

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Ward Redistricting

Meeting Date: September 26, 2011
Department: Central Services/Planning & Development
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Agenda Item Number: B
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The Eugene City Council adjusts council ward boundaries every 10 years to accommodate population changes and shifts – thereby helping ensure equal protection under the laws for Eugene’s residents. This work session is intended to result in the selection of a boundary plan that could be adopted by resolution in October.

BACKGROUND

The council has met in work sessions to discuss public process and feedback, criteria for developing ward boundary options, and draft scenarios. The council has focused on two main scenarios that attempt to balance populations by ward, consider geographic and neighborhood features and strive for relative compactness and contiguity. A public hearing on these scenarios was held September 19.

Feedback from councilors and the public has highlighted positive attributes, concerns and potential revisions for the scenarios. Staff will provide related information at the work session. Some coordination of Eugene boundary changes with new districts for Lane County and the Oregon Legislature may be desirable, with the goal of providing households and voters greater continuity where practical.

Another issue is the treatment of properties that could come into the city limits in coming years. The council resolution provided in October will lay out specific parameters for assigning newly annexed properties to wards. Staff will use major streets and geographic features such as the Willamette River, Green Hill Road, Chambers Street, Highway 99, 30th Avenue and River Road as a guide.

Based on available 2010 U.S. Census data, Eugene’s population totaled 156,222 – which means that each of the eight wards should have approximately 19,528 residents. To facilitate election-related activities, the final boundary decision should occur well before the 2012 filing deadline for the seats that will be up for election next May for the Eugene City Council and Eugene Water & Electric Board. Candidates must turn in all materials to the City Recorder by February 29, 2012.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Eugene Charter provision related to redistricting is general and states:

Section 33. Wards. The council shall divide the city into wards and redefine the boundaries thereof as necessary to accord persons in the city the equal protection of the laws. No person may vote at a city election in a ward other than that in which he or she resides.

The Eugene City Code includes the following:

2.692 Elections – Wards. The city council shall by resolution divide the city into eight wards, but neither this requirement nor any action pursuant to it disqualifies, or shortens the term of office of, a member of the council or the Eugene Water & Electric Board.

Adopted Council Goals and Outcomes include: *Effective, Accountable Municipal Government* - A government that works openly, collaboratively, and fairly with the community to achieve measurable and positive outcomes and provide effective, efficient services.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

- 1) Select Scenario 1 as the ward boundaries map.
- 2) Select Scenario 1 as the ward boundaries map with the following changes:
_____.
- 3) Select Scenario 2 as the ward boundaries map.
- 4) Select Scenario 2 as the ward boundaries map with the following changes:
_____.
- 5) Direct staff to develop a new scenario.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends the council select Scenario 1 or Scenario 2.

If any changes are desired, the City Manager recommends that these be minor, enable a scenario to maintain conformance with council-adopted criteria, and be communicated through a vote by the council in the September 26 work session.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to select Scenario _____ as the new ward boundaries map.

