



**Redistricting in Louisiana  
Past & Present  
Regional Educational  
Presentation**

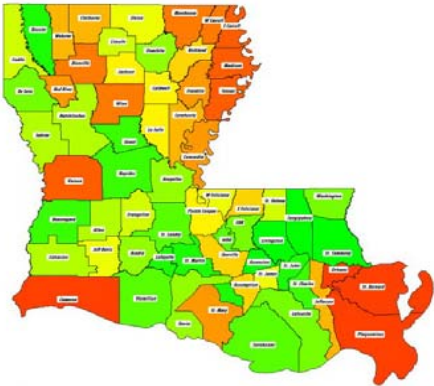
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January 19, 2010



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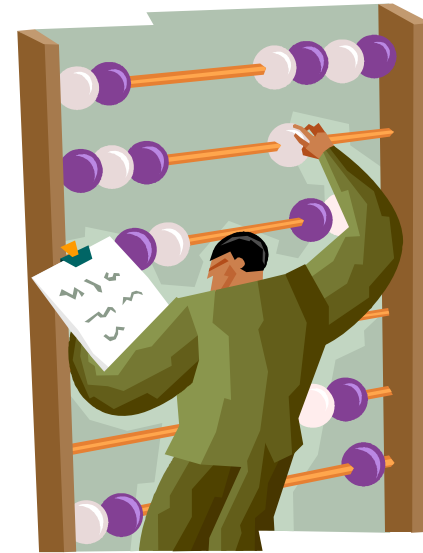
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# 2010 Census Presentation

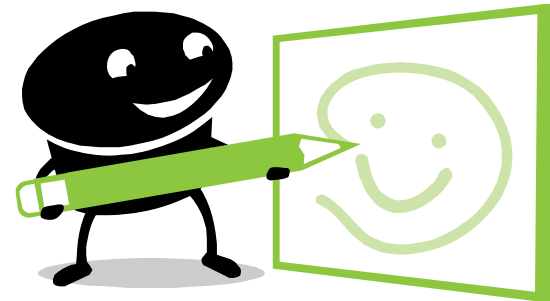
Presentation by staff members of the  
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# What is Redistricting?

- Reapportionment means



- Redistricting means



# Districts

- House & Senate districts
- Congressional districts
- P.S.C. districts
- B.E.S.E. districts
- Supreme Court districts
- Election districts of lower courts



# Legislature's Responsibility

- Redistricting is undertaken every 10 years following the federal decennial census
- New redistricting plans are based on the latest decennial population counts



# Why?

- Apportionment of Congress
- Article III, Section 6 of the Constitution of La.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution



# LEGAL ISSUES

- U. S. Constitution
- Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Louisiana Constitution
- Louisiana Statutes





# LEGAL ISSUES

## U. S. Constitution

- **Population Equality**
  - One Person, One Vote



# LEGAL ISSUES

## Population Equality -- One Person, One Vote

- Congress
  - Article I, Section 2 and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
    - Representatives ... apportion among the ... states ... according to their respective numbers
    - Districts must be as nearly **equal in population as practicable**
    - Deviation and overall range: close to zero as “practicable”

# LEGAL ISSUES

Population Equality -- One Person, One Vote

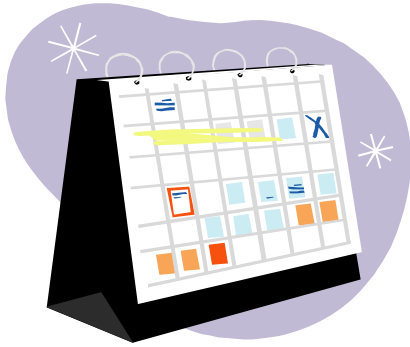
## State Legislative Jurisdictions

- 14<sup>TH</sup> Amendment--Equal Protection Clause
  - Districts substantially equal in population
  - A maximum overall deviation range of  $\pm 5\%$

# LEGAL ISSUES

## Louisiana Constitution

- LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE
  - Article III, Section 1: Single Member Districts
  
  - Article III, Section 3: no more than 39 Senators; 105 Representatives
  
  - Article III, Section 6:
    - Legislature must be redistricted by Dec. 31, 2011 or any elector can petition the Supreme Court to do it
    - Must use Census Population Data



# Proposed Timeline For Redistricting

- **April 1, 2010:** Census Day
- **December 2010:** President of the U.S. notified of the population of each state
- **January 2011:** State Informed About Number of Congressional Seats allocated to Louisiana
- **February \_\_, 2011:** Census Data is delivered to the Legislature
- **February \_\_, 2011:** Committee hearing on Census data
- **February \_\_-March \_\_, 2011:** Public Hearings around the state

# Timeline For Redistricting (Cont.)

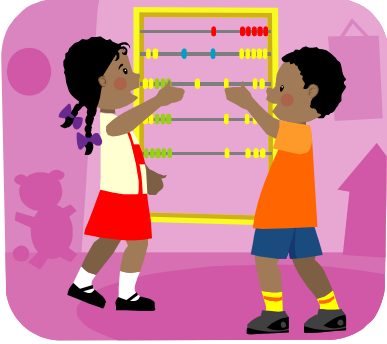
- **April \_\_\_ – \_\_, 2011:** Proposed Extraordinary Session to establish new Legislative, Congressional, Supreme Court, Public Service Commission, and BESE districts
- **April 25 - June 23, 2011:** Regular Session
- **End of April-May 2, 2011:** Proposed deadline for Submission of Plans for preclearance
- **August 29, 2011:** Deadline for SOS to receive notice of preclearance of Legislative plans (R.S. 18:1942)
- **September 6 - 8, 2011:** Qualifying dates for Legislative & BESE elections
- **October 22, 2011:** Primary Election for members of the legislature and elected BESE members
- **November 19, 2011:** General Election





# Timeline For Redistricting (Cont.)

- **December 31, 2011:** Article III, §6 deadline for the Legislature to redistrict itself
- **January 9, 2012:** Inauguration Day
- **June 27, 2012:** Deadline for Secretary of State to receive notice of preclearance of plans for Congress, Public Service Commission, Supreme Court, and other judgeships for inclusion on fall ballot (R.S. 18:1942)
- **July 5, 6, & 9, 2012:** Qualifying for regular elections
- **August 25, 2012:** First Party Primary for Congress
- **October 6, 2012:** Open Primary Election for Supreme Court and Public Service Commission (staggered terms) and Second Party Primary for Congress
- **November 6, 2012:** General Election



# The 2010 Census

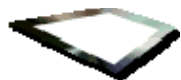
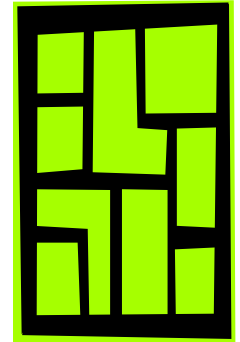
- **Primary Purpose:** A count of persons in each state as of April 1, 2010, for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress
- **Secondary Purpose: Redistricting**
  - Public Law 94-171 requires the Census Bureau to report population data by various geographic areas
- **Other Purposes:** Making public policy decisions and fund allocation



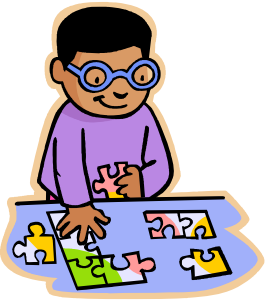


# Census Population is reported by Geographic Area

- Parishes
- Legislative districts
- Municipalities & Census Designated Places
  - Census Tracts
  - Voting Districts (Precincts)
  - Census Block Groups
  - Census Blocks



# Building Blocks For Legislatively Drawn Plans



- The Legislature uses precincts as the building blocks for redistricting plans
- Parish Governing Authorities are required to use census block boundaries as the boundaries for precincts



# P.L. 94-171 Data Includes the Following Tabulations By Precinct

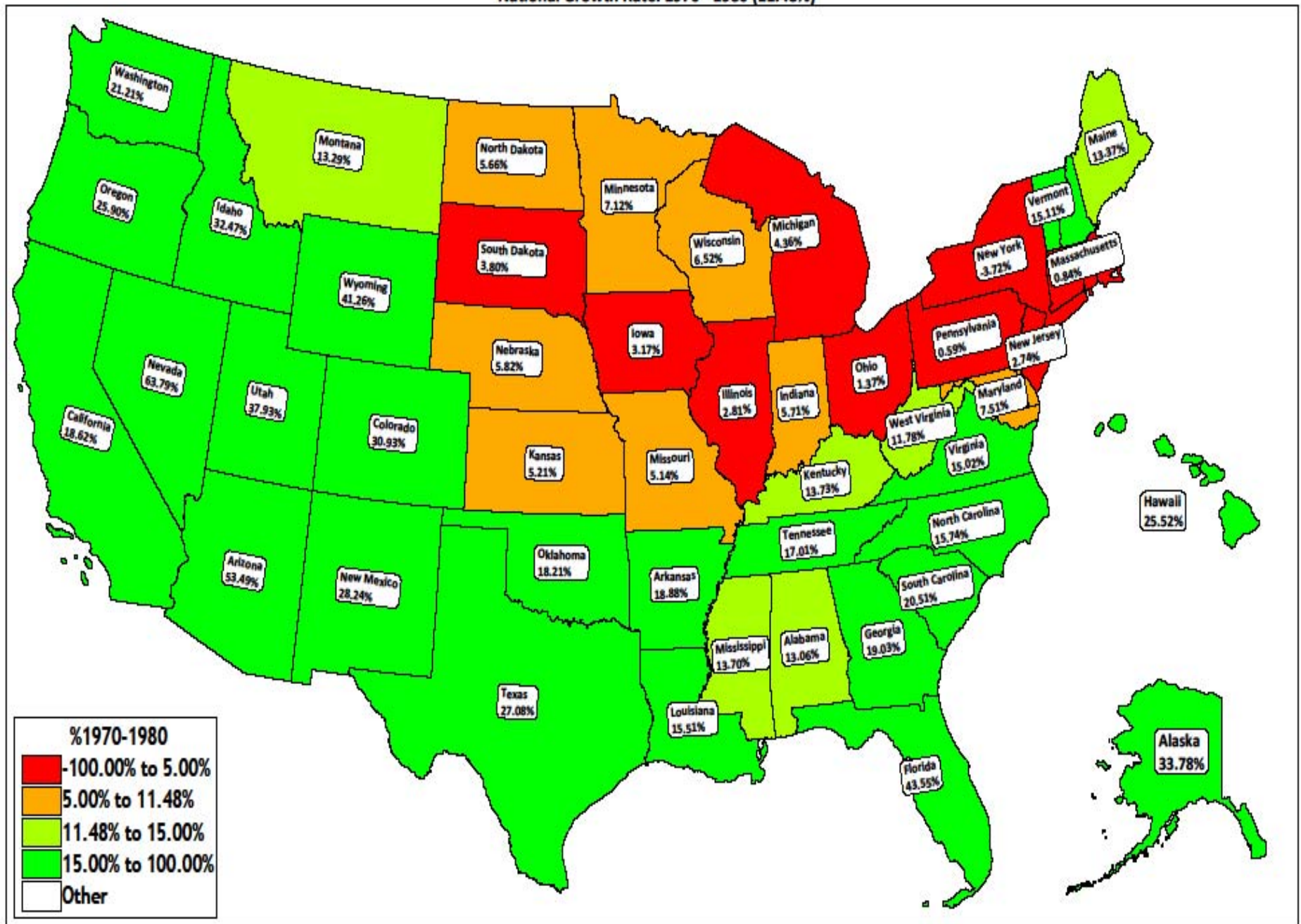


- **Total Population**
- **Voting Age Population (over 18)**
- **Racial Data**

# National Population Trends

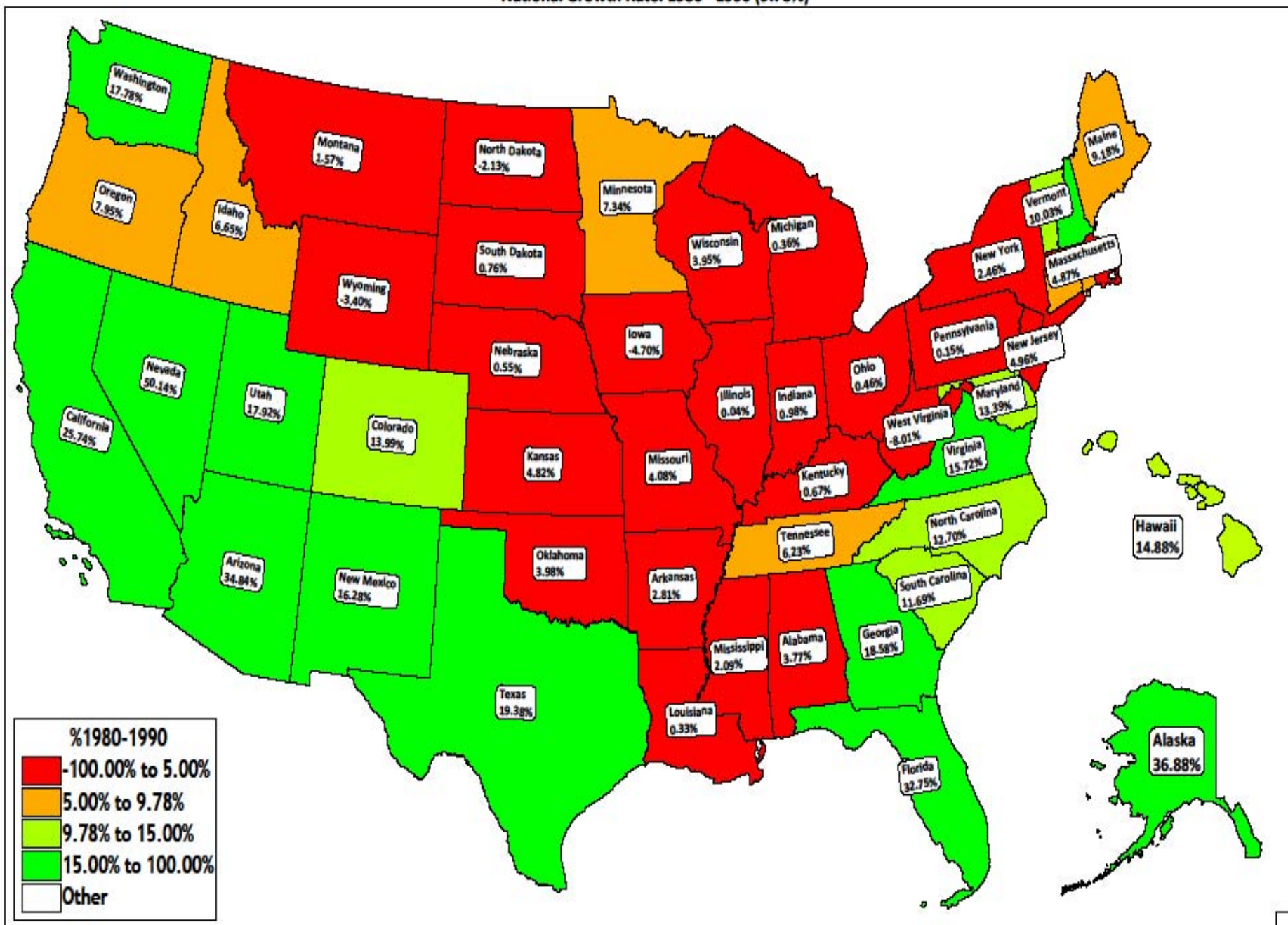
<b>Decade</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>1970 to 1980</b>	<b>11.48%</b>	<b>15.51%</b>	<b>4.02%</b>
<b>1980 to 1990</b>	<b>9.78%</b>	<b>0.33%</b>	<b>-9.45%</b>
<b>1990 to 2000</b>	<b>13.15%</b>	<b>5.90%</b>	<b>-7.25%</b>
<b>2000 to 2008</b>	<b>8.04%</b>	<b>-1.30%</b>	<b>-9.35%</b>
<b>2000 to 2009</b>	<b>9.09%</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>-8.57%</b>

