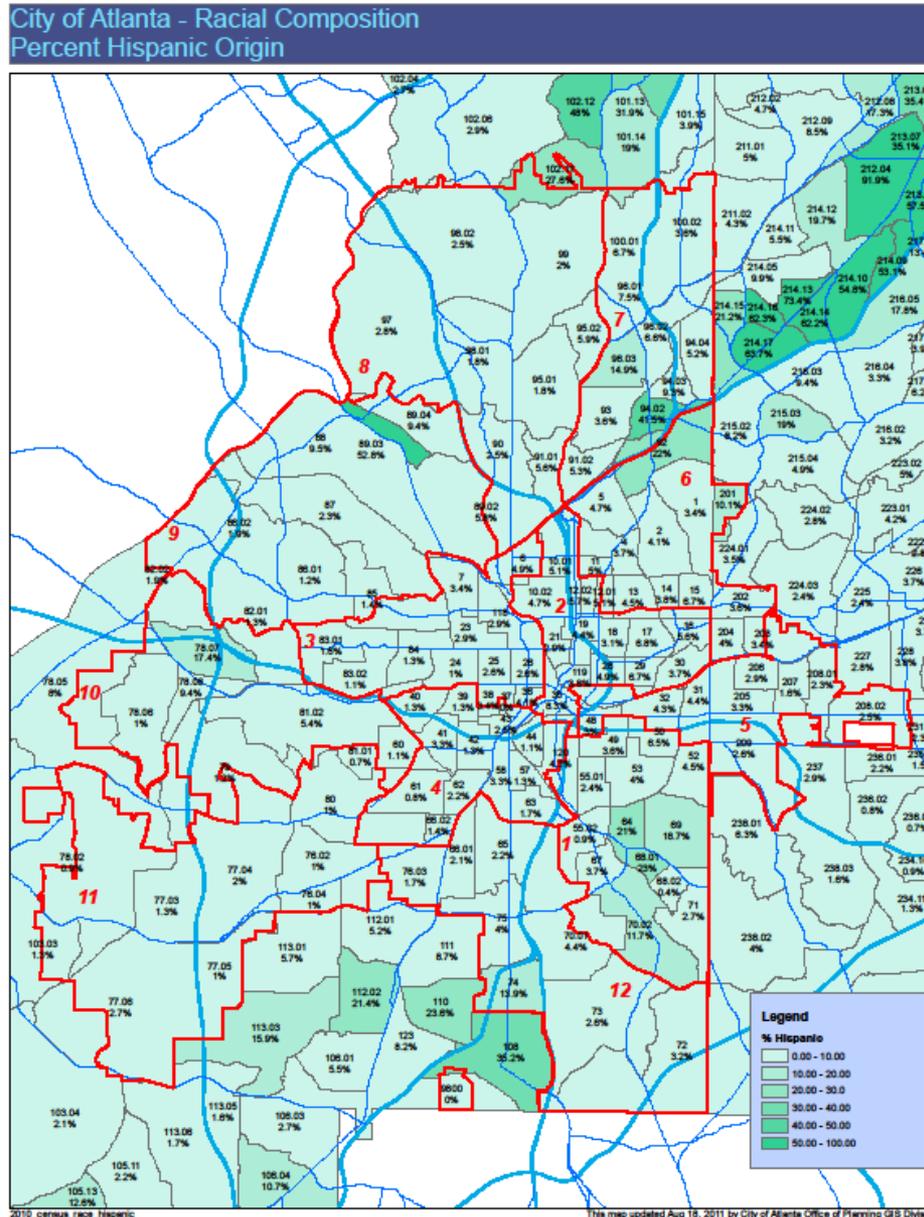
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# Count Resolution Challenge