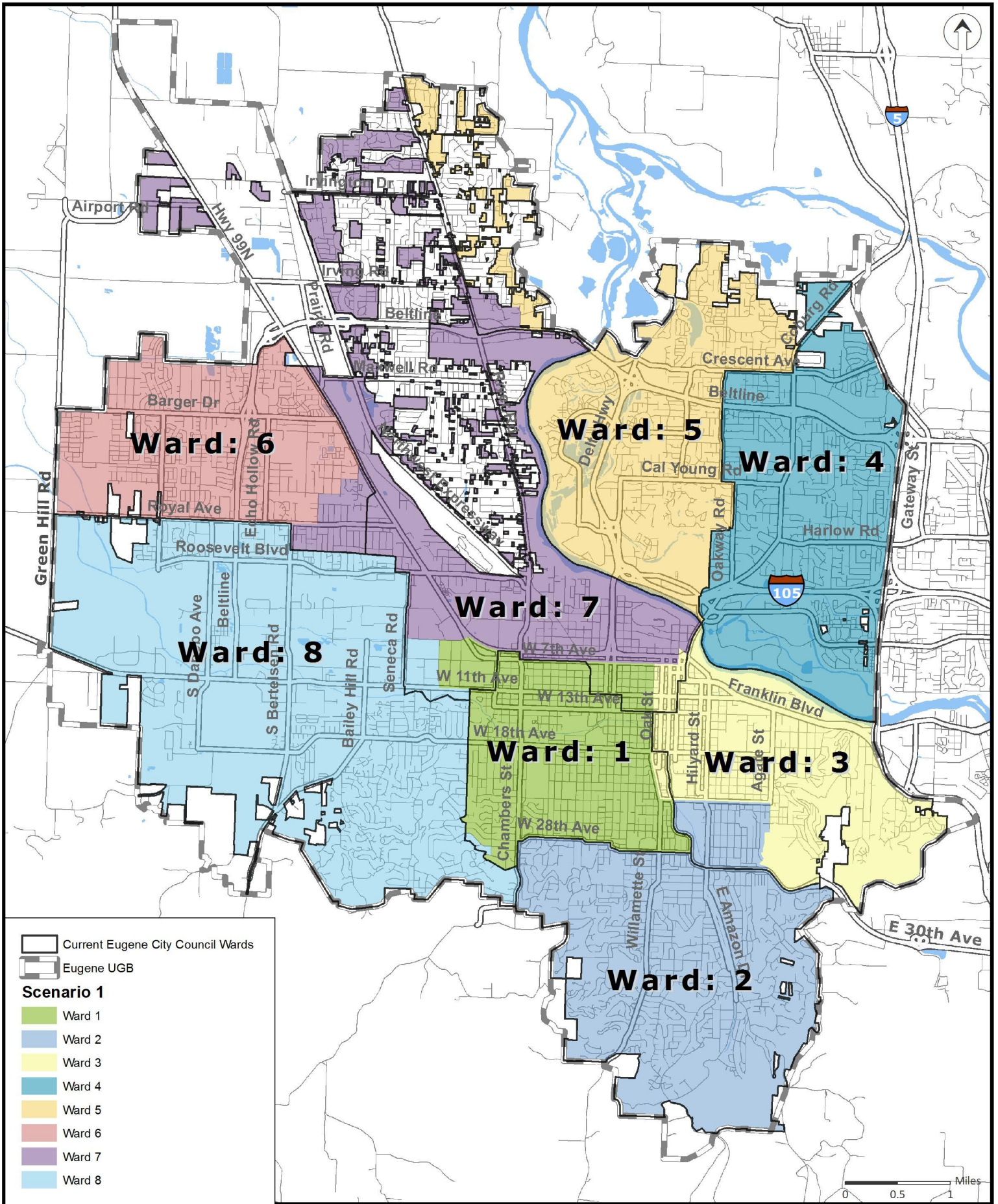
ATTACHMENTS

- A. Ward Boundary Scenarios and Population Charts

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Draft Ward Scenario 1

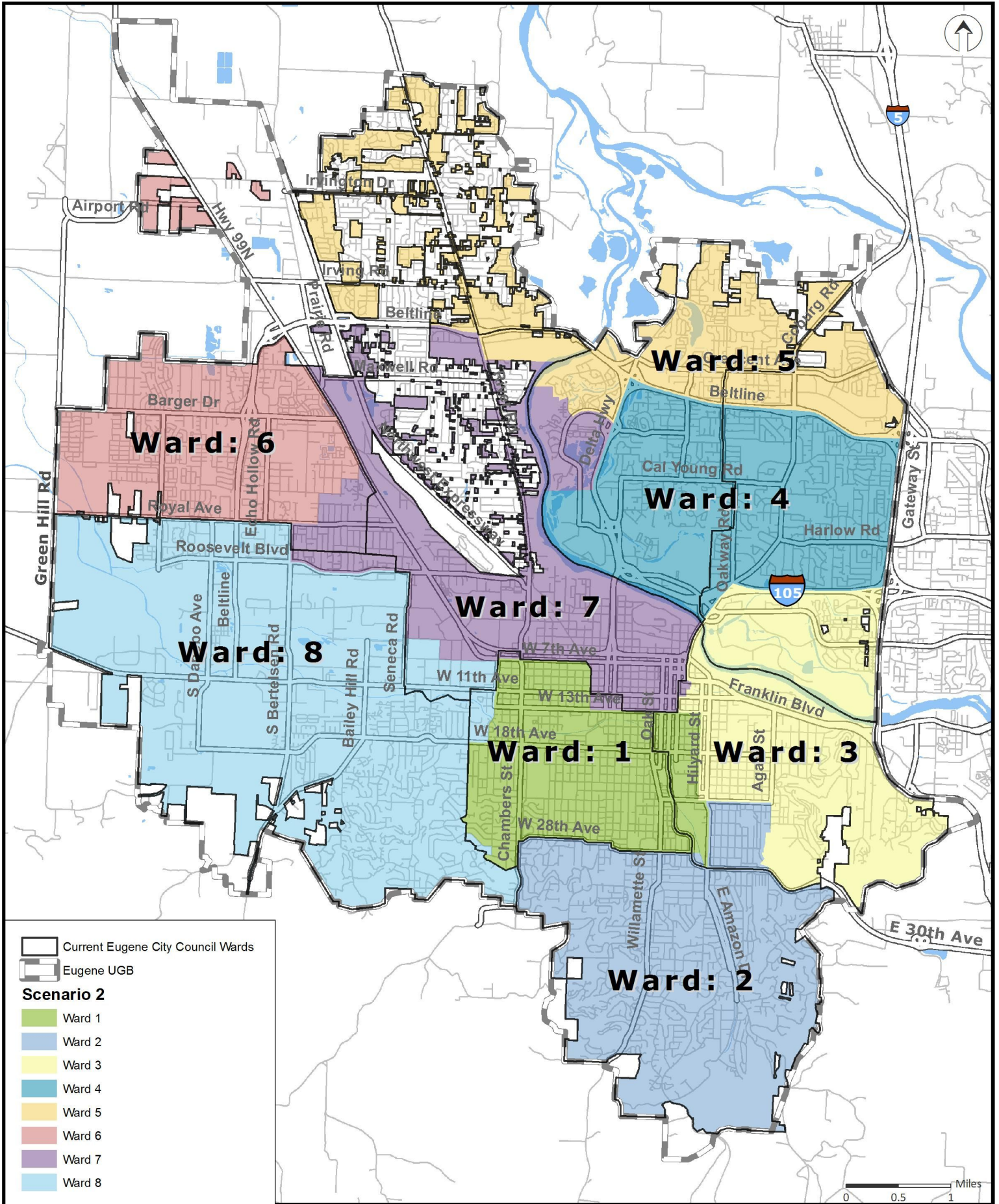


Data Sources: City of Eugene and Regional GIS data

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Draft Ward Scenario 2



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Eugene Council Ward	Total Population	Target Population	Percent change from equal population by ward	Hispanic or Latino population as a % of Total population for that ward	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	White Alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Native Hawaiian and other pacific islander alone	two or more races	Total Population Age 18 and over	Population Age 18 and over as a % of population for that ward
Ward 1	17,597	19,528	9.9%	7.9%	1,393	16,204	14,584	255	144	487	59	14,840	84.3%
Ward 2	17,705	19,528	-9.3%	4.8%	841	16,864	15,304	164	112	561	48	14,341	81.0%
Ward 3	21,003	19,528	7.6%	4.9%	1,027	19,976	16,722	267	89	1,931	34	19,593	93.3%
Ward 4	19,215	19,528	-1.7%	5.6%	1,072	18,143	15,839	333	131	1,026	39	15,661	81.5%
Ward 5	20,047	19,528	2.7%	5.8%	1,166	18,881	17,088	226	130	787	35	15,951	79.6%
Ward 6	21,603	19,528	10.6%	10.1%	2,176	19,427	17,678	210	235	470	742	16,404	75.9%
Ward 7	19,449	19,528	-0.4%	11.6%	2,265	17,184	15,419	249	184	367	45	15,911	81.8%
Ward 8	19,603	19,528	0.4%	11.6%	2,267	17,336	15,436	252	184	581	22	15,033	76.7%
Grand Total	156,222	156,222			12,207	144,015	128,050	1,956	1,268	6,210	308	5,882	127,734

Scenario 1

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Ward 1	19,488	19,528	-0.2%	7.8%	1,521	17,967	16,161	291	172	536	64	16,617	85.3%
Ward 2	19,760	19,528	1.2%	4.7%	920	18,840	17,093	184	122	627	50	16,178	81.9%