National Growth Rate: 1970 - 1980 (11.48%)

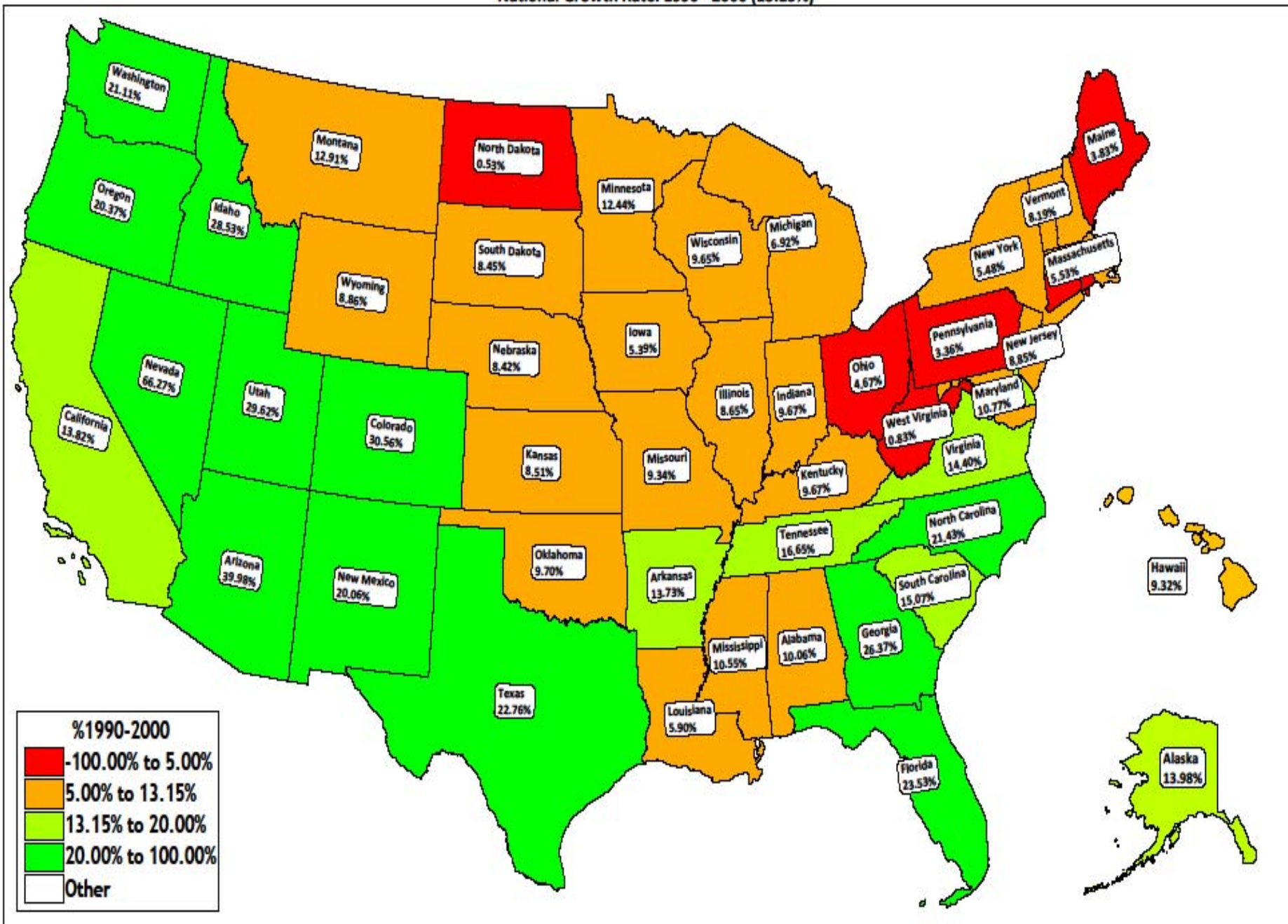




National Growth Rate: 1980 - 1990 (9.78%)

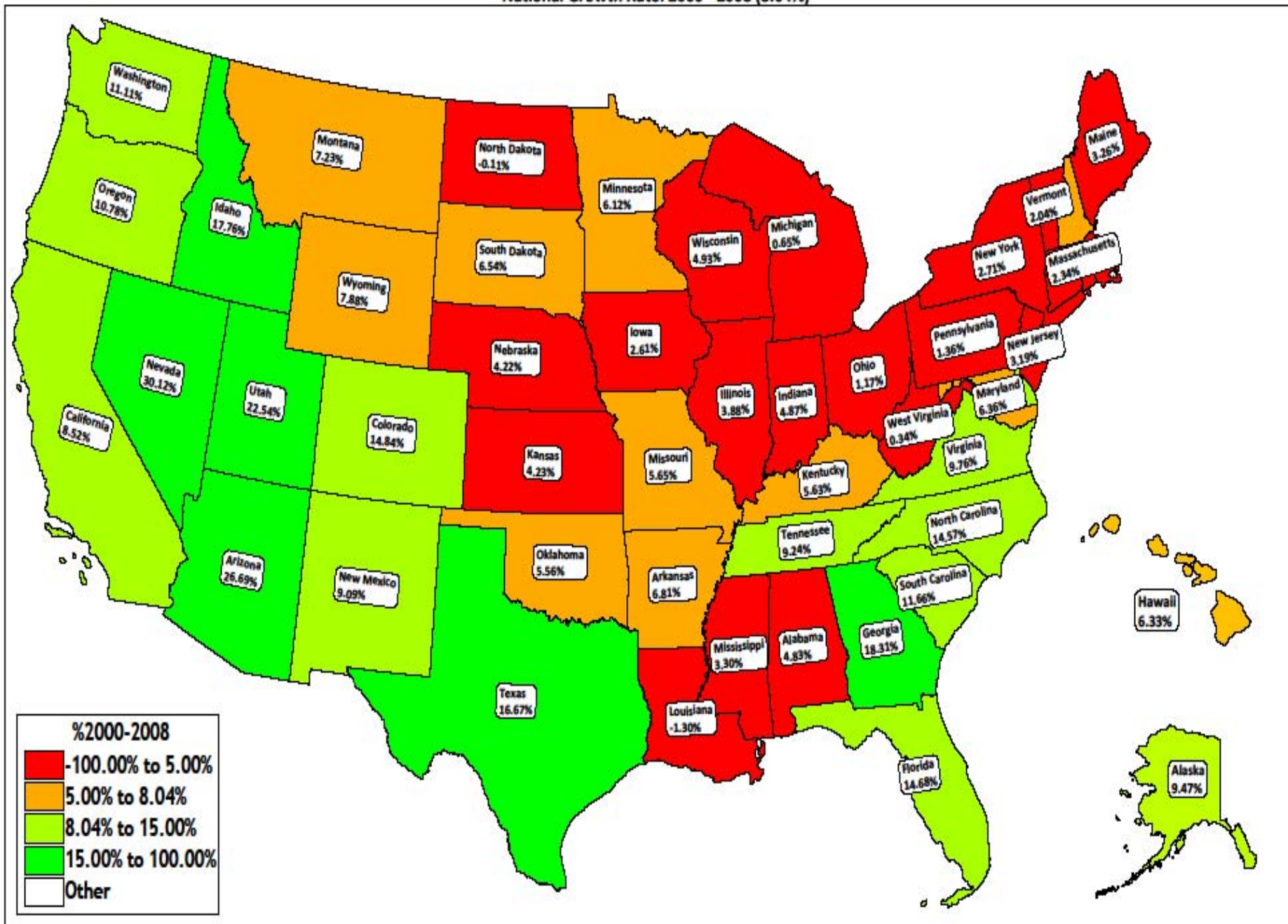


National Growth Rate: 1990 - 2000 (13.15%)



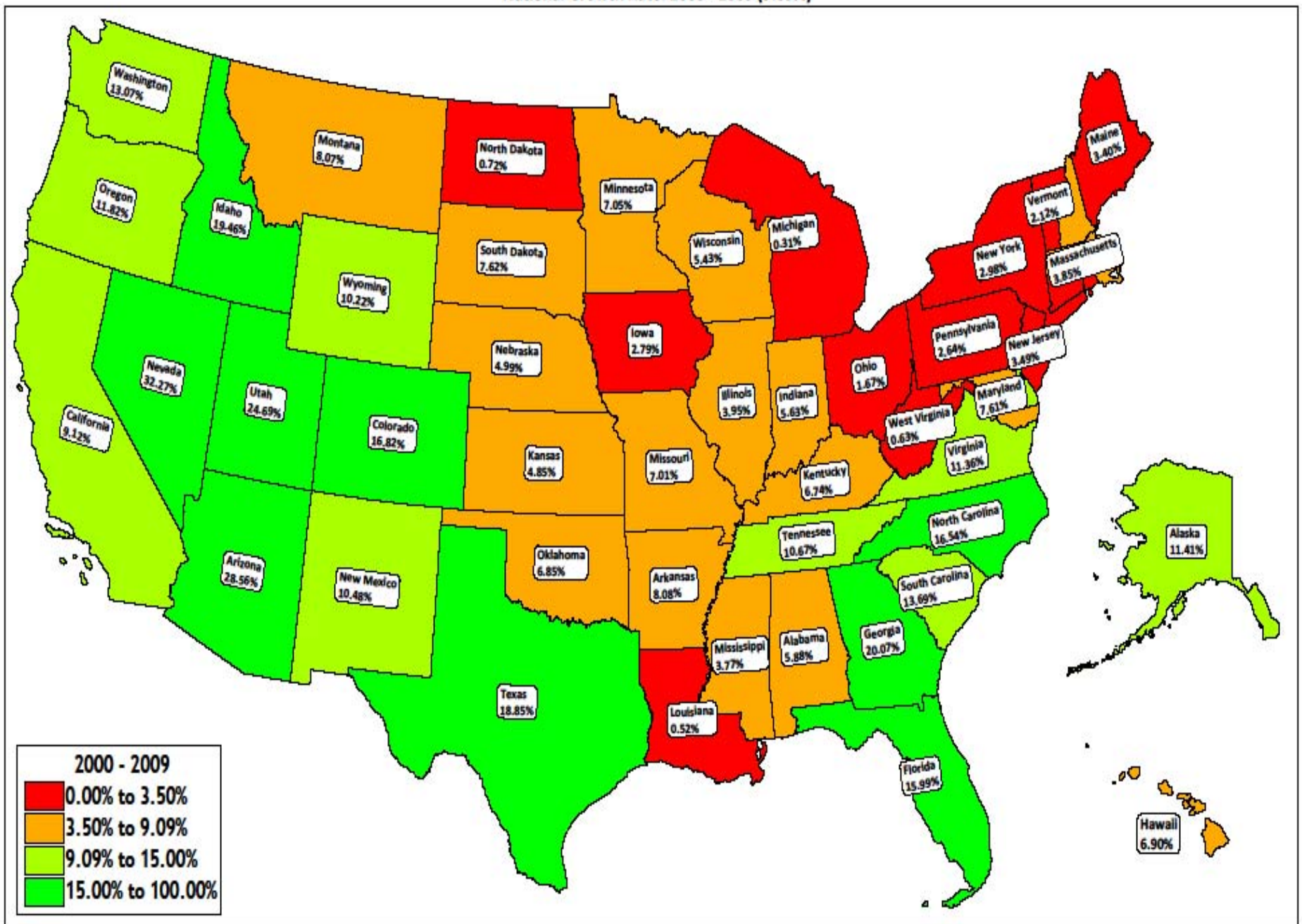


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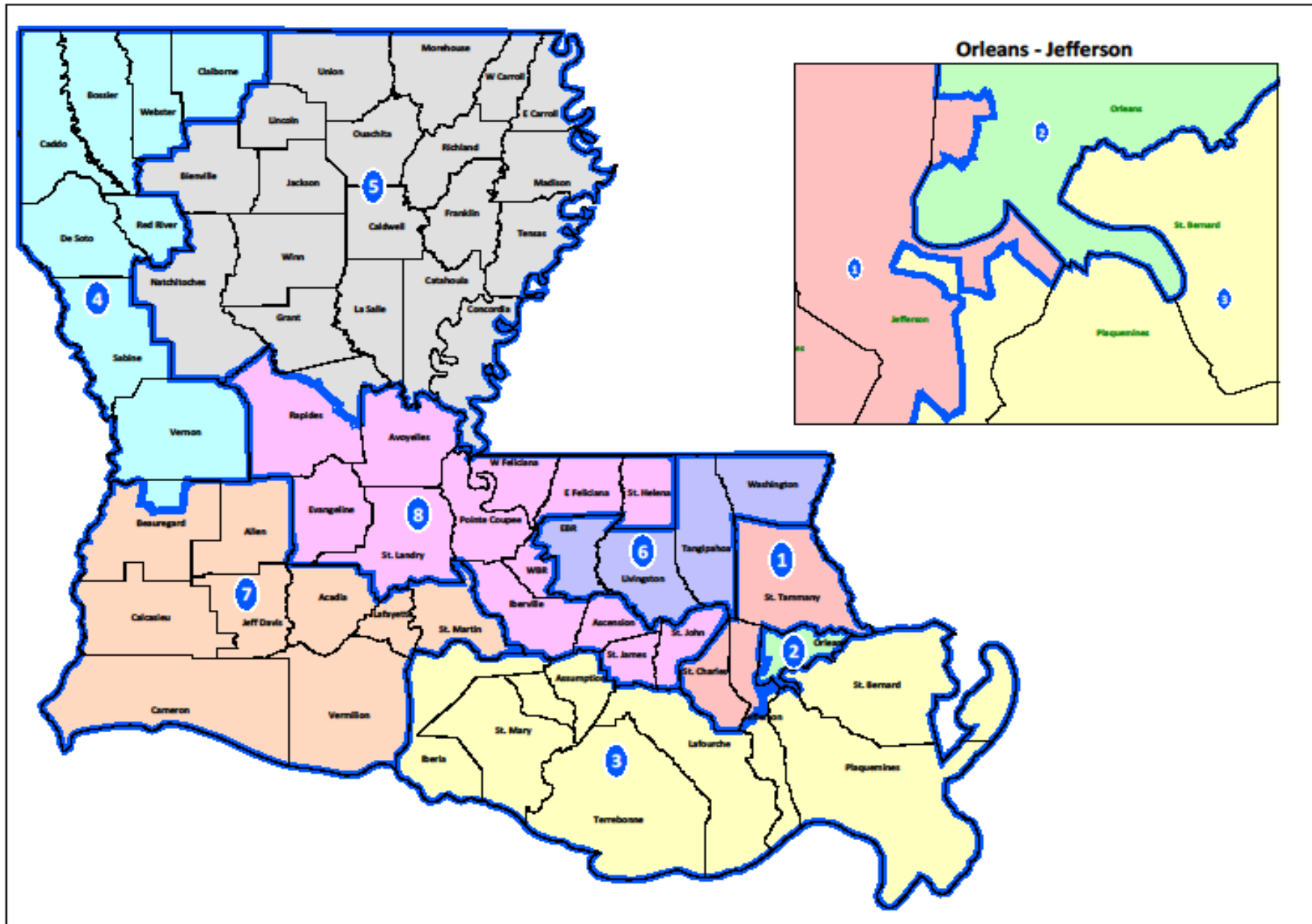
# Congress

