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2022 Ohio Election Guide

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An unusual election year is one step closer to its conclusion after state legislative primaries were held across Ohio on August 2nd. Legal battles over the drawing of maps for state legislative districts led to the scheduling of an unusual summer primary that only included candidates for Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and Democrat and Republican state central committee members. Voter turnout for this second primary was extremely low with less than 7% of registered voters going to the polls.

This edition of the election guide will discuss the results of the state legislative primary races and look toward the General Election on November 8th.

August Primary Results

Every two years, all 99 seats of the Ohio House of Representatives are up for re-election. Representatives can run for four two-year terms before needing to leave the House due to term limits. Because of those term limits, early resignations by some House members, and the effects of redistricting, more than two dozen new legislators will be elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in November. Current Speaker of the House, Bob Cupp, is among the House members who will be departing at the end of 2022 due to term limits. The race for the next Speaker is ongoing and will be a hot topic of conversation around the Statehouse in the months ahead.

Every four years, half of the members of the Ohio Senate are up for re-election. Senators can only run for two four-year terms. This year, members representing the odd numbered districts are up for election. At a minimum, six new members will be elected to the Ohio Senate.

There were several interesting primary races contested on August 2nd including:

- In the Ohio House, the Democrat primary in Cuyahoga County's 16th House district featured two incumbent State Representatives, Monique Smith (D-Cleveland) and Bride Rose Sweeney (D-Cleveland). Both incumbents moved into the newly drawn 16th District to avoid difficult races against other incumbent legislators. In their primary contest, Rep. Sweeney prevailed 56-44 and will face Republican Michael Lamb in a district that only slightly leans Democrat.



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- Another intriguing matchup in Cuyahoga County was the 21st Senate District, which includes Beachwood, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Maple Heights and Warrensville Heights. This is an open Senate seat in a district that overwhelmingly favors the Democrats. The Democrat primary included a matchup between current State Representative Kent Smith (D-Euclid) and former State Representative John Barnes Jr. It ended up not being close, with Rep. Smith almost guaranteed to move to the Ohio Senate after a 62-38 victory over Barnes.
- Two incumbent State Representatives were not so fortunate:
 - Rep. Mark Fraizer (R-Newark) was defeated 58-42 in the 68th House District by Thad Claggett who Fraizer narrowly defeated in the 2020 primary.
 - Rep. Shawn Stevens (R-Sunbury) was appointed to fill the seat of former State Rep. Rick Carfagna in March 2022. In his first election to hold the seat in the 61st House District, he was defeated by Beth Lear who had unsuccessfully applied for the appointment in March. The district is heavily Republican, so Lear is expected to join the House in January.
- Other than those two defeats, one of the stories of this primary election was the power of incumbency. Many current members of the General Assembly were opposed in primaries following a challenging two years where the state's Covid-19 policies often overshadowed the other work that was going on at the Statehouse. Despite that, the incumbents won and, in most cases, won easily.
 - In the 1st House District, Dontavius Jarrells (D-Columbus) defeated challenger Carolyn Harding. Jarrells will be unopposed in November.
 - Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) won his primary against Ryan McClain with 81% of the vote in the 17th House District. Things will likely not be quite as easy in November when he faces off against Democrat Troy Greenfield in a district that is a statistical toss-up.
 - Cleveland Democrats Rep. Terrence Upchurch and Rep. Juanita Brent both handily won their primary elections, and both will return to the Statehouse with no opposition in November.
 - Longtime Hamilton County legislator, Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Green Township), will likely serve another term in the Ohio House after defeating his primary challenger, Angela Hymer, 82-18. The 30th House District strongly favors the Republicans in November, where Seitz will face off against Democrat Alissa Mayhaus.



