



# Redistricting in Wisconsin: A Comparison of Majority Minority Population

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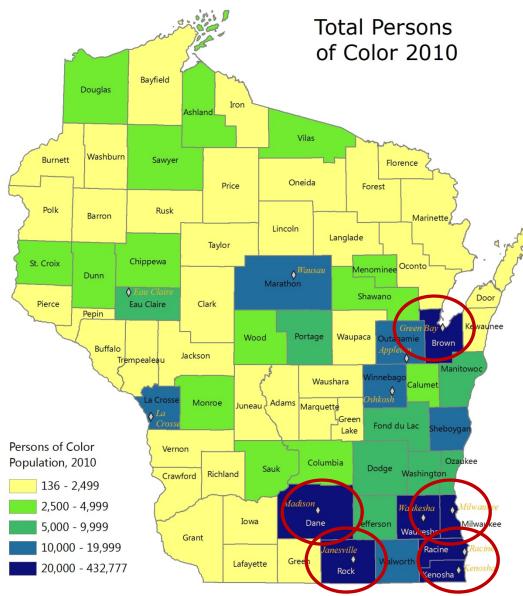
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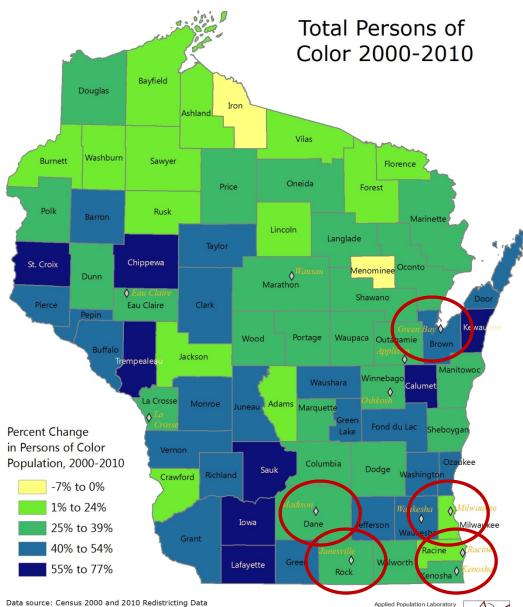
Total Population	5,686,986	100.0%
Race/Ethnicity		
One race	5,582,669	98.2%
Non-Hispanic White	4,902,067	86.2%
African American	359,148	6.3%
American Indian	54,526	1.0%
Asian	129,234	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino	336,056	5.9%

Data source: Census 2010 Redistricting Data

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	2000 to 2010 Change		
Total Population	323,311	6.0%	
Race/Ethnicity			
One race	285,889	5.4%	
Non-Hispanic White	132,210	2.8%	
African American	54,688	18.0%	
American Indian	7,298	15.5%	
Asian	40,471	45.6%	
Hispanic or Latino	143,135	74.2%	

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#### State's redistricting fight widens.

- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, November, 18 2011

Republican National Committee got preview of legislative maps.

- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, December 28, 2011

#### Redistricting trial is tough to judge.

- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, February 20, 2012

Expert witness: Latinos' voting rights 'significantly diminished' under redrawn maps.

- Wisconsin State Journal, February 23, 2012

Judges say they will redraw maps, but with limited changes.

- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, March 27, 2012



## Redistricting in the Federal Courts

- Lawsuit challenged that Act 43 violated Voting Rights Act (fracturing or cracking). Majority of Hispanic population live in Assembly districts 8 & 9.
- Challenges dropped congressional districts were illegally drawn,
   African American districts were improperly drawn (packing), and
   that the legislative districts as a whole were politically
   gerrymandered.
- A panel of three judges found that new assembly districts 8 and 9 violated the Voting Rights Act and approved a new map drawn by plaintiffs.



## Wisconsin's Redistricting Process

2000 Blocks — Wards — Legislative Districts

2010 Blocks — Legislative Districts — Wards



## **Research Question**

How does the concentration of racially and ethnically distinct minority groups within Wisconsin's legislative districts compare between 2000 and 2010?