## Ideal Population Thru the Decades\*

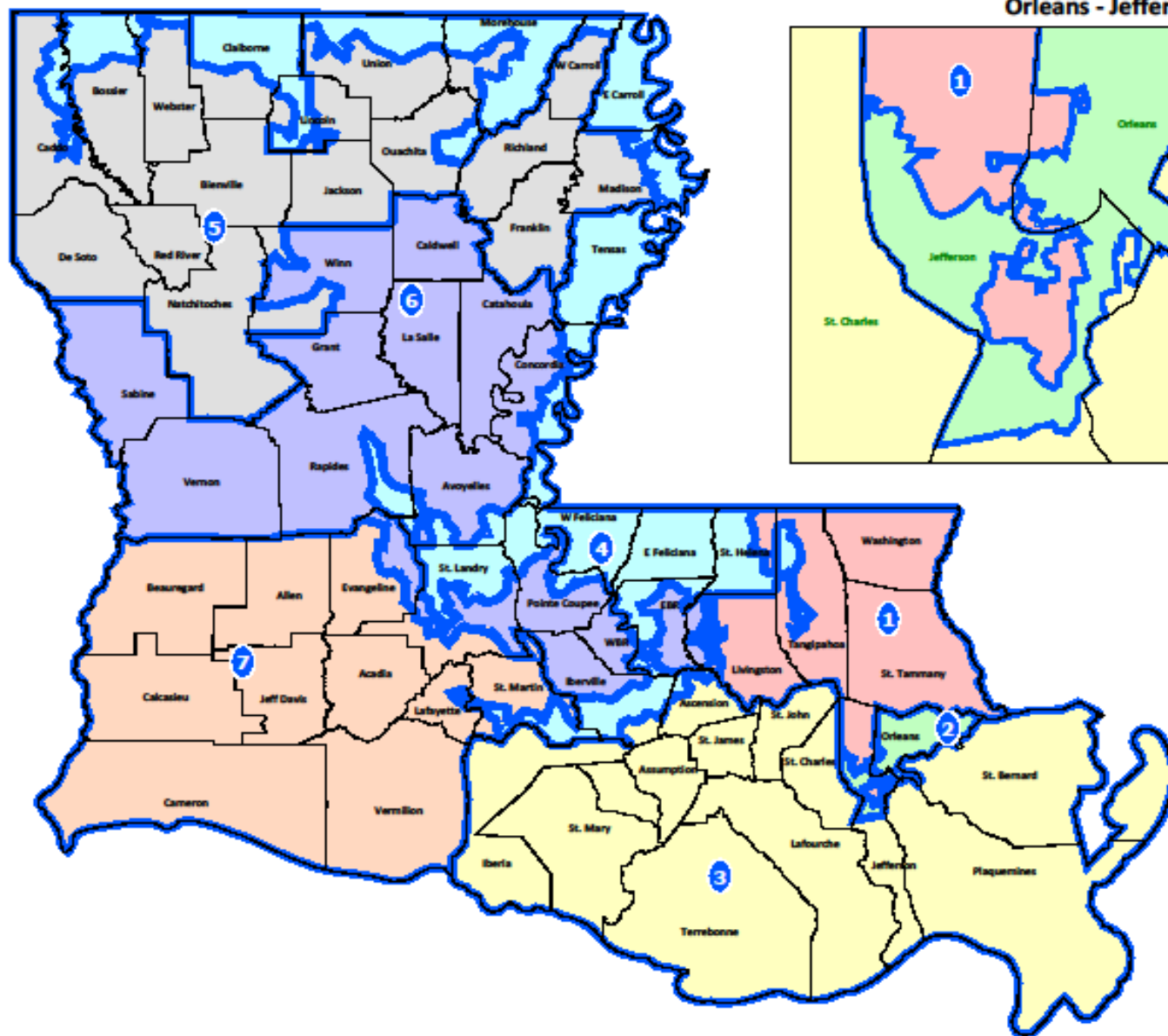
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<b>Decade</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Ideal Population</b>
<b>1980</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>525,738</b>
<b>1990</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>602,853</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>638,425</b>
<b>2009*</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>641,725</b>
<b>2009*</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>748,679</b>
<b>2010*</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>667,526</b>
<b>2010*</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>778,780</b>