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- In the 46th House District in Butler County, freshman Rep. Thomas Hall (R-Madison Township) defeated Matt King for the Republican nomination. Hall will face Democrat Lawrence Mulligan in a district that heavily favors Republicans.
- In the 47th House District, Rep. Sara Carruthers (R-Hamilton) defeated Cody Harper 80-20.
- In the 55th House District in Warren County, the House Health Committee Chairman, Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin), prevailed against challenger Thomas Goodwin 69-31. The 55th District is one of the safest districts for Republicans anywhere in Ohio, so Rep. Lipps is expected to easily return to the Statehouse for another term.
- In the 65th District in Trumbull County, freshman State Representative Mike Loychik (R-Bazetta) faced a primary challenge from former State Representative Randy Law who represented Trumbull County for one term in the Ohio House in 2005-2006. Rep. Loychik ended up winning handily on a vote of 70-30. There is no Democrat on the ballot in the 65th District, so Loychik will be unopposed in November and will return to the Statehouse for a second term.
- Rep. Brian Lampton (R-Beavercreek) edged out his primary opponent Katherine Shutte in the 70th House District.
- In the 78th House District, Rep. Susan Manchester (R-Waynsfield) had one of the more difficult primaries of any of the victorious incumbents. Rep. Manchester was running in an almost entirely new district which includes all of Allen County, a county Rep. Manchester has never represented. Despite this challenge, she defeated her primary opponent, J.J. Sreenan, 55-45, and will be unopposed in the November election.
- In Union County's 86th House District, Rep. Tracy Richardson (R-Marysville) prevailed 79-21 and will face Democrat Barbara Luke in November.
- In the 90th House District, Rep. Brian Baldrige (R-Winchester) easily defeated his primary challenge from Calvin Robinson.
- In the 98th House District, Rep. Darrell Kick (R-Loudonville) held off a challenge from Scott Pullins 57-43.
- In the lone primary for an incumbent Ohio Senator, Sen. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville) defeated Kirsten Hill 67-33 and will face Anthony Eliopoulos in what is expected to be a competitive general election.



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Key General Election Races

Looking toward November, in addition to the two key statewide races that will dominate the headlines, Mike DeWine vs. Nan Whaley for Governor and J.D. Vance vs. Tim Ryan for US Senate, there are several interesting and competitive congressional and legislative races that will be closely watched.

- In Hamilton County, longtime US Congressman Steve Chabot is facing another tough election in a newly drawn district. The district is considered a toss-up and his opponent is Cincinnati City Councilman Greg Landsman.
- Another competitive Congressional race will be in the evenly divided 9th District, where another long serving member of the Ohio congressional delegation, Toledo's Marcy Kaptur, will face political newcomer J.R. Majewski in a completely different district than that one Congresswoman Kaptur currently represents.
- One other congressional race that will be closely watched will be the 13th District in Summit County. This is an open seat in a newly drawn district that only slightly favors the Democrats. Former Ohio House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) is facing Madison Gesiotto Gilbert who used an endorsement from Donald Trump to win a crowded Republican primary in May.
- In the Ohio Senate, current State Senator Tina Maharath (D-Columbus) will face a challenge in the general election from Republican Michelle Reynolds. The 3rd Senate District only slightly leans in favor of the Democrats.
- After surviving his primary election challenge, Sen. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville) has more work to do. He will be facing Democrat Anthony Eliopoulos in the general election in an extremely competitive district.
- Another close Senate race could be in the 27th District in Summit County. Senator Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) is running in a newly drawn district that is considered a toss-up. She will be facing Democrat Patricia Goetz.
- There are numerous close races in the Ohio House after the district maps were completely redrawn for this election cycle. Incumbent House members including Mary Lightbody (D-Westerville), Richard Brown (D-Canal Winchester), Tom Patton (R-Strongsville), Bride Rose Sweeney (D-Cleveland), Daniel Troy (D-Willowick), Jessica Miranda (D-Forest Park), Bill Roemer (R-Richfield), Bob Young (R-Green), Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson), Andrea White (R-Kettering), Phil Plummer (R-Dayton), Derek Merrin (R-Monclova Township), Thomas West (D-Canton), Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville), Al Cutrona (R-Canfield), and Gail Pavliga (R-Atwater), are all facing competitive elections in toss-up districts.