Department of Planning and Development

# Census Count Question Resolution Program

- ▶ The **C**ount **Q**uestion **R**esolution Program will address questions about **housing unit** and **group quarters** counts for three types of challenges:
  - *Boundary (i.e. difference in city boundary limits)*
  - *Geocoding (i.e. population misallocated)*
  - *Coverage (i.e. missed or too many addresses)*
- ▶ The Census will **NOT** allow you to challenge:
  - Total Population Count
  - Household Size
  - Demographic Characteristics
  - Imputed Results

# Census Count Question Resolution Program

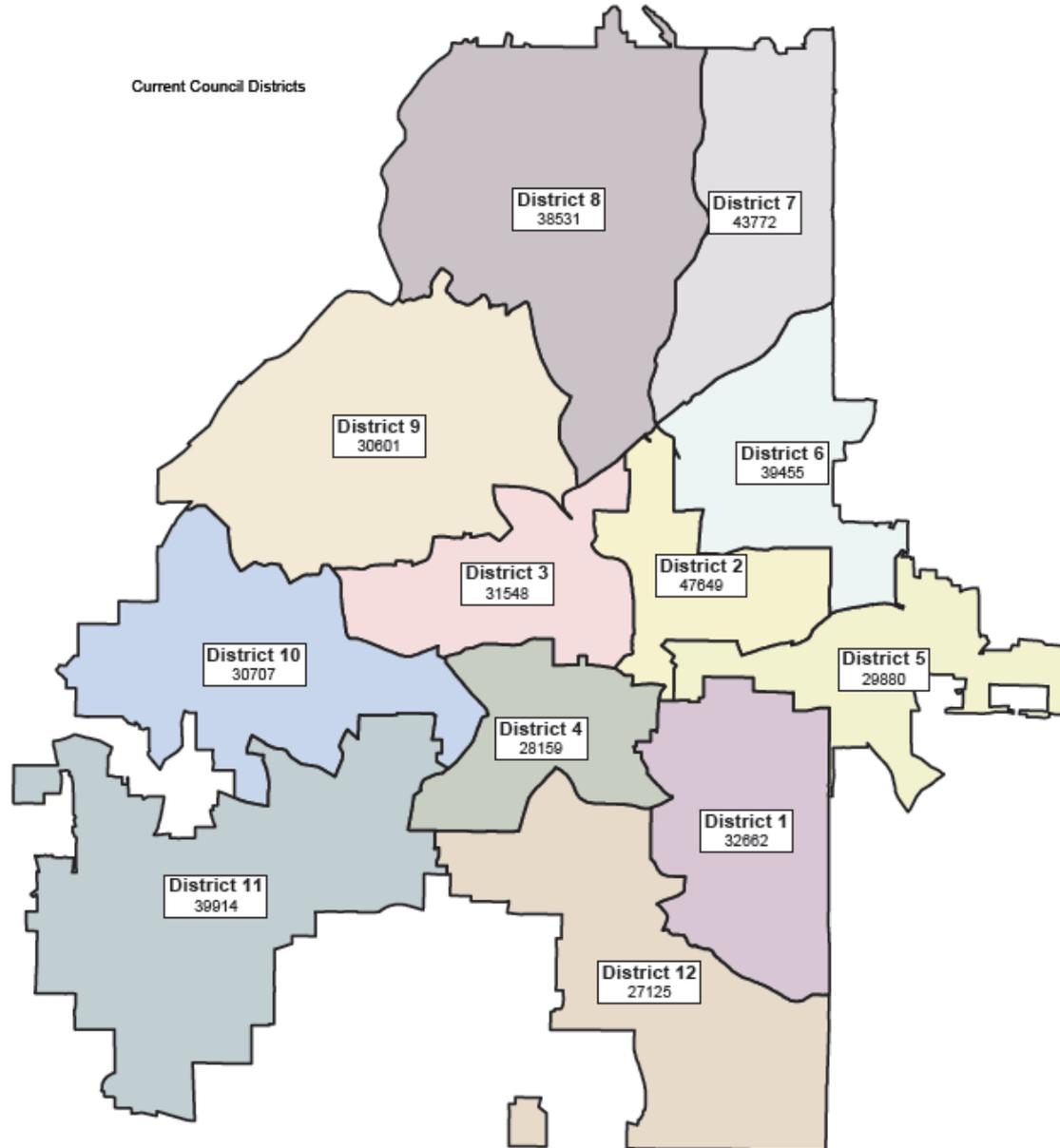
- ▶ The **CQR Program** will accept challenge submissions from governmental units beginning **June 1, 2011 to June 1, 2013**.
- ▶ It is important to note that the **Census Bureau** will not collect any additional data or conduct additional surveys during this challenge process.
- ▶ If a challenge results in a change, the **Census Bureau** will issue official revised counts to the affected governments. These changes can be used by the governments for future programs that require official 2010 Census data. The revised population count will also be used to calculate subsequent population estimates.



