

## PROJECT: VOTING ISSUES

Ideally, voting in the U.S. is a simple process. You choose a candidate, go to a polling station, and cast a vote. Yet, where you go to vote is actually a very complicated process. The U.S. is divided into electoral districts. These districts determine the number of representatives each state has in the House of Representatives and are based on population. To further complicate matters, each state is divided into districts for purposes of electing state legislators. Finally, cities are divided into districts for purposes of electing city and town council members.

Today, you will evaluate a specific geographic area of the country to see how voting patterns have changed over the past 25 years. You will make a slide presentation describing these changes and evaluating the possible influences that have led to these changes. Make a slide presentation including the following information – be sure to include a page of your references:

1. Choose a geographic area to study. This can be a state, a specific region within a state, or a specific region of the country (such as the Sunbelt). A good place to start is: <https://www.270towin.com/states/> or <https://www.270towin.com/historical-presidential-elections/>
2. Identify shifts in voting patterns for that region over the past 25 years.
3. Hypothesize reasons for shifts in both voting patterns.