Independence of State Congressional Redistricting Process

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Background

The increasing prevalence of partisan gerrymandering has led to a landscape of legislative maps where many lawmakers choose their voters, rather than the voter choosing their lawmaker as intended. Some states have enacted policies to prevent gerrymandering by requiring legislative maps to be drawn by independent commissions rather than the legislatures themselves. This map tracks policies that govern congressional redistricting processes within the states. Note: MAP relied on data from the Unite America Institute and their State of Reform report for this document. States with only one congressional district have been scored as 1 point. The District of Columbia has also been scored as 1 point.

Scoring

- State has an independent commission for congressional redistricting process, 1 point

- State has a hybrid citizen/legislative commission for congressional redistricting process, ¾ point

- State has a political appointee commission for congressional redistricting process, ½ point

- State has an advisory commission for congressional redistricting process, ¼ point

- State legislature draws congressional maps, 0 points

Summary Table

Category	Number	List
State legislature draws congressional maps	29 states	Alabama Arkansas Florida Georgia Illinois Indiana Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire North Carolina Ohio Oklahoma Oregon

		Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina Tennessee Texas West Virginia Wisconsin
State has an advisory commission for congressional redistricting	4 states	Connecticut Iowa New York Utah
State has a political appointee commission for congressional redistricting	5 states	Hawaii Idaho New Jersey New Mexico Washington
State has a hybrid citizen/legislative commission for congressional redistricting	1 state	Virginia
State has an independent redistricting commission	10 states & D.C.	Alaska Arizona California Colorado Delaware D.C. Michigan Montana North Dakota South Dakota Vermont Wyoming

State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Alaska (1)

- State only has one congressional district.

Arizona (1)

- State has independent commission for congressional redistricting process.

Arkansas (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

California (1)

- State has independent commission for congressional redistricting process.

Colorado (1)

- State has independent commission for congressional redistricting process.

Connecticut (1/4)

- State has advisory commission for congressional redistricting process.

Delaware (1)

- State only has one congressional district.

D.C. (1)

- N/A.

Florida (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Georgia (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Hawaii (1/2)

- State has political appointee commission for congressional redistricting process.

Idaho (1/2)

- State has political appointee commission for congressional redistricting process.

Illinois (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Indiana (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Iowa (1/4)

- State has advisory commission for congressional redistricting process.

Kansas (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Kentucky (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Louisiana (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Maine (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Maryland (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Massachusetts (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Michigan (1)

- State has independent commission for congressional redistricting process.

Minnesota (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Mississippi (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Missouri (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Montana (1)

- State only has one congressional district.

Nebraska (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Nevada (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

New Hampshire (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

New Jersey (1/2)

- State has political appointee commission for congressional redistricting process.

New Mexico (1/2)

- State has political appointee commission for congressional redistricting process.

New York (1/4)

- State has advisory commission for congressional redistricting process.

North Carolina (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

North Dakota (1)

- State only has one congressional district.

Ohio (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Oklahoma (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Oregon (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Pennsylvania (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Rhode Island (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

South Carolina (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

South Dakota (1)

- State only has one congressional district.

Tennessee (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Texas (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Utah (1/4)

- State has advisory commission for congressional redistricting process.

Vermont (1)

- State only has one congressional district.

Virginia (3/4)

- State has hybrid citizen/legislative commission for congressional redistricting process.

Washington (1/2)

- State has political appointee commission for congressional redistricting process.

West Virginia (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Wisconsin (0)

- State legislature draws congressional maps.

Wyoming (1)

- State only has one congressional district.