# Current Maps and Statistics

Department of Planning and Development  
Office of Planning

# Current Council District Composition



# Current Council District Statistics

DISTRICT	POPULATION	DEVIATION	% DEVIATION	BLACK	% BLACK	BLACK COMBO	TOTAL BLACK	%TOTAL BLACK	HISP. OR LATINO	%HISP
001	32,660	-2,340	-6.69%	20,947	64.14%	423	21,370	65.43%	2,478	7.59%
VAP	24,188			14,429	59.65%	242	14,671	60.65%	1,855	7.67%
002	48,110	13,110	37.46%	16,471	34.24%	696	17,167	35.68%	2,377	4.94%
VAP	44,880			14,445	32.19%	588	15,033	33.50%	2,158	4.81%
003	31,530	-3,470	-9.91%	25,821	81.89%	524	26,345	83.56%	860	2.73%
VAP	26,374			21,103	80.01%	411	21,514	81.57%	705	2.67%
004	28,166	-6,834	-19.53%	26,519	94.15%	419	26,938	95.64%	482	1.71%
VAP	21,538			20,114	93.39%	321	20,435	94.88%	390	1.81%
005	29,882	-5,118	-14.62%	14,866	49.75%	407	15,273	51.11%	945	3.16%
VAP	25,059			11,999	47.88%	283	12,282	49.01%	784	3.13%
006	39,455	4,455	12.73%	3,834	9.72%	316	4,150	10.52%	2,953	7.48%
VAP	33,808			3,390	10.03%	225	3,615	10.69%	2,150	6.36%
007	43,772	8,772	25.06%	6,259	14.30%	488	6,747	15.41%	4,406	10.07%
VAP	37,361			5,604	15.00%	336	5,940	15.90%	3,290	8.81%
008	38,063	3,063	8.75%	3,203	8.41%	241	3,444	9.05%	1,213	3.19%
VAP	30,406			2,862	9.41%	190	3,052	10.04%	959	3.15%
009	30,619	-4,381	-12.52%	18,455	60.27%	366	18,821	61.47%	2,564	8.37%
VAP	22,741			13,034	57.31%	222	13,256	58.29%	1,663	7.31%
010	30,707	-4,293	-12.27%	28,452	92.66%	366	28,818	93.85%	1,701	5.54%
VAP	22,624			21,093	93.23%	232	21,325	94.26%	1,090	4.82%
011	39,914	4,914	14.04%	38,321	96.01%	500	38,821	97.26%	598	1.50%
VAP	29,723			28,485	95.83%	305	28,790	96.86%	403	1.36%
012	27,125	-7,875	-22.50%	23,746	87.54%	308	24,054	88.68%	1,238	4.56%
VAP	19,891			17,213	86.54%	185	17,398	87.47%	843	4.24%