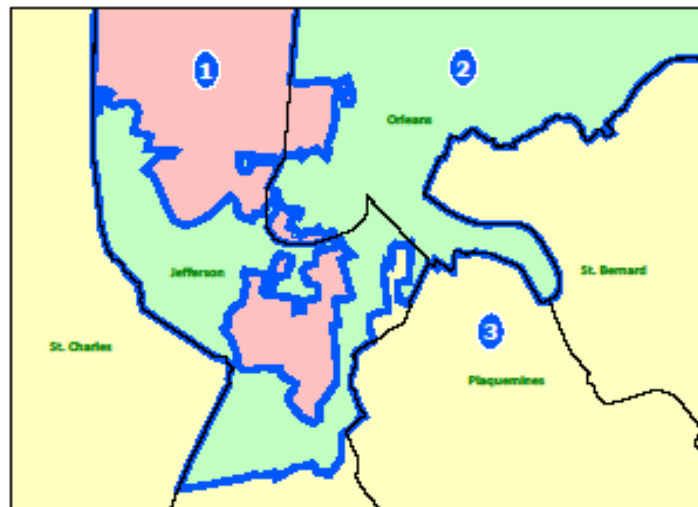
## Congress - 1980



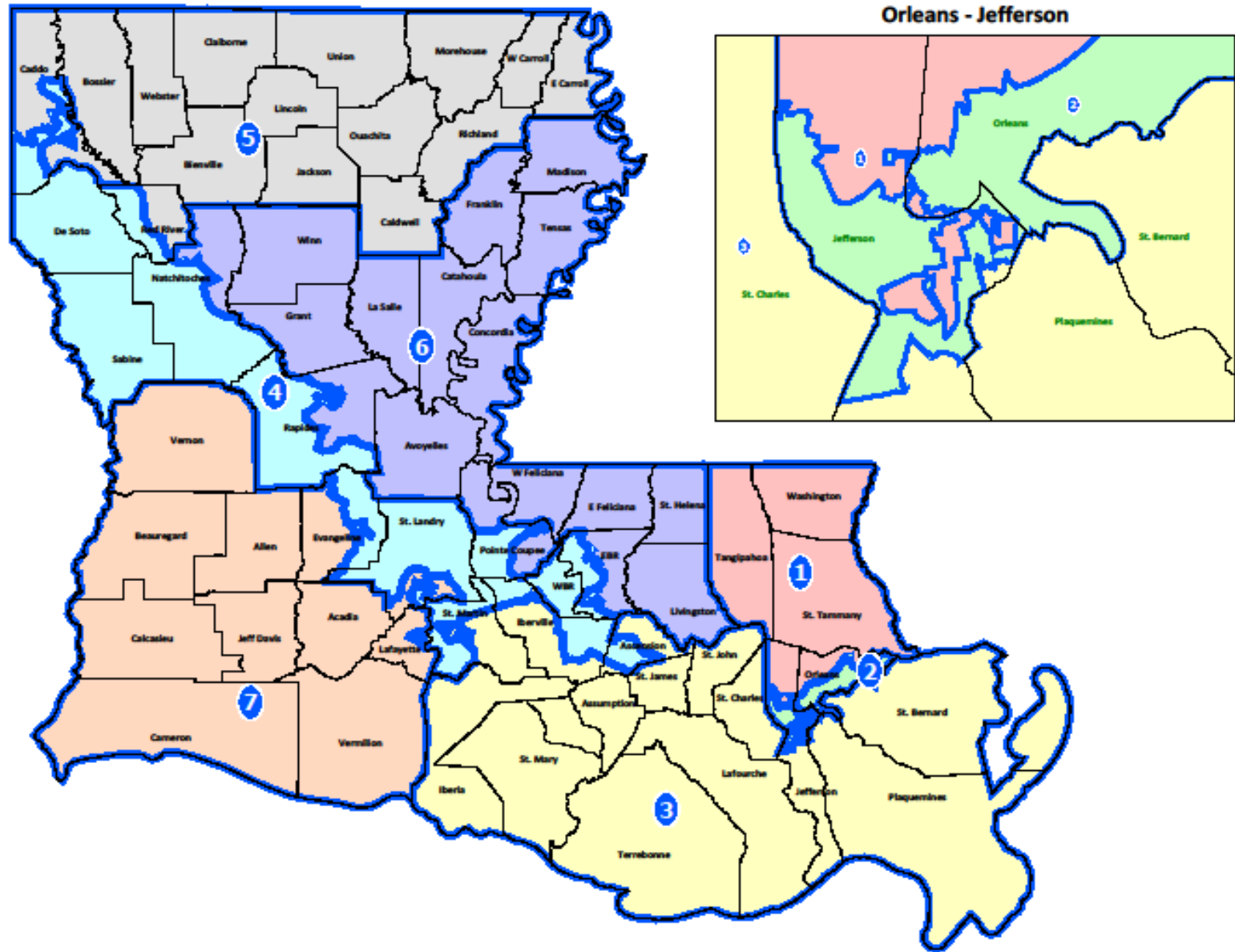
# Congress - 1992



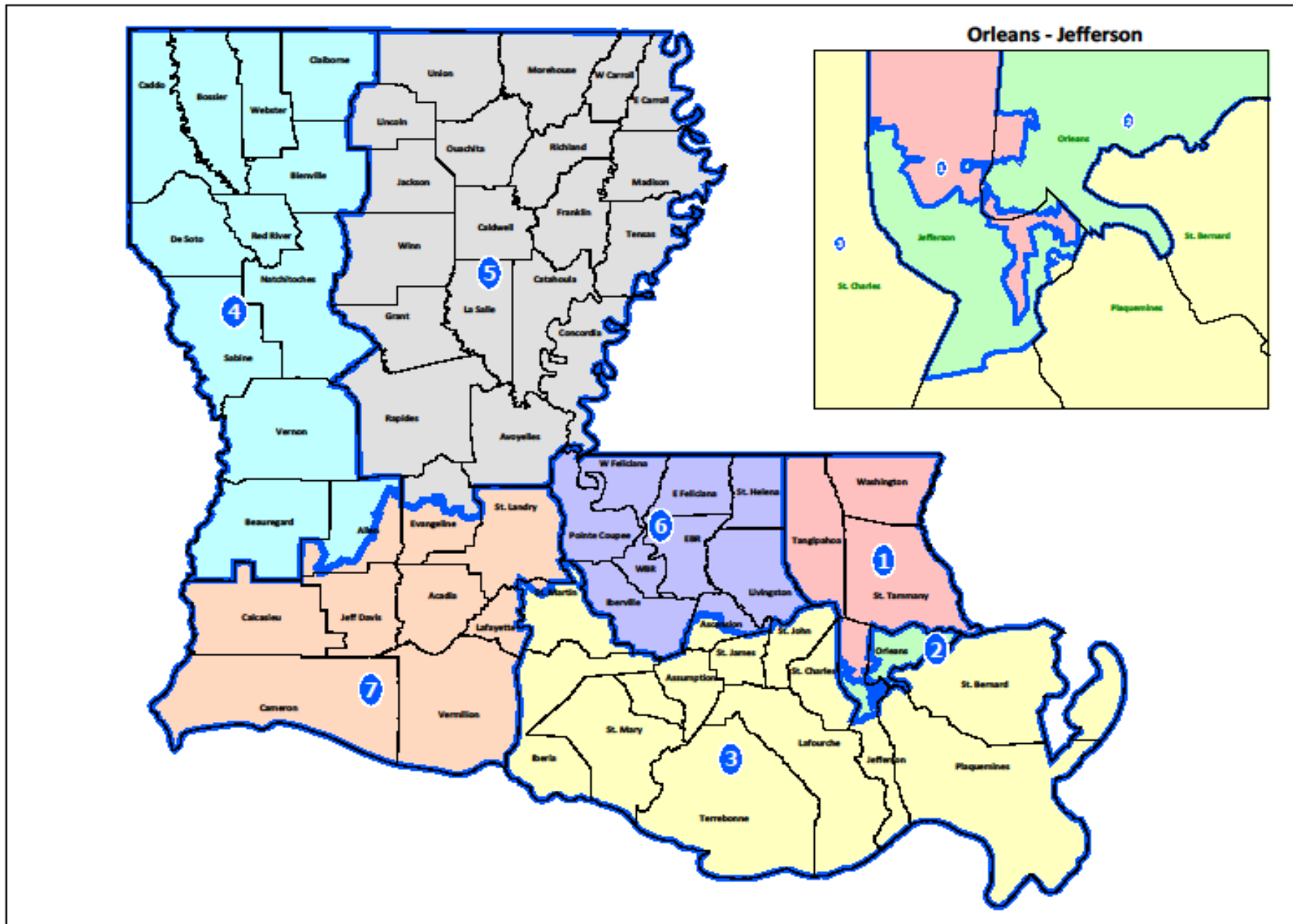
### Orleans - Jefferson



# Congress - 1994

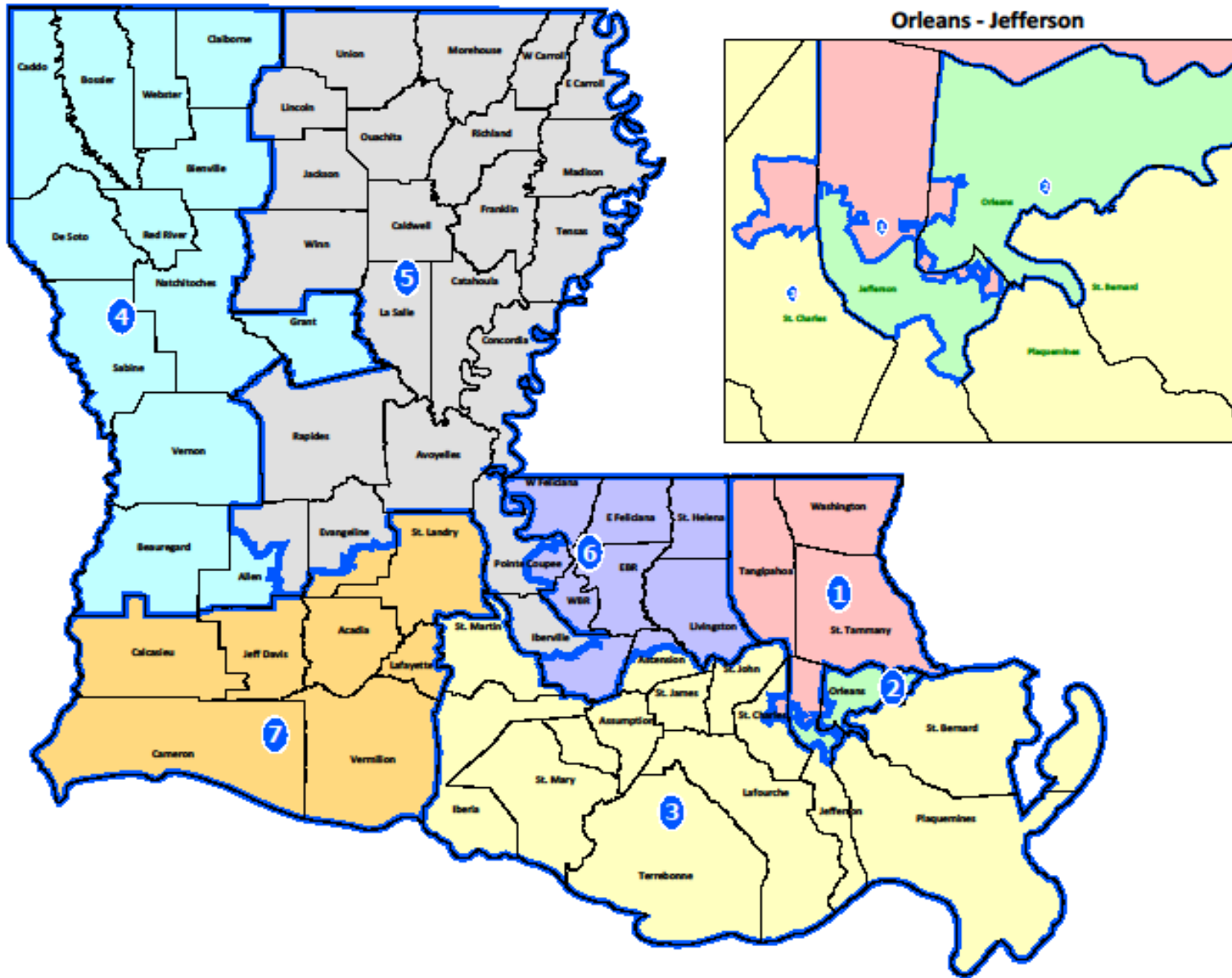


# Congress - 1996





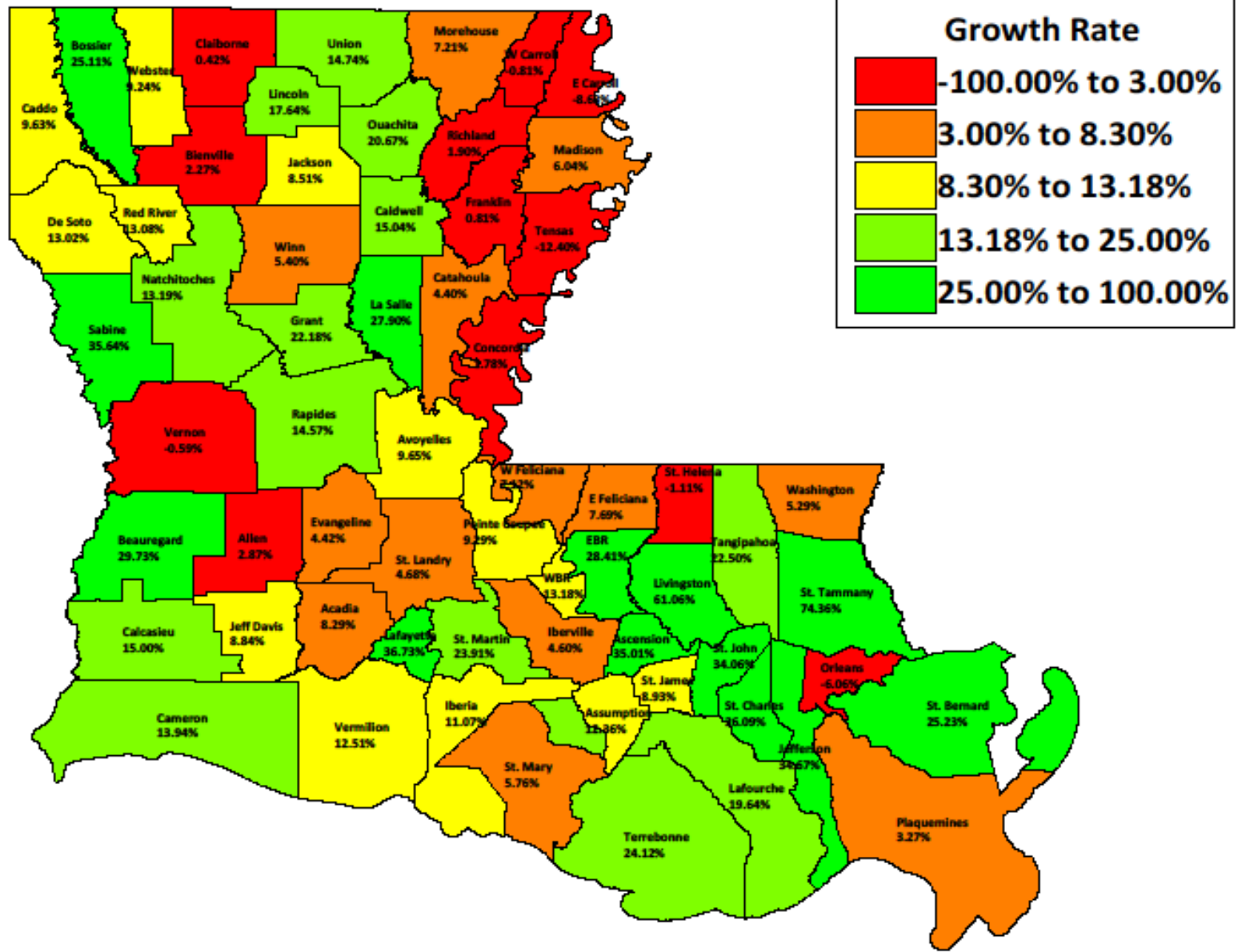
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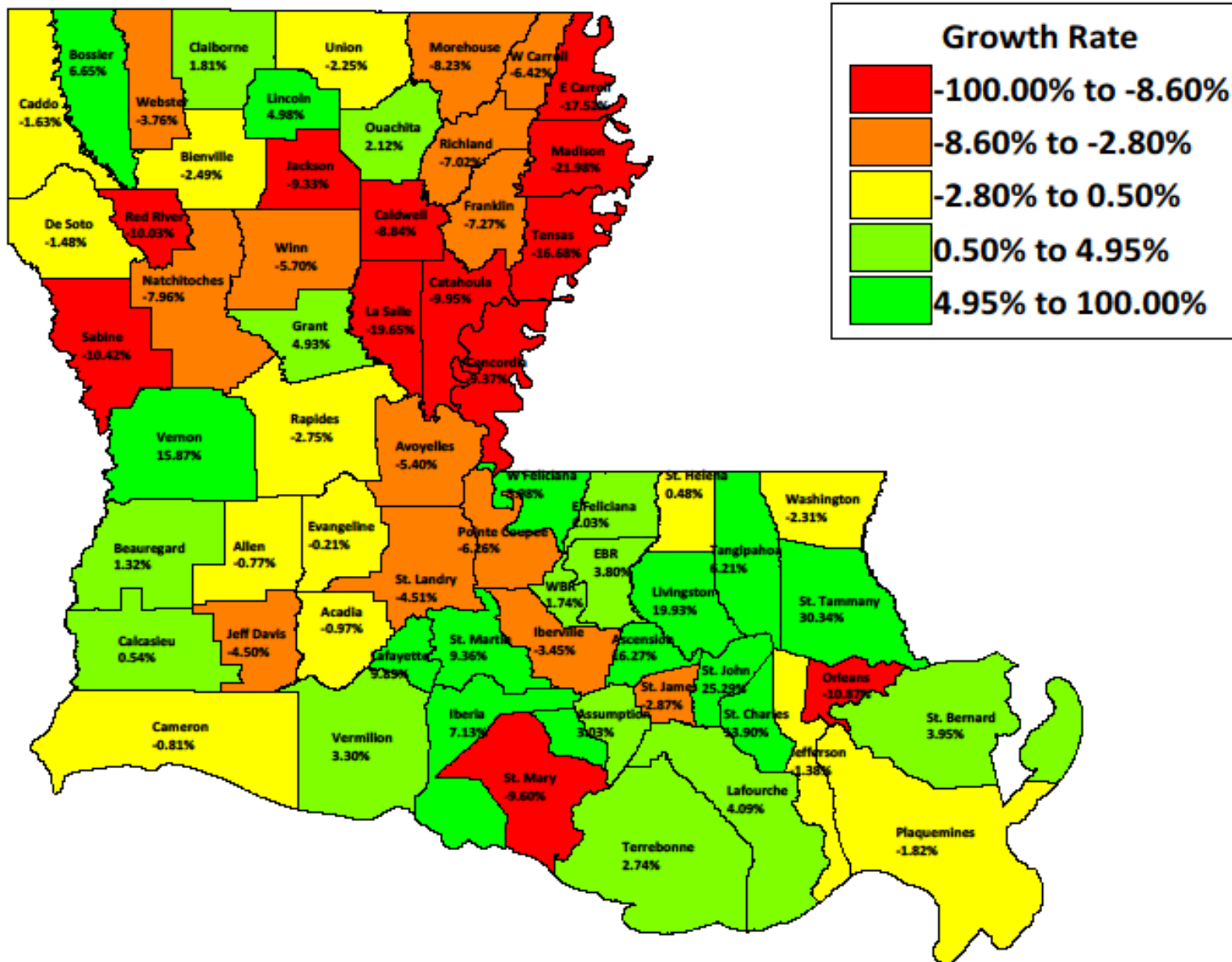
# Parish Population Trends



