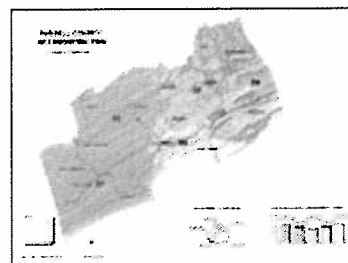


Russell County currently has five election districts. Each district covers a different geographical area of the county. The voters in each district elect one member to the Board of Supervisors and one member to the School Board every four years. Russell County also has one at-large representative on the Board of Supervisors and on the School Board. At-large members are elected by all voters.



Every ten years, the County must re-evaluate the election districts within the County and adjust them as needed based on changes in the population over the previous ten years. The process is called "redistricting." Article VII §5 of the Virginia Constitution and §24.2-304.1 of the Virginia Code require local governing bodies to reapportion the representation in the governing body among the districts of the County every ten years in a manner provided by law.

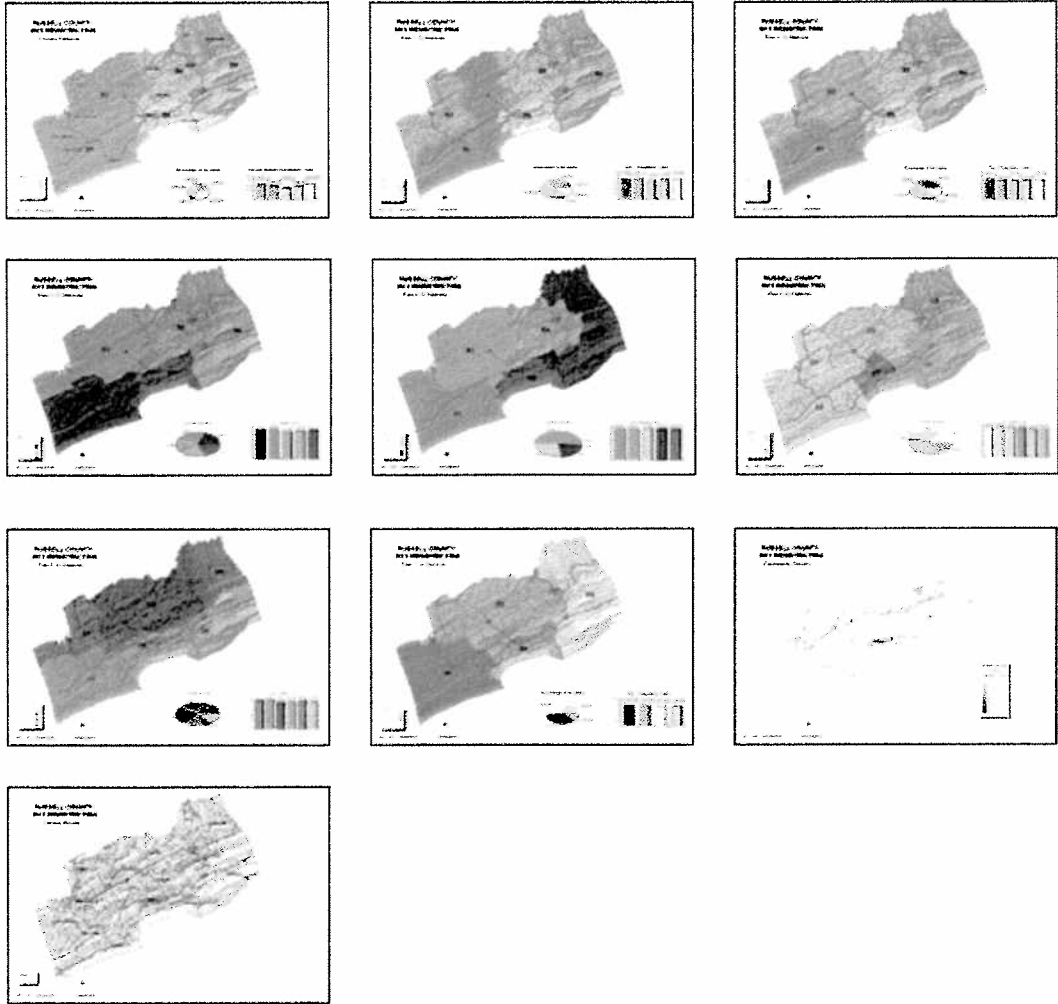
Redistricting also affects elected school boards when the school board members are elected from districts. The 2010 census population numbers provide the basis for local redistricting. The redistricting process must be completed and receive pre-clearance from the Federal Department of Justice in time for the County to conduct the November 2011 local elections for Board of Supervisors and School Board.

There are many factors that must be considered during the redistricting process:

1. All districts shall have equal representation
2. The plan shall comply with the Voting Rights Act
3. Districts should be compact and contiguous
4. The Census shall be the source of data
5. Districts should have clearly observable boundaries
6. Split precincts and split census blocks should be avoided
7. Communities of interest should be preserved
8. The basic shape of existing districts should be preserved, if possible
9. Districts should be drawn so that incumbents remain in separate districts, if possible
10. Political fairness or competitiveness should be considered
11. Voter convenience and effective election administration should be considered
12. Geographical or physical features should be used for district and precinct boundaries
13. The plan must comply with federal and state laws

Redistricting plans must be adopted by ordinance following a formal public hearing. Prior to the public hearing and ordinance adoption, the Board of Supervisors will conduct two (2) Public Forums during which the Board will review the various redistricting plans that are proposed for consideration. The dates of the public forums are Monday April 11 and Monday April 25 at 6:00p.m. All citizens of Russell County are invited to participate.

Below are maps depicting Russell County's current voting districts and seven proposals for consideration. Four plans maintain the five (5) election districts. One proposal would reduce the number of election districts to four (4) and two proposals would increase the number of election districts to six (6). All plans would still include an at-large member elected from the County at-large on both the Board of Supervisors and on the School Board. (NOTE: District numbers on the proposals with either 4 or 6 districts are for reference only and are subject to change if the proposal is adopted.)



Redistricting Constraints

Districts

New Election District lines in Russell County must divide the County's population into equal proportions of the population. The County's total population is 28,897.

- The County currently has five Election Districts, the ideal District size is 5780 (28,897 divided by five).
- Each Election District must be within + /- 5% (269) of the ideal size.

Ideal: 5,780 (28,897/5 Districts)

Upper range limit (+5%): 6,069

Lower range limit (-5%): 5,491

Precincts

Precincts make up an Election District, and must be wholly contained within one District.

- Precincts are measured by registered voters, not by population
- The minimum size for a precinct is 100 registered voters.
- The maximum size for a precinct is 5,000 registered voters.

Criteria

- Election district populations shall be "as nearly equal as practicable."
- Election district populations shall not exceed five percent less or five percent more than the ideal district population.
- Election districts shall be compact and contiguous, with due regard to natural features and accessibility of voting places.
- Election district boundaries shall follow clearly observable boundaries.
- Election district boundaries shall be politically fair.
- Election district boundaries shall preserve communities of interest, to the maximum extent possible.
- Election district boundaries shall recognize incumbency, to the maximum extent permissible under law and consistent with the other criteria.