Total Population: 420,003

Ideal Value: 35,000

**Summary Statistics**

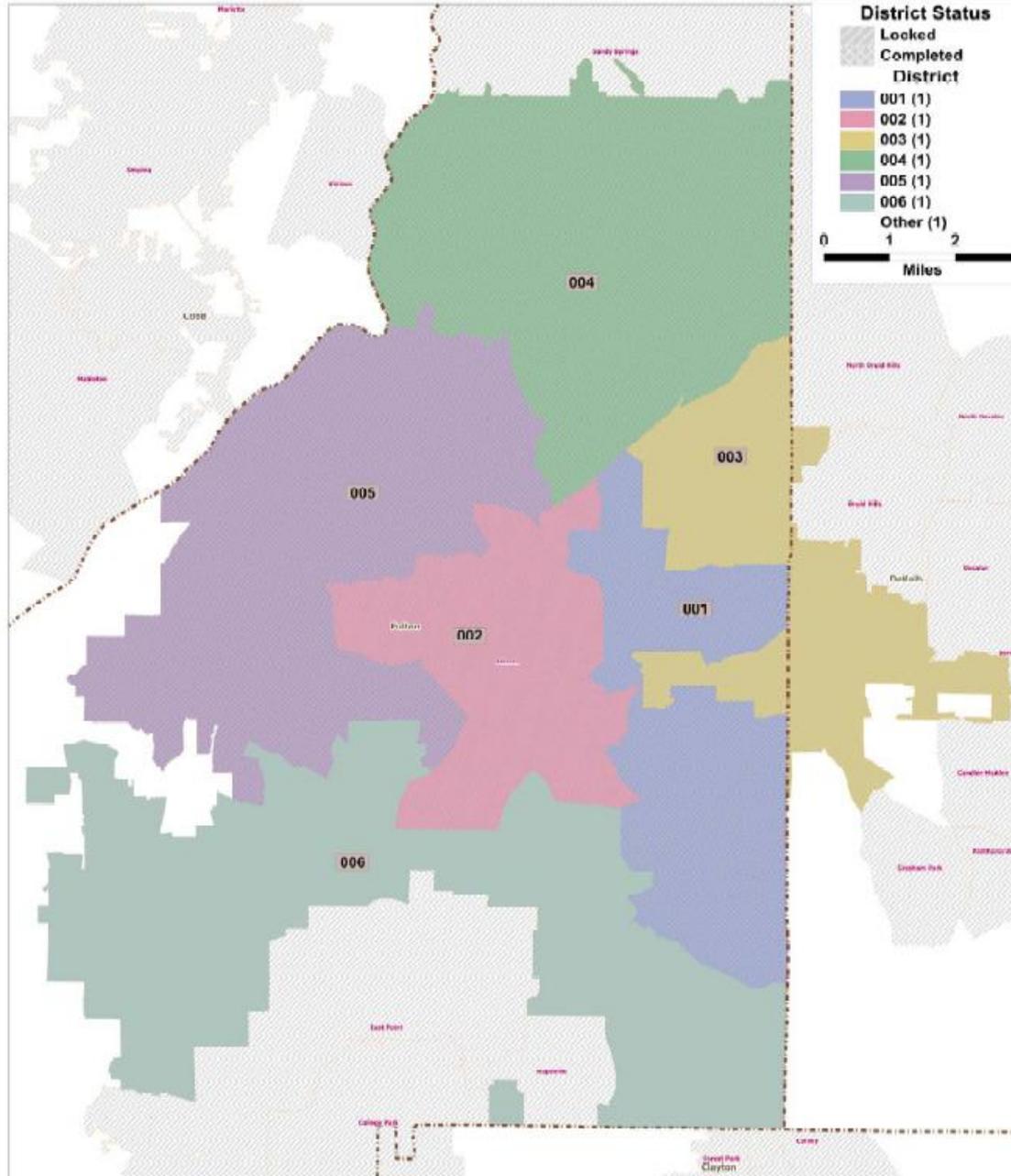
Population Range: 27,125 to 48,110

Absolute Overall Range: 20,985

Relative Range: -22.50% to 37.46%

Relative Overall Range: 59.96%

# Current School Board Map



# Current School Board Statistics

Plan Name: **ATLsb2001-Tiger2010**

Plan Type: **Local**

User: **Shantee**

Administrator: **ATLsb**

DISTRICT	POPULATION	DEVIATION	% DEVIATION	BLACK	% BLACK	BLACK COMBO	TOTAL BLACK	%TOTAL BLACK	HISP. OR LATINO	%HISP
001	80,770	10,770	15.39%	37,418	46.33%	1,119	38,537	47.71%	4,855	6.01%
VAP	69,068			28,874	41.81%	830	29,704	43.01%	4,013	5.81%
002	59,696	-10,304	-14.72%	52,340	87.68%	943	53,283	89.26%	1,342	2.25%
VAP	47,912			41,217	86.03%	732	41,949	87.55%	1,095	2.29%
003	69,337	-663	-0.95%	18,700	26.97%	723	19,423	28.01%	3,898	5.62%
VAP	58,867			15,389	26.14%	508	15,897	27.00%	2,934	4.98%
004	81,835	11,835	16.91%	9,462	11.56%	729	10,191	12.45%	5,619	6.87%
VAP	67,767			8,466	12.49%	526	8,992	13.27%	4,249	6.27%
005	61,326	-8,674	-12.39%	46,907	76.49%	732	47,639	77.68%	4,265	6.95%
VAP	45,365			34,127	75.23%	454	34,581	76.23%	2,753	6.07%
006	67,039	-2,961	-4.23%	62,067	92.58%	808	62,875	93.79%	1,836	2.74%
VAP	49,614			45,698	92.11%	490	46,188	93.09%	1,246	2.51%

Total Population: 420,003

