Redistricting North Carolina's U.S. House Seats: District 7, 2001 v. 2011 Boundaries

2001 2011

Race Shifts 72% 2001 Boundary 2011 Boundary 15% 10% White Black Other

Ethnic Shifts

7% in 2001 boundaryV.9% in 2011 boundary

Median Age

38.9 in 2001 boundary V. **39.5** in 2011 boundary

Deviation from Ideal District Size Prior to Redistricting

2010 Population 742,938

Ideal District Size 733,499

Difference from Ideal 9,439

% Difference from Ideal 1.3%

District 7 is located in the southeastern tip of North Carolina. The current District 7 includes parts of 11 different counties, ranging from Johnston County at the northern tip, to Brunswick County at the southern tip.

In 2010, the old 7th District was very close to the ideal district size, containing only 9,440 or 1.3% more individuals than the ideal size. Yet District 7 went through radical boundary changes in the 2011 redistricting. It lost Pender and Robeson counties, Wilmington, and the suburbs of Fayetteville during redistricting.

The exclusion of these counties caused a shift in the 7th Congressional District's racial/ethnic makeup. In 2010, nearly 8% of the old 7th District's population identified as American Indian/Alaska Native, the highest share among the state's districts. due to concentrations of Native American individuals in Robeson County. Following redistricting, only 2% of the 7th District's population identified as American Indian/Alaska Native. (Individuals identifying American Indian/Alaska Native are included in the Other race category in the "Race Shifts" chart).

Data Source: 2010 Census

