My name is Paul Miller. I posted a congressional redistricting plan proposal to the ORC site on September 15 with the endorsement of the Patriot Party of Ohio. Upon learning that it didn't meet all the constitutional criteria, I completed a revised map and submitted it the following day.

After learning that the advice given me by a representative of the office of the co-chair was actually unnecessary, I decided to produce a more compact map, which was then submitted to the ORC on October 10. Yet for some reason, the ORC hasn't recognized my submission after numerous attempts, including one by the organization Ohioans Defending Freedom which has endorsed it and submitted it independently of my efforts, and despite that 11 other submissions have been accepted and posted since then. I am here today to testify on behalf of this plan.

On October 6, I published my 105-page report on the Democrats' deliberate efforts to gerrymander Ohio's districts. This report has been delivered in some form or another to the majority of the members of the commission, is open to the public, and is gaining traction among independent media outlets. This is a national issue and I am not going to stop making a fuss about it, despite suppression efforts. Tens of thousands of people across the country have heard what I have to say, but to date, no one has contested any one of my claims, nor the facts upon which they are based.

The truth, as I have proved with my report, is that Ohio's current congressional districts map does not fit the definition of gerrymandering, as routinely alleged, though to the untrained eye it certainly appears so. The truth is that the question of gerrymandering can quickly and easily be resolved without any subjectivity or partisan bias by a simple mathematical calculation, the formula for which I have made public. Furthermore, it can be represented graphically so that any layman can understand it, which I have also done, not just for Ohio, but for all 50 states.

That the map which the ORC has blocked me from posting is also the most compact of any of the submissions, is by design. But the fact that it is also quantitatively the least gerrymandered flies in the face of the fact that it has been called a "Republican gerrymander" in documents submitted through the same channels. If such demonstrably false commentary is allowed to be presented, then it is only fair that my statistical analysis which thoroughly debunks it should also be.

I will not bother you with all the details, as they are readily available in my report and in the addendum which shows that the OCRC are lying through their teeth and they know it. At best, their proportional representation argument which they only seem to want to apply to red states is not at all better fitted to the constitutional requirement in Ohio that voters' historical statewide preferences by party be taken into account than trying to fit the districts to the statewide average of margins is, as I have demonstrated empirically with my uniform distribution curves. And the statistical variance of these districts margins is an objective measure of the amount of gerrymandering. Here are the numbers:

The statistical variance of the current Ohio congressional districts margins is 675.3. The variance of the Senate Democrats' plan is 720.4. Put another way, the Democrats' plan is demonstrably 7% more gerrymandered than the current map could be said to be, without even accounting for the constitutional requirements necessitating some measure of variance. The variance of the OCRC's plan is 752.3, which means it's 11% more gerrymandered than the current one could said to be. And this increase is not a coincidence, but a mathematical necessity of taking half of the districts in a state with a 6-point historical margin favoring one party and handing them over to the other party. You simply can't do it

without diluting the votes of the majority party, which is to deliberately favor one party and disfavor the other, the very definition of an unlawful gerrymander in our state's constitution.

I could stand here for hours and make the case, refuting each and every one of the activist groups' points, but I already have. Only know that the process which they have initiated here and have already completed elsewhere has made Pennsylvania the second-most gerrymandered state in the union, as I have proved empirically in my report. Heed my words: if they have their way here, Ohio will beat Pennsylvania for this dishonor. Their goal is to make Ohio the second-most gerrymandered state in the union, and they cannot argue otherwise because they know that numbers do not lie.

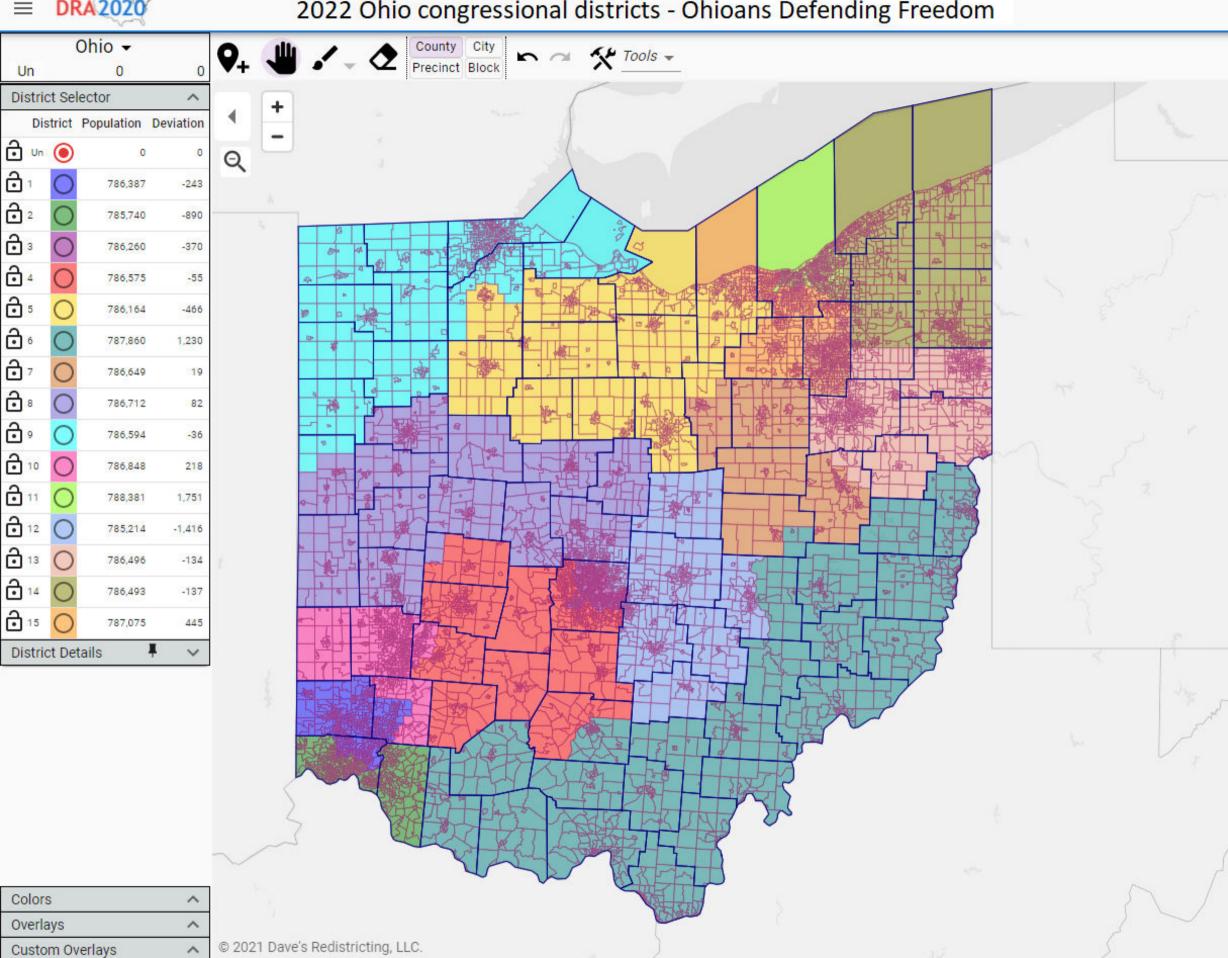
On the other hand, you have the opportunity to turn Ohio into the blueprint for constitutional reform done right, for other states to follow. My revised map which the ORC has accepted as a submission has a variance value of 605. The perfected compact map which it has not has a variance value of 608. Unlike the Democrats' plans which increase the amount of gerrymandering over Ohio's current map, either of mine reduces it by more than 10%. Put simply, you won't get a better map unless the limitations drafted by the same Democrat activists before you here and established by the constitutional reform referendum are lifted or replaced with something less counterproductive to the goal of ending gerrymandering.

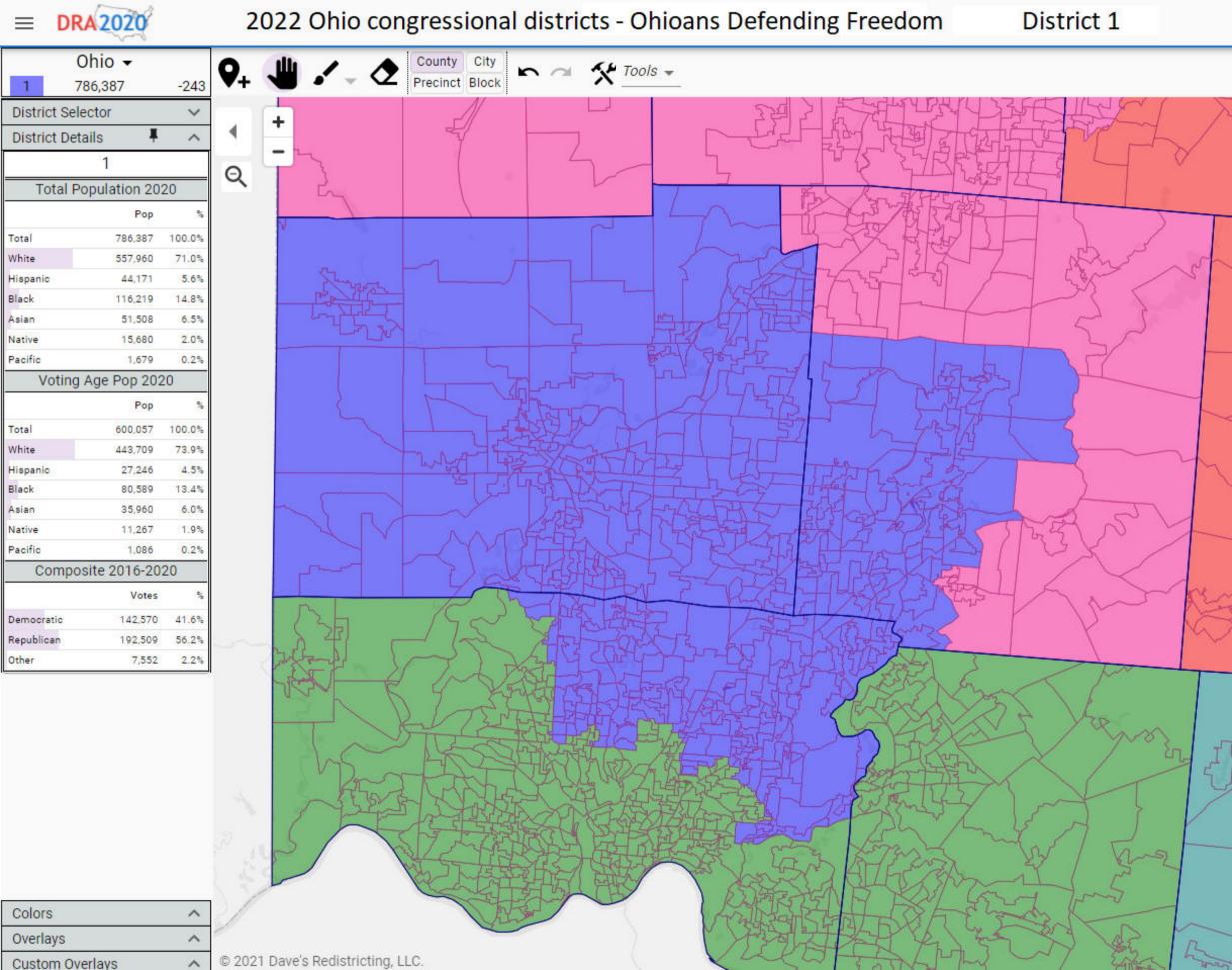
I realize this will not sit well with the activists and with Democrats voters and politicians, as it means they won't have their way because there aren't enough judicial activists on our state's supreme court to upend the process, but it is the inevitable result of a strict adherence to the guidelines they've given us, which are now the strictest in the nation. Since no one else seems to want to follow them and everyone else is more concerned with partisan politics than with sound reasoning and empirical proofs, I don't believe the ORC has any other choice but to adopt my map for ten years, or else allow the public to see just how disingenuous the calls for fairness from the minority party are by voting along party lines and letting the general assembly handle it. Either way, of the people here today who are not elected officials, I alone am here to represent the good people of Ohio and their interests, which include fair districts, fair representation, and the will of the majority over partisan concerns. Now that I've said my piece, it's up to the members of this commission whether they are here to do the same.