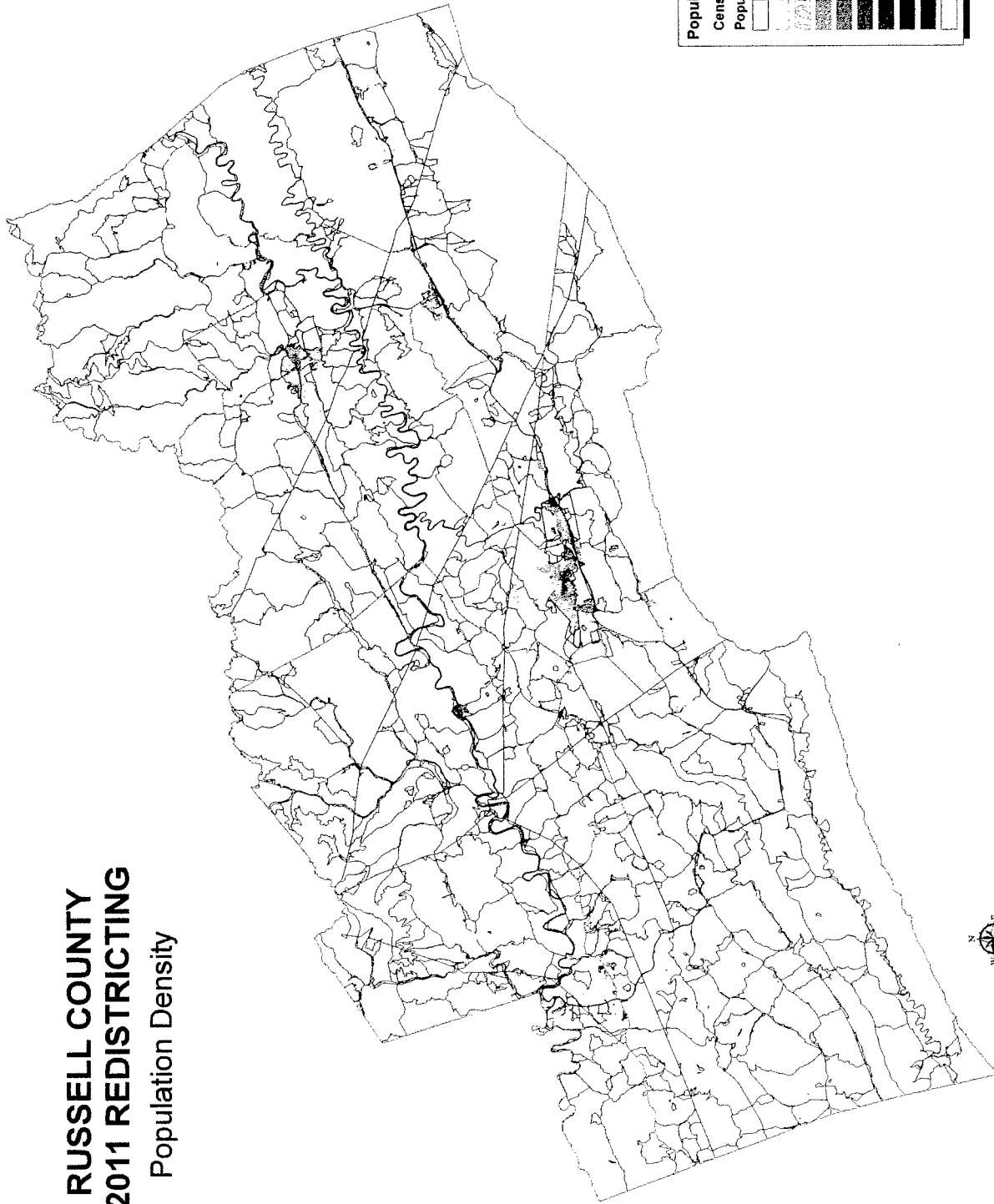
Clearly Observable Boundaries

“Clearly observable boundaries,” one of the mandatory criteria for redistricting, is required by VA Code Section 24.2-305

- Requiring election districts have clearly observable boundaries
- A “clearly observable boundary” shall include
 - (i) Any named road or street,
 - (ii) Any road or highway which is part of the federal, state primary, or state secondary road system,
 - (iii) Any river, stream, or drainage feature shown as polygon boundary on the TIGER/line files of the United States Bureau of the Census, or
 - (iv) Any other natural or constructed or erected permanent physical feature which is shown on an official map issued by the Virginia Department of Transportation, on a United States Geological Survey topographical map, or as a polygon boundary on the TIGER/line files of the United States Bureau of the Census.

No property line or subdivision boundary shall be deemed to be a clearly observable boundary unless it is marked by a permanent physical feature that is shown on an official map issued by the Virginia Department of Transportation, on a United States Geological Survey topographical map, or as a polygon boundary on the TIGER/line files of the United States Bureau of the Census.

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Population Density



Population Per Acre
Census Blocks
Population Per Acre
0 - 1
1 - 2
2 - 3
3 - 4
4 - 5
5 - 6
6 - 8
8 - 16
Greater than 16
Current Districts



**Russell County
Demographics Related to Redistricting
April 4, 2011**

Countywide	2010	2000*
Total Population	28,897	29,258
Active Voters	17,882	17,518

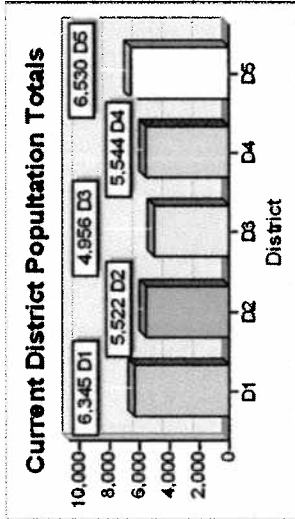
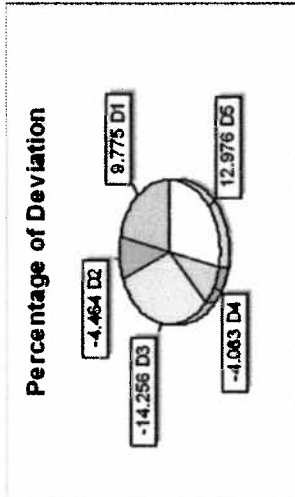
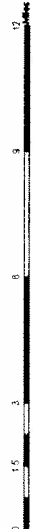
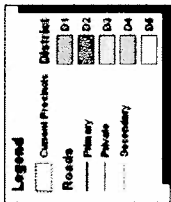
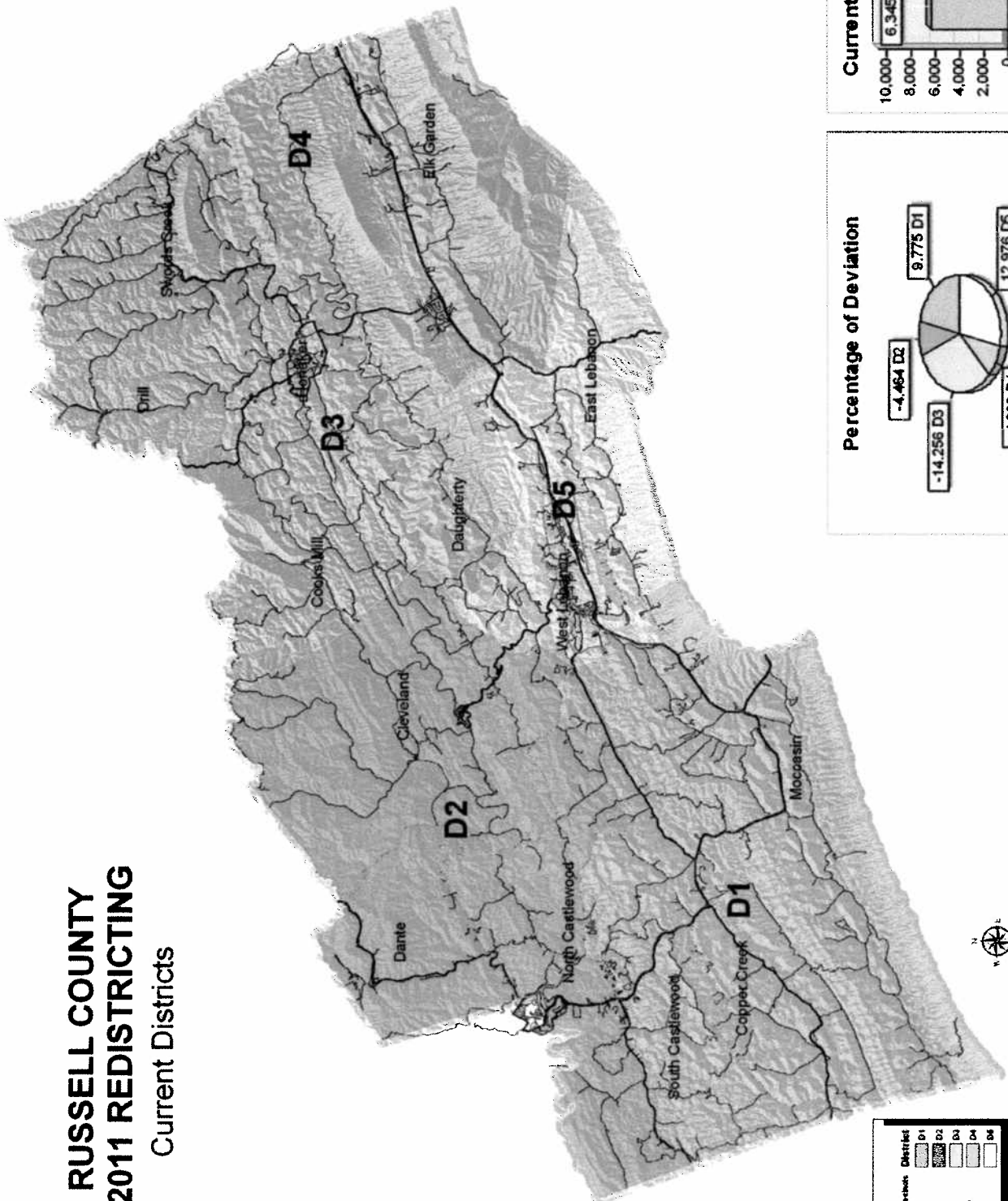
By District/Precinct