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General Election Candidates

Incumbents Highlighted

United States Senate		
Incumbent	Democrats	Republicans
Rob Portman – Retiring	Tim Ryan	J.D. Vance

Governor/Lt. Governor		
Incumbent	Democrats	Republicans
Mike DeWine/Jon Husted	Nan Whaley/ Cheryl Stephens	Mike DeWine/ Jon Husted

Ohio Supreme Court		
Incumbent	Democrat	Republican
Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor- Retiring	Jennifer Bruner	Sharon Kennedy
Pat DeWine	Marilyn Zayas	Pat DeWine
Patrick Fischer	Terri Jamison	Patrick Fischer

State Auditor		
Incumbent	Democrat	Republican
Keith Faber	Taylor Sappington	Keith Faber

Attorney General		
Incumbent	Democrat	Republican
Dave Yost	Jeffrey Crossman	Dave Yost

Secretary of State		
Incumbent	Democrat	Republican
Frank LaRose	Chelsea Clark	Frank LaRose

Treasurer		
Incumbent	Democrat	Republican
Robert Sprague	Scott Schertzer	Robert Sprague



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US House of Representatives			
District	Partisan Index	Democrats	Republicans
1	Toss-up	Greg Landsman	Steve Chabot
2	69% GOP	Samantha Meadows	Brad Wenstrup
3	67% Dem	Joyce Beatty	Lee Stahley
4	67% GOP	Tamie Wilson	Jim Jordan
5	60% GOP	Craig Swartz	Bob Latta
6	58% GOP	Louis G. Lyras	Bill Johnson
7	54% GOP	Matthew Diemer	Max Miller
8	62% GOP	Vanessa Enoch	Warren Davidson
9	Toss-up	Marcy Kaptur	J.R. Majewski
10	52% GOP	Baxter Stapleton	Mike Turner
11	78% Dem	Shontel Brown	Eric Brewer
12	63% GOP	Amy Rippel-Elton	Troy Balderson
13	50%-47% Dem	Emilia Sykes	Madison Gesiotto Gilbert
14	54% GOP	Matt Kilboy	David P. Joyce
15	53% GOP	Gary Josephson	Mike Carey

Ohio House of Representatives November General Elections Current House members are highlighted			
	Partisan Index	Democrats	Republicans
1	80% Dem	Dontavius Jarrells	None
2	73% Dem	Latyna Humphrey	None
3	81% Dem	Kelly Harrop Ismail Mohamed <i>(Race too close to call)</i>	Josiah Lanning
4	52% Dem	Mary Lightbody	Jill Rudler
5	Toss-up	Richard Brown	Ronald Beach
6	55% Dem	Adam Miller	Joe Wharton



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7	65% Dem	Allison Russo	None
8	62% Dem	Beth Liston	Zully Truemper
9	65% Dem	Munira Yasin Abdullahi	None
10	Toss-up	Russell Harris	David Dobos
11	52% Dem	Anita Somani	Omar Tarazi
12	66% GOP	None	Brian Stewart
13	71% Dem	Michael Skindell	Keith Davey
14	52% Dem	Sean Brennan	Jolene Austin
15	Toss-up	Richard Dell'Aquila	None
16	51% Dem	Bride Rose Sweeney	Michael Lamb
17	Toss-up	Troy Greenfield	Tom Patton
18	87% Dem	Darnell Brewer	Shalira Taylor
19	60% Dem	Phil Robinson	Ron Brough
20	88% Dem	Terrance Upchurch	None
21	74% Dem	Elliot Forhan	Kelly Powell
22	86% Dem	Juanita Brent	None
23	Toss-up	Daniel Troy	George Phillips
24	69% Dem	Dani Issacsohn	Adam Koehler
25	74% Dem	Cecil Thomas	John Breadon
26	70% Dem	Sedrick Denson	None
27	50%-47% Dem	Rachel Baker	Jenn Giroux
28	50%-47% Dem	Jessica Miranda	Chris Monzel
29	59% GOP	Juan Valle	Cindy Abrams
30	69% GOP	Alissa Mayhaus	Bill Seitz
31	Toss-up	Rita Darrow	Bill Roemer
32	Toss-up	Matt Shaughnessy	Bob Young
33	75% Dem	Tavia Galonski	Kristopher Anderson
34	51%-47% Dem	Casey Weinstein	Beth Bigham
35	56% GOP	Lori O'Neill	Steve Demetriou
36	Toss-up	Addison Caruso	Andrea White
37	60% GOP	None	Tom Young
38	67% Dem	Willis Blackshear Jr.	None
39	Toss-up	Leronda Jackson	Phil Plummer
40	68% GOP	Amy Cox	Rodney Creech
41	Toss-up	Nancy Larson	Josh Williams