## **Analytical Approach**

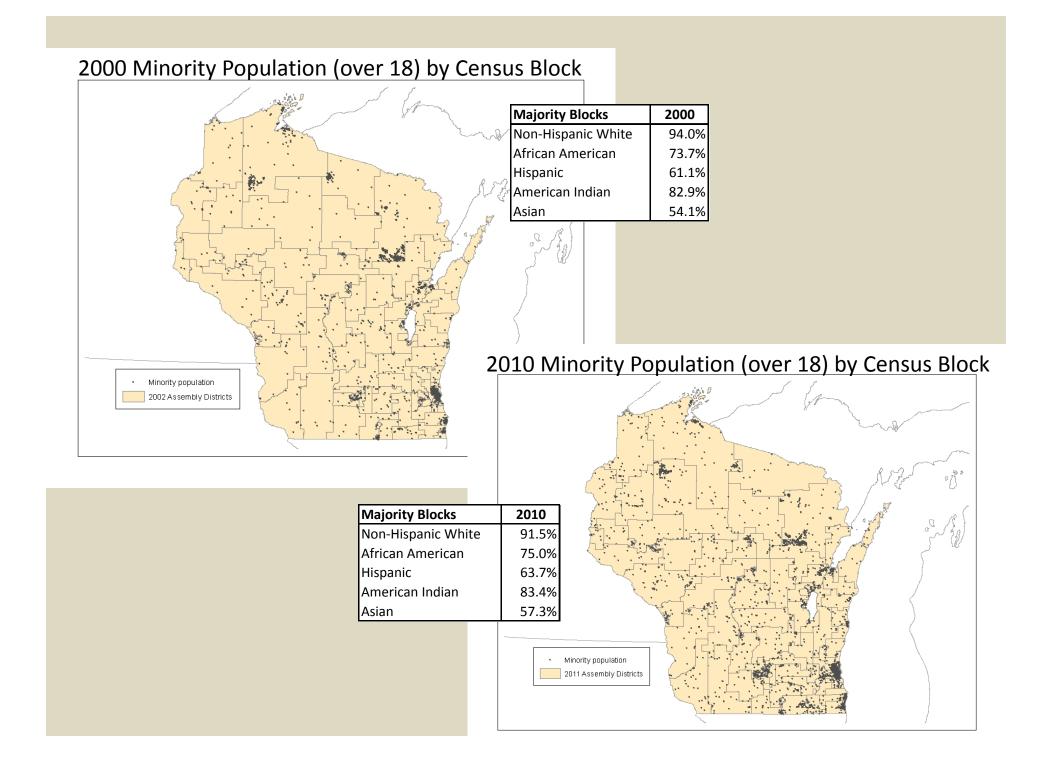
#### **Data**

- Racial/ethnic minority population over age 18
   Census block data, 2000 and 2010
- Assembly district boundaries, 2002 and 2011

#### Methodology

- Visualization using ArcGIS
- Univariate analysis using GeoDa
- Spatial modeling



