

# Gerrymandering Metrics

## 2024 Election Results and the 2024 District Map

```
library(tidyverse)
```

```
— Attaching core tidyverse packages —————
tidyverse 2.0.0 —
✓ dplyr      1.1.4      ✓ readr      2.1.5
✓ forcats    1.0.0      ✓ stringr    1.5.1
✓ ggplot2    3.5.2      ✓ tibble     3.3.0
✓ lubridate  1.9.4      ✓ tidyr      1.3.1
✓ purrr      1.1.0
— Conflicts —————
tidyverse_conflicts() —
✖ dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
✖ dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>)
to force all conflicts to become errors
```

```
library(scales)
```

Attaching package: 'scales'

The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':

discard

The following object is masked from 'package:readr':

col\_factor

```
precinct_long <- read_csv("data/precinct_clean_long.csv")
```

Rows: 511230 Columns: 76

— Column specification

Delimiter: ","

chr (46): fips, svprec, svprec\_key, election, geo\_type,  
prsaip01, prsdem01, ...

```
dbl (30): county, addist, cddist, sddist, bedist, totreg,
demreg, repreg, ai...
```

- i Use ``spec()`` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
- i Specify the column types or set ``show_col_types = FALSE`` to quiet this message.

```
congress <- precinct_long |>
  filter(race_type == "Congress") |>
  group_by(district, candidate_party) |>
  summarise(total_votes = sum(votes, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "c")
  pivot_wider(names_from = candidate_party, values_from = total_votes)
  mutate(
    total = DEM + REP,
    dem_share = DEM / total
  ) |>
  filter(total > 0) # exclude empty districts

mean_share <- mean(congress$dem_share, na.rm = TRUE)
median_share <- median(congress$dem_share, na.rm = TRUE)
mm_diff <- mean_share - median_share

cat("Mean Democratic vote share:", round(mean_share, 3), "\n")
```

Mean Democratic vote share: 0.632

```
cat("Median Democratic vote share:", round(median_share, 3), "\n")
```

Median Democratic vote share: 0.637

```
cat("Mean-Median Difference:", round(mm_diff, 3), "\n")
```

Mean-Median Difference: -0.005

```
congress <- congress |>
  mutate(
    dem_wasted = if_else(DEM > REP, DEM - (total / 2), DEM),
    rep_wasted = if_else(REP > DEM, REP - (total / 2), REP)
  )

total_dem_wasted <- sum(congress$dem_wasted, na.rm = TRUE)
total_rep_wasted <- sum(congress$rep_wasted, na.rm = TRUE)
```

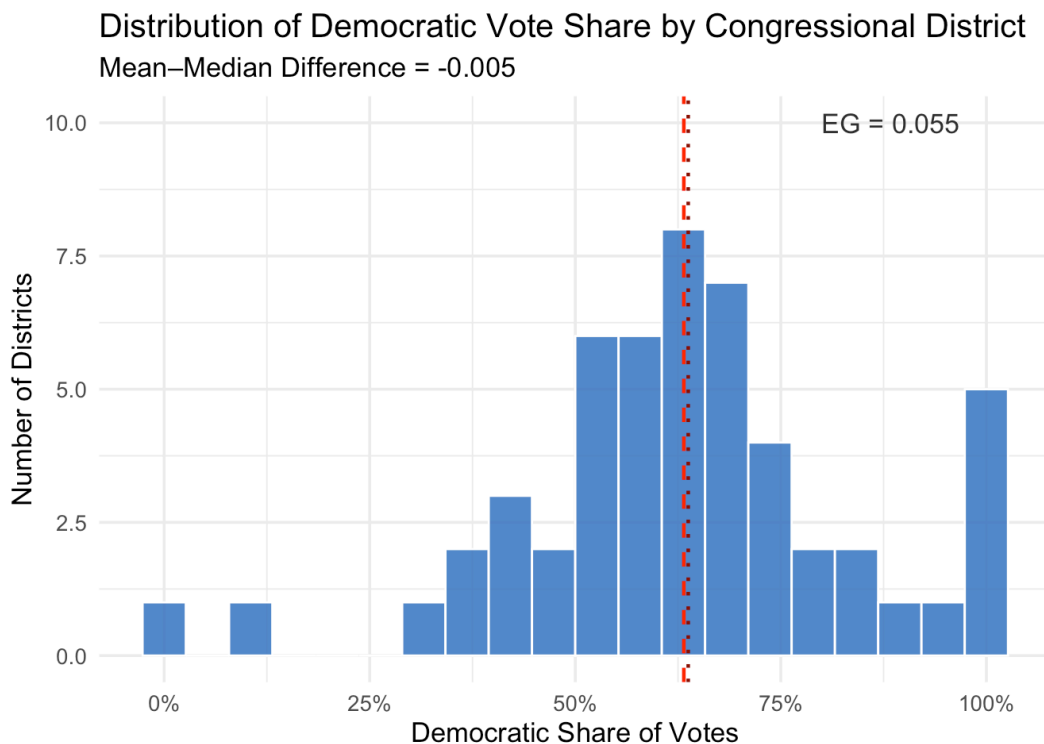
```
total_votes <- sum(congress$total, na.rm = TRUE)

efficiency_gap <- (total_rep_wasted - total_dem_wasted) / total_votes

cat("Efficiency Gap:", round(efficiency_gap, 3), "\n")
```

