

Identifying Communities of Interest

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What are we looking for?

- Political interests that might be included within a single district
 - Urban, rural, agricultural, industrial, trade
 - Education, employment, environment, public health, transportation, water use
 - Racial, ethnic, and language minority groups
- Not relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates

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How might we find them?

2020 Census - Public Law 94-171

- Indian reservations - maps & data included
- School districts - maps & data included
- Data on race and national origin
 - Make your own maps by block, precinct, city, county
 - Shaded areas or pie charts showing percent of population

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How might we find them?

American Community Survey

- Schedule
 - Questions to 300,000 households each month
 - Answers compiled & released each year
- Topics
 - Education
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Transportation
 - Communication

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How might we find them?

State & Local Governments

- State maps of economic development regions
- Local government maps of neighborhoods or planning districts

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How might we find them?

Public hearings

- Before a plan is drawn
 - Testimony and documents on what communities exist in the area
 - Testimony and documents on which cities and counties should be included in a district to preserve those communities of interest
- On a proposed plan
 - Whether the proposed plan preserves communities of interest better than alternative plans

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