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Overview

In early October, a federal court selected Alabama's new congressional map that will be used when voters in the state cast their ballots in the 2024 race for who will represent them in the United States Congress. The following memo provides a high-level analysis of the newly drawn district, including information on the district's demographic makeup, current registration rates and unregistered estimates, as well as historical support and turnout rates.

Alabama's Second Congressional District

Alabama's newly drawn second district contains more than half a million voting age citizens, with over 450,000 active voters registered to vote in the new district. Just over half of active registered voters are Black, but just one in four are under the age of 35 compared to 30% of the voting age citizen population.

Over 70% of these citizens are currently registered to vote, leaving about a third left to register or re-register. Citizens in AL-02 that are not currently registered to vote are predominantly younger voters of color.

Among current registered voters, nearly 300,000, or 63%, casted a ballot in the 2020 Presidential elections. Just under half of 2020 voters were black, and less than 20% of voters were under the age of 35. Younger voters made up an even smaller share of the 2022 electorate: just 11% of 2022 voters were under the age of 35, and less than half overall were voters of color (45%).

Estimated using the BlueLabs 2024 Democratic Partisanship Score, around 52% of active voters in the new district lean Democrat, with over three-quarters of Black voters and over three-fifths of voters under 35 expected to align with the Democratic Party. However, the district has recently shown slightly higher support for Democrats: although Secretary Clinton's support levels in 2016—just under 52%—reflect the modeled Democratic makeup of AL-02, by 2020



President Biden enjoyed a notable 3 point uptick in support (55%). Midterm voters in AL-02 showed even stronger Democratic backing in 2018, with 57% of voters supporting Walt Maddox for Governor.

Please see the table below for a detailed view on active registration, modeled partisanship, historical turnout, and unregistered population estimates by race and age.

Demographic		Active Registered Voting Population*					Estimated Unregistered Population		
		All Active Reg		Partisanship & Vote History			All Estimated Unreg		
		Total	% of All	% Likely Democrats	% of '20 Voters	% of '22 Voters	Total	% of All	Unreg Rate***
Topline		461,948	–	52%	291,520	188,799	155,924	–	29%
Race	White	219,063	47%	24%	51%	55%	63,688	41%	26%
	Black	234,224	51%	78%	48%	44%	85,984	55%	32%
	Hisp	4,100	<1%	55%	<1%	<1%	7,014	4%	81%
	AAPI	4,561	<1%	48%	<1%	<1%	3,980	3%	68%
Age Bucket	18 to 25	40,901	9%	61%	5%	3%	37,733	24%	54%
	25 to 35	79,643	17%	64%	13%	8%	34,243	22%	38%
	35 to 65	228,681	50%	51%	52%	51%	69,757	45%	28%
	65 plus	112,723	24%	42%	31%	38%	19,469	12%	17%

*Active Registered Voting Population is defined as registered voters currently residing in Alabama who are registered to vote in the newly drawn Congressional District 2, and for whom their voter registration status is listed as active on voting files obtained from the Alabama Secretary of State.

** BlueLabs' unregistered voters data estimates the number of unregistered or inactive voters, including voters that may need to re-register to vote, by comparing an estimate of active registered voting populations at the Census block group level to the estimated citizen voting-age population in the same geographic area.

***Unregistered voters rate is calculated among the citizen voting-age population in the geographic area of AL-02, using recent Census block group-level estimates from the American Community Surveys.