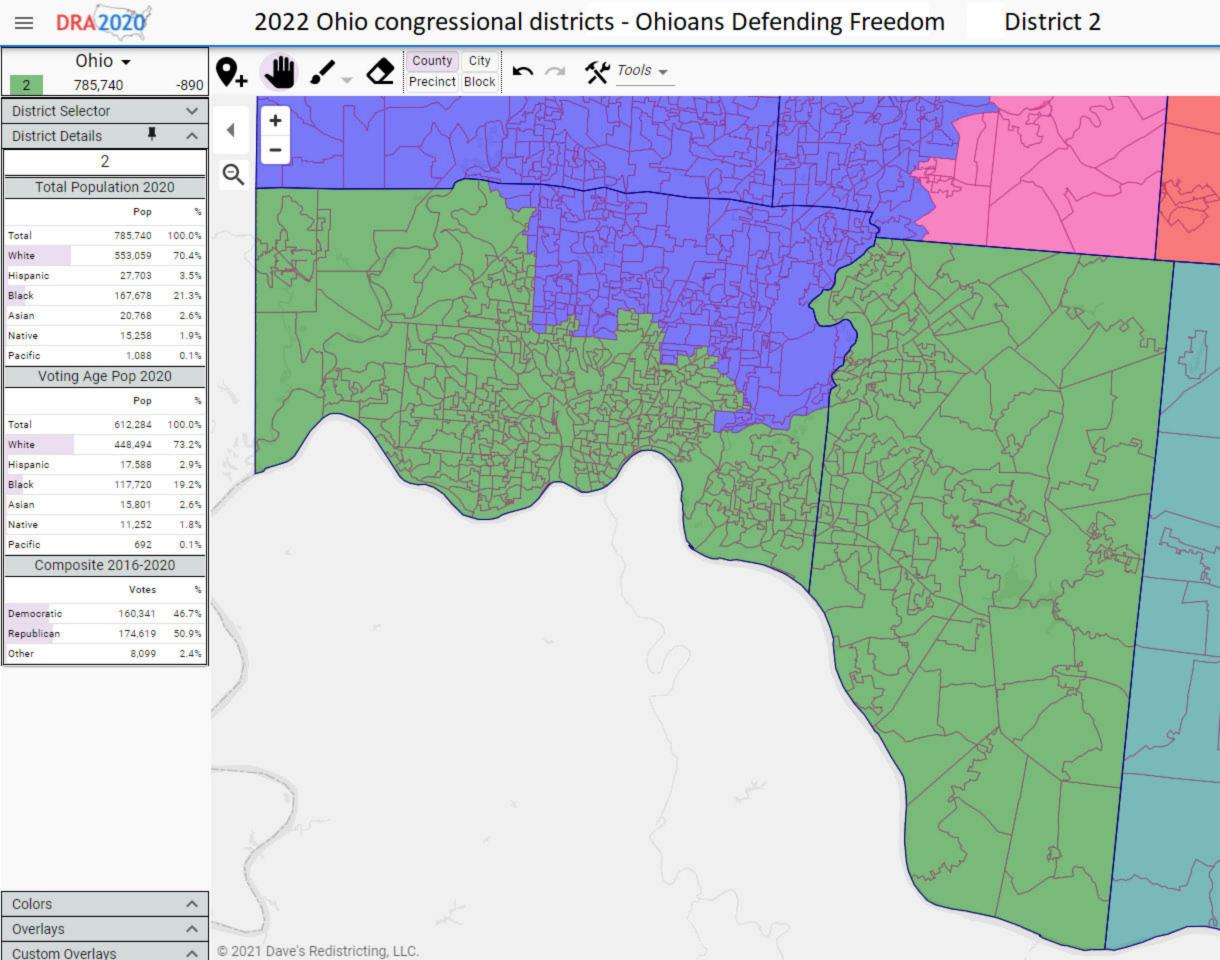
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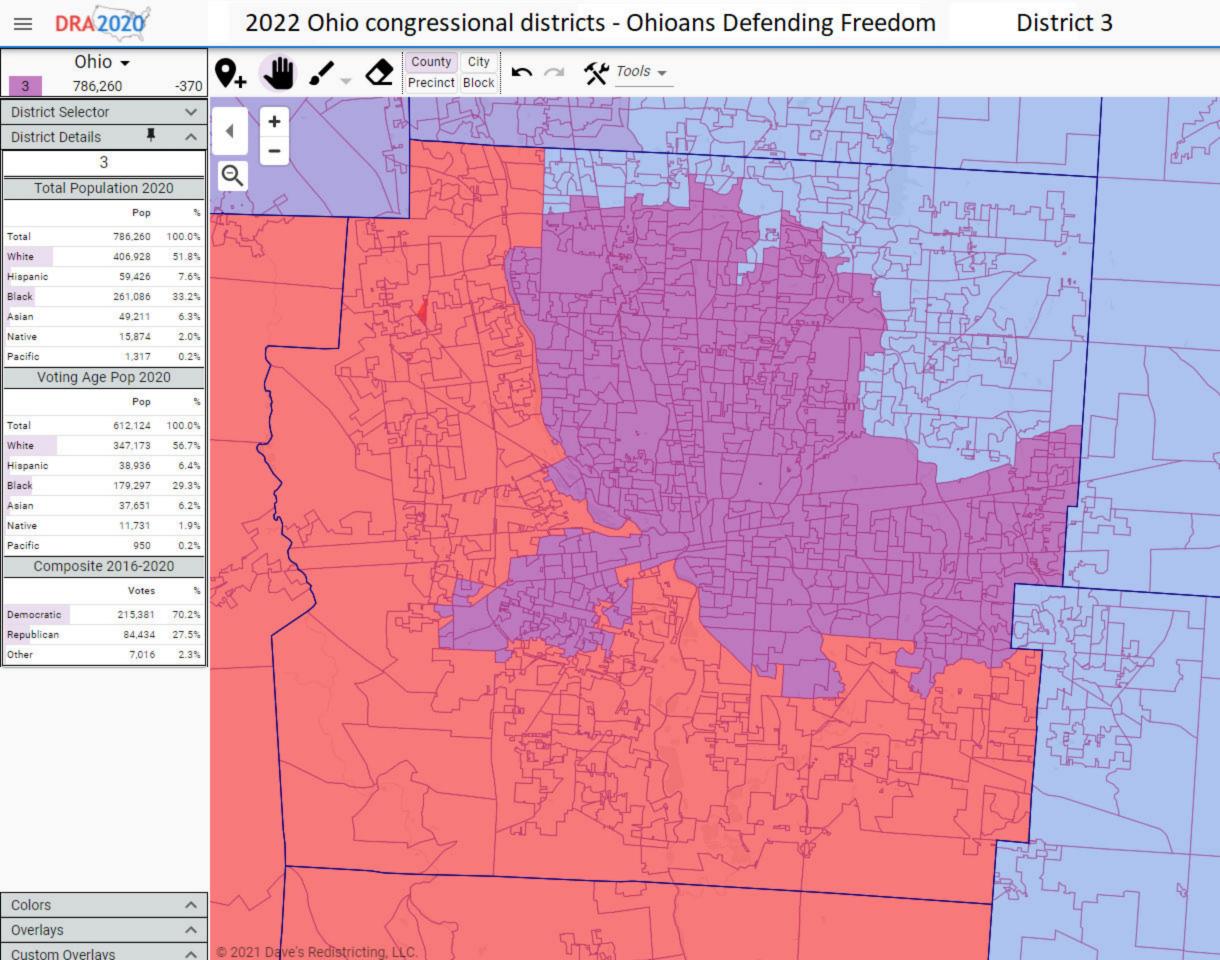