	Total Population	Voting Age Population	Registered Voters		All Registered Voters
			Active	Inactive	
District 1					
Moccasin Precinct	2,349	1,883	1,492	81	1,573
Copper Creek Precinct	1,830	1,454	1,134	55	1,189
South Castlewood Precinct	2,166	1,712	1,336	111	1,447
Total District 1	6,345	5,049	3,962	247	4,209
District 2					
North Castlewood Precinct	2,957	2,378	1,749	150	1,899
Dante Precinct	1,013	773	552	53	605
Cleveland Precinct	1,552	1,236	851	44	895
Total District 2	5,522	4,387	3,152	247	3,399
District 3					
Cooks Mill Precinct	683	545	426	23	449
Daugherty Precinct	219	183	141	3	144
Honaker Precinct	4,054	3,207	2,590	180	2,770
Total District 3	4,956	3,935	3,157	206	3,363
District 4					
Drill Precinct	327	258	203	14	217
Swords Creek Precinct	2,793	2,236	1,727	106	1,833
Elk Garden Precinct	2,424	1,933	1,543	105	1,648
Total District 4	5,544	4,427	3,473	225	3,698
District 5					
East Lebanon	2,926	2,324	1,853	90	1,943
West Lebanon	3,604	2,870	2,285	205	2,490
Total District 5	6,530	5,194	4,138	295	4,433
Total County	28,897	22,992	17,882	1,220	19,102

* On March 3, 2002 the Bureau of Census notified Russell County of a downward adjustment of the 2000 census figures from the previously reported total of 30,300 to an adjusted total of 29,258.

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING

Current Districts



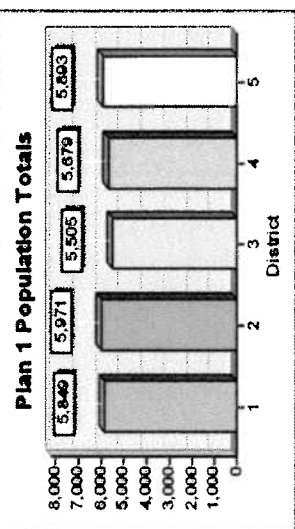
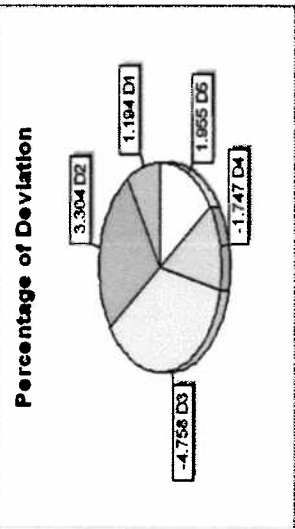
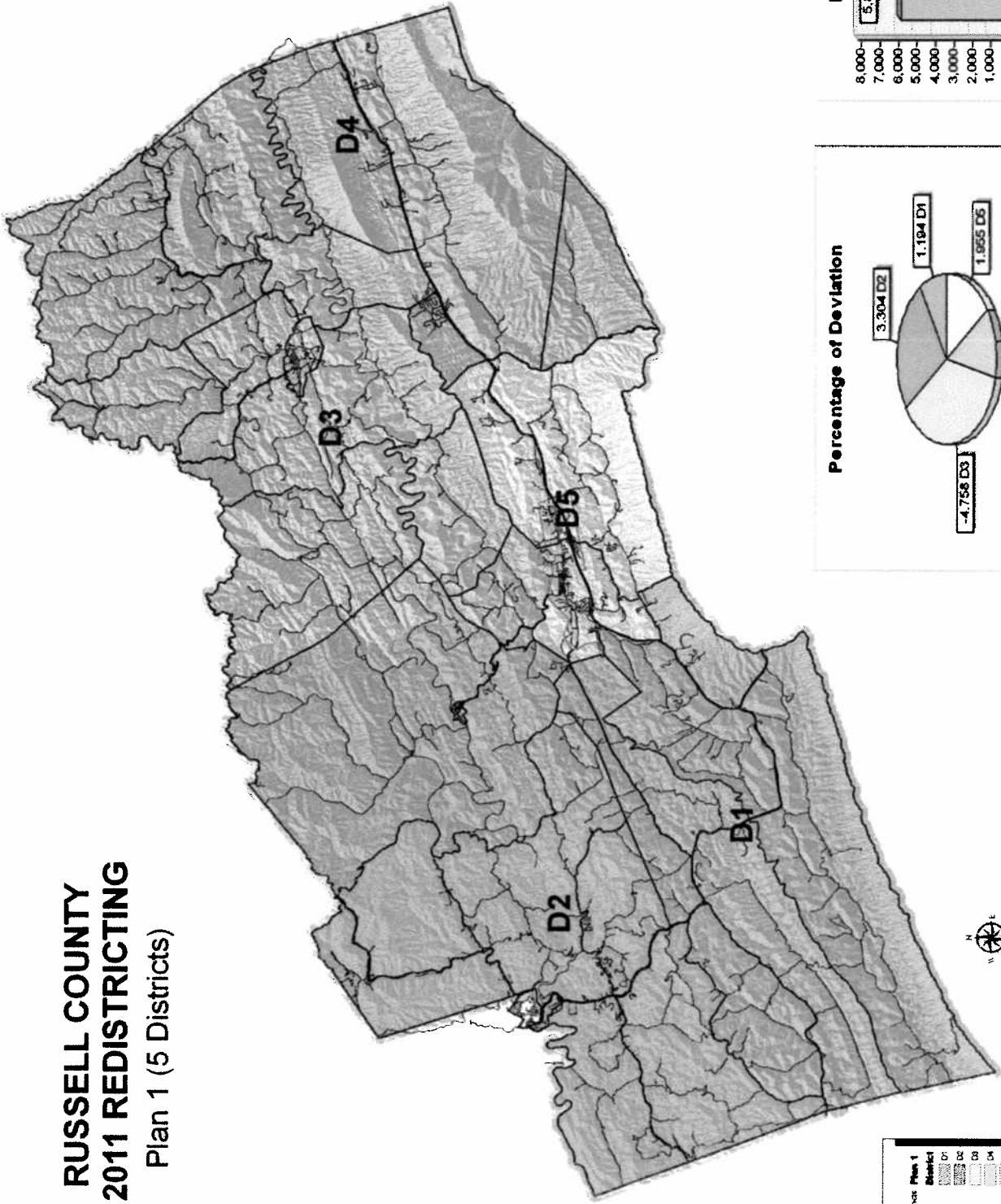
Russell County 2011 Redistricting

	2010	2000	Difference
Total Population	28,897	29,258	-361
Active Voters	17,882	17,518	364

	Population	Deviation from Mean of 5780	Percentage of Deviation
District 1	6,345	565	9.78%
District 2	5,522	-258	-4.46%
District 3	4,956	-824	-14.26%
District 4	5,544	-236	-4.08%
District 5	6,530	750	12.98%
Total Population	28,897		

Precinct	Population	Precinct	Population
Moccasin	2,349	East Lebanon	2,926
Copper Creek	1,830	West Lebanon	3,604
South Castlewood	2,166		
North Castlewood	2,957		
Dante	1,013		
Cleveland	1,552		
Cooks Mill	683		
Daughterty	219		
Honaker	4,054		
Drill	327		
Swords Creek	2,793		
Elk Garden	2,424		

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Plan 1 (5 Districts)



Russell County 2011 Redistricting

Plan 1 (5 Districts)

District 1 Changes

- Moccasin precinct and Copper Creek precincts have no changes.
- Cleveland precinct moved to District 1 and also loses 47 people to District 3.
- Gained 165 people from South Castlewood precinct west of Carterton Rd.
- North Castlewood precinct moved to District 2.
- Total Population of 5,849.