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42	Toss-up	Erika White	Derek Merrin
43	64% Dem	Michele Grim	Wendi Hendricks
44	69% Dem	Elgin Rogers Jr.	Roy Palmer III
45	61% GOP	Chuck Horn	Jennifer Gross
46	64% GOP	Lawrence Mulligan	Thomas Hall
47	60% GOP	Sam Lawrence	Sara Carruthers
48	60% GOP	David Smith	Scott Oelslager
49	50%-47% Dem	Thomas West	Jim Thomas
50	58% GOP	None	Reggie Stoltzfus
51	65% GOP	None	Brett Hudson Hillyer
52	Toss-up	Regan Phillips	Gayle Manning
53	53% Dem	Joe Miller	Marty Gallagher
54	55% GOP	Bryan Burgess	Dick Stein
55	72% GOP	Paul Zorn	Scott Lipps
56	62% GOP	Joy Bennett	Adam Matthews
57	58% GOP	Evan Rosborough	Jamie Callender
58	Toss-up	Bruce Neff	Al Cutrona
59	51%-47% Dem	Lauren McNally	None
60	58% GOP	None	Kris Jordan
61	60% GOP	Louise Valentine	Beth Lear
62	67% GOP	Brian Flick	Jean Schmidt
63	73% GOP	Richard Perry	Adam Bird
64	54% Dem	Vince Peterson II	Nick Santucci
65	61% GOP	None	Mike Loychik
66	60% GOP	Mike Oliver	Sharon Ray
67	64% GOP	Drew Burge	Melanie Miller
68	61% GOP	None	Thaddeus Claggett
69	67% GOP	Charlotte Owens	Kevin Miller
70	61% GOP	Eric Price	Brian Lampton
71	67% GOP	James Duffee	Bill Dean
72	Toss-up	Kathleen Clyde	Gail Pavliga
73	58% GOP	None	Jeff LaRe
74	57% GOP	Daniel Saks	Bernard Willis
75	52% GOP	Jan Materni	Haraz Ghanbari
76	66% GOP	None	Marilyn John
77	66% GOP	Mark Gooch	Scott Wiggam



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78	69% GOP	None	Susan Manchester
79	67% GOP	Taylor Eastham	Monica Robb Blasdel
80	73% GOP	None	Jena Powell
81	68% GOP	None	Jim Hoops
82	73% GOP	Magdalene Markward	Roy Klopfenstein
83	70% GOP	Claire Osborne	Jon Cross
84	79% GOP	Sophia Rodriguez	Angela King
85	75% GOP	None	Tim Barhorst
86	65% GOP	Barbara Luke	Tracy Richardson
87	72% GOP	None	Riordan McClain
88	61% GOP	Dianne Selvey	Gary Click
89	57% GOP	Jim Obergfell	D.J. Swearingen
90	68% GOP	William Andrew Dodson	Brian Baldridge
91	71% GOP	None	Bob Peterson
92	63% GOP	None	Mark Johnson
93	69% GOP	None	Jason Stephens
94	52% GOP	Rhyan Goodman	Jay Edwards
95	68% GOP	William Ryan	Don Jones
96	62% GOP	Charlie DiPalma	Ron Ferguson
97	66% GOP	None	Adam Holmes
98	70% GOP	None	Darrell Kick
99	57% GOP	Abby Kovacs	Sarah Fowler Arthur

Ohio Senate			
District	Partisan Index	Democrats	Republicans
1	71% GOP	None	Robert McColley
3	50%-48% Dem	Tina Maharath	Michelle Reynolds
5	63% GOP	None	Steve Huffman
7	60% GOP	David Dallas	Steve Wilson
9	71% Dem	Catherine Ingram	Orlando Sonza Jr.
11	54% Dem	Paula Hicks-Hudson	Tony Dia
13	Toss-up	Anthony Eliopoulos	Nathan Manning
15	70% Dem	Hearcel Craig	Andrew Brush
17	68% GOP	Garry Boone	Shane Wilkin
19	62% GOP	Heather Swiger	Andrew Brenner
21	83% Dem	Kent Smith	Mikhail Alterman
23	70% Dem	Nickie Antonio	Landry Simmons Jr.