## Parish - 1970 To 1980 Census Population Change

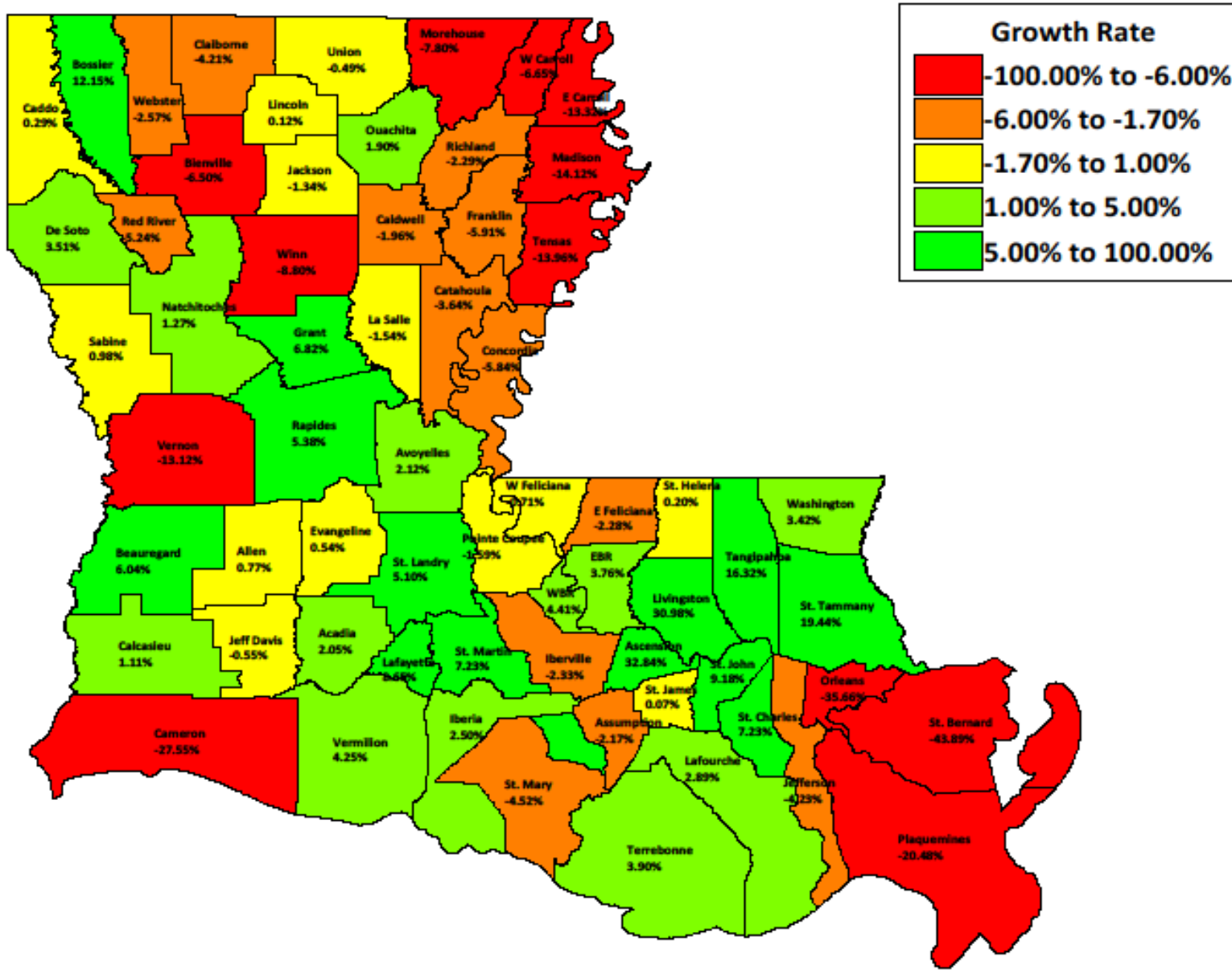


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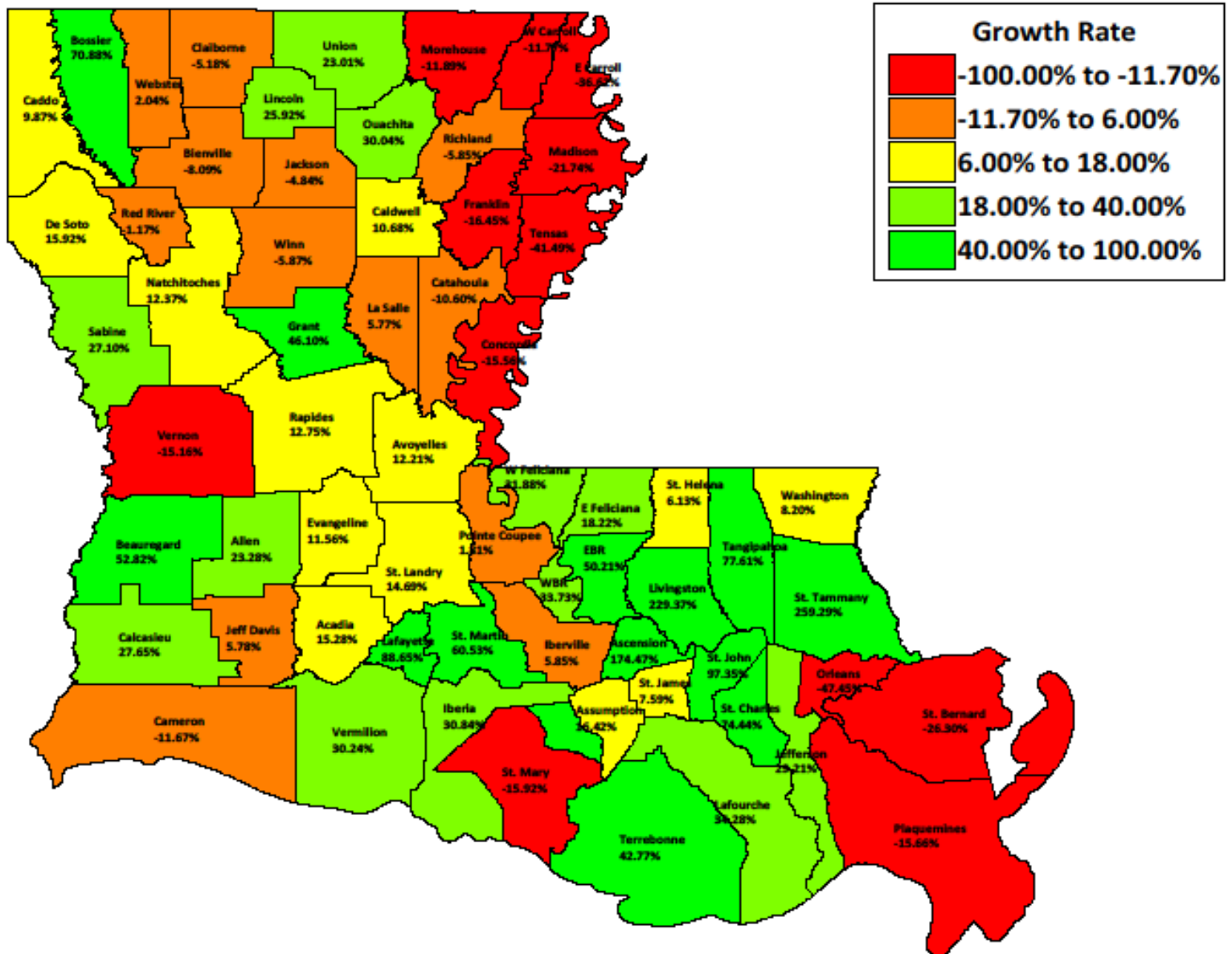




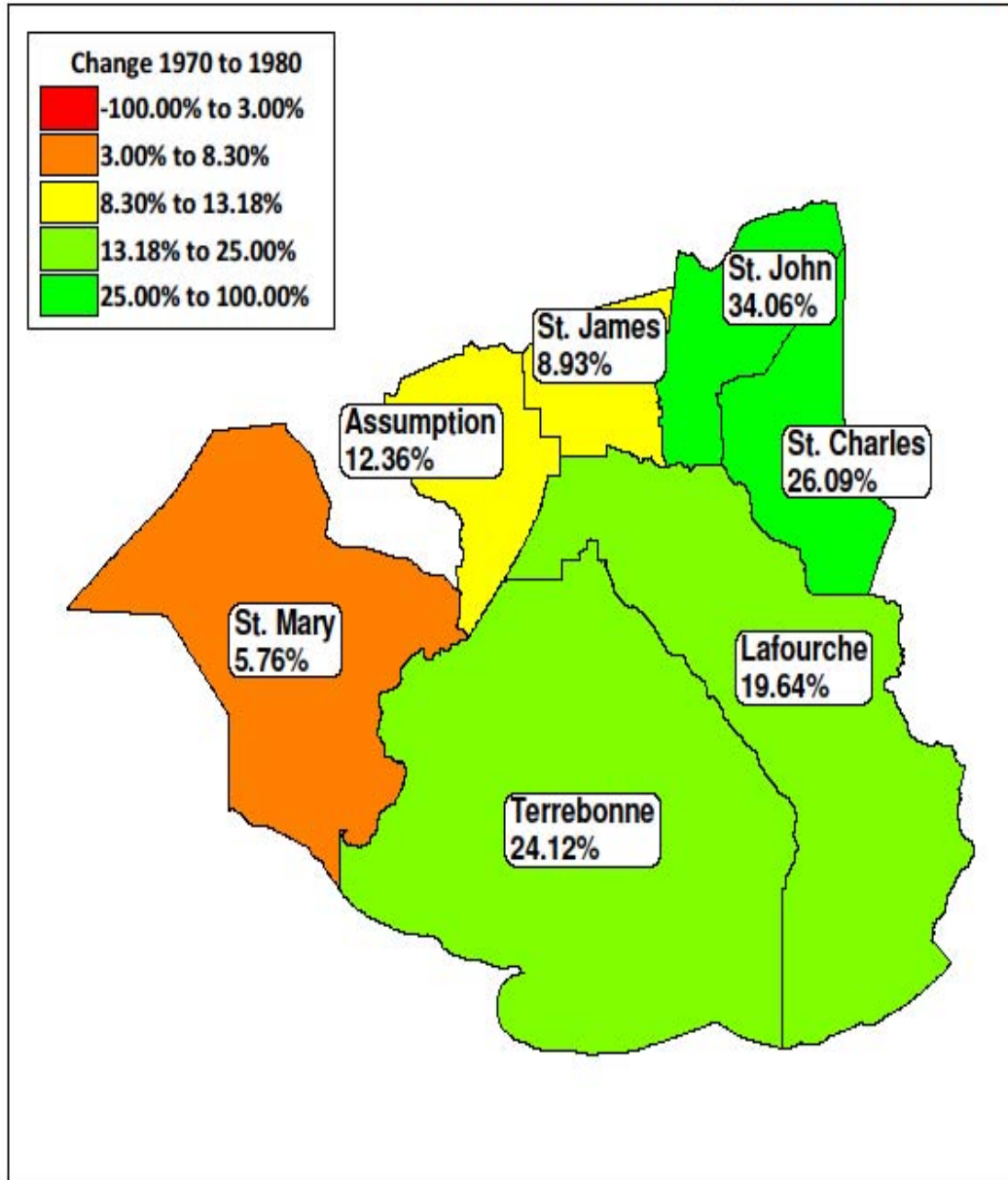
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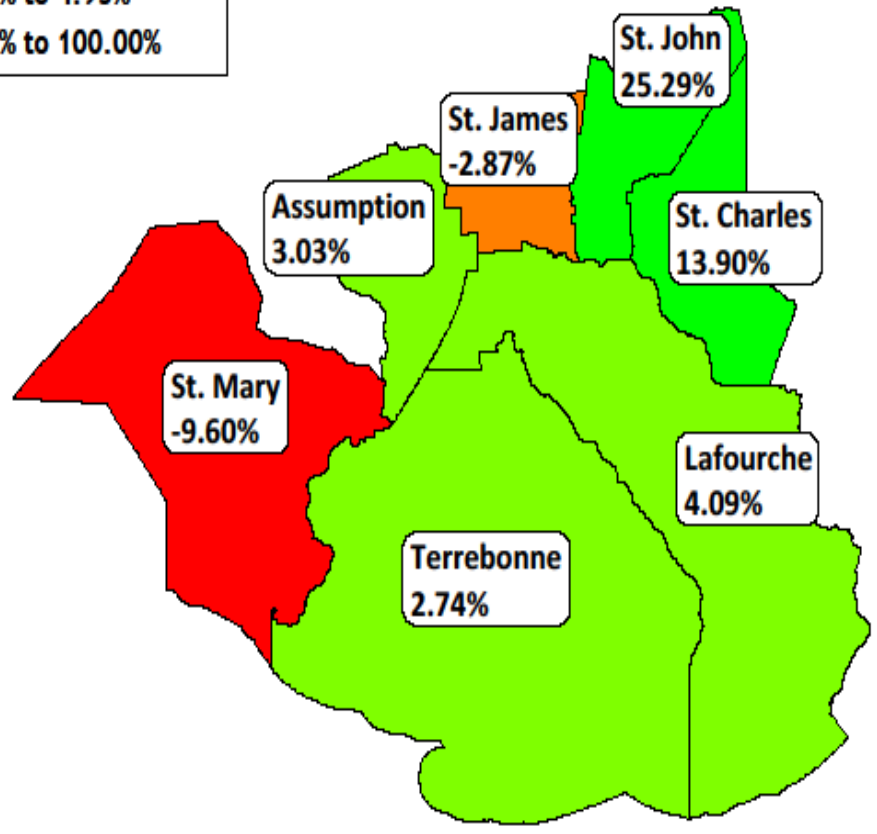
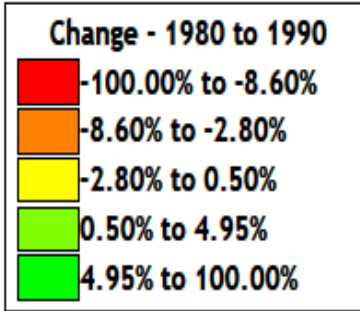
### Houma-Thibodaux Region - 1970 To 1980 Census Population Change



Parish	Population	Change
Terrebonne	94,393	18,344
Lafourche	82,483	13,542
St. John	31,924	8,111
St. Charles	37,259	7,709
St. Mary	64,253	3,501
Assumption	22,084	2,430
St. James	21,495	1,762

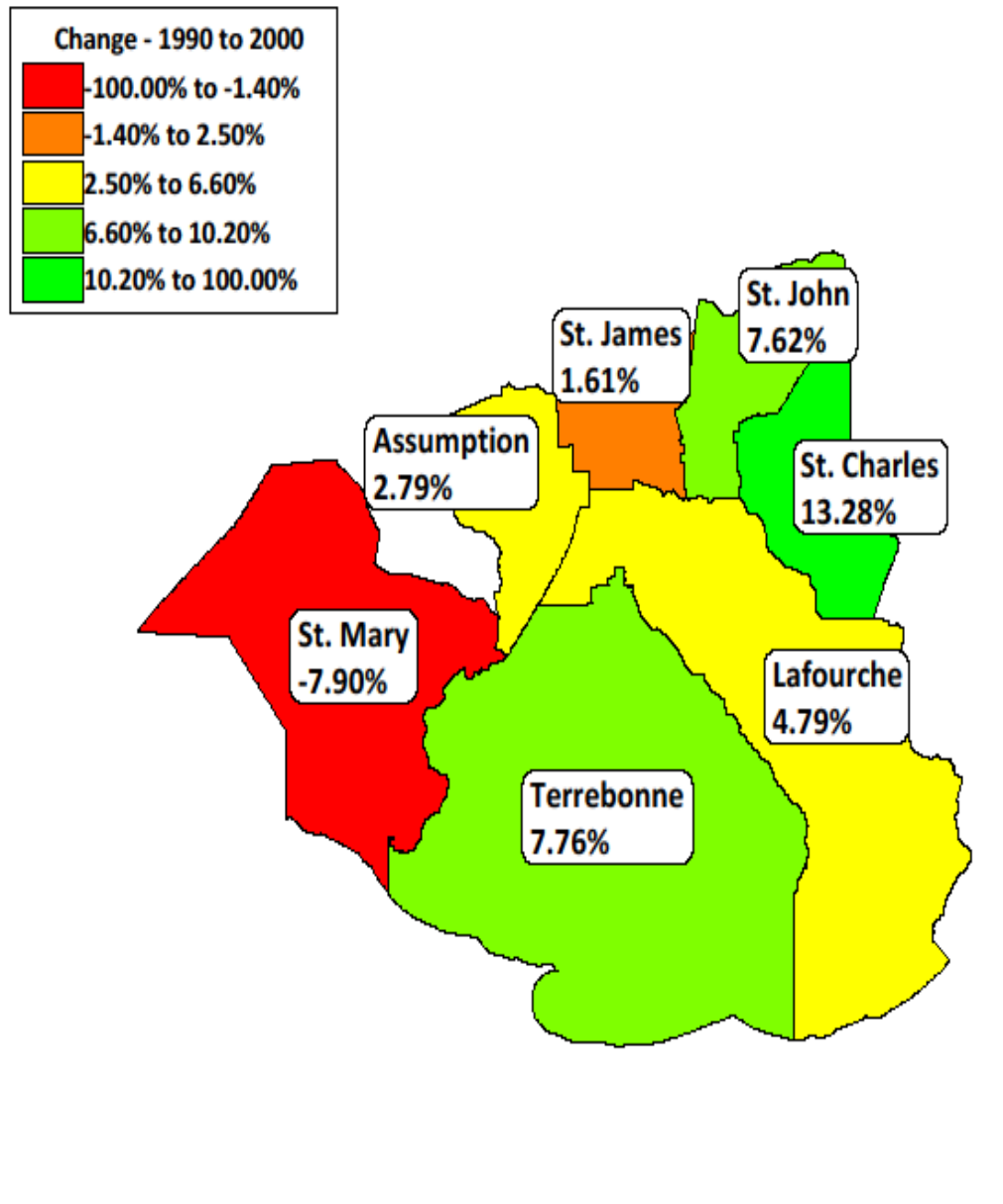


### Houma-Thibodaux - 1980 To 1990 Census Population Change



Parish	Population	Change
St. John	39,996	8,072
St. Charles	42,437	5,178
Lafourche	85,860	3,377
Terrebonne	96,982	2,589
Assumption	22,753	669
St. James	20,879	-616
St. Mary	58,086	-6,167