District 2 Changes

- Dante precinct has no change.
- South Castlewood precinct had 165 people west of Carterton Rd. moved to District 1.
- North Castlewood precinct moved from District 1 to District 2.
- Cleveland precinct moved to District 1.
- Total Population of 5,971.

District 3 Changes

- Honaker, Cooks Mill, and Daughterty precincts have no changes.
- Gained 47 people from Cleveland precinct eastern portion.
- Gained 502 people from West Lebanon precinct northern portion.
- Total Population of 5,505.

District 4 Changes

- Drill, Elk Garden, and Swords Creek precincts have no changes.
- Gained 135 people from East Lebanon precinct.
- Total Population of 5,679.

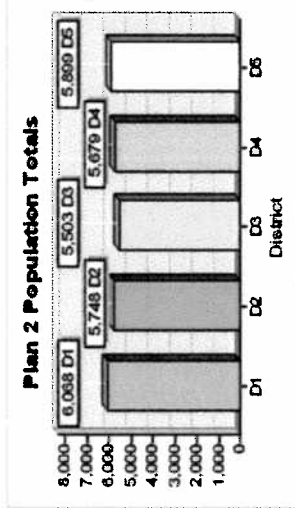
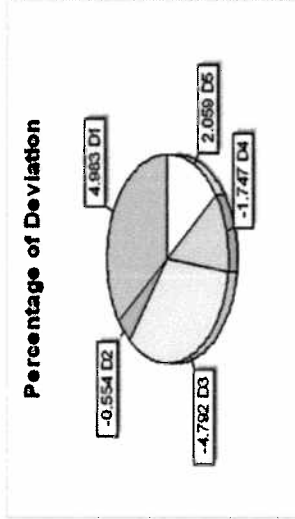
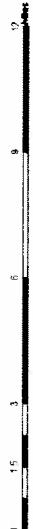
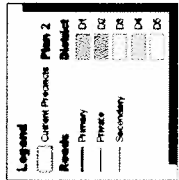
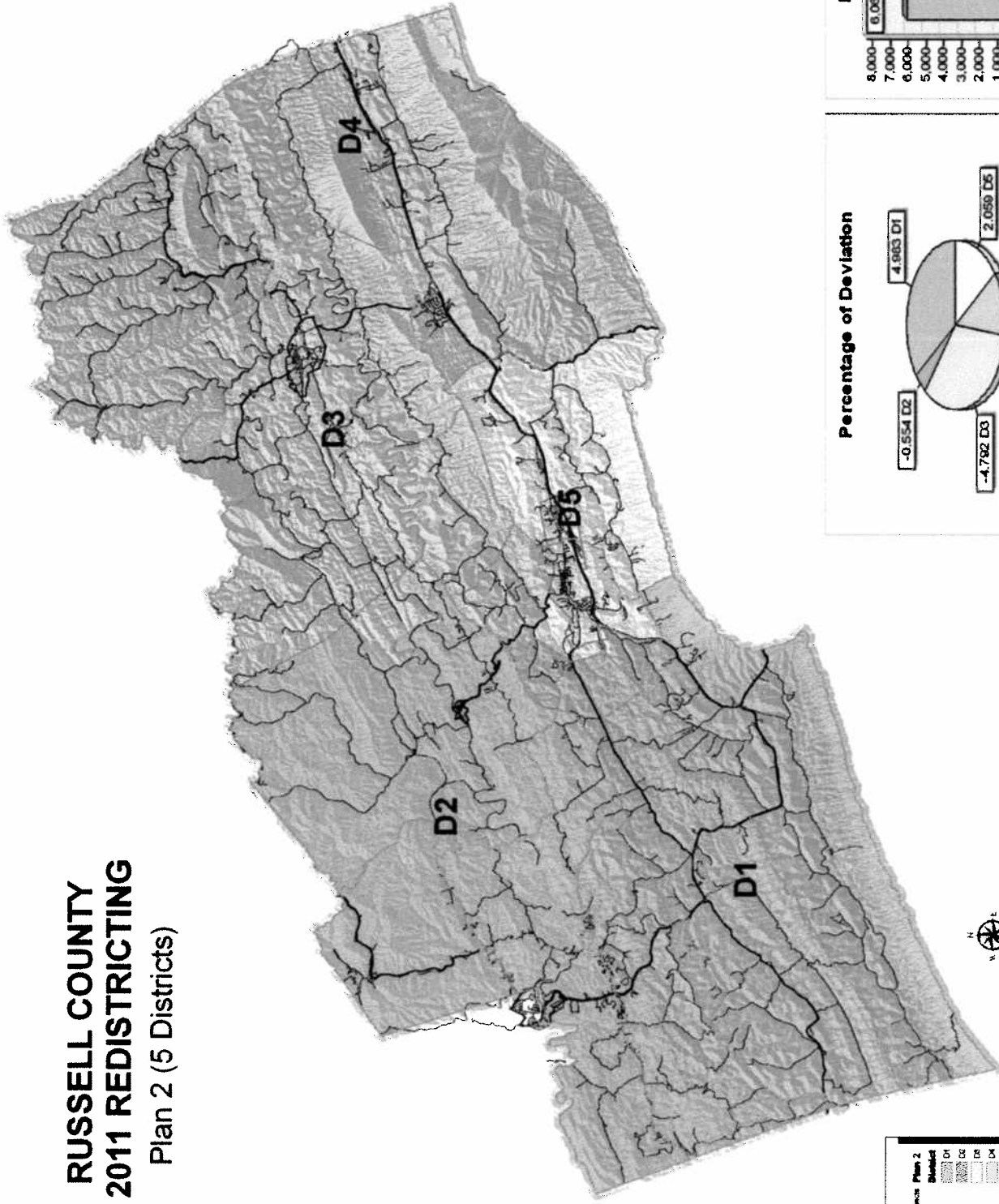
District 5 Changes

- East Lebanon precinct loses 502 people to District 3.
- West Lebanon precinct loses 135 people to District 4.
- Total Population of 5,893.

Total affected Population by precinct changes in Plan 1

- Approximately 849 people would be affected by Plan 1 changes.

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Plan 2 (5 Districts)



Russell County 2011 Redistricting

Plan 2 (5 Districts)

District 1 Changes

- Moccasin and Copper Creek precincts have no changes.
- Gain 223 people from south portion of Cleveland precinct.
- South Castlewood precinct loses 500 people west of Hwy 58 and south of Mew Rd to District 2.
- Total Population 6,068.

District 2 Changes

- Dante and North Castlewood precincts have no changes.
- Gained 500 from South Castlewood precinct west of Hwy 58 and south of Mew Rd.
- Cleveland precinct losses 274 people in southern portion of precinct to District 1 and District 3.
- Total Population 5,748.

District 3 Changes

- Honaker, Cooks Mill, and Daughterty precincts have no changes.
- Gained 52 people from east portion of Cleveland precinct.
- Gained 496 people from east of Cleveland Rd from West Lebanon precinct.
- Total Population 5,503.

District 4 Changes

- Drill and Elk Garden precincts have no changes.
- Gained 135 people east of Hayters Gap Rd from East Lebanon precinct.
- Total Population 5,679.