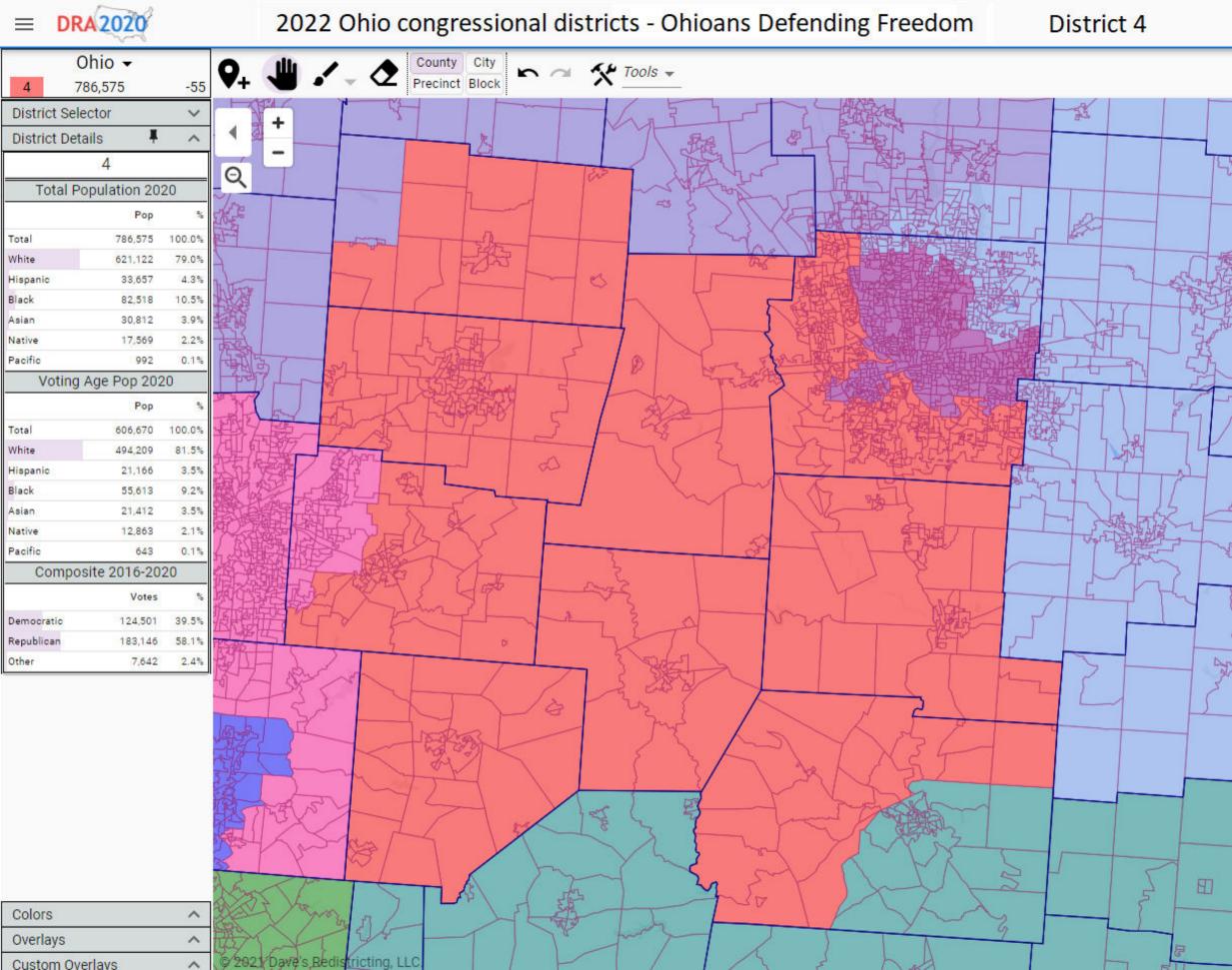
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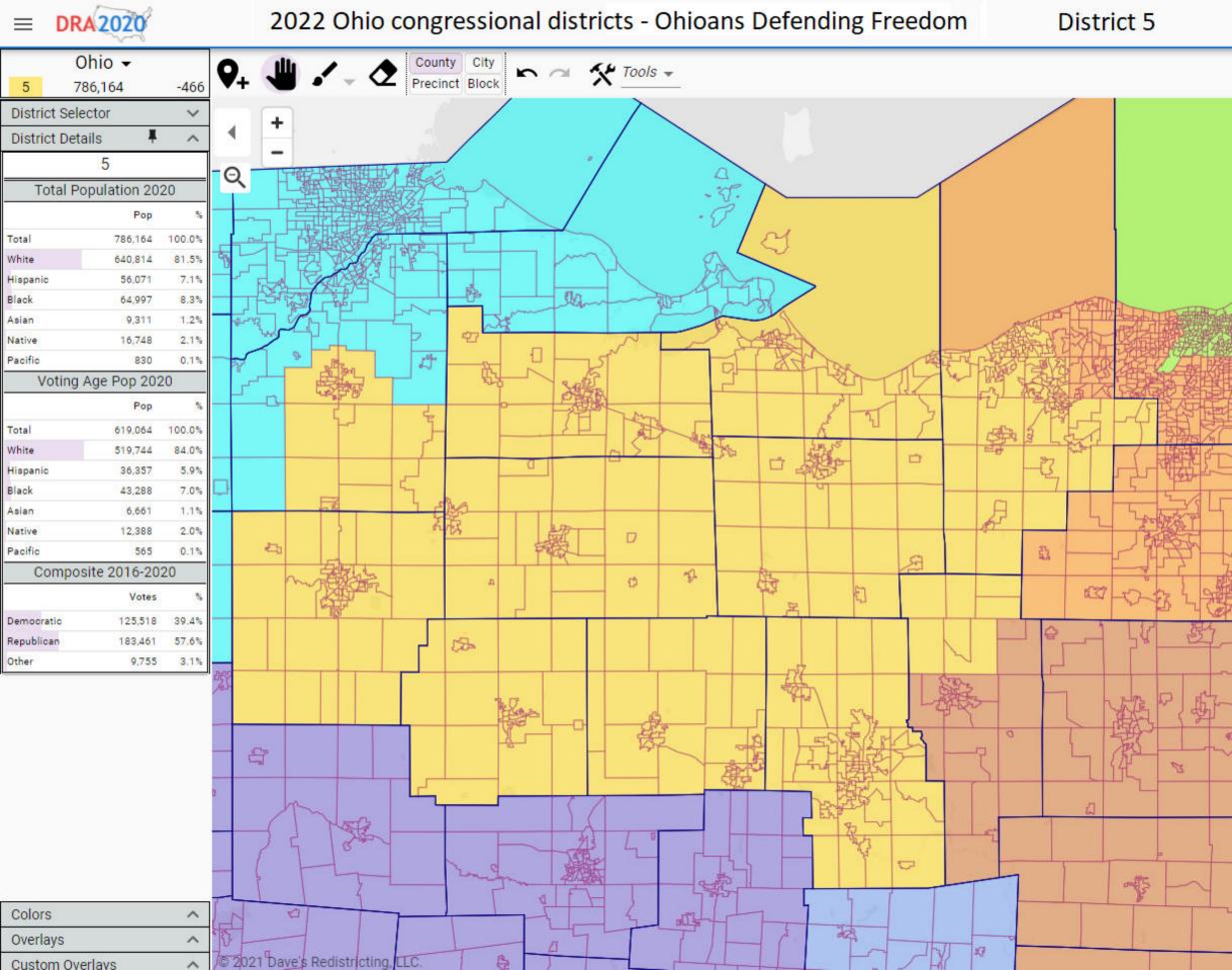


