



**To: Interested Parties**

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**Re: Indiana Voters' Views on Redistricting**

A new statewide survey of 1,662 registered voters in Indiana<sup>1</sup> shows a majority of Hoosiers opposed to the state conducting a mid-decade revision of its electoral maps. The vast majority of Hoosiers believe that district maps should be fair and representative, and that gerrymandering should be illegal.

Hoosiers agree that mid-decade redistricting is a distraction from important challenges they are facing in their everyday lives—with 60% rating inflation and cost of everyday goods as a top priority—and they oppose outsiders from Washington meddling in Indiana politics.

Finally, if state legislators vote for a mid-decade redistricting, they are poised to face an electoral backlash with voters in Indiana—with the vast majority of independents and many Republicans saying they'd vote against supporters of redistricting.

Among the survey's key findings:

- Initially, 34% support redrawing Indiana's maps this year, while 52% are opposed – including 43% who are very opposed.

### Initial Support for Redistricting

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*Q: In recent days, the Trump administration has pressured Republican state legislators in Indiana to redraw Indiana's congressional maps, as well. Do you support or oppose efforts to change the Indiana map this year?*

● Strongly support ● Somewhat support ● Not sure ● Somewhat oppose ● Strongly oppose



- Nearly half of voters have heard little or nothing about the possible redrawing of Indiana's maps. When voters hear arguments for and against redistricting, support falls to 29%, while opposition climbs to 60%.

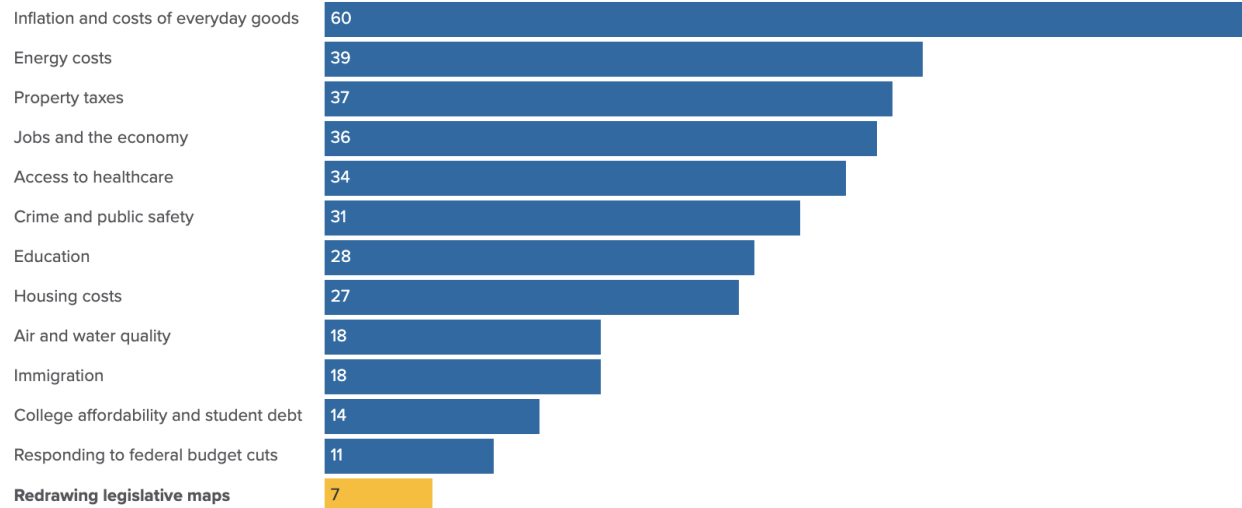
<sup>1</sup> Polling was conducted online from August 18-21, 2025. Using Dynamic Online Sampling to attain a representative sample, Change Research polled 1,662 registered voters in Indiana. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, region, and 2024 presidential vote. You can see a full methodology statement [here](#), which complies with the requirements of AAPOR's Transparency Initiative. Members of the Transparency Initiative disclose all relevant details about our research, with the principle that the public should be able to evaluate and understand research-based findings, in order to instill and restore public confidence in survey results.

- Six in ten respondents rate inflation as one of their top 3 issues, outranking all others by more than 20 percentage points. “Redrawing legislative maps” ranks last of all tested priorities, with only 7% of Indiana voters ranking it as one of their top three priorities.

## Top Priorities for State Legislators

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Q: Which of the following do you think should be the top priorities for state legislators in Indiana? Select up to THREE.