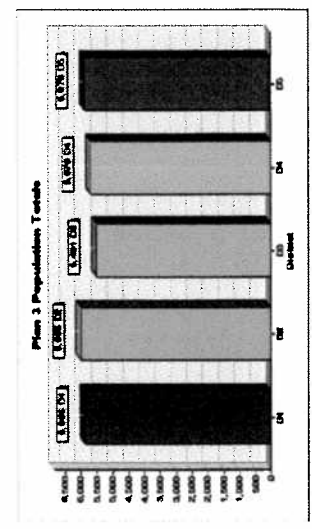
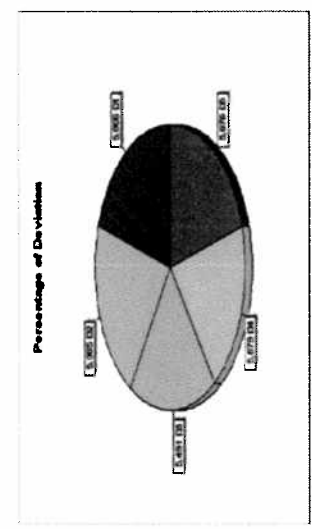
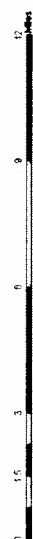
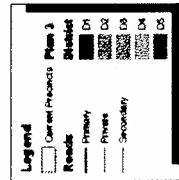
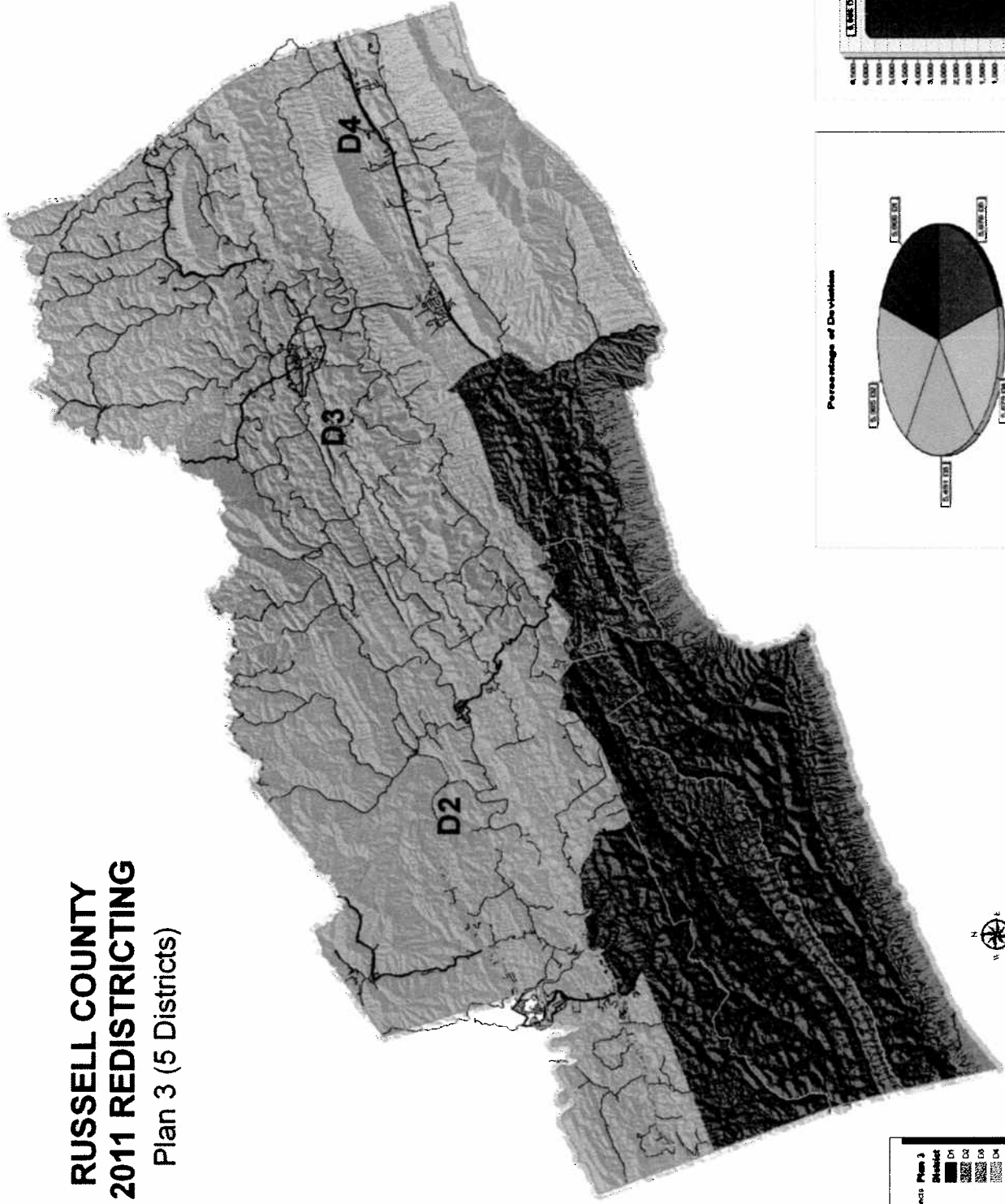
District 5 Changes

- East Lebanon precinct loses 135 people to District 4.
- West Lebanon precinct loses 496 people to District 3.
- Total Population of 5,899.

Total affect Population by precinct changes in Plan 2

- Approximately 1,406 people would be affected by Plan 2 changes.

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Plan 3 (5 Districts)



Russell County 2011 Redistricting

Plan 3 (5 Districts)

District 1 Changes

- Moccasin and Copper Creek precincts have no changes.
- South Castlewood loses 479 to District 2.
- Total Population of 5,866.

District 2 Changes

- Dante and North Castlewood precincts have no changes.
- Gains 479 people from South Castlewood precincts.
- Cleveland precinct loses 16 to District 3.
- Total Population of 5,985.

District 3 Changes

- Cooks Mill, Daughterty, and Honaker precincts have no changes.
- Gains 16 people from eastern portion of Cleveland Precinct.
- Gains 519 people from northern portion of West Lebanon Precinct.
- Total Population of 5,491.

District 4 Changes

- Drill, Swords Creek, and Elk Garden precincts have no changes.
- Gains 135 people from East Lebanon precincts east of Hayters Gap Rd.
- Total Population of 5,679.

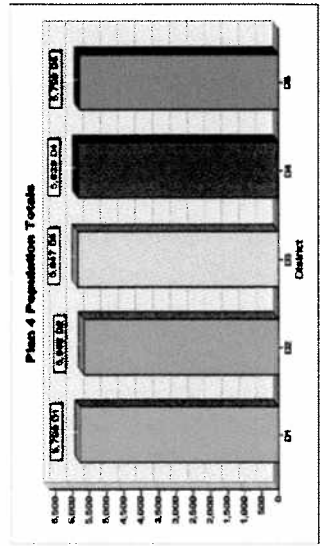
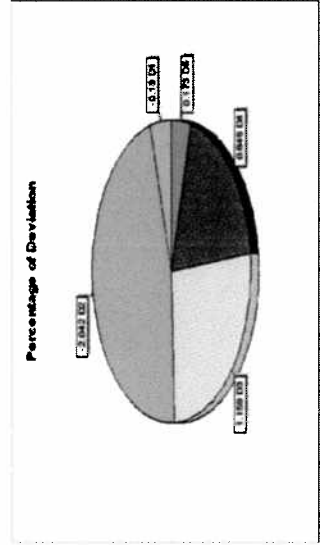
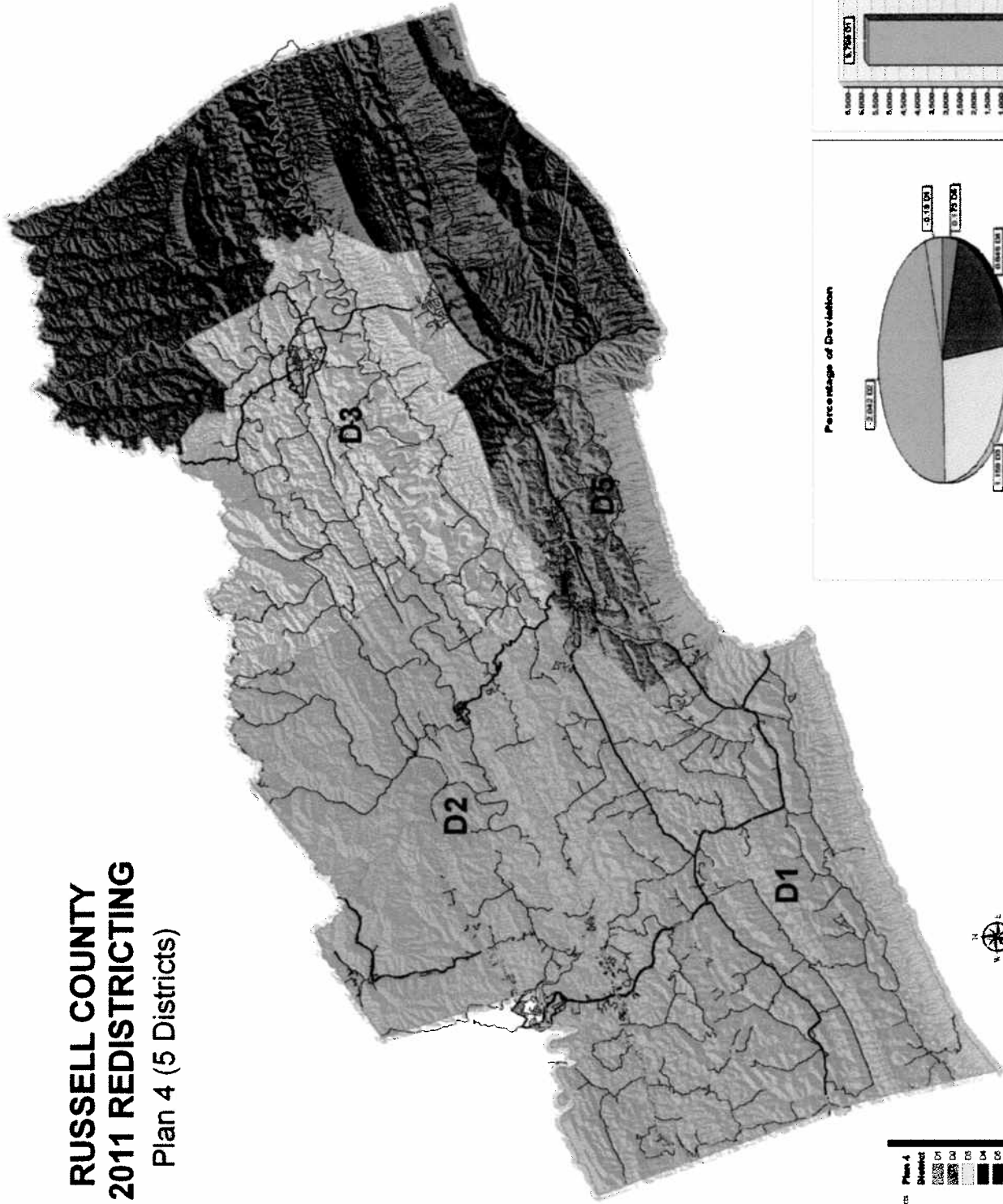
District 5 Changes

