

Senate Reapportionment Standards

17 V.S.A. § 1903

County Based Districts

"The standard for creating districts for the election of Senators on a county basis to the General Assembly..."

Substantial Equality

"... shall be to form senatorial districts with minimum percentages of deviation from the apportionment standard for the Senate."

"Senatorial districts shall be formed consistent with the following policies insofar as practicable":

Avoid splitting towns and counties

"preservation of existing political subdivision lines"

Respect community connections, common interests, geography

"recognition and maintenance of patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, political ties, and common interests"

Create reasonably shaped districts

"use of compact and contiguous territory"

County Population Sizes

1. Counties that have close to ideal Senate district population size

County	2020 Population	Nearest Ideal District Size	Nearest Ideal # of Senators	Percent deviation
Bennington	37,347	42,872	2	-12.9%
Addison	37,363	42,872	2	-12.8%
Windsor	57,753	64,308	3	-10.2%
Washington	59,807	64,308	3	-7.0%
Rutland	60,572	64,308	3	-5.8%
Windham	45,905	42,872	2	7.1%
Franklin	49,946	42,872	2	16.5%
Lamoille	25,945	21,436	1	21.0%

2. Counties that have population size far from ideal for any type of Senate district (and therefore will need to be divided or combined with all or part of another county.)

County	2020 Population
Grand Isle	7,293
Essex	5,920
Orange	29,277
Caledonia	30,233
Orleans	27,393
Chittenden	168,323