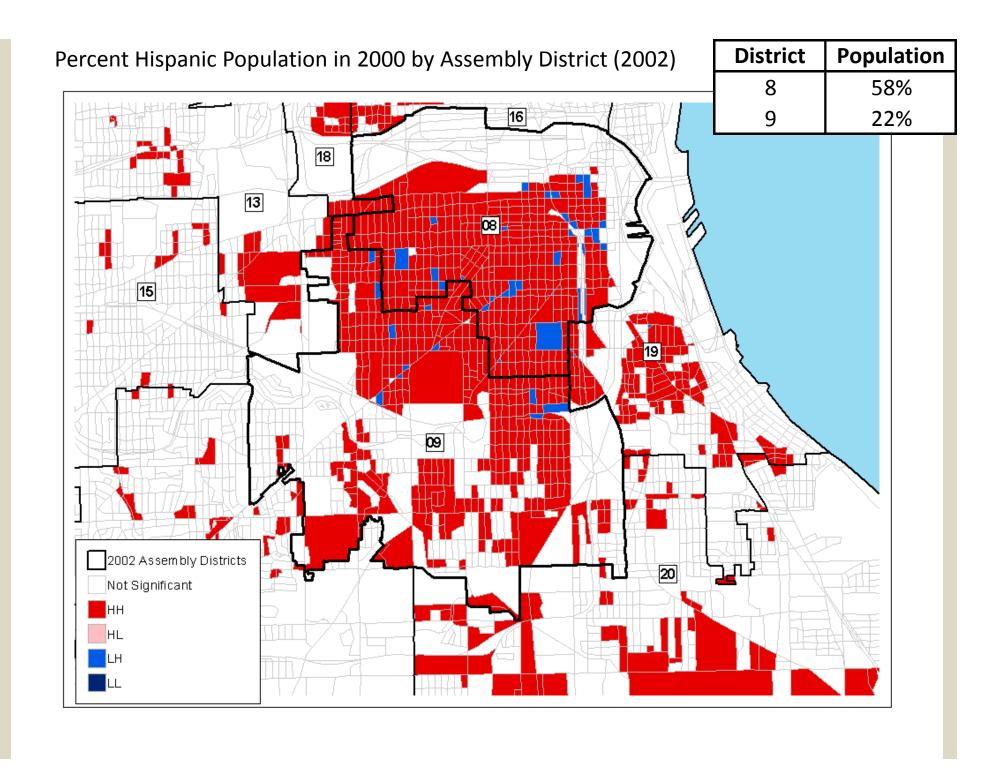


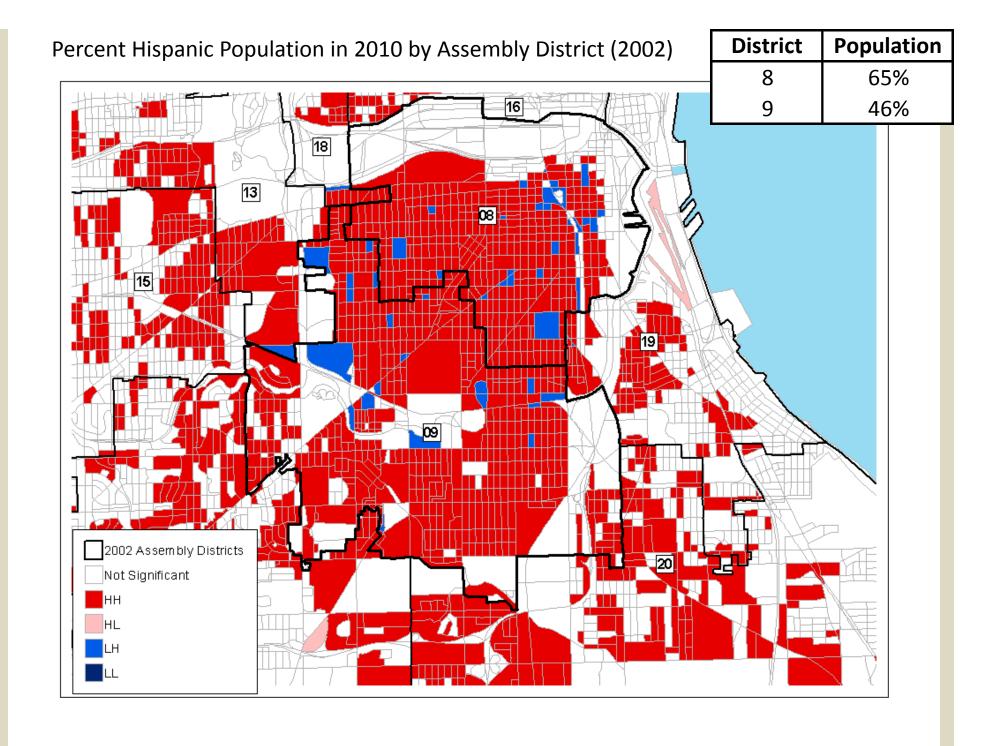
#### Results

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	2000	2010
African American	0.7538	0.7084
Hispanic	0.3391	0.3186
American Indian	0.3714	0.2884
Asian	0.0930	0.0976

- Reject the null hypothesis that African American, Hispanic, and American Indian populations are randomly distributed.
- Stronger spatial autocorrelation in 2000 consequently indicating racial/ethnic minorities became more dispersed in 2010.







District Population Percent Hispanic Population in 2010 by Assembly District (2011) 8 60% 9 54% 2011 Assembly Districts Not Significant 82

#### **Percent Hispanic Voting Age Population for Districts 8 & 9**

	Poulatio	Poulation/Assembly District		Federal Lawsuit		uit
				Defendant	Defendant	Court
District	2000/2002	2010/2011	2010/2002	Map 1	Map 2*	adopted*
8	58%	60%	65%	62%	55%	55%
9	22%	54%	46%	53%	38%	35%

<sup>\*</sup>Hispanic Citizen Voting Age Population (HCVAP)

## Attorney General Van Hollen appeals redistricting ruling to U.S. Supreme Court

- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, April 19, 2012

To Be Continued . . .

## **Findings**

- Persons of color became more dispersed in the State of Wisconsin from 2000 to 2010. However, the concentration of racial and ethnic minorities are prevalent at both time periods.
- African American, Hispanic, and American Indian populations are not randomly distributed while the Asian population is randomly distributed.
- The concentration of Hispanic population on the south side of Milwaukee has increased and extended south and west since 2000.
- New assembly districts 8 & 9 possibly divide the community of interest and prevents one majority-minority district.

#### **Future Research**

- Evaluate more closely the African American and American Indian percent population by assembly district.
- Compare 2000 & 2010 minority race/ethnic population by smaller geography (local wards).
- Bivariate geospatial analysis using a dependence model.
  - Aggregate block data to the assembly district and ward level.
  - Possible variables may include: registered voters, voter turnout, party preference, language, income, and housing characteristics.



#### Thank you

#### **Questions?**

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