
CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DISTRICTS

After each federal census, Congress determines the number of representatives for each state based on population (U.S. Constitution, Art. 1, sec. 2). Maryland retained eight seats in the U.S. House of Representatives following the 2000 federal census. Every two years, voters elect one representative from each of Maryland's eight congressional election districts (Code Election Law Article, secs. 8-701 through 8-711).

Boundaries of Maryland's congressional election districts are defined by legislation enacted by the General Assembly. These boundaries have changed over time, and they continue to change. Local boards of elections are empowered to redefine precinct boundaries but cannot alter the election districts or wards designated by the Legislature. Consequently, boundaries defined by law for some congressional election districts may have undergone changes at the precinct level between enactments of the General Assembly (Code 1957, Art. 33, sec. 2-12).

Precinct boundaries are dynamic. Changes are made to reflect population shifts and to ensure convenient polling places for all voters. Local boards of elections can provide current information on precincts encompassed within each district.

The following boundary description of congressional election districts refers to election districts, wards, and precincts signify geographical boundaries as they existed on April 1, 2000. These reflect Maryland's congressional election districts that will govern elections from 2002 to 2010. They were enacted by the General Assembly in 2002 (Chapter 340, Acts of 2002; Code Election Law Article, secs. 8-701 through 8-709).

1ST CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DISTRICT

2000 Population: 662,062

Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester & Somerset Counties; & parts of Anne Arundel, Baltimore & Harford Counties, including:

Anne Arundel County-Election District 2, precincts 20, 21; Election District 3, precincts 10-12, 13 (part), 15, 17-19, 23; Election District 4, precincts 4, 6 (part), 12, 13, 14 (part); Election District 5, precincts 1-9, 10 (part), 11, 12 (part), 13-28.

Baltimore County-Election District 8, precincts 2 (part), 3 (part), 19, 20; Election District 9, precincts 8, 9 (part); Election District 10, precincts 2-5; Election District 11, precincts 1-3, 4 (part), 5-7, 12, 14, 17, 18.

Harford County-Election District 1, precincts 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17; Election District 2, precincts 2, 4 (part); Election District 3, precincts 2, 3, 4 (part), 6-21; Election District 4, precincts 2, 5; Election District 5, precinct 1 (part).

2ND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DISTRICT

2000 Population: 662,060

Parts of Anne Arundel, Baltimore & Harford Counties, & Baltimore City, including:

Anne Arundel County-Election District 1, precincts 3-6, 9, 12-20; Election District 2, precinct 19; Election District 3, precincts 1-4, 6-8, 14, 16, 20, 21, 24; Election District 4, precincts 7, 18, 19.

Baltimore City-Ward 25, precincts 6-18; Ward 26, precincts 1, 2, 15, 17-24, 27-36; Ward 27, precincts 1, 4, 7-9, 16, 18, 22-24, 25 (part), 30 (part), 31-37.

Baltimore County-Election District 2, precincts 7 (part), 8 (part), 10, 12-14, 15 (part), 16, 17, 18 (part), 20 (part), 21; Election District 4, precincts 4 (part), 7; Election District 8, precincts 2 (part), 4-16, 18; Election District 9, precincts 6, 7, 9 (part), 10, 11, 14-18, 20, 23-25; Election District 11, precincts 4 (part), 8-11, 13, 15, 16; Election District 12; Election District 14, precincts 2 (part), 3-5, 8-11; Election District 15.

Harford County-Election District 1, precincts 1, 3-7, 10, 13, 16, 45; Election District 2, precincts 1, 3, 4 (part), 10, 11, 15, 19; Election District 6.

3RD CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DISTRICT

2000 Population: 662,062

Parts of Anne Arundel, Baltimore & Howard Counties, & Baltimore City, including:

Anne Arundel County-Election District 1, precincts 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 21, 22; Election District 2, precincts 1-18; Election District 3, precincts 5, 9, 13 (part), 22; Election District 4, precincts 1-3, 5, 6 (part), 8-11, 14 (part); Election District 5, precincts 10 (part), 12 (part); Election District 6; Election District 7, precincts 13-18, 20, 23-25.

Baltimore City-Wards 1, 2; Ward 3, precinct 3; Ward 6, precinct 5; Ward 8, precincts 1, 2; Ward 12, precinct 1; Ward 13, precincts 1-5, 13; Ward 21, precincts 1, 2 (part), 3; Ward 22, precinct 2; Wards 23, 24; Ward 25, precincts 4, 5; Ward 26, precincts 3-12, 13 (part), 14, 16, 25, 26, 37; Ward 27, precincts 2, 3, 5, 6, 10-15, 17, 19, 21 (part), 25 (part), 30 (part), 38 (part), 41-57, 67-72.

Baltimore County-Election District 2, precincts 7 (part), 8 (part), 15 (part); Election District 3, precincts 2, 4-13; Election District 4, precincts 1-3, 4 (part), 5, 6, 8; Election District 8, precinct 17; Election District 9, precincts 1-5, 12, 13, 19, 21, 22; Election District 13; Election District 14, precincts 1, 2 (part), 6, 7, 12.

Howard County-Election District 1, precincts 1-4, 6-9; Election District 5, precinct 5; Election District 6, precincts 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-13, 16-23, 26, 29.

4TH CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DISTRICT

2000 Population: 662,062

Parts of Prince George's & Montgomery Counties, including:

Prince George's County-Election District 2; Election District 3, precincts 3, 4; Election District 5, precincts 4 (part), 6; Election District 6; Election District 7, precincts 1, 11, 12; Election District 9, precincts 3, 5; Election Districts 12, 13; Election District 15, precinct 2; Election District 16, precincts 1, 2, 5; Election District 17, precincts 9, 11, 12;