

When it comes to issues, redistricting matters:

Most North Carolinians ignore the state redistricting battles going on now.

The battles are boring and complicated but impact us greatly. Our 14 NC representatives will vote in Congress on abortion, gun-rights, the Medicaid-gap, child-care-subsidy, climate, and other bills depending on how district lines are drawn. Depending on where you stand, you hope that the NC legislature wins its case at the NC Supreme Court this month, keeping the districts it drew, or that the NC Supreme Court will rule that the lines the NC Legislature drew must be redrawn.

In order to more fully understand the partisan stakes, Google: What Redistricting looks like in Every state, and click NC on the map, or cut and paste:

<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-2022-maps/north-carolina/> .

Even though we live in purple NC, with about 50% of us voting Republican and 50% Democrat, the NC map, chosen by our legislators, shows that NC is heavily gerrymandered with only 4 Democratic districts but 10 Republican districts. Scroll down to the bottom, and you will see several maps closer to 50-50 representations that the NC legislators drew but rejected.

Some districts are even competitive, so all voters have a choice. Being a moderate, I'm rooting for the fair-map side.

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