- East Lebanon precinct loses 135 people to District 4.
- West Lebanon precinct loses 519 people to District 3.
- Total Population of 5,876.

Total affect Population by precinct changes in Plan 3

- Approximately 1,149 people affected by Plan 3 changes.

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Plan 4 (5 Districts)



Russell County 2011 Redistricting

Plan 4 (5 Districts)

District 1 Changes

- Moccasin precinct loses 506 people to District 4 in eastern portion of precinct.
- Copper Creek precinct loses 157 people to District 2 in eastern portion of precinct.
- Gains 1138 people from North Castlewood precinct.
- South Castlewood precinct loses 1,115 people District 2.
- Total population of 5,769.

District 2 Changes

- Cleveland and Dante precincts have no changes.
- North Castlewood precinct loses 1,819 to District 1.
- Gains 1,051 people from South Castlewood precinct.
- Gains 70 people from West Lebanon precinct.
- Total population of 5,662.

District 3 Changes

- Cooks Mill, Daughterty, and Honaker precincts have no changes.
- Gains 391 people from Elk Garden precinct north of HWY 19 in Rosedale community.
- Gains 500 people from West Lebanon precinct from east of Cleveland Rd.
- Total population of 5,847.

District 4 Changes

- Drill and Swords Creek precincts have no changes
- Gains 676 people from East Lebanon precinct in eastern portion.
- Total population of 5,829.

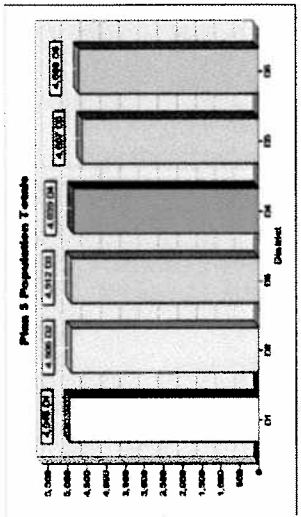
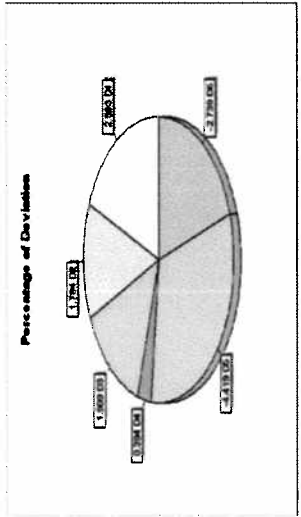
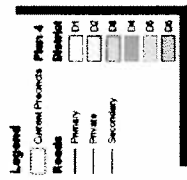
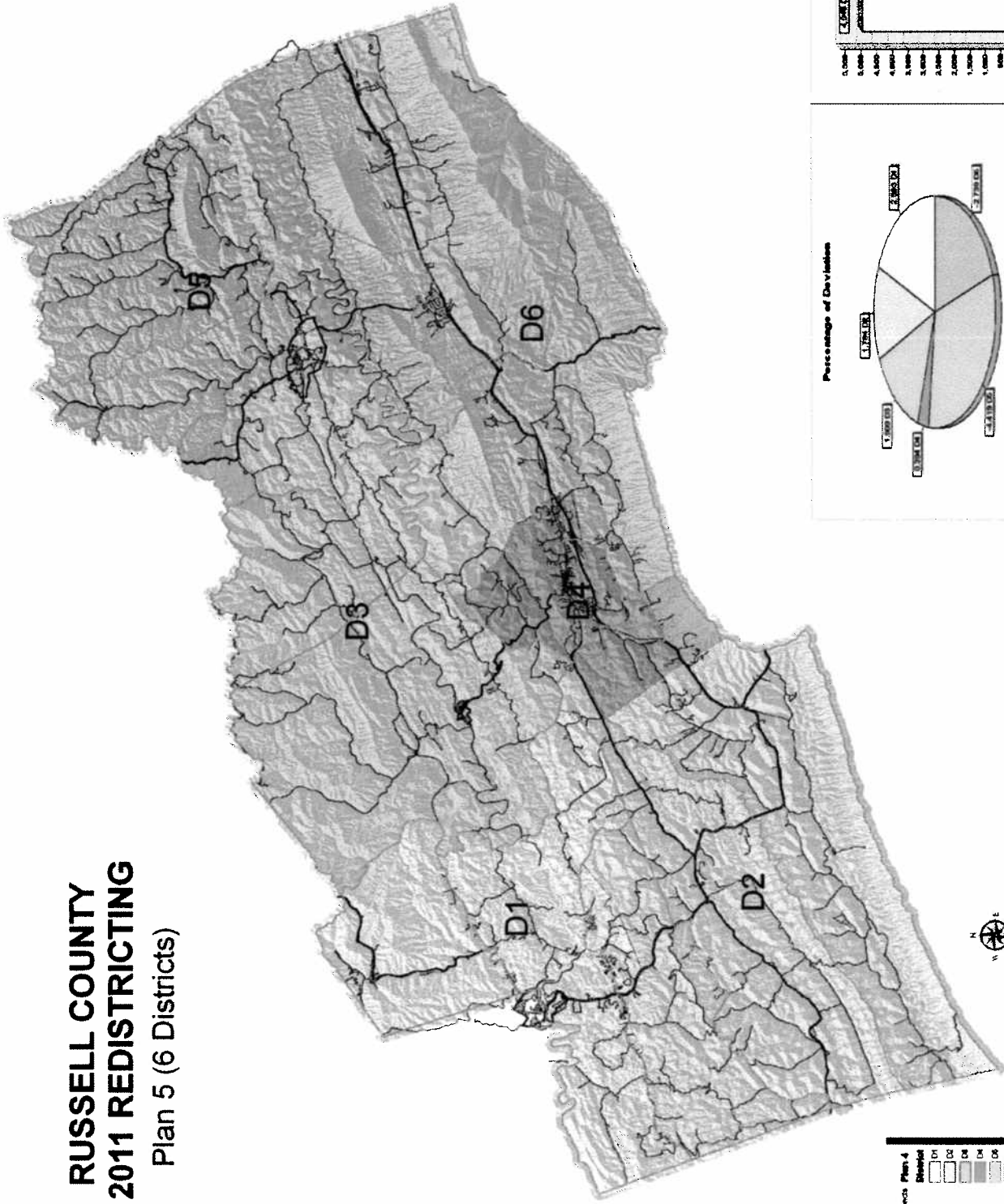
District 5 Changes

- East Lebanon precinct loses 676 people to District 4.
- West Lebanon precinct loses 70 people to District 2 and loses 500 people to District 3.
- Total population of 5,790.