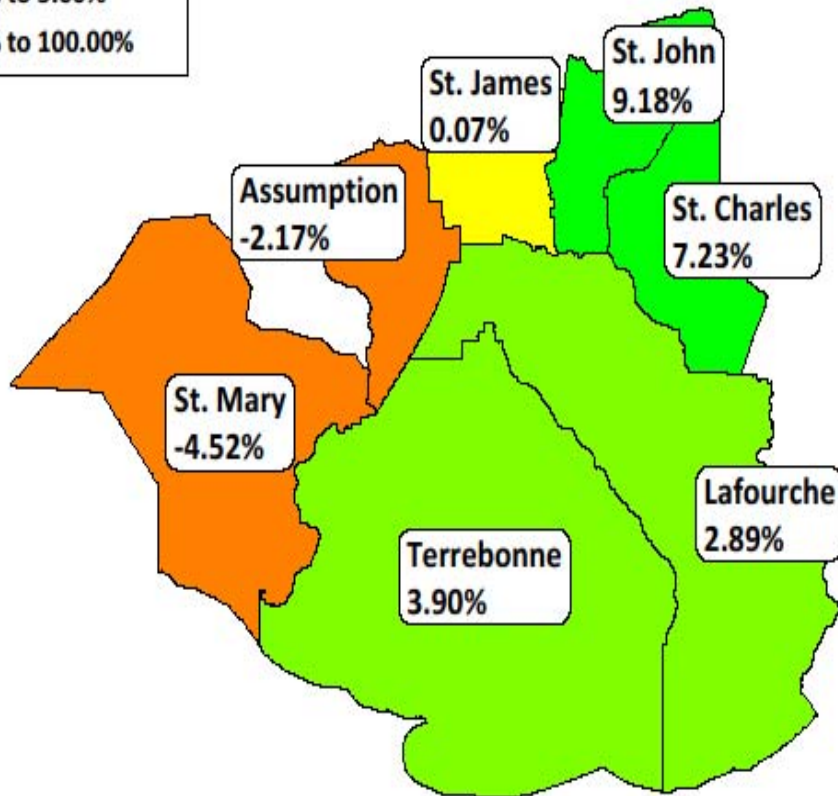
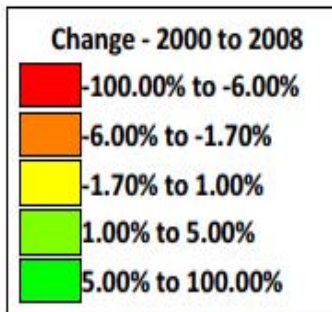
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Parish	Population	Change
Terrebonne	104,503	7,521
St. Charles	48,072	5,635
Lafourche	89,974	4,114
St. John	43,044	3,048
Assumption	23,388	635
St. James	21,216	337
St. Mary	53,500	-4,586

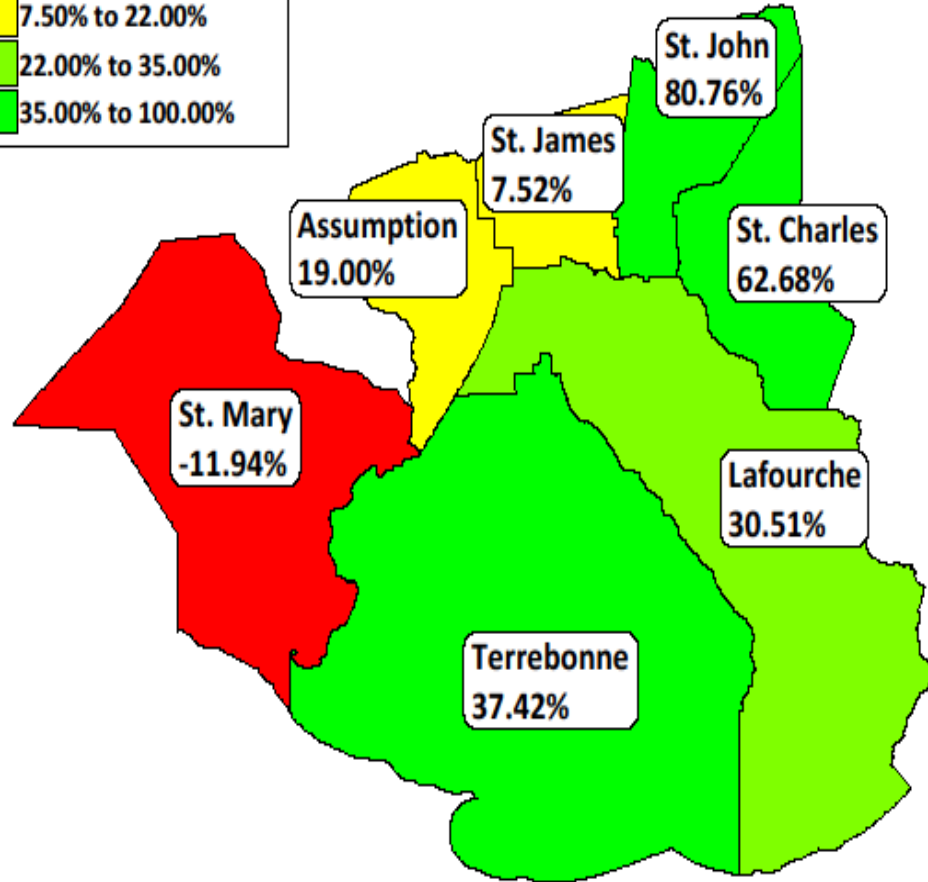
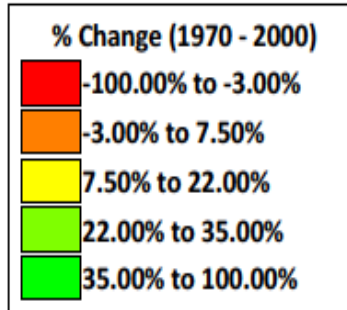


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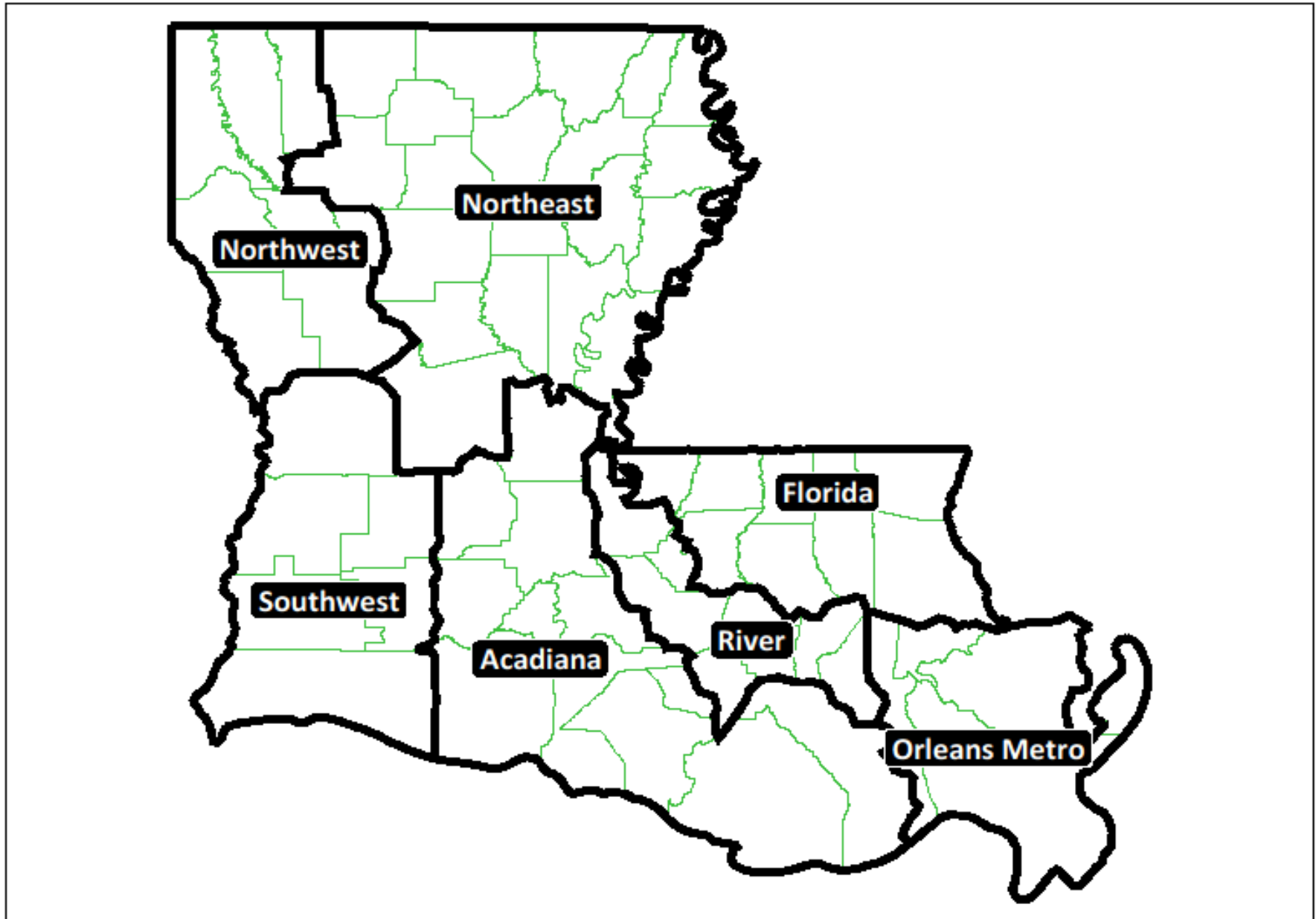
Parish	Estimate	Change
Terrebonne	108,576	4,073
St. John	46,994	3,950
St. Charles	51,547	3,475
Lafourche	92,572	2,598
St. James	21,231	15
Assumption	22,881	-507
St. Mary	51,083	-2,417

### Houma-Thibodaux - 1970 To 2000 Census Population Change



Parish	Change	% Change
St. John	19,231	80.76%
St. Charles	18,522	62.68%
Terrebonne	28,454	37.42%
Lafourche	21,033	30.51%
Assumption	3,734	19.00%
St. James	1,483	7.52%
St. Mary	-7,252	-11.94%

## Louisiana Regions



## House District Regional Change - 1970 to 2000

Decade	Northeast	Northwest	Southwest	Acadiana	River	Florida	Orleans
<b>1970</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>1980</b>	<b>15.25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7.75</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>1990</b>	<b>14.75</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.75</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>20.75</b>	<b>24.75</b>
<b>1970-2000 Change</b>							
<b>Change</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.25</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>-4.25</b>

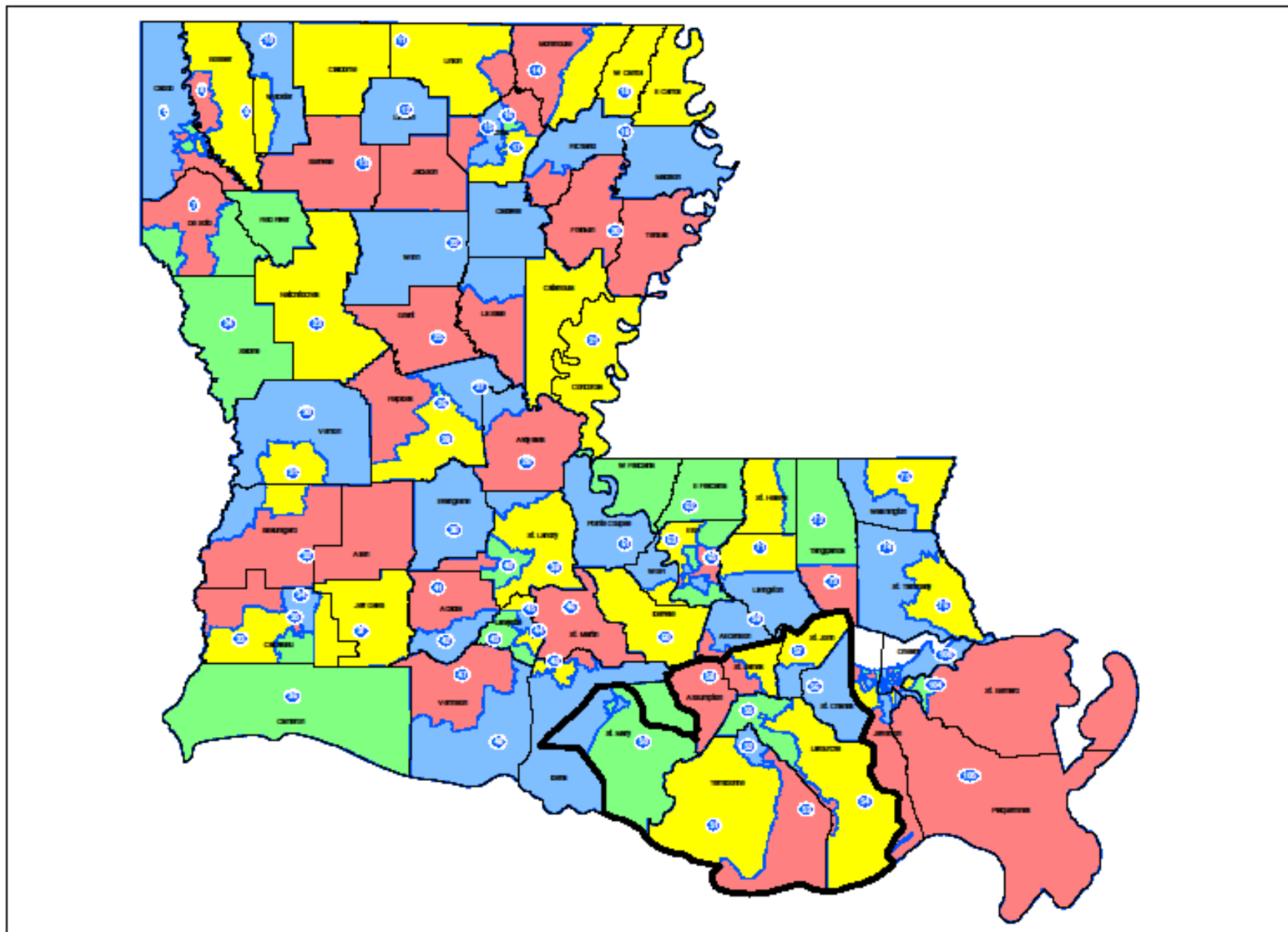
# House District Ideal Population Thru the Decades\*