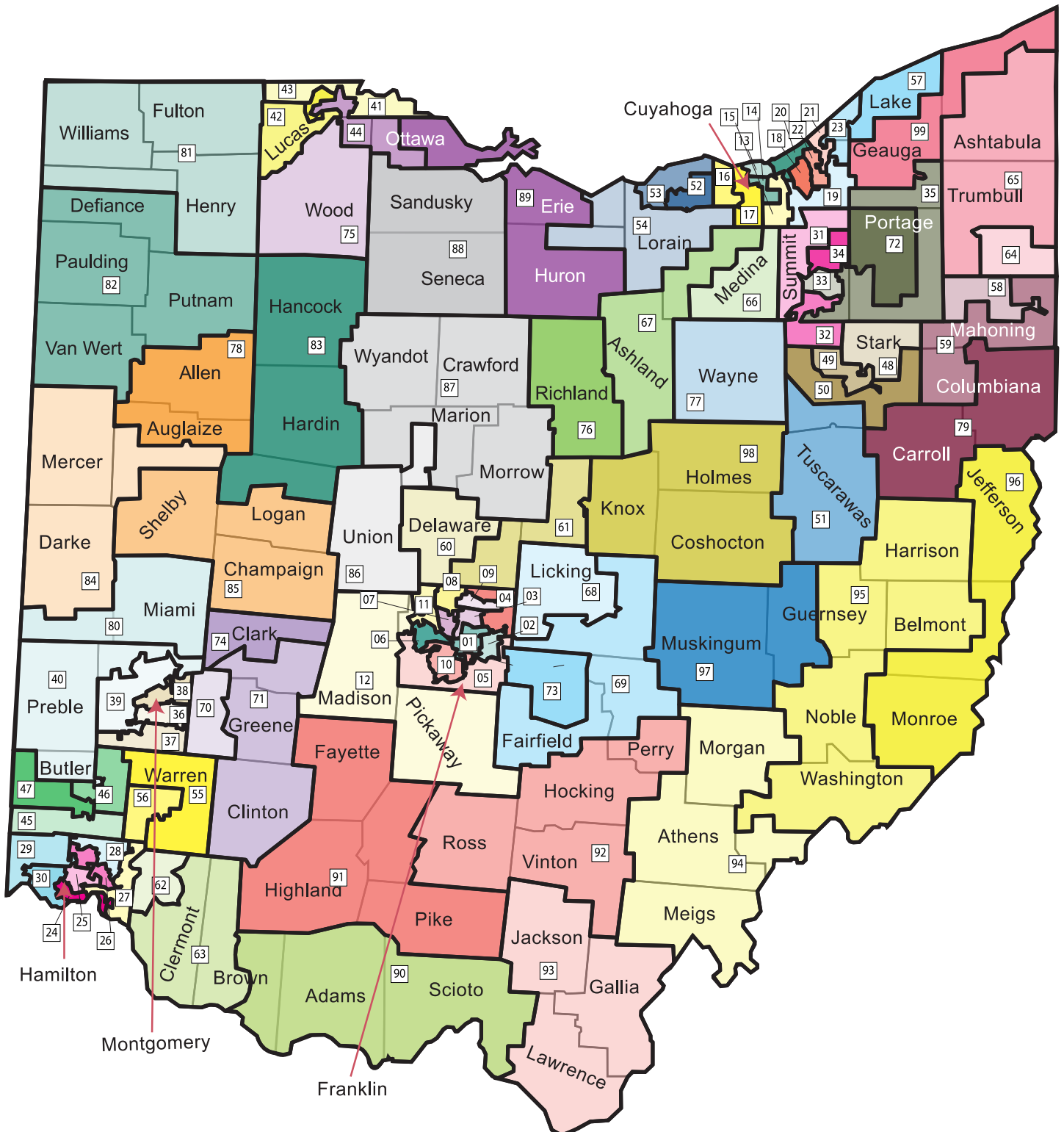


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25	70% Dem	Bill DeMora	Chandler Wysocki
27	Toss-up	Patricia Goetz	Kristina Roegner
29	56% GOP	None	Kirk Schuring
31	66% GOP	None	Al Landis
33	54% GOP	Bob Hagan	Michael Rulli

Ohio House Districts 2022



Ohio Senate Districts 2022



U.S. Congressional Districts 2022

This map was enacted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission on 3/02/2022 in adherence to an Ohio Supreme Court order. It is subject to further judicial review.