Efficiency Gap: 0.055

```
ggplot(congress, aes(x = dem_share)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 20, fill = "#2E74C0", color = "white", alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = mean_share, linetype = "dashed", color = "red", size = 2) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = median_share, linetype = "dotted", color = "red", size = 2) +
  annotate("text", x = 0.8, y = 10,
    label = paste0("EG = ", round(efficiency_gap, 3)),
    hjust = 0, size = 4.5, color = "gray20") +
  scale_x_continuous(labels = scales::percent_format(accuracy = 1)) +
  labs(
    title = "Distribution of Democratic Vote Share by Congressional District",
    subtitle = paste0("Mean-Median Difference = ", round(mm_diff, 3)),
    x = "Democratic Share of Votes",
    y = "Number of Districts"
  ) +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 13)
```



## 2024 Election Results and the proposed 2025 District Map

```
library(sf)
```

Linking to GEOS 3.13.0, GDAL 3.8.5, PROJ 9.5.1; sf\_use\_s2() is TRUE

```
sr_geo <- st_read("data/shapefiles/srprecinct_cleaned.shp")
```

Reading layer `srprecinct\_cleaned' from data source

```
`/Users/timroth/Documents/UC_Berkeley/Cal_Senior/Senior_Fall/st  
at133/gerrymandering-  
timrothtr/data/shapefiles/srprecinct_cleaned.shp'  
  using driver `ESRI Shapefile'
```

```
Warning in CPL_read_ogr(dsn, layer, query,  
as.character(options), quiet, : GDAL  
Message 1:  
/Users/timroth/Documents/UC_Berkeley/Cal_Senior/Senior_Fall/sta  
t133/gerrymandering-  
timrothtr/data/shapefiles/srprecinct_cleaned.shp  
contains polygon(s) with rings with invalid winding order.  
Autocorrecting them,  
but that shapefile should be corrected using ogr2ogr for  
example.
```

```
Simple feature collection with 26993 features and 81 fields  
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON  
Dimension:      XY  
Bounding box:   xmin: -380101 ymin: -605327 xmax: 540038 ymax:  
450447  
Projected CRS: NAD83 / California Albers
```

```
ab604_shp <- st_read("data/shapefiles/ab604_cleaned.shp")
```

Reading layer `ab604\_cleaned' from data source

```
`/Users/timroth/Documents/UC_Berkeley/Cal_Senior/Senior_Fall/st  
at133/gerrymandering-  
timrothtr/data/shapefiles/ab604_cleaned.shp'
```

```

using driver `ESRI Shapefile'
Simple feature collection with 52 features and 15 fields
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
Dimension:      XY
Bounding box:   xmin: -380102.2 ymin: -605326.6 xmax: 540036.5
ymax: 450447.3
Projected CRS:  NAD83 / California Albers

```

```
votes_sr <- read_csv("data/srprecinct_votes_cleaned.csv")
```

Rows: 25167 Columns: 76

— Column specification

```

Delimiter: ","
chr (48): srprec, election, srprec_key, geo_type, assaip01,
assdem01, assdem...
dbl (28): county, fips, addist, cddist, sddist, bedist, totdist,
demreg, repr...

```

i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.  
i Specify the column types or set `show\_col\_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.

```

votes_sr <- votes_sr |>
  mutate(across(matches("dem|rep", ignore.case = TRUE), ~ suppressWarnings(
    mutate(
      DEM = rowSums(across(matches("dem", ignore.case = TRUE))), na.rm = TRUE)
      REP = rowSums(across(matches("rep", ignore.case = TRUE))), na.rm = TRUE)
      total = DEM + REP
    )
  ))

sr_geo <- st_make_valid(sr_geo) |> st_transform(3310)
ab604_shp <- st_make_valid(ab604_shp) |> st_transform(3310)

sr_geo <- sr_geo |>
  left_join(votes_sr, by = "srprec") # check the column name

```

Warning in sf\_column %in% names(g): Detected an unexpected many-to-many relationship between `x` and `y`.  
i Row 11 of `x` matches multiple rows in `y`.  
i Row 174 of `y` matches multiple rows in `x`.

i If a many-to-many relationship is expected, set `relationship`  
 =  
 "many-to-many" to silence this warning.

```
votes_ab604 <- st_join(sr_geo, ab604_shp, join = st_intersects,
```

```
district_results_ab604 <- votes_ab604 |>
  st_drop_geometry() |>
  group_by(DISTRICT) |>
  summarise(
    DEM = sum(DEM, na.rm = TRUE),
    REP = sum(REP, na.rm = TRUE),
    total = sum(total, na.rm = TRUE),
    .groups = "drop"
  ) |>
  mutate(
    dem_share = DEM / (DEM + REP)
  )

mm_diff_ab604 <- mean(district_results_ab604$dem_share, na.rm =
  median(district_results_ab604$dem_share, na.rm =

district_results_ab604 <- district_results_ab604 |>
  mutate(
    dem_wasted = if_else(DEM > REP, DEM - (total / 2), DEM),
    rep_wasted = if_else(REP > DEM, REP - (total / 2), REP)
  )

eff_gap_ab604 <- (sum(district_results_ab604$dem_wasted) -
  sum(district_results_ab604$rep_wasted)) /
  sum(district_results_ab604$total)

cat("Mean-Median Difference (AB604): ", round(mm_diff_