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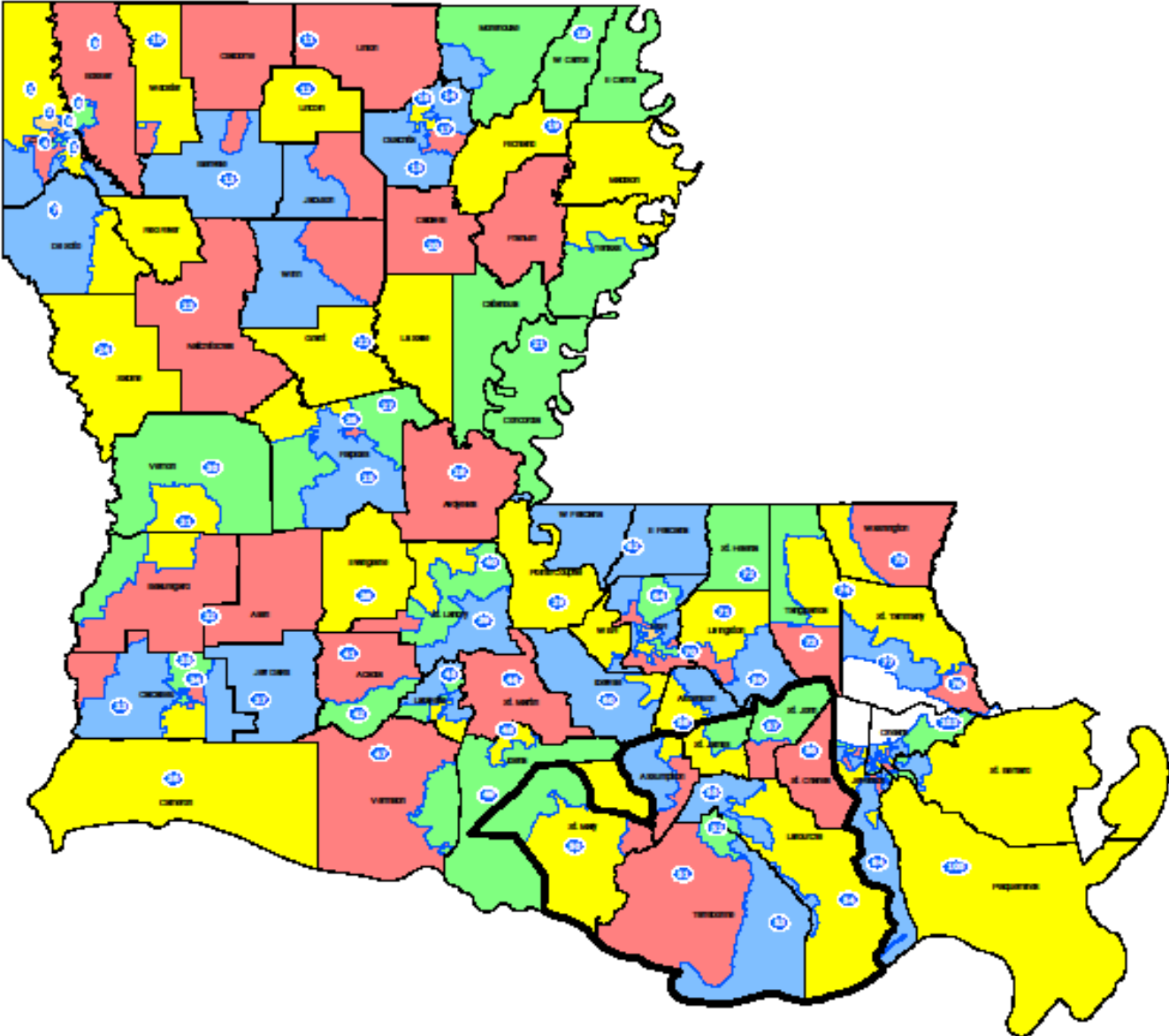


- 1970 Ideal: 34,697
- 1980 Ideal: 40,037
- 1990 Ideal: 40,190
- 2000 Ideal: 42,561
- 2009 Ideal: 42,781\*
- 2010 Ideal: 43,930\*

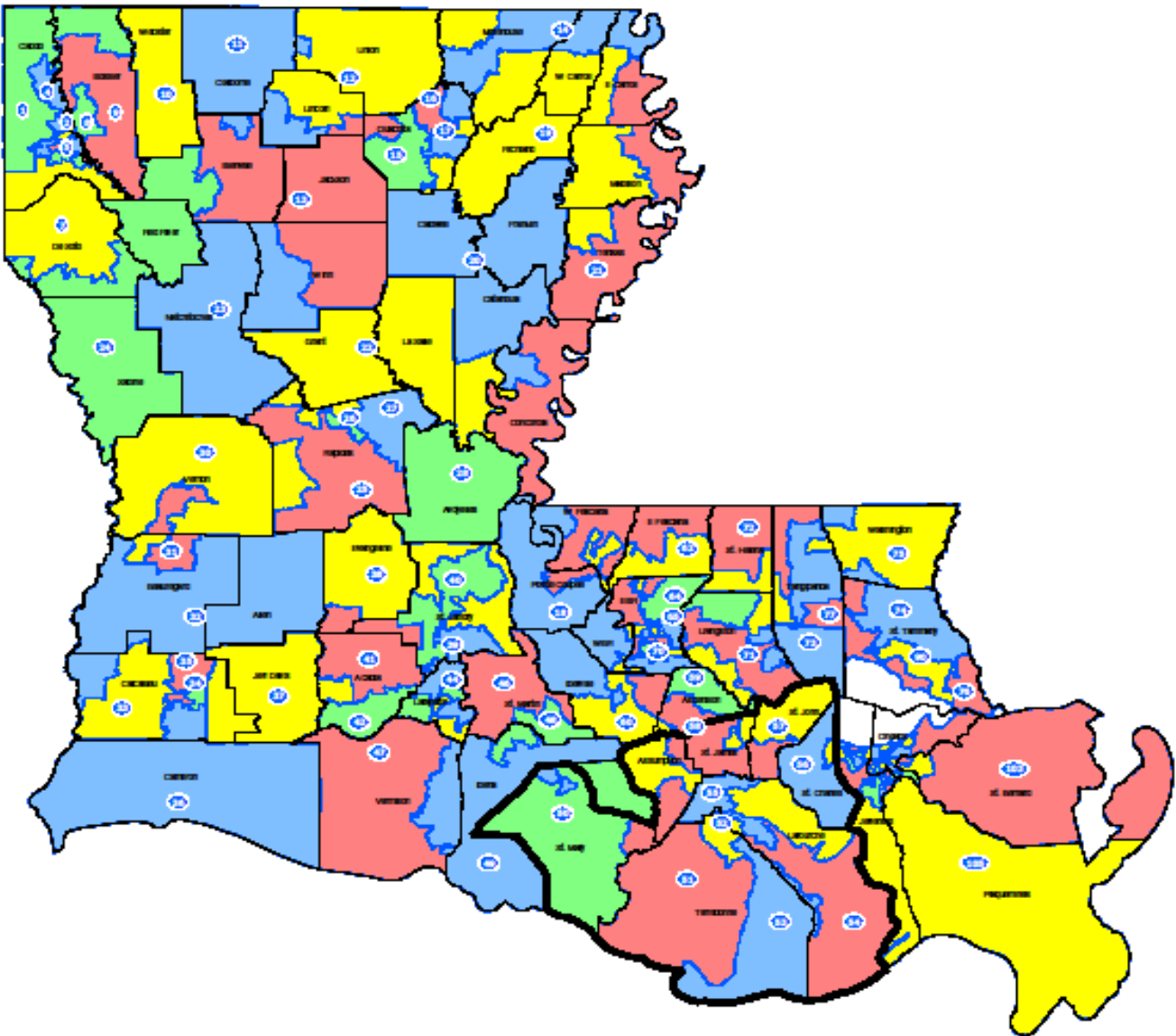
# House 1970



House 1980

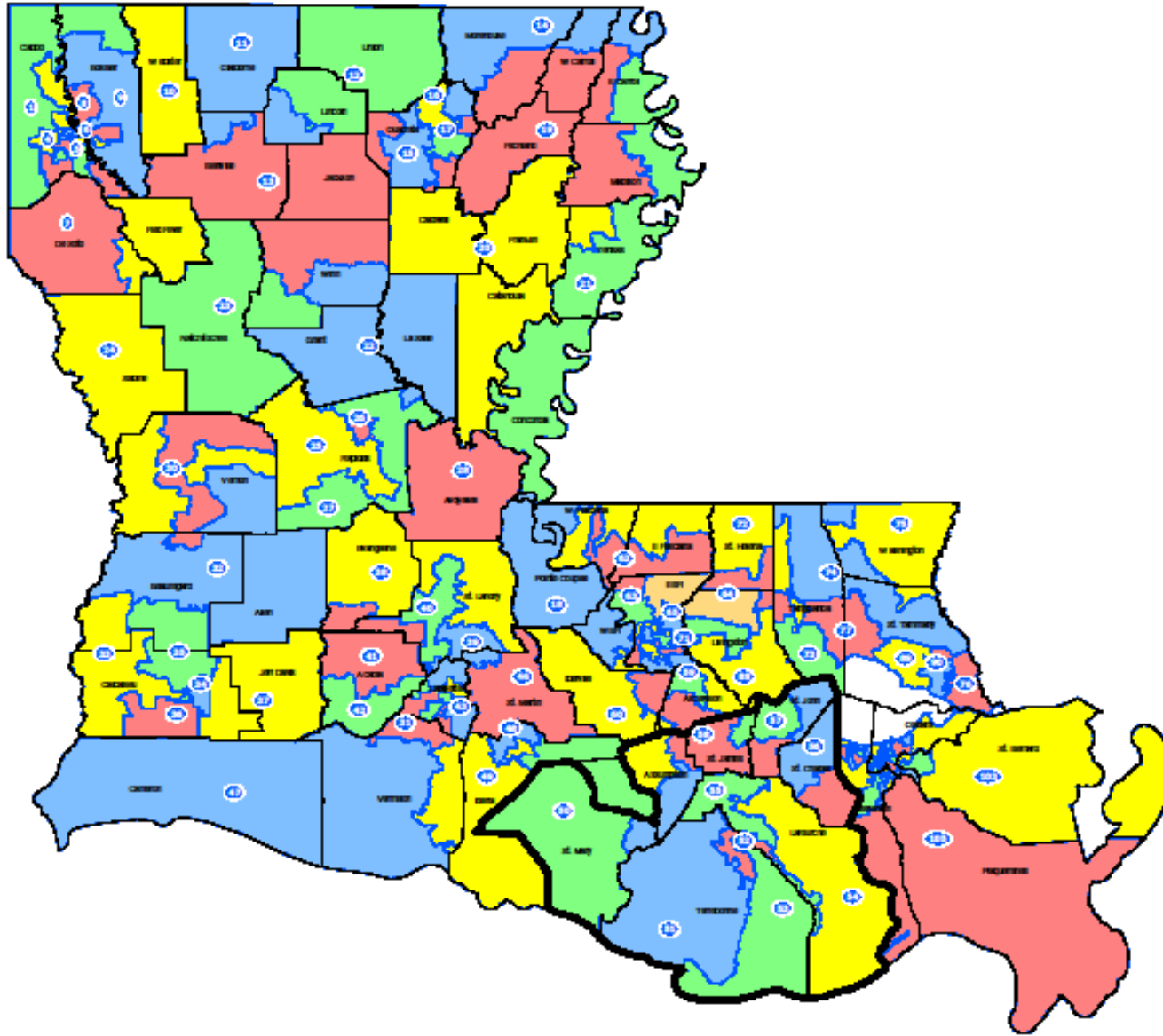


House 1990





# House 2000

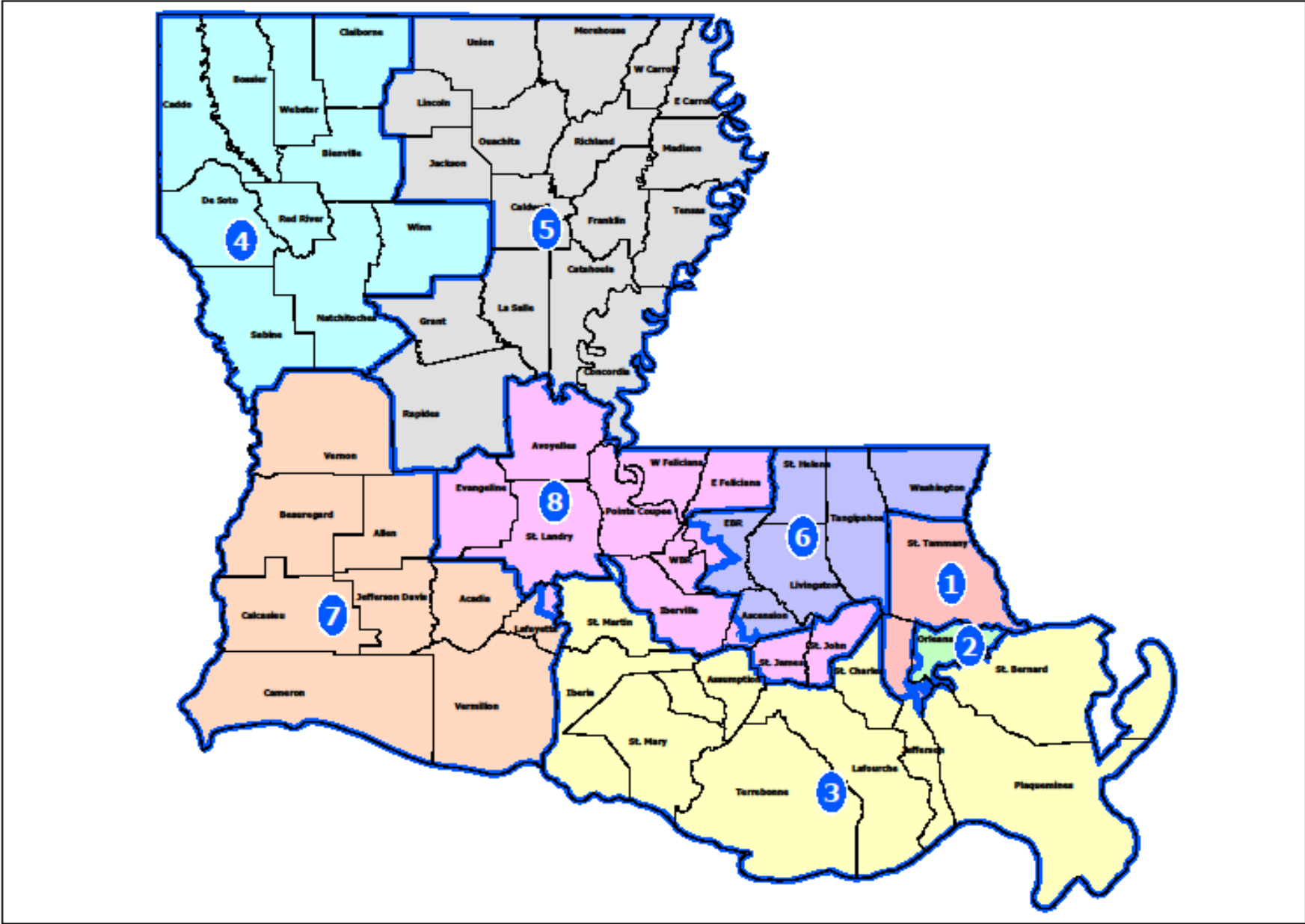


# BESE Ideal District Population

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- 1990 Ideal: 527,496
- 2000 Ideal: 558,622
- 2009 Ideal: 561,509\*
- 2010 Ideal: 576,584\*