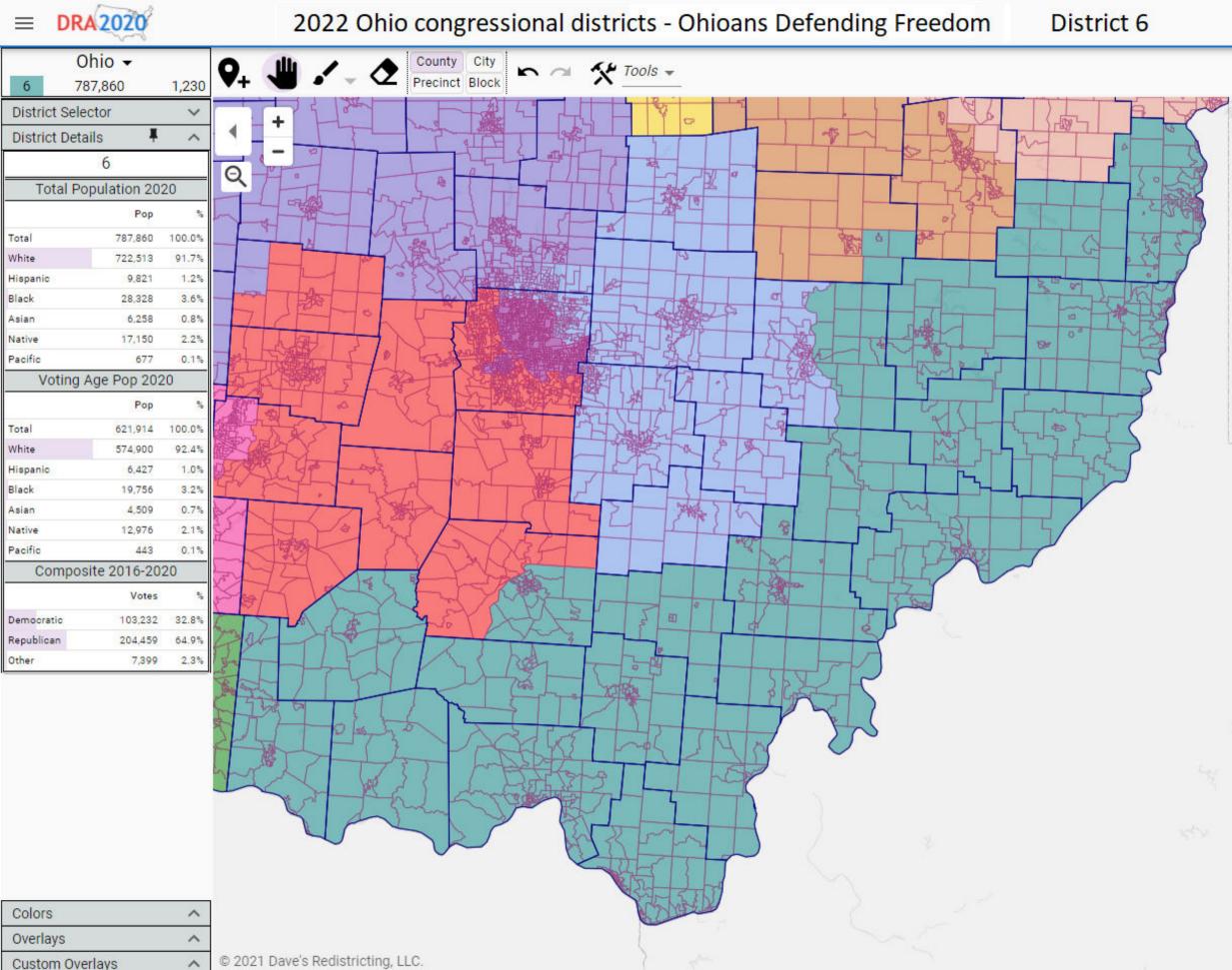


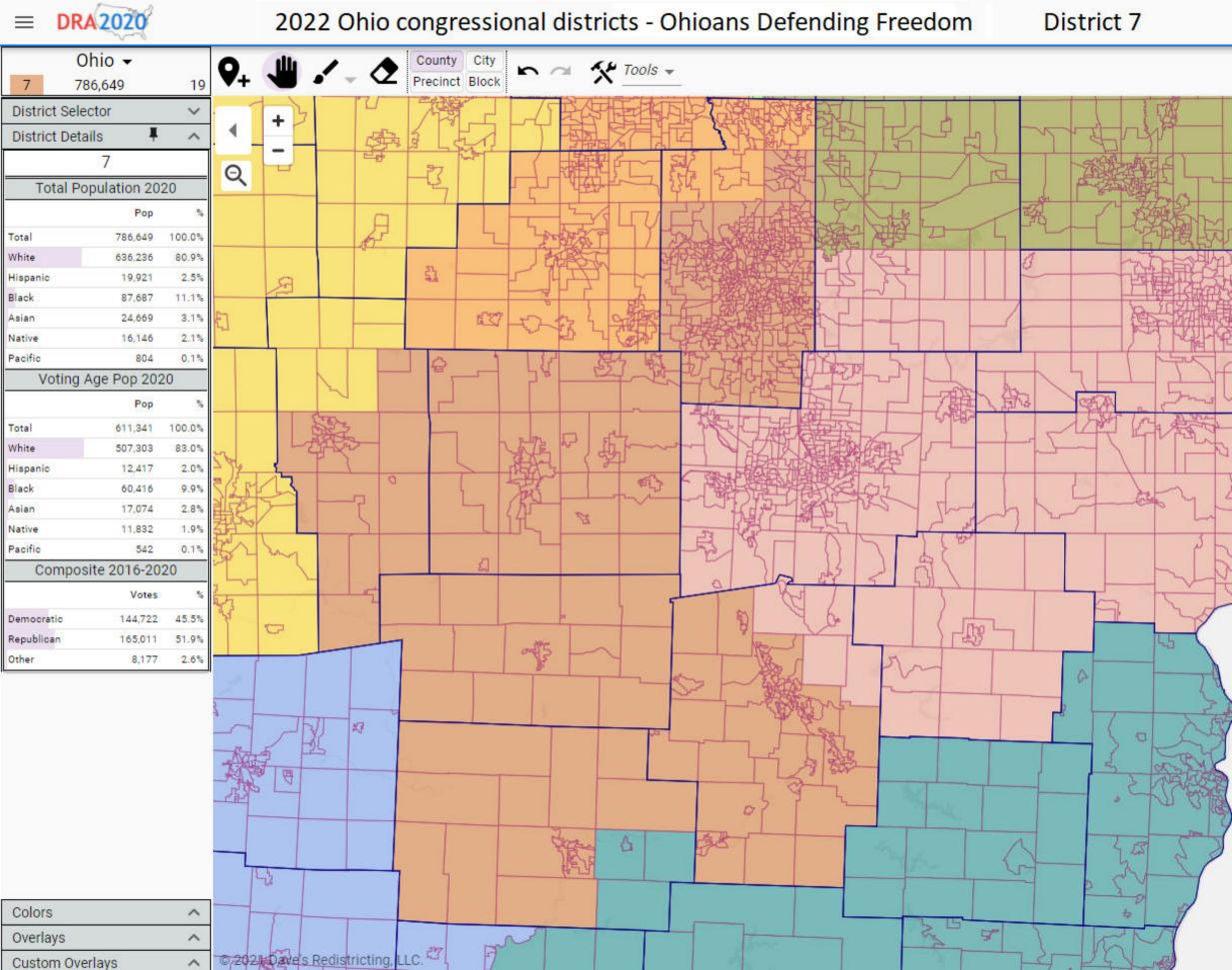


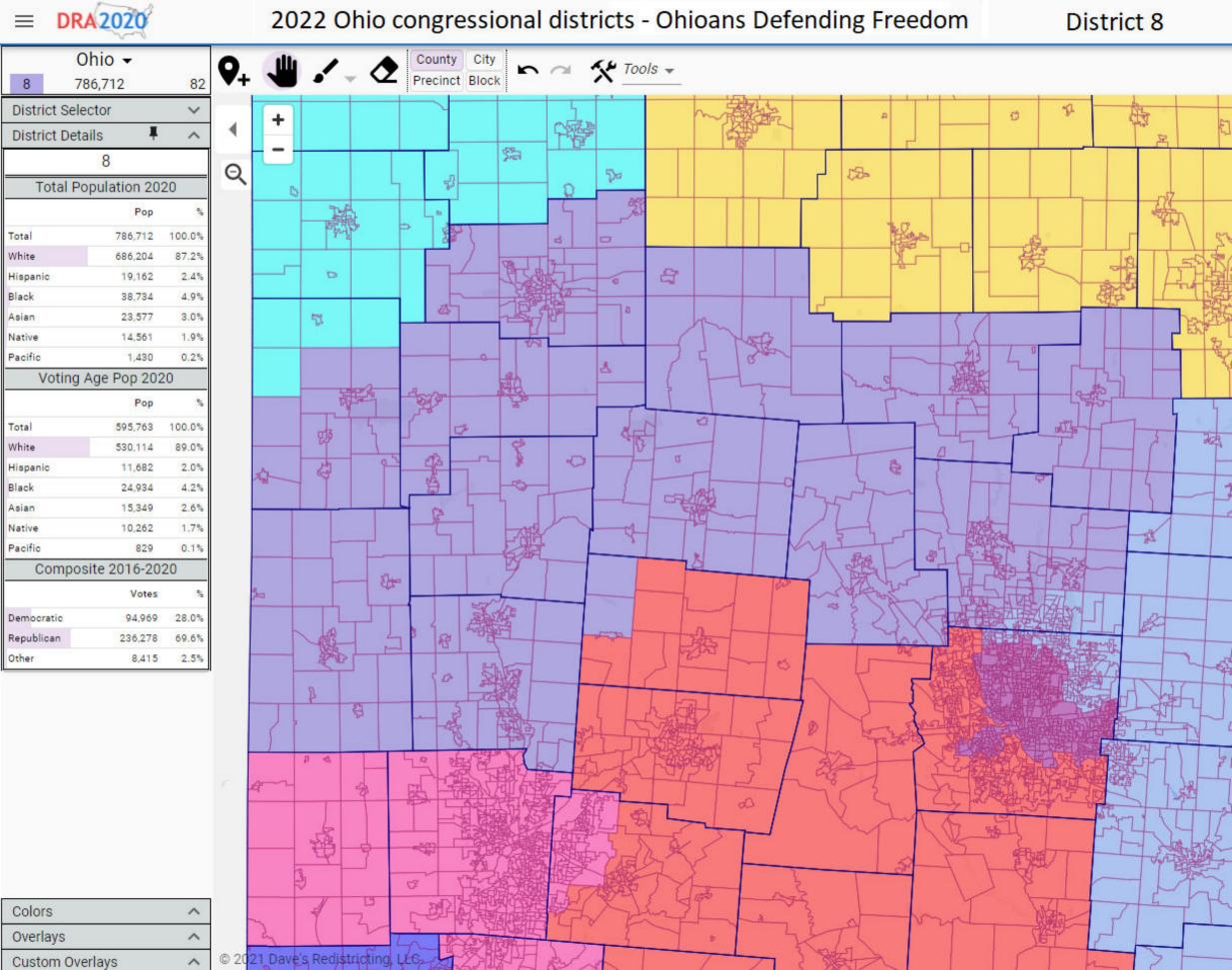


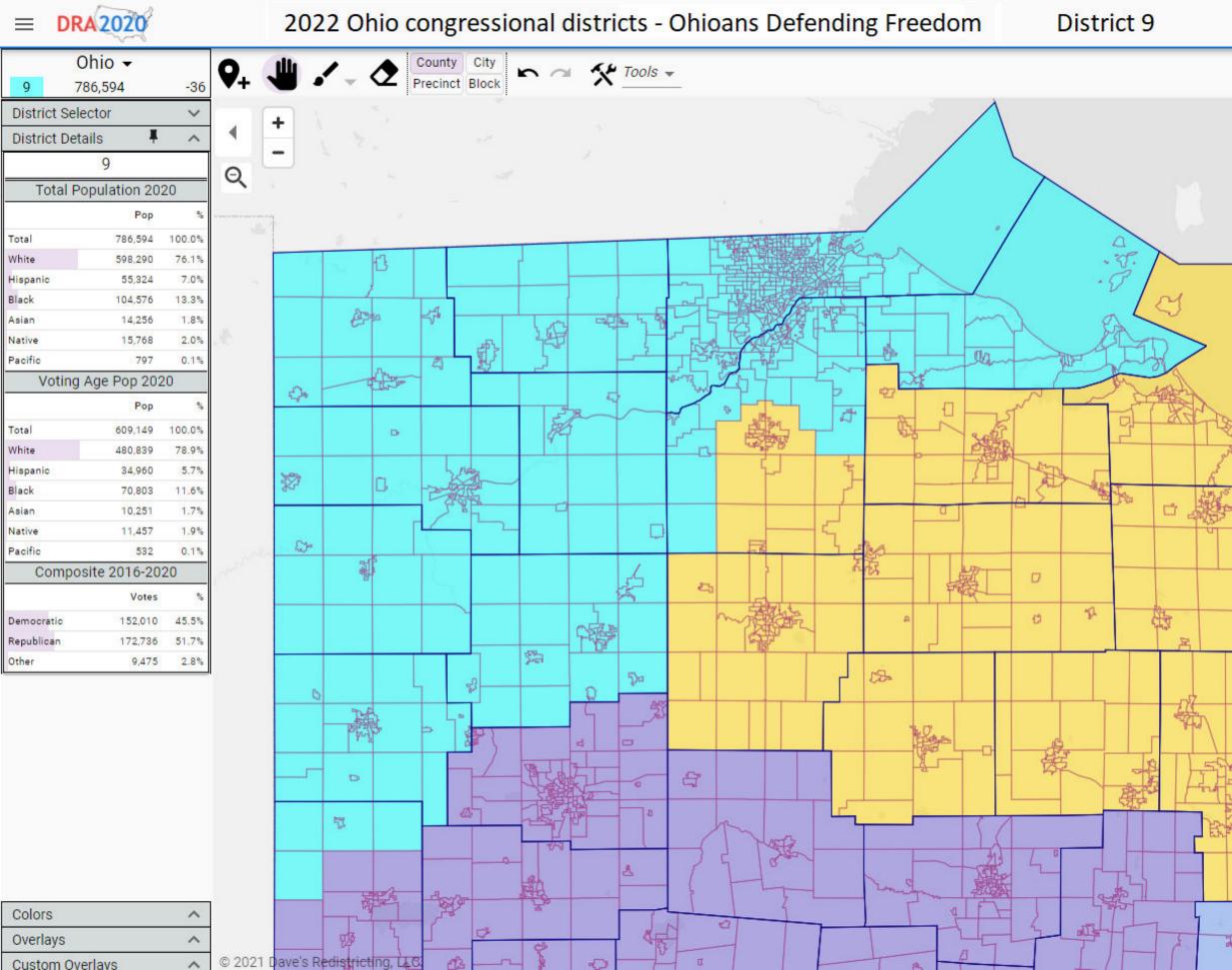


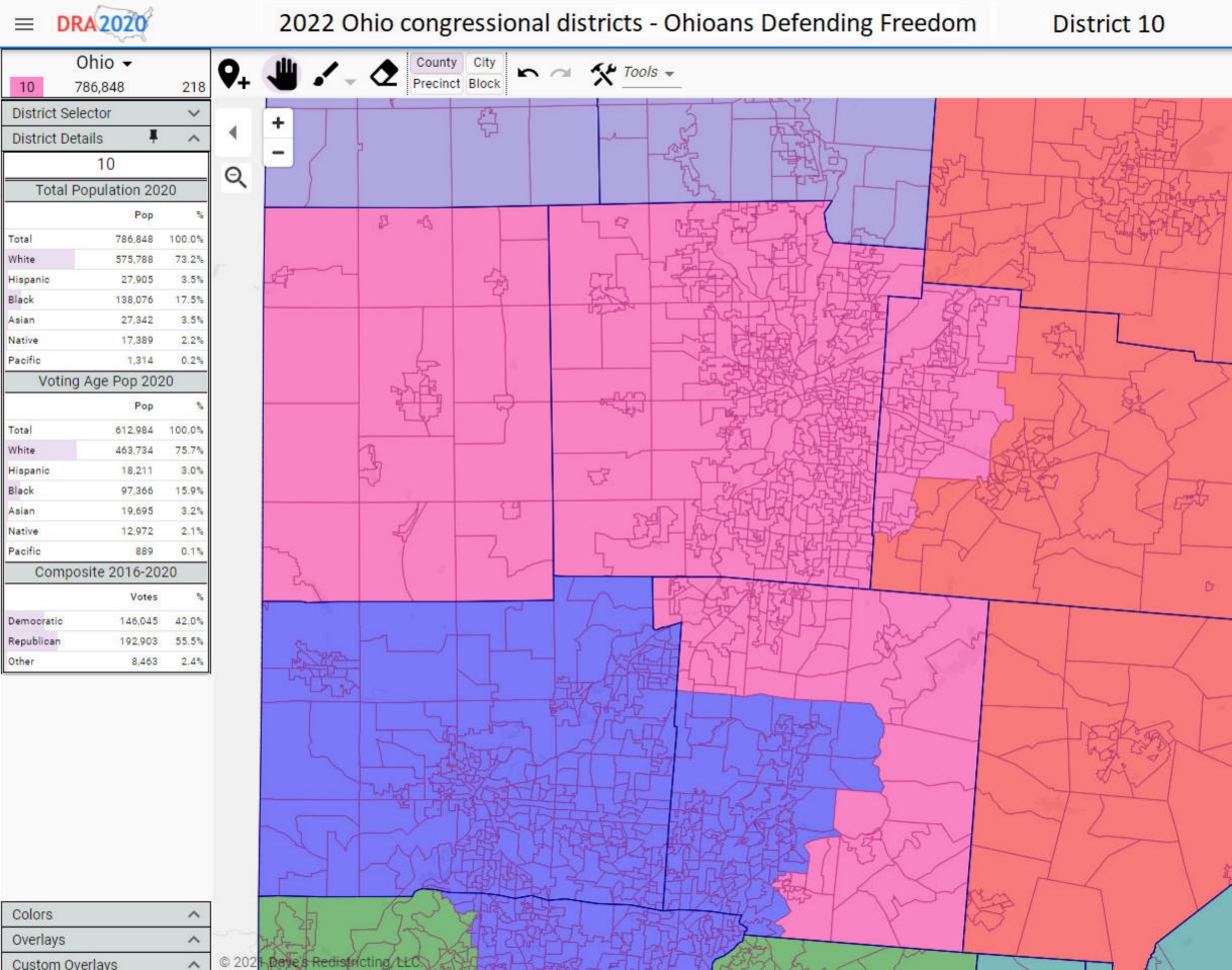


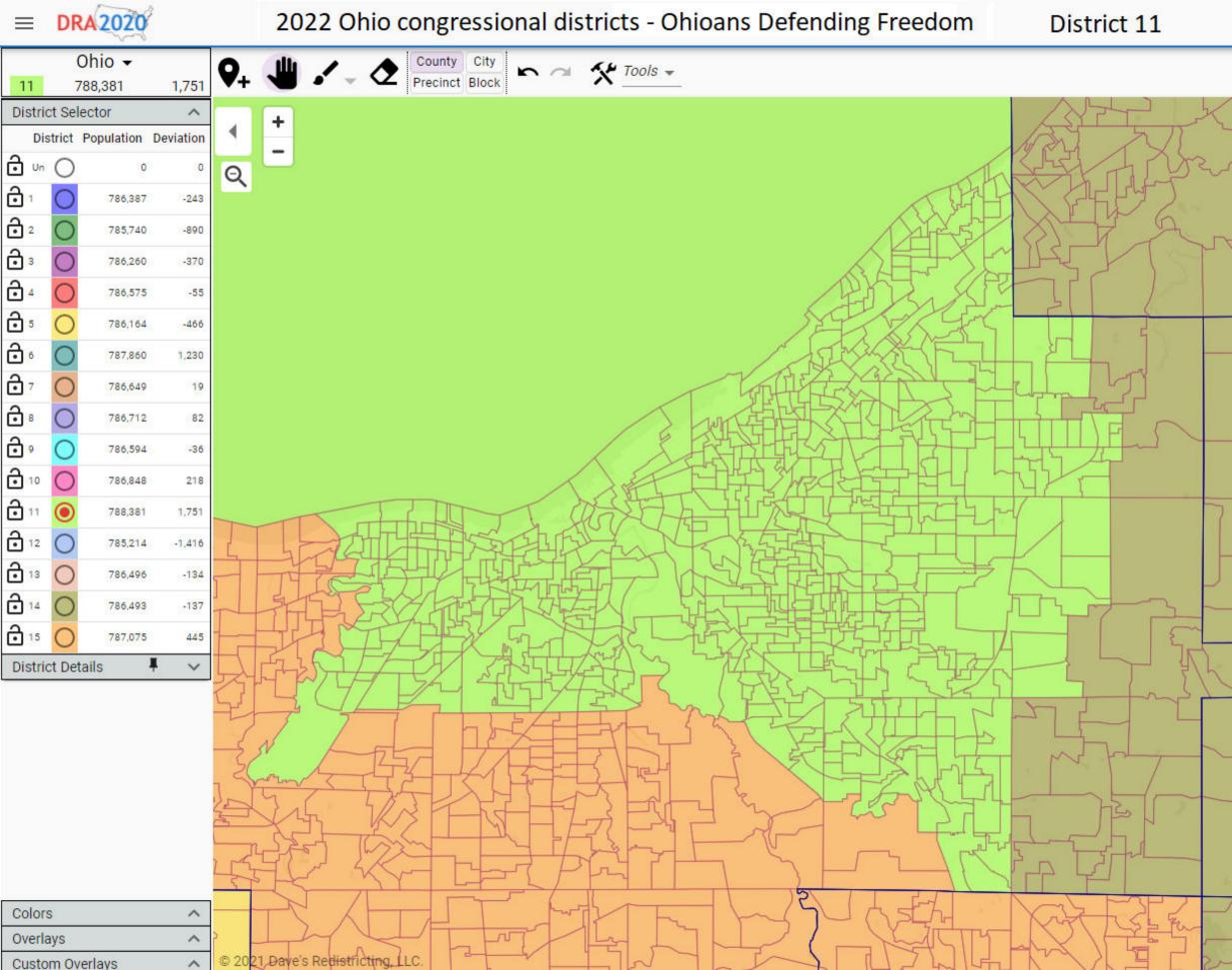


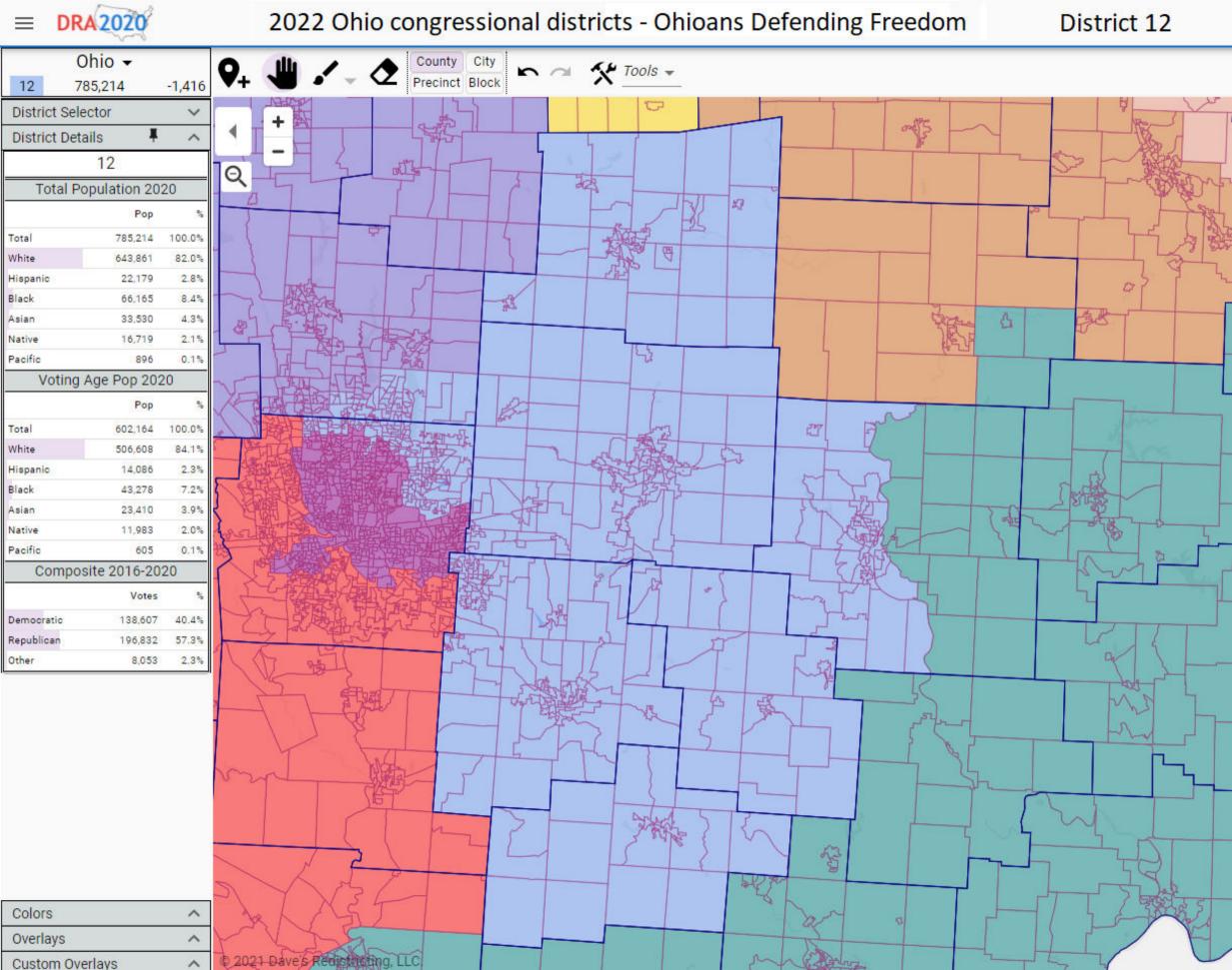


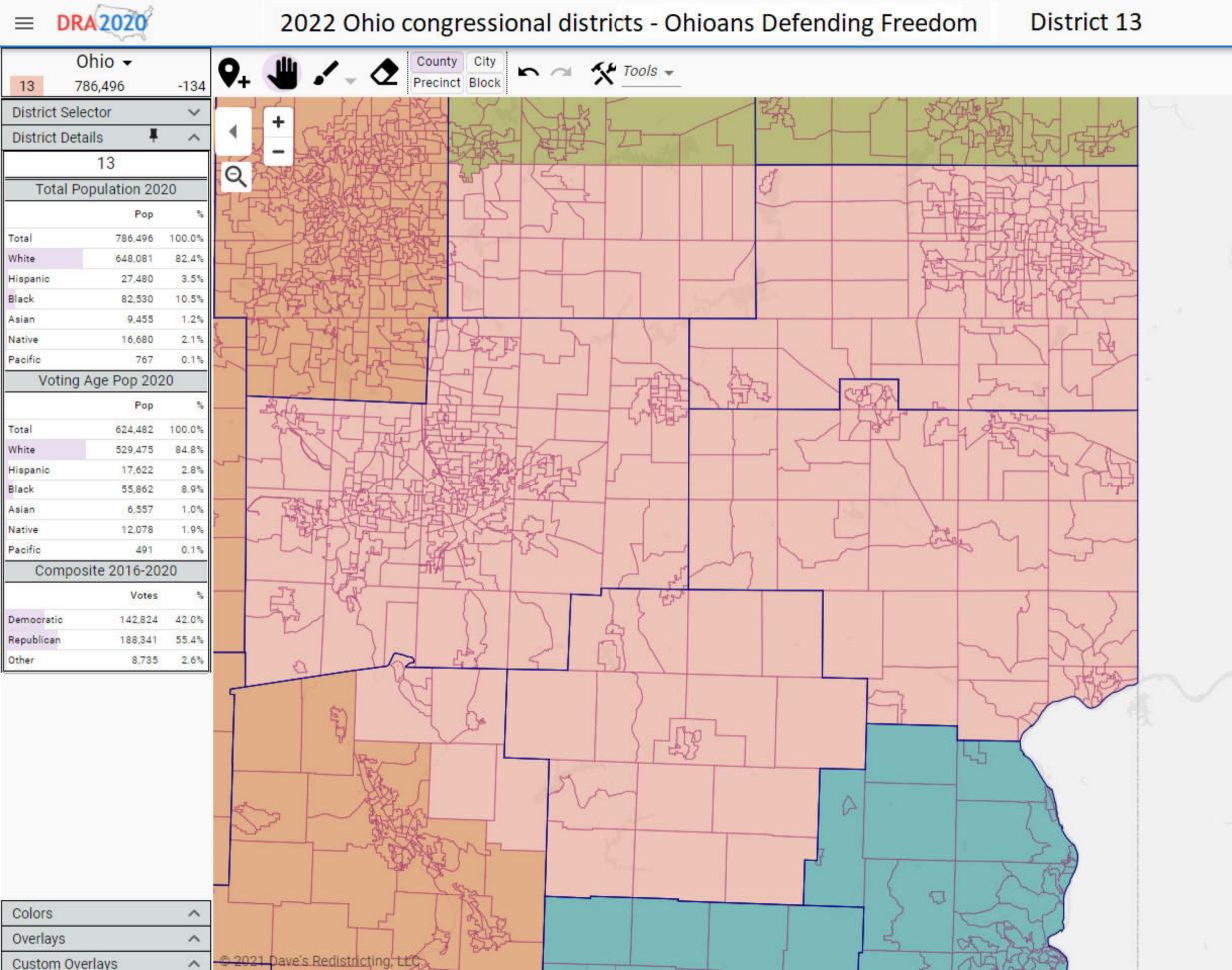


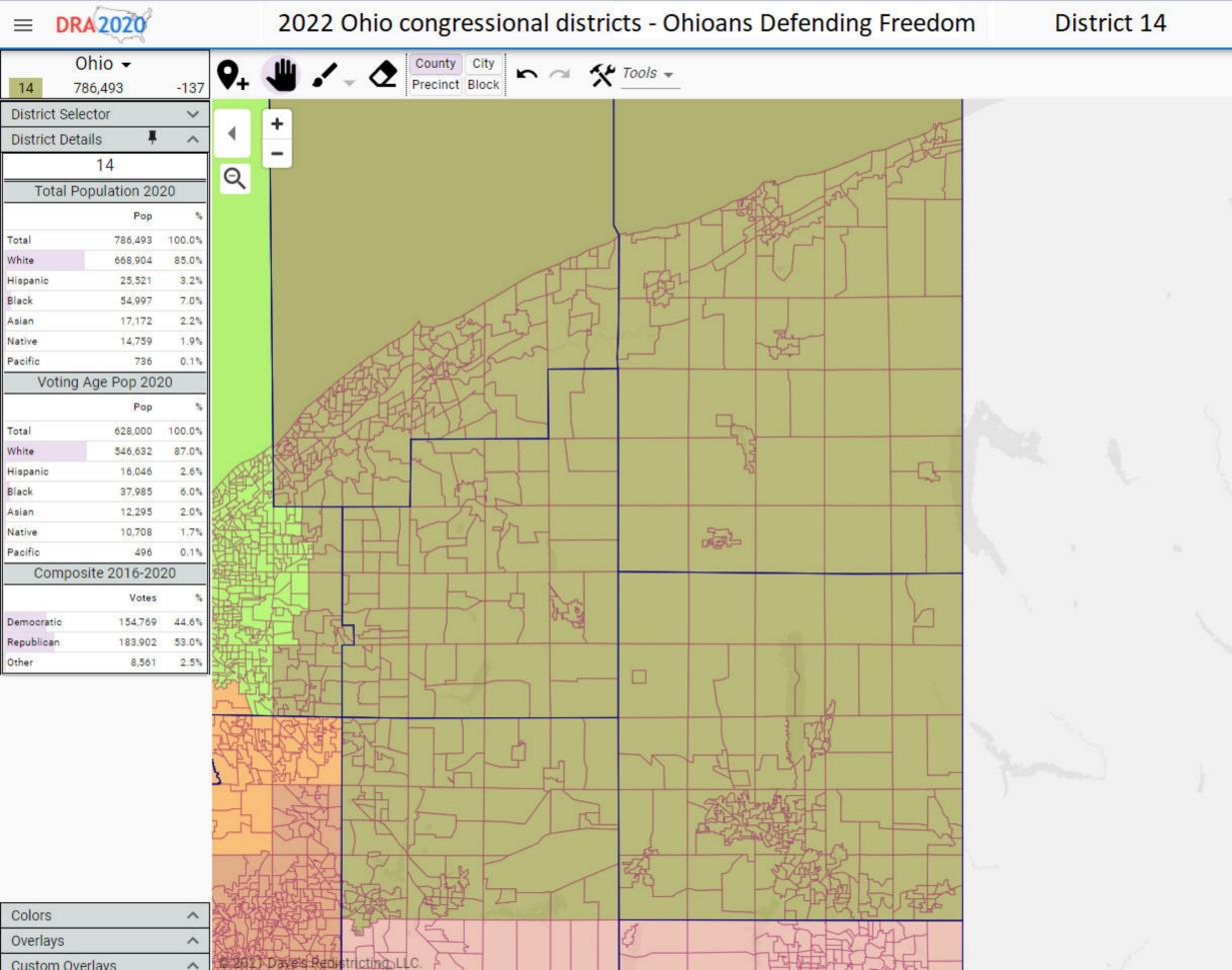


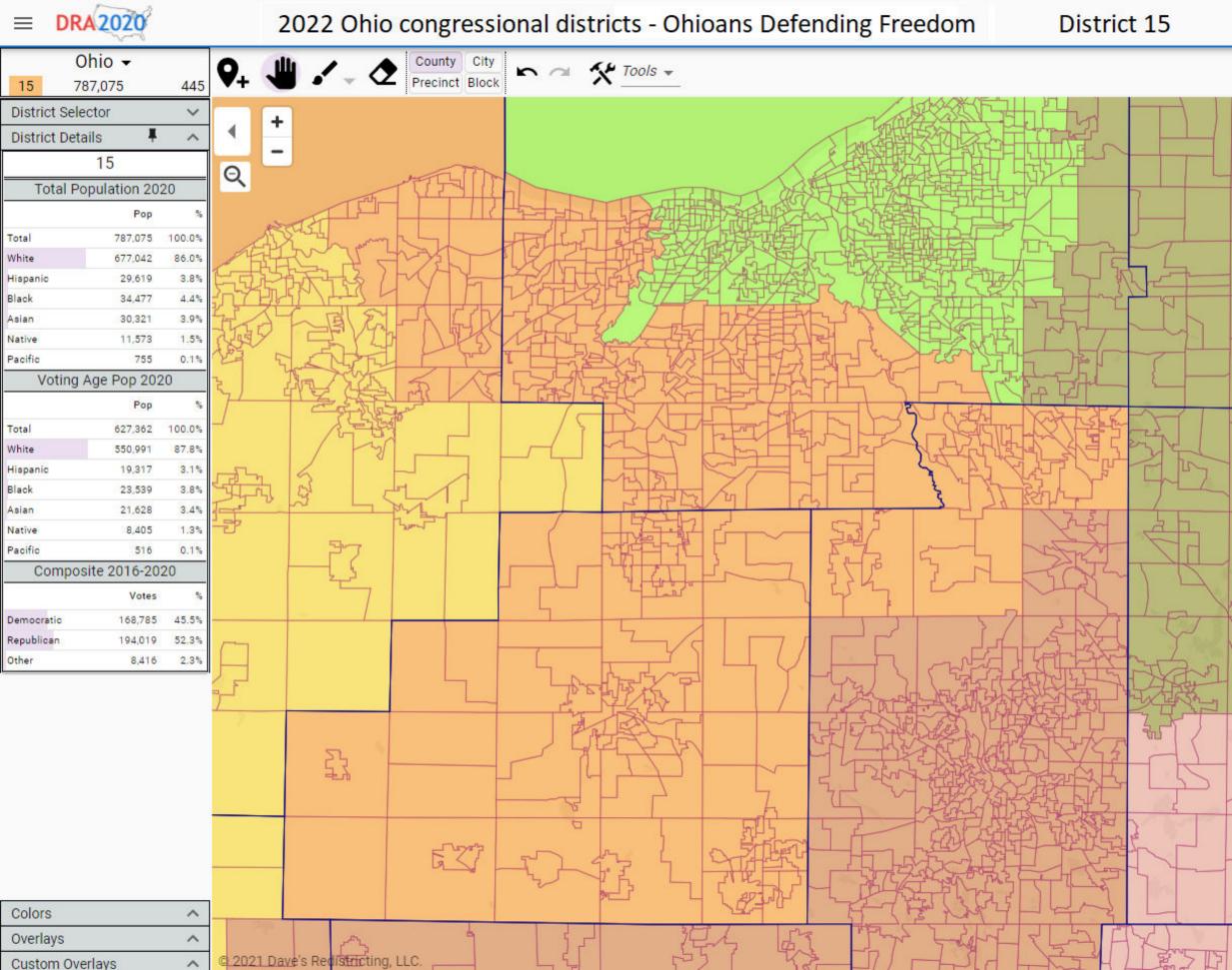


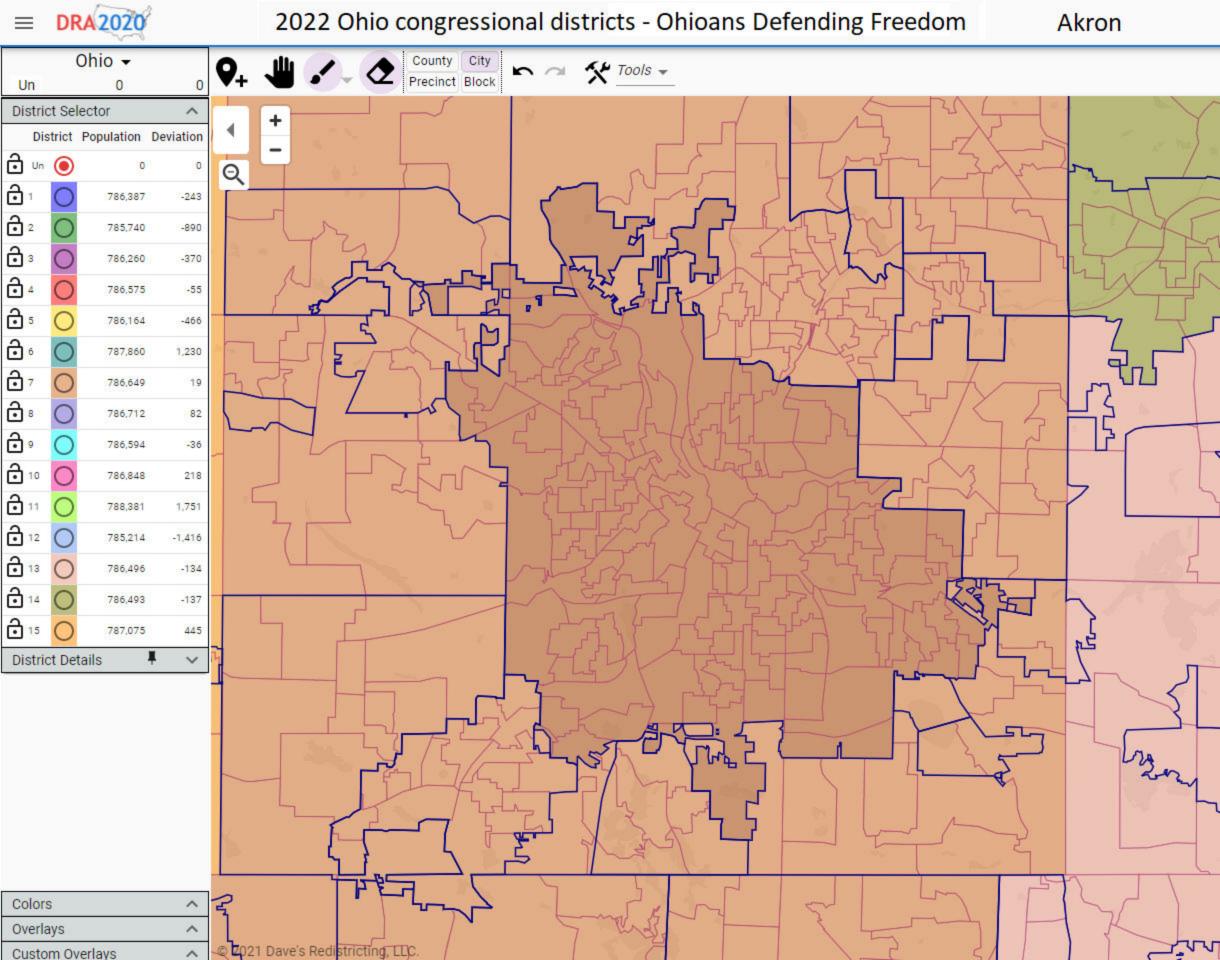


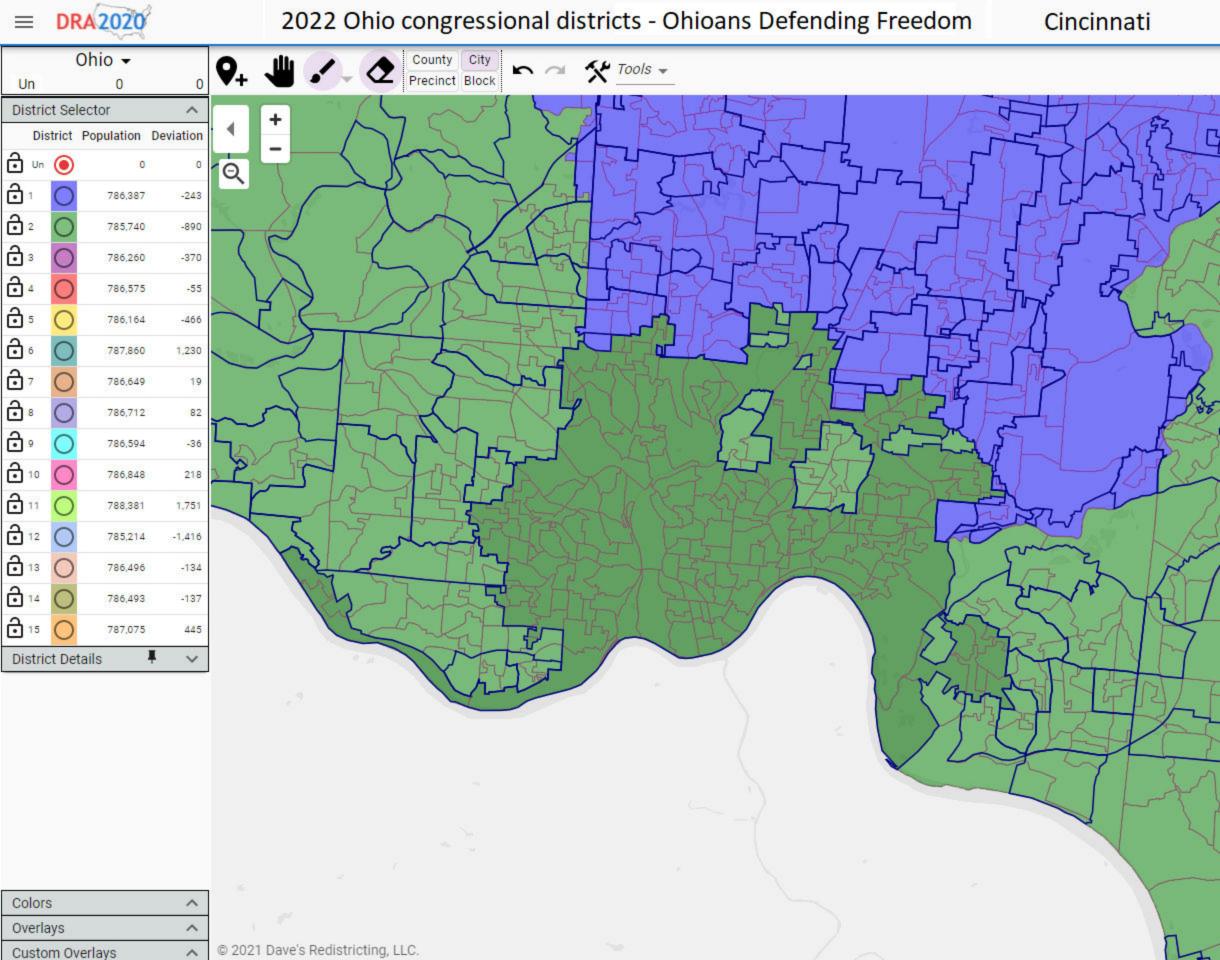


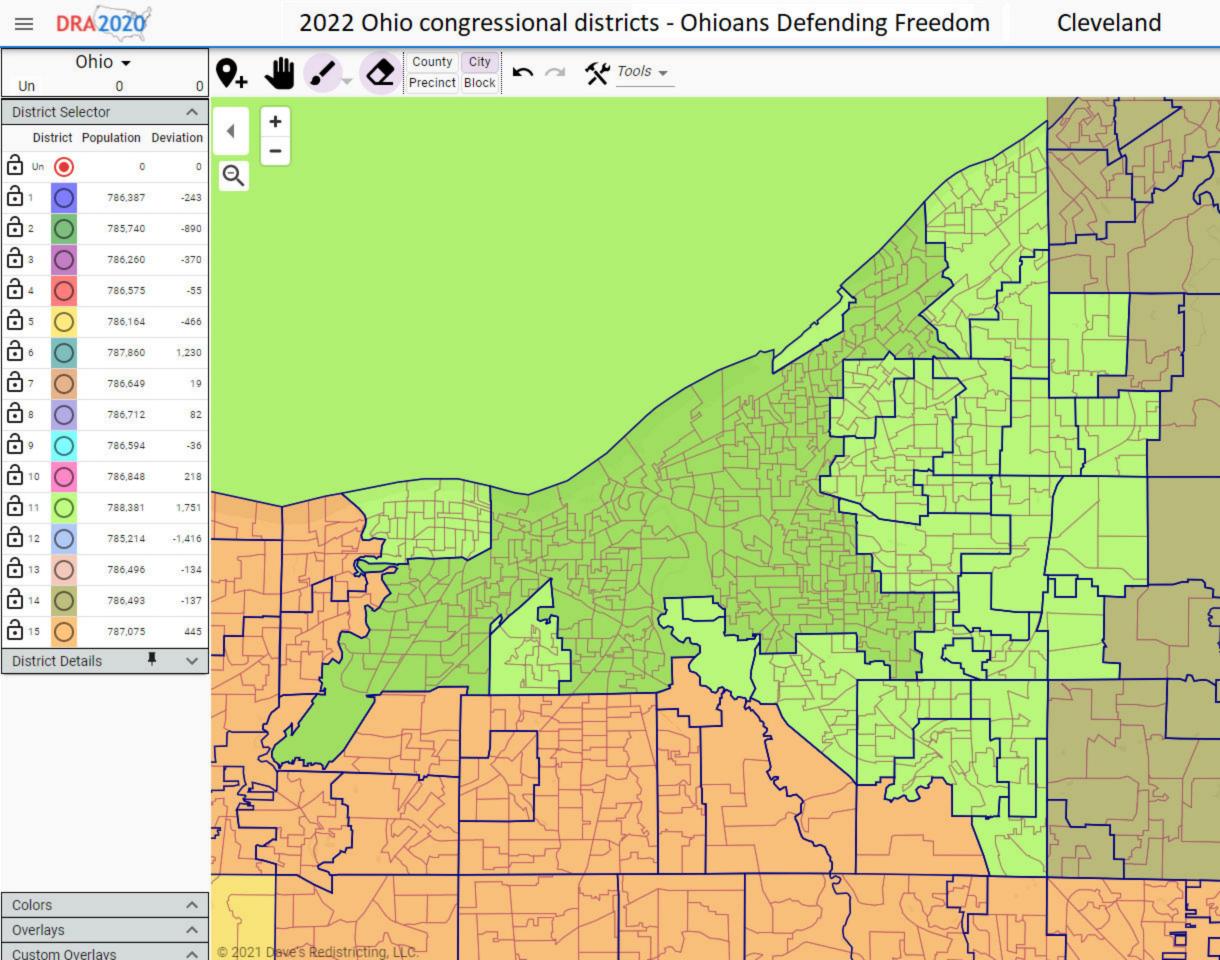


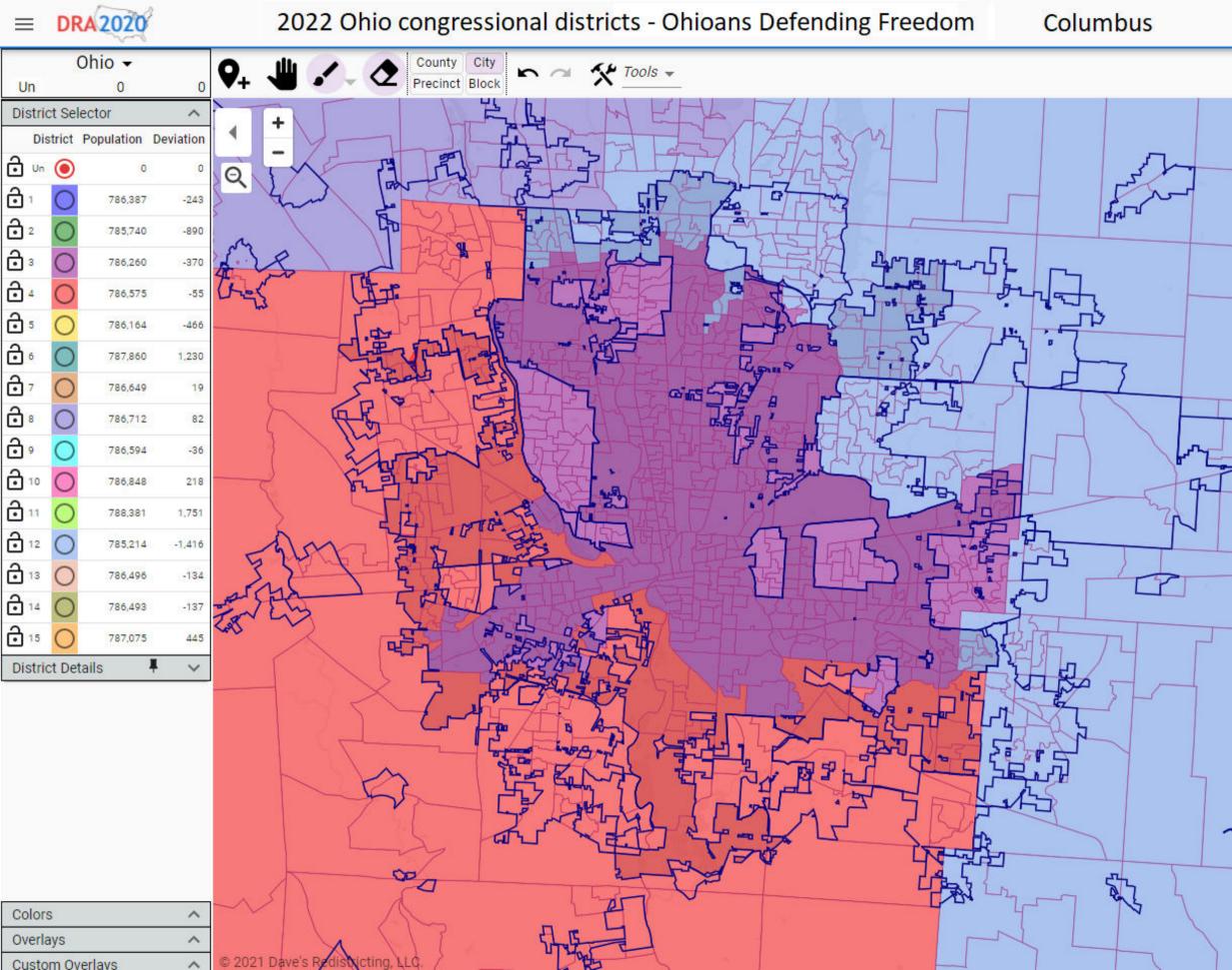


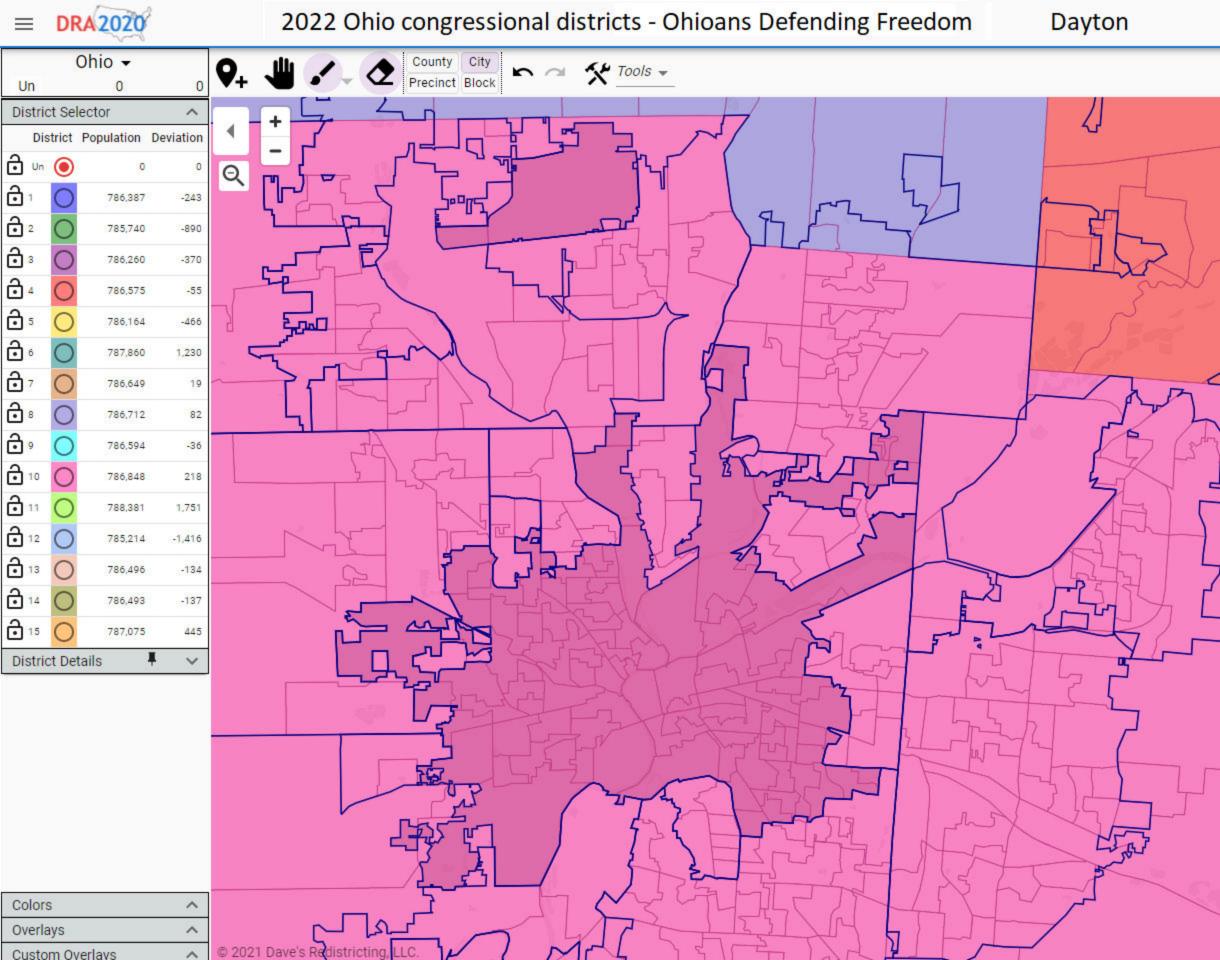


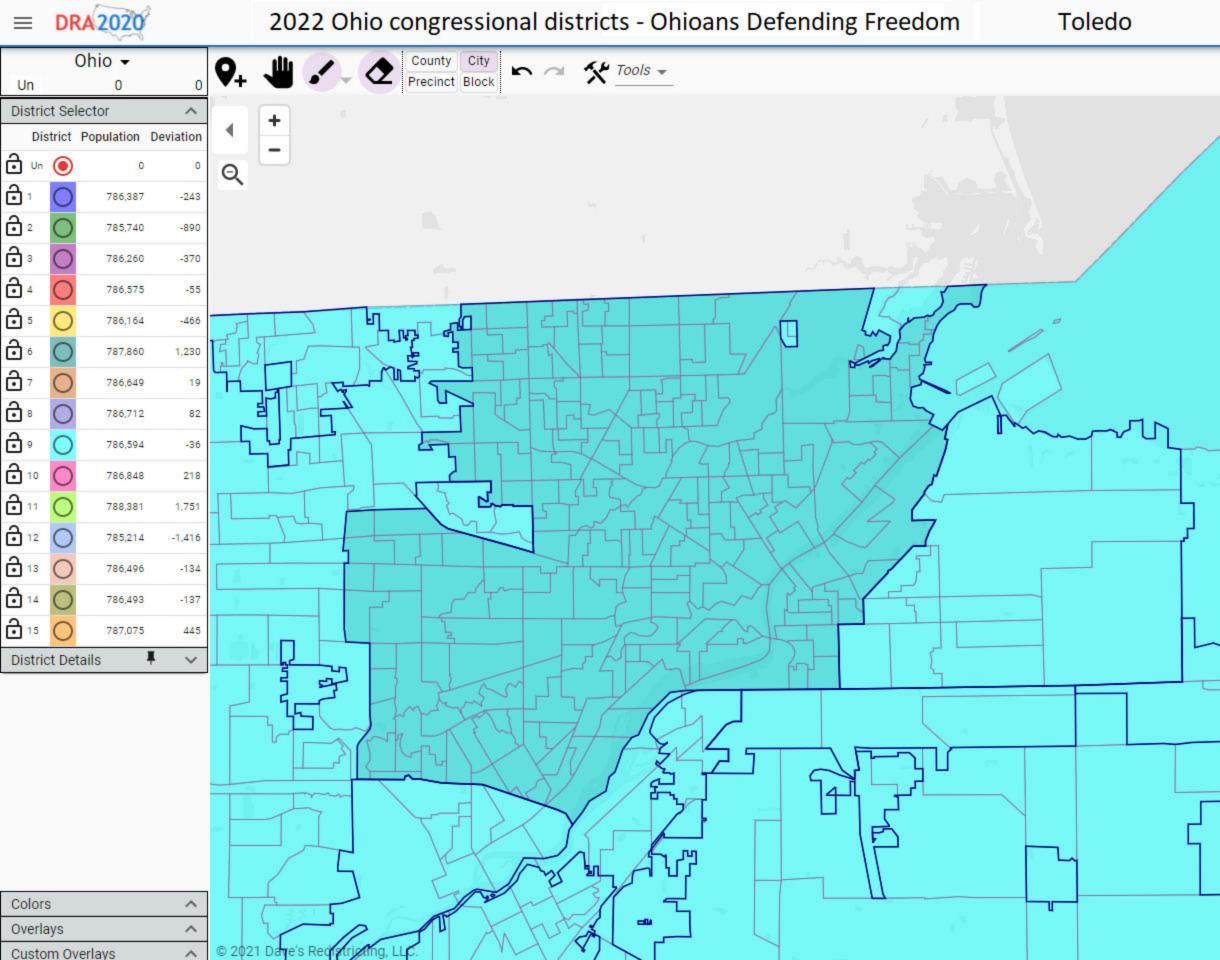




























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## Requirements