Ward 3	19,503	19,528	-0.1%	5.0%	970	18,533	15,401	261	86	1,878	37	16,290	93.8%
Ward 4	19,215	19,528	-1.6%	5.6%	1,072	18,143	15,839	333	131	1,026	39	15,661	81.5%
Ward 5	19,553	19,528	0.1%	5.7%	1,112	18,441	16,675	222	123	781	35	15,569	79.6%
Ward 6	19,400	19,528	-0.7%	10.3%	1,998	17,402	15,776	198	208	452	26	14,630	75.4%
Ward 7	19,641	19,528	0.6%	11.9%	2,347	17,294	15,612	215	242	327	46	15,705	80.0%
Ward 8	19,662	19,528	0.7%	11.5%	2,267	17,395	15,493	252	184	583	22	15,084	76.7%
Grand Total	156,222	156,222			12,207	144,015	128,050	1,956	1,268	6,210	308	5,882	127,734

Scenario 2

Eugene Council Ward	Total Population	Target Population	Percent change from equal population by ward	Hispanic or Latino population as a % of Total population for that ward	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	White Alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Native Hawaiian and other pacific islander alone	two or more races	Total Population Age 18 and over	Population Age 18 and over as a % of population for that ward
Ward 1	19,514	19,528	-0.1%	7.2%	1,409	18,105	15,943	254	156	875	68	16,755	85.9%
Ward 2	19,748	19,528	1.1%	4.7%	920	18,828	17,082	184	122	627	25	16,168	81.9%
Ward 3	19,977	19,528	2.3%	5.1%	1,027	18,950	15,749	349	99	1,813	47	18,507	92.6%
Ward 4	19,227	19,528	-1.5%	5.3%	1,026	18,201	16,451	228	116	677	42	15,342	79.8%
Ward 5	19,263	19,528	-1.4%	7.0%	1,348	17,915	16,238	200	138	719	46	14,853	77.1%
Ward 6	19,415	19,528	-0.6%	10.3%	2,001	17,414	15,787	198	209	452	64	14,638	75.4%
Ward 7	19,769	19,528	1.2%	11.4%	2,256	17,513	15,639	270	263	437	49	16,578	83.9%
Ward 8	19,309	19,528	-1.1%	11.5%	2,220	17,089	15,161	273	175	610	43	14,893	77.1%
Grand Total	156,222	156,222			12,207	144,015	128,050	1,956	1,268	6,210	308	5,882	127,734

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