Total affected Population by precinct changes in Plan 4

- Approximately 9,047 people are affected by Plan 4 changes.

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Plan 5 (6 Districts)



Russell County 2011 Redistricting

Plan 5 (6 Districts)

District 1 Changes

- Dante and North Castlewood precincts have no changes.
- Gain 975 people from South Castlewood precinct south of Memorial Dr.
- Total population of 4,945.

District 2 Changes

- Moccasin precinct loses 453 people in eastern portion to District 4.
- Copper Creek precinct loses 11 people in eastern portion to District 4.
- South Castlewood precinct loses 975 people south of Memorial Dr to District 1.
- Total population of 4,906.

District 3 Changes

- Cleveland, Daughterty, and Cooks Mill precincts have no changes.
- Honaker precinct loses 1,596 in the eastern portion to District 5 and District 6.
- Total population of 4,912.

District 4 Changes

- West Lebanon precinct has no changes.
- Gains 11 people from Copper Creek precinct.
- Gains 453 people from Moccasin precinct.
- Gains 771 from East Lebanon precinct.
- Total population of 4,839.

District 5 Changes

- Drill and Swords Creek precincts have no changes.
- Gains 1,487 from the Honaker precinct.
- Total population of 4,607.

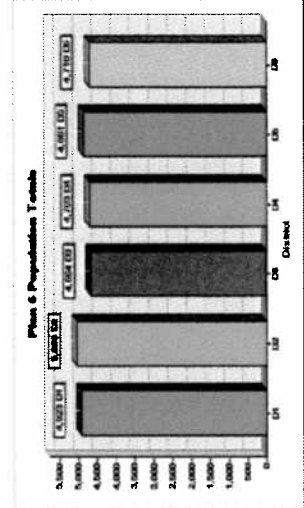
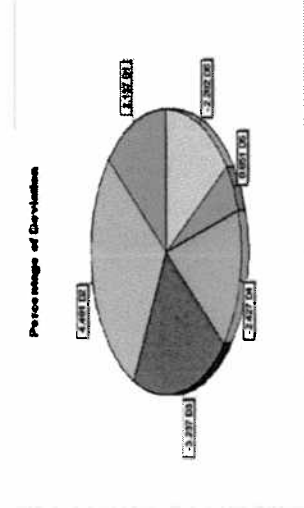
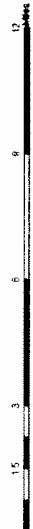
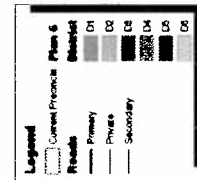
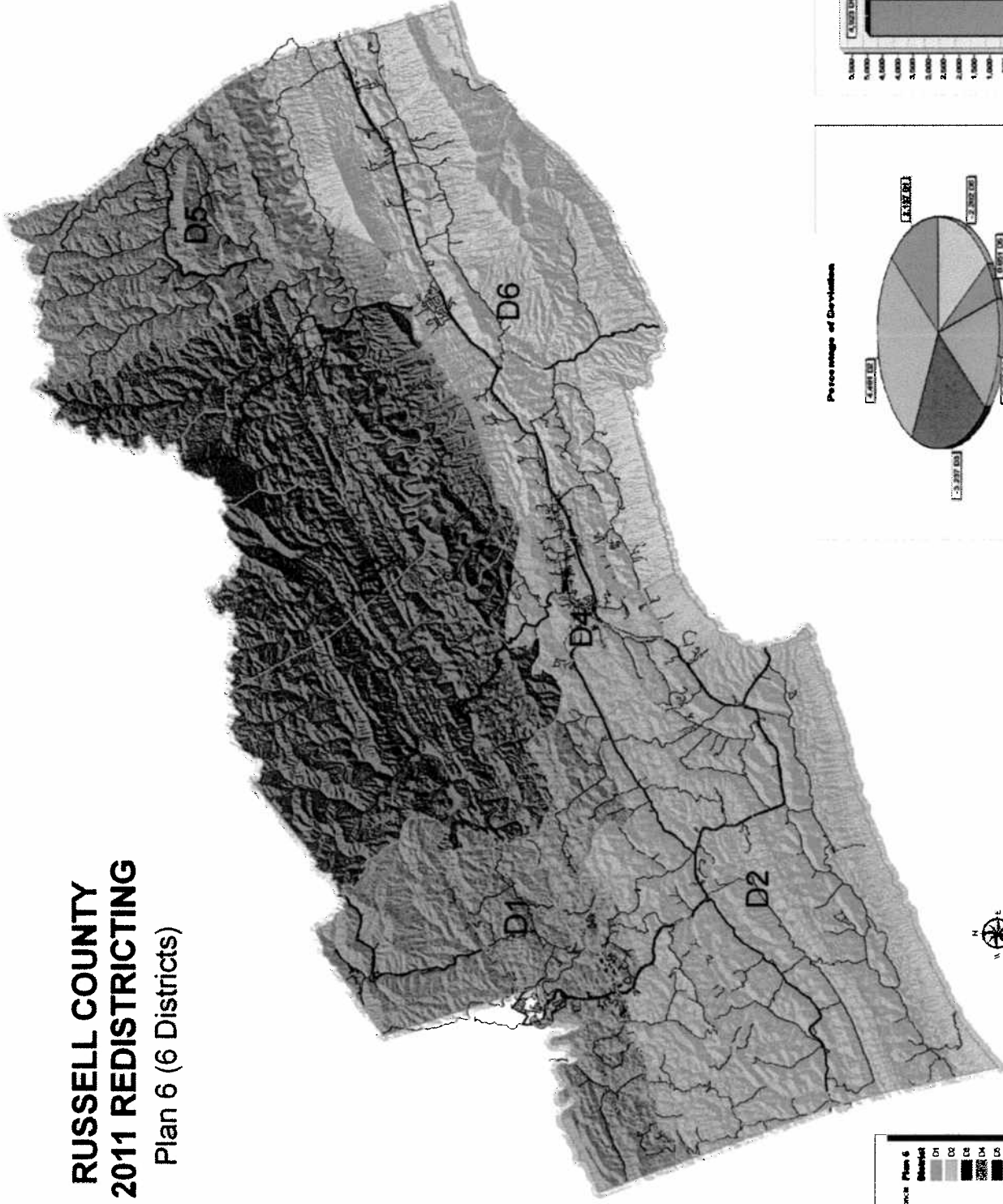
NEW DISTRICT 6 CREATED

- New District created.
- Elk Garden precinct moves into new precinct, but otherwise has no changes.
- Gains 2,155 people from East Lebanon precinct.
- Gains 109 people from Honaker precinct.
- Total population of 4,688.

Total affected Population by precinct changes in Plan 5

- Approximately 5,961 people affected by Plan 5 changes.

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Plan 6 (6 Districts)



Russell County 2011 Redistricting

Plan 6 (6 Districts)

District 1 Changes

- Dante and North Castlewood precincts have no changes.
- Gain 953 from South Castlewood precinct south of Memorial Dr.
- Total population of 4,923.

District 2 Changes

- Moccasin precinct loses 201 people to District 4.
- Copper Creek precinct loses 155 people to District 4.
- South Castlewood precinct loses 953 to District 1.
- Total population 5,035.

District 3 Changes

- Daugherty and Cooks Mill precincts have no changes.
- Gains 154 people from West Lebanon precincts.
- Gains 1855 people from Honaker precinct
- Cleveland precinct loses 126.
- Total population of 4,664.

District 4 Changes

- West Lebanon precinct loses 154 to District 3.
- Gains 201 people from Moccasin precinct.
- Gains 155 people from Copper Creek precinct.
- Gains 126 people from Cleveland precinct.
- Gains 771 people from East Lebanon precinct.
- Total population of 4,703.