Redistricting maps must typically satisfy four constraints.

Check		Description					
Complete	<b>Ø</b>	All precincts are assigned to districts					
• Contiguous		All precincts in districts are connected					
Free of holes		No districts are embedded in others					
• Equal population	•	Districts have roughly equal populations					

### Rating

This map meets basic requirements.

#### Notes

- The 0.4% population deviation is within the 0.75% threshold tolerated by the courts.
- For more information on redistricting in Ohio, see Brennan Center for Justice: Ohio Guide to Redistricting, Princeton Gerrymandering Project: Ohio Redistricting Reform, and Ballotpedia: Redistricting in Ohio.









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Un	0				0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
1	786,387	-0.03%		<b>Ø</b>	41.61%	56.19%	2.20%	600,057	73.94%	26.06%	4.54%	13.43%	5.99%	1.88%	0.18%
2	785,740	-0.11%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	46.74%	50.90%	2.36%	612,284	73.25%	26.75%	2.87%	19.23%	2.58%	1.84%	0.11%
3	786,260	-0.05%	•	<b>Ø</b>	70.20%	27.52%	2.29%	612,124	56.72%	43.28%	6.36%	29.29%	6.15%	1.92%	0.16%
4	786,575	-0.01%	•	<b>Ø</b>	39.49%	58.09%	2.42%	606,670	81.46%	18.54%	3.49%	9.17%	3.53%	2.12%	0.11%
5	786,164	-0.06%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	39.38%	57.56%	3.06%	619,064	83.96%	16.04%	5.87%	6.99%	1.08%	2.00%	0.09%
6	787,860	0.16%	•	<b>Ø</b>	32.76%	64.89%	2.35%	621,914	92.44%	7.56%	1.03%	3.18%	0.73%	2.09%	0.07%
