

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Doug Mays at 1:00 p.m. on March 27, 2001 in Room 235-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative John Ballou - Excused
- Representative Andrew Howell - Excused
- Representative Melvin Neufeld - Excused
- Representative Rocky Nichols - Excused
- Representative Michael O'Neal - Excused
- Representative Bill Reardon - Excused
- Representative Bob Tomlinson - Excused

Committee staff present:

- Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
- Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Mary Galligan informed the committee that they might be hearing the term "PL Data" during the redistricting process. PL Data is shorthand for Public Law 94-171 which is a federal law enacted in 1975 that required that entities responsible for redistricting in each state must receive the census results no later than one year after census day.

The data provided for redistricting includes the total population by race, the Hispanic population, by race, and the voting age population by race. A revision of the race categories were done several years ago. Therefore there are six race categories:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Some other Race

In this census for the first time people were allowed to chose more than one race. As a result there are 63 possible race combinations in the census. Thus, in many of the reports of population by race, there also will be a "two or more races" category. In Kansas 2.1% of those counted in the census chose more than one race.

Population data summary levels are reported by Census Blocks, they are the smallest unit of census geography. Census Blocks cover the entire state, they are grouped together to form "Block Groups" which is the level at which subsequent data, such as economic, housing and education information, from the Census will be provided. Other levels in the Census geographic hierarchy are Census Tracts, Places (cities), County Subdivisions, or MCDs, are equivalent to townships in Kansas, and Counties ([Attachment 1](#))

2000 population data for Kansas shows an increase of 8.5%, 210,830 people, making the current population 2,688,418. The population by race: ([Attachment 2](#))

- White - 86.1
- African American - 5.7
- Asian - 1.7
- American Indian - 0.9
- 3.4 some other race
- 2.1 two or more races

The 3rd Congressional district increased the most over the ideal population by 61,501 and the 4th Congressional district increased the least by 3,650. A colored map showing Kansas Population Deviations by Congressional Districts was provided to the committee ([Attachment 3](#))