District 5 Changes

- Swords Creek precinct has no changes.
- Gains 2,068 from Honaker precinct.
- Total population of 4,861.

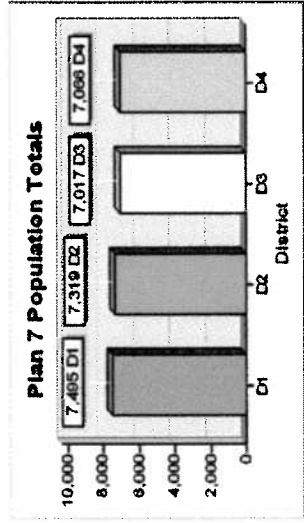
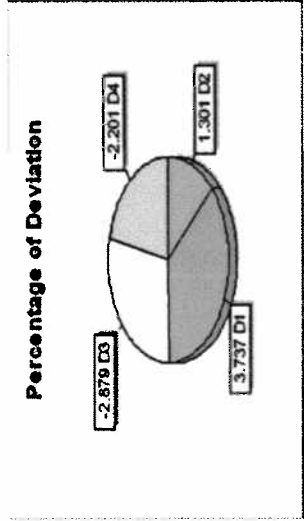
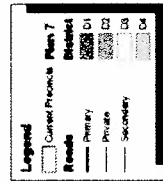
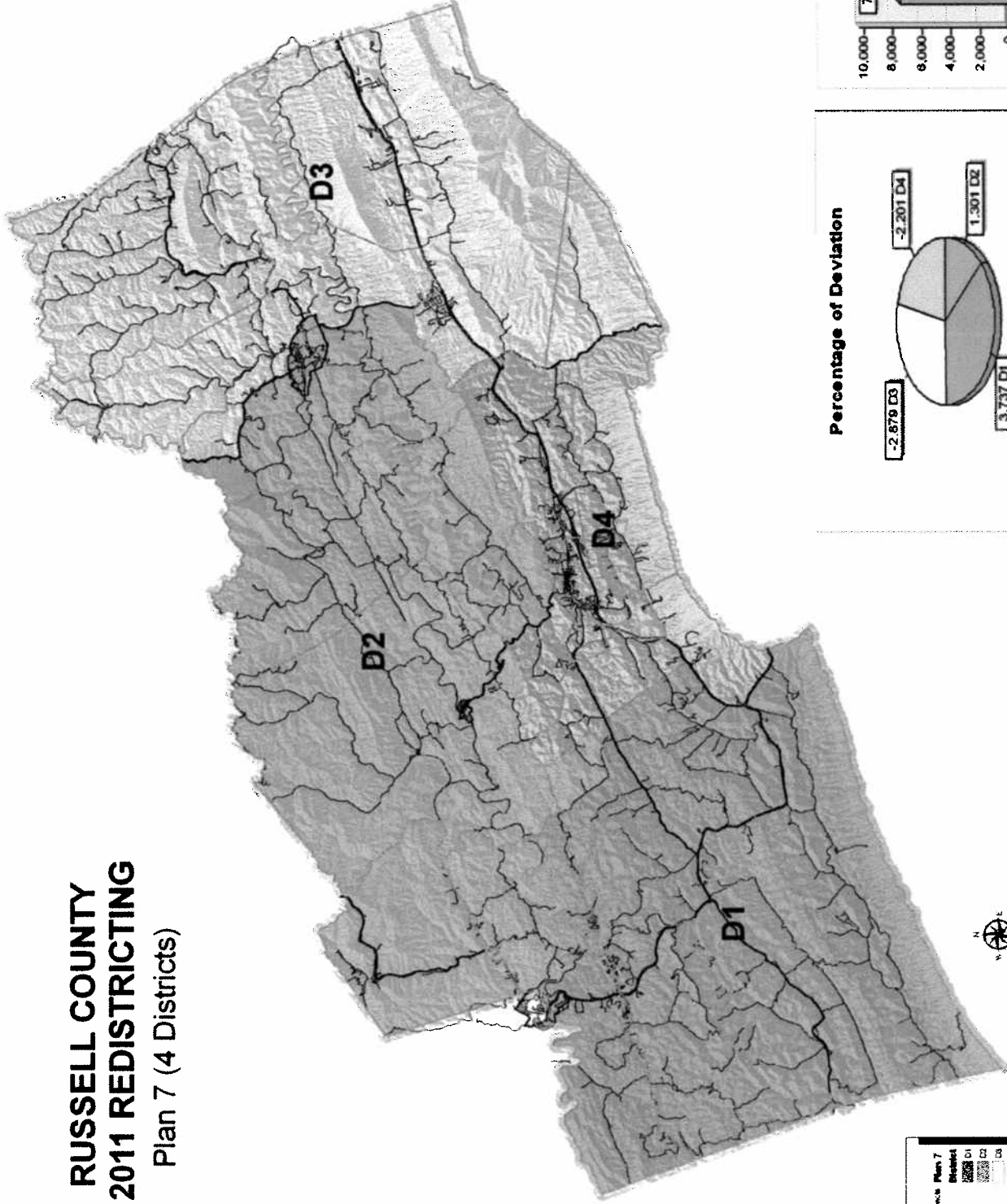
NEW DISTRICT 6 CREATED

- Elk Garden precinct moves to new district but otherwise has no changes.
- Gain 2,155 from East Lebanon precinct.
- Gains 131 people from Honaker precinct.
- Total population of 4,710.

Total affected Population by precinct changes in Plan 6

- Approximately 8,569 people affected by Plan 6 changes .

RUSSELL COUNTY 2011 REDISTRICTING Plan 7 (4 Districts)



Russell County 2011 Redistricting

Plan 7 (4 Districts)

District 1 Changes

- Moccasin precinct loses 627 people east of Hwy 19, west of Hwy 19, and south of North 71.
- Copper Creek precinct loses 195 people east of Carterton Rd.
- South Castlewood precinct has no changes.
- North Castlewood precinct loses 981 people south of the Clinch River and east of Carterton Rd.
- Total Population of 7,495.

District 2 Changes

- Dante, Cooks Mill, and Daughterty precinct have no changes.
- Gains 906 people from North Castlewood precinct.
- Cleveland precinct loses 243 people to District 4.
- Gains 473 people from West Lebanon precinct.
- Total Population of 7,319.

District 3 Changes

- Drill, Swords Creek, and Elk Garden precincts have no changes.
- Gained 1,338 people north of Redbud Hwy from the Honaker precinct.
- Gained 131 people east of Hayters Gap Rd from East Lebanon precinct.
- Total population of 7,017.

District 4 Changes

- East Lebanon precinct loses 131 people east of Hayters Gap to District 3.
- West Lebanon precinct loses 473 people east of Cleveland rd to District 2.
- Gains 627 people from Moccasin precinct.
- Gains 195 people from Copper Creek precinct.
- Gains 75 people from North Castlewood precinct.
- Gains 243 people from Cleveland precinct.
- Total population of 7,066.

District 5 Changes

- Loss of District

Total affected Population by precinct changes in Plan 7

- Approximately 3,998 people affected by Plan 7 changes .

Events Calendar



03 April 2011

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
14	3	4 6:00PM Board of Superv ...	5	6	7	8	9
15	10	11 6:00PM Redistricting - ... <i>@ Cas Ctr</i>	12	13	14	15	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
17	24	25 6:00PM Redistricting - ... <i>@ Cas Ctr</i>	26	27	28	29	30

Events Calendar



Events for the week :

10 April 2011 - 16 April 2011	
10 April	
11 April	6:00PM Redistricting - Public Forum #1 :: Redistricting
12 April	
13 April	
14 April	
15 April	
16 April	

Events Calendar



Events for the week :

24 April 2011 - 30 April 2011	
24 April	
25 April	6:00PM Redistricting - Public Forum #2 :: Redistricting
26 April	
27 April	
28 April	
29 April	
30 April	

Events Calendar



May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18	2 6:00PM Redistricting - ...	3	4	5	6	7
8 19	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 20	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 21	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 22	30	31	1	2	3	4

Events Calendar



Events for the week :

01 May 2011 - 07 May 2011	
01 May	
02 May	6:00PM Redistricting - Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance :: Redistricting
03 May	
04 May	
05 May	
06 May	
07 May	