7	786,649	0.00%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	45.52%	51.90%	2.57%	611,341	82.98%	17.02%	2.03%	9.88%	2.79%	1.94%	0.09%
8	786,712	0.01%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	27.96%	69.56%	2.48%	595,763	88.98%	11.02%	1.96%	4.19%	2.58%	1.72%	0.14%
9	786,594	0.00%	9	<b>Ø</b>	45.48%	51.68%	2.83%	609,149	78.94%	21.06%	5.74%	11.62%	1.68%	1.88%	0.09%
10	786,848	0.03%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	42.04%	55.53%	2.44%	612,984	75.65%	24.35%	2.97%	15.88%	3.21%	2.12%	0.15%
11	788,381	0.22%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	78.41%	19.60%	1.99%	624,204	44.05%	55.95%	7.04%	44.62%	3.66%	1.51%	0.13%
12	785,214	-0.18%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	40.35%	57.30%	2.34%	602,164	84.13%	15.87%	2.34%	7.19%	3.89%	1.99%	0.10%
13	786,496	-0.02%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	42.02%	55.41%	2.57%	624,482	84.79%	15.21%	2.82%	8.95%	1.05%	1.93%	0.08%
14	786,481	-0.02%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	44.57%	52.96%	2.47%	627,989	87.04%	12.96%	2.56%	6.05%	1.96%	1.71%	0.08%
15	787,075	0.06%	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	45.47%	52.27%	2.27%	627,362	87.83%	12.17%	3.08%	3.75%	3.45%	1.34%	0.08%
	786,629	0.40%	<b>Ø</b>	9	45.25%	52.31%	2.44%	613,837	78.40%	21.60%	3.65%	12.91%	2.94%	1.86%	0.11%

#### Notes

- The 0.4% population deviation is within the 0.75% threshold tolerated by the courts.
- Eight districts lean Republican, two lean Democratic, and five fall in the 45-55% competitive range.
- There is one majority-minority district.