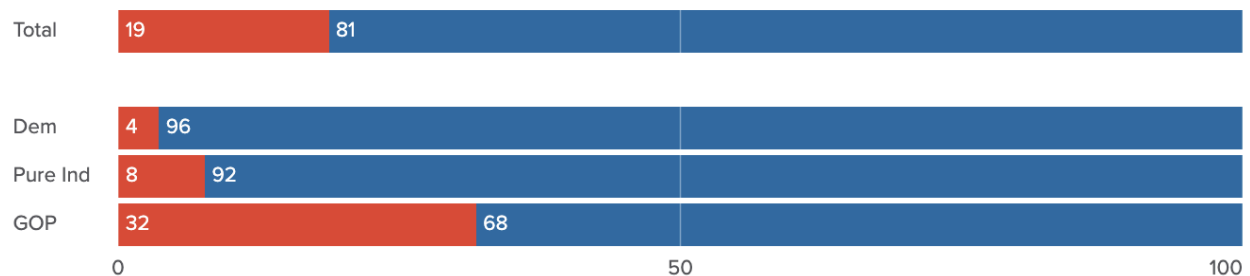
- Just 10% disagree with the idea that gerrymandering should be illegal, while 74% agree that it should be illegal—with 58% strongly agreeing.
- Similarly, 81% believe that redistricting should prioritize fairness over political gain, while only the remaining 19% believe that, because Indiana leans Republican, the Republican majority should be able to draw the maps as they wish.

## Priorities of District-Drawing

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Q: Which statement do you agree with more?

- Indiana is a mostly Republican state, so the majority should be able to draw our districts in a way that benefits Republicans whenever they want.
- Redistricting is an important process that determines how Hoosiers are represented in Washington, and should be conducted in a balanced way to ensure fairness and that our communities are not disenfranchised for political gain.



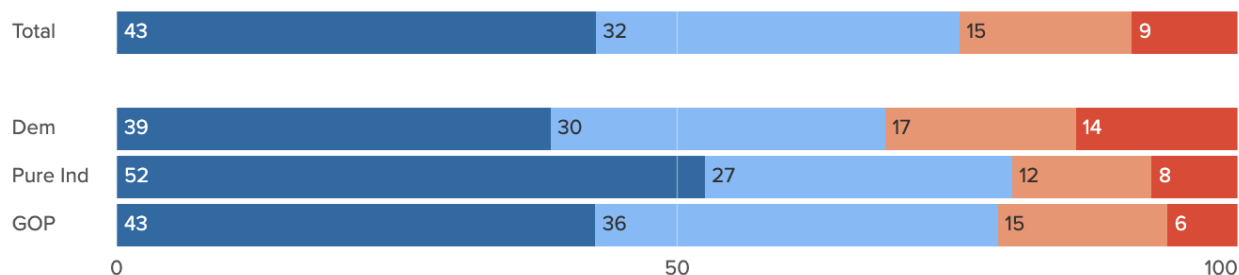
- Of all arguments for or against redistricting, the one that voters find most convincing argues that legislators should spend less time on redistricting, and more on making life better for Indiana's residents. Overall, 84% find this argument convincing, including 74% of Republicans, 84% of independents, and 97% of Democrats.
- Voters in Indiana are strongly resistant to out-of-state politicians trying to influence Indiana's politics. Three in four respondents find an argument to this effect convincing, with Republicans believing it more strongly than Democrats.

## Opposition to the Influence of Out-of-State Politicians

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Q: "Indiana should decide what our own maps look like. We don't need politicians from Washington D.C. or anywhere else meddling in our state politics or telling us what to do." Is this argument:

Very convincing Somewhat convincing Not very convincing Not at all convincing



Seen by 50% of respondents.

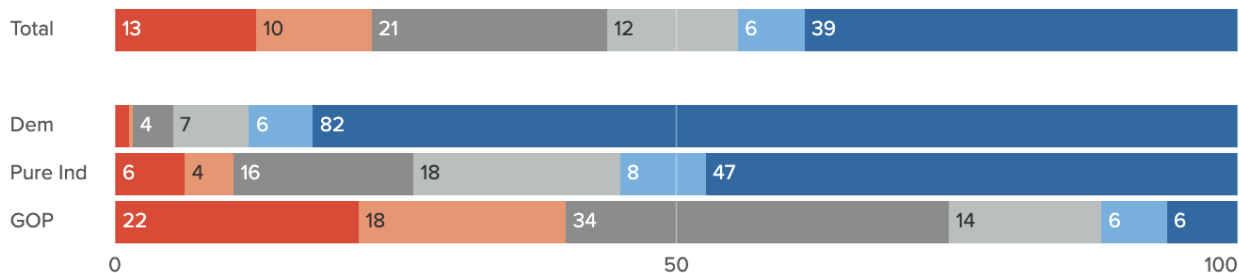
- Initially, 23% say they'd be more likely to vote for a legislator who voted to redraw the state's maps, while 45% would be less likely—including 39% who would be *much* less likely.

## Impact of Redistricting on Vote Choices

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Q: If your state representative voted for a plan to redraw Indiana's congressional maps, would you be more or less likely to vote for them when they run for reelection?

Much more likely to vote for them Somewhat more likely to vote for them No change Not sure Somewhat less likely to vote for them Much less likely to vote for them



These survey results suggest that many Hoosiers are experiencing significant financial challenges, and they want their legislators to spend their time addressing them. The results also

suggest that legislators who prioritize map-drawing over their constituents' well-being can expect to pay a significant electoral price.