Ideal Value: 70,000

Summary Statistics

Population Range: 59,696 to 81,835

Absolute Overall Range: 22,139

Relative Range: -14.72% to 16.91%

Relative Overall Range: 31.63%

# 2011 Redistricting Public Hearings

## **2011 Redistricting Public Information Session**

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

6:00 p.m.; Council Chambers

## **1<sup>st</sup> Redistricting Public Hearing**

Thursday, October 20, 2011

6:00 P.M.; Council Chambers

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Redistricting Public Hearing**

Thursday, November 17, 2011

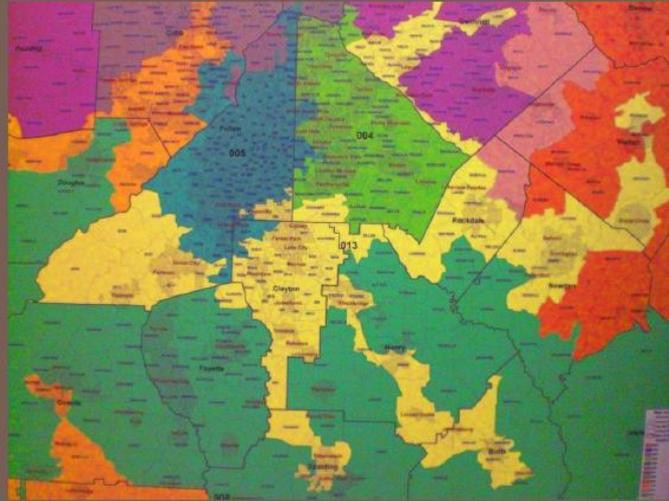
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# 2011 Redistricting Updates

To receive updates regarding the 2011 Redistricting Process you may:

- ▶ Access the information on the Atlanta City Council Website at [www.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atlantaga.gov)
- ▶ Email the Office of Municipal Clerk at [municipalclerk@atlantaga.gov](mailto:municipalclerk@atlantaga.gov)
- ▶ Print your name and email address on the request for information sheet made available at each meeting.

# Redistricting Mechanics



A Guide for Georgia Cities

## REDISTRICTING MECHANICS

A Presentation by Linda Meggers for City Attorneys  
Georgia Municipal Association - April 25, 2011