# BESE Districts



# Supreme Court Ideal District Population

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1990 Ideal: 602,853

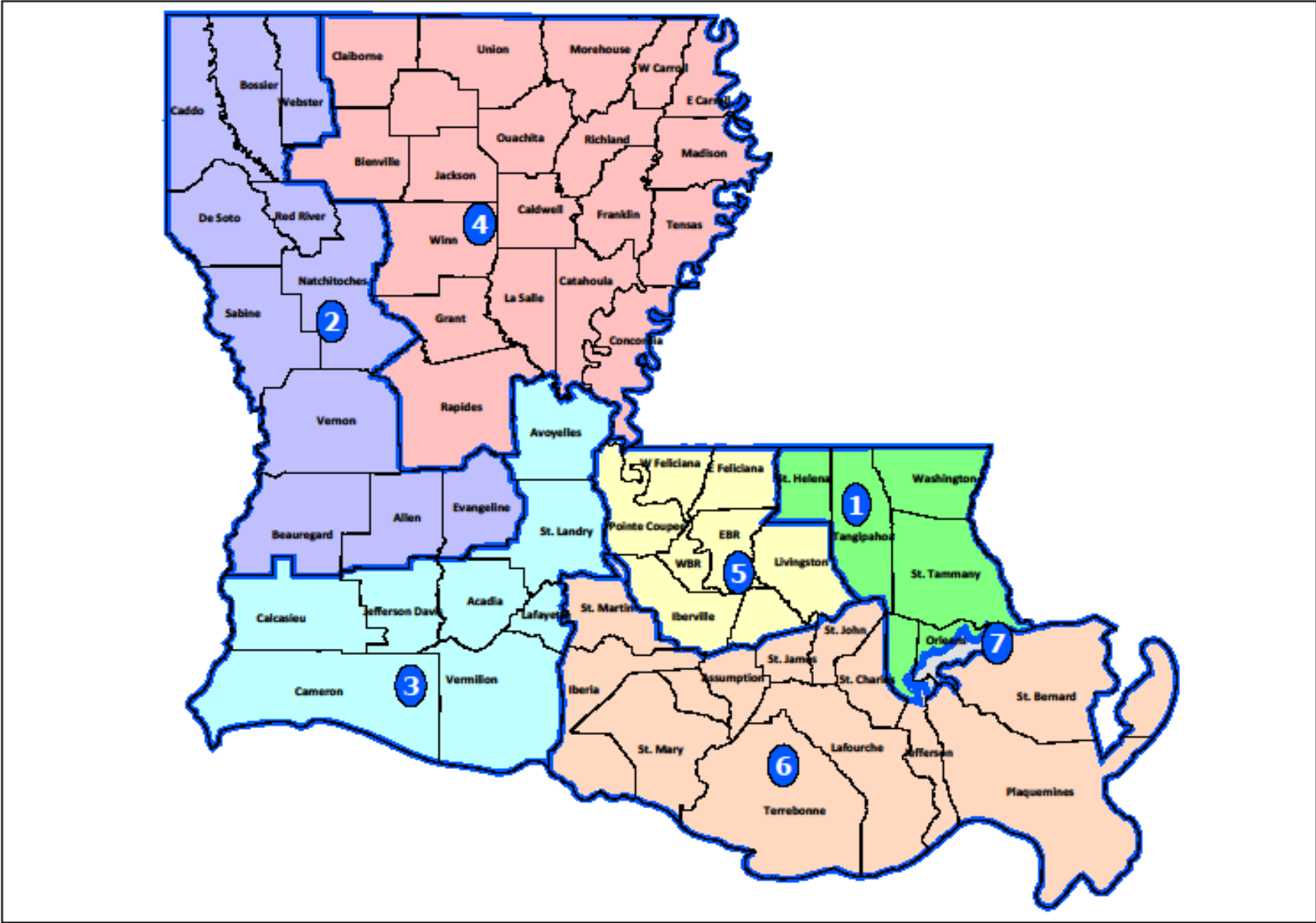
2000 Ideal: 638,425\*\*

2009 Ideal: 641,725\*

2010 Ideal: 658,954\*

(\*\*Note: Supreme Court Districts were not redrawn following the 2000 Census)

# LA Supreme Court





# Public Service Commission Ideal District Population

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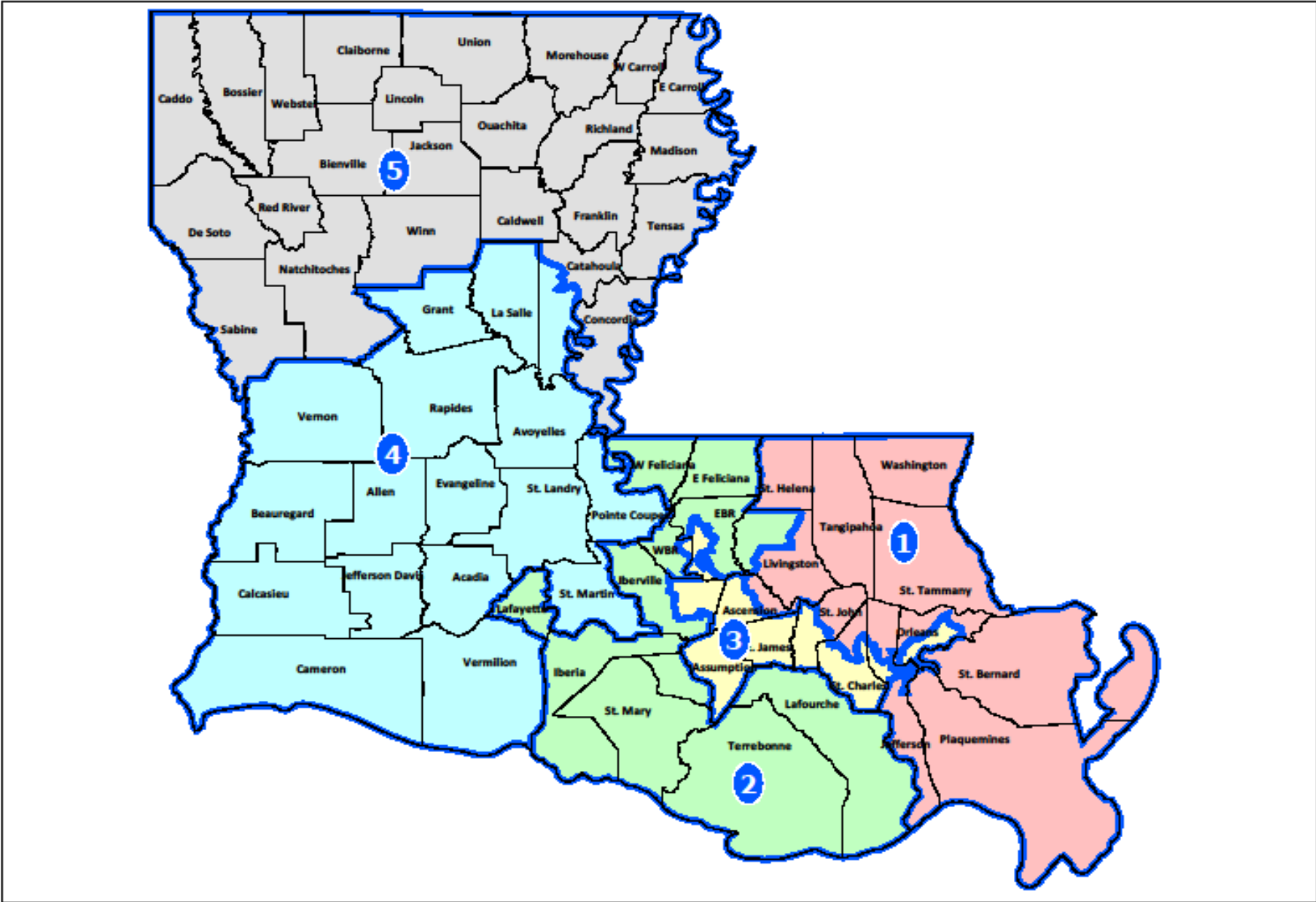
1990 Ideal: 843,994

2000 Ideal: 893,795

2009 Ideal: 898,415\*

2010 Ideal: 922,535\*

# PSC Districts





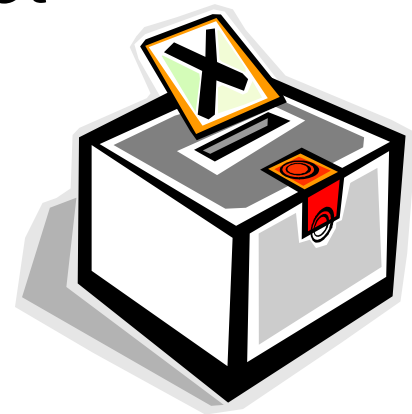
# Discrimination Against Minorities

- Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act
  - In covered jurisdictions, plans must be precleared
    - Louisiana IS a covered jurisdiction
    - As are ALL of its subdivisions
  - Do not allow Retrogression
  - “Any discriminatory purpose”
  - No discriminatory effect
  - No requirement to maximize minority representation



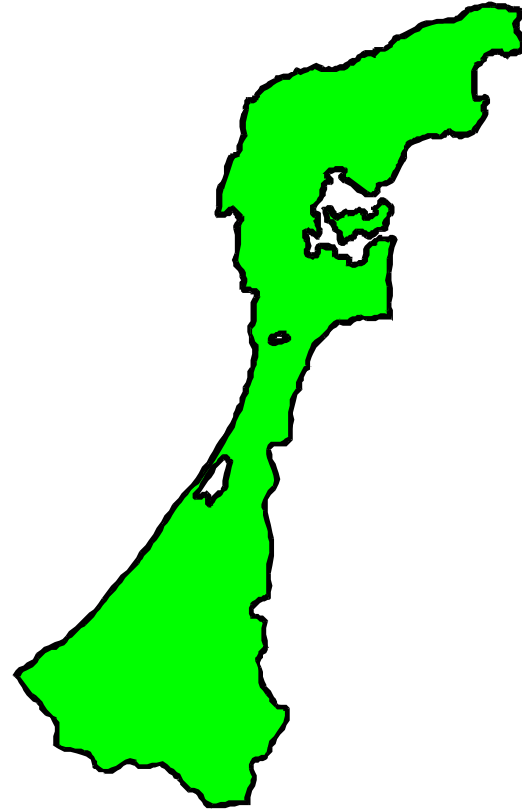
# Discrimination Against Minorities

- Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act
  - National standard
  - No discriminatory effect
  - Gingles preconditions
  - Totality of the circumstances
  - Districts in which a minority has a fair chance to win



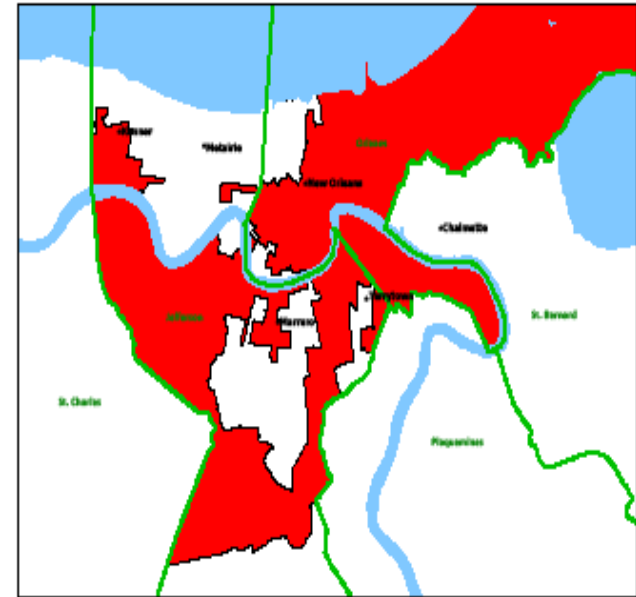
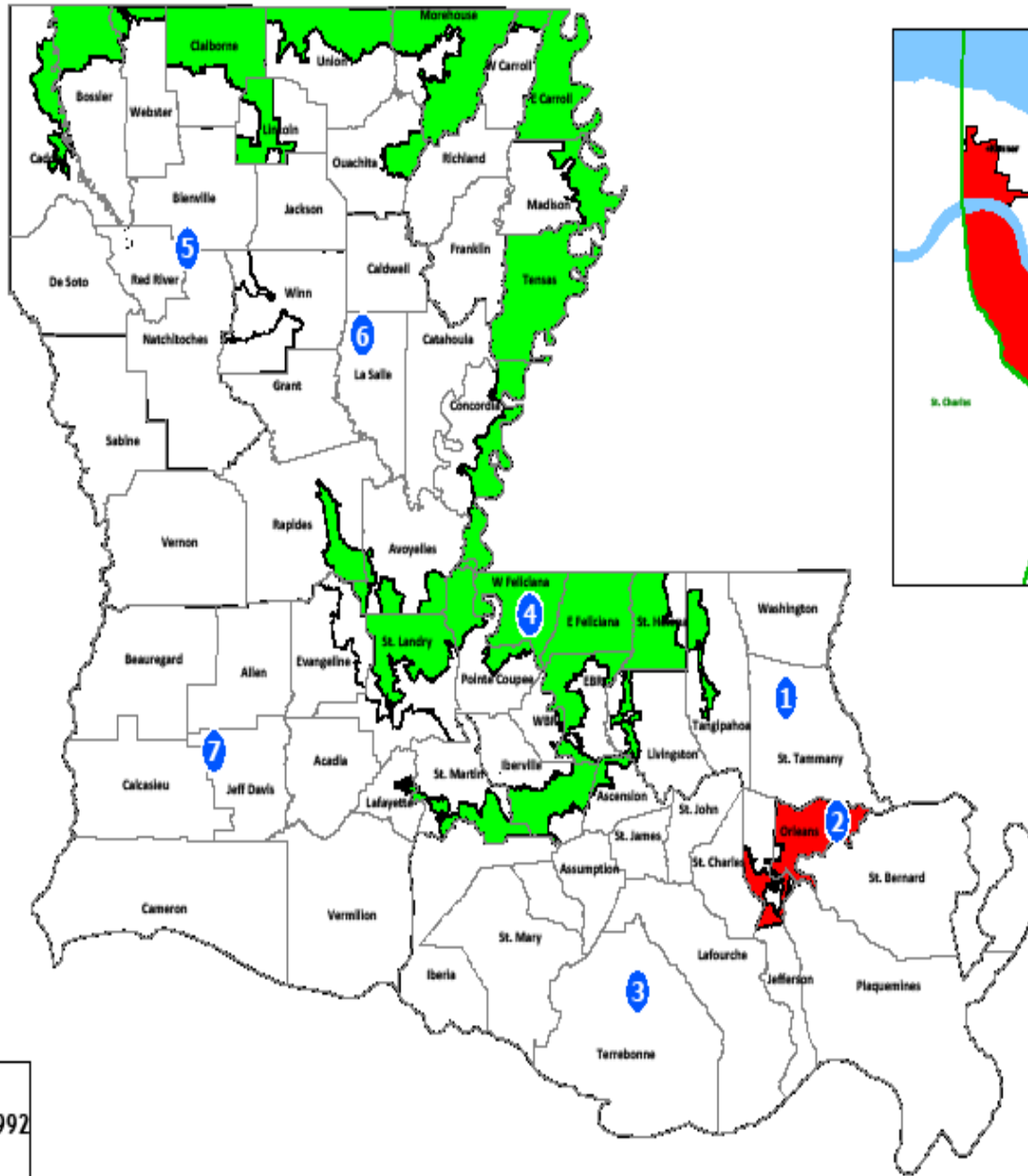
# Racial Gerrymandering

- What is racial gerrymandering?
- Equal Protection Clause
- What was the rationale in drawing district lines?



Congress - 1992

Orleans - Jefferson



Map layers  
Congress - 1992  
Parish

# Racial Gerrymandering (cont.)

- Race-conscious redistricting is not *per se* unconstitutional
- Consideration of race-neutral districting principles
  - Compactness, contiguity, communities of interest, respect for political subdivisions, protection of core districts

# Racial Gerrymandering (cont.)

- If race is found to be the “predominant overriding factor,” strict scrutiny will apply
- What must a state prove for the plan to survive strict scrutiny?
  - A law narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest

# WEB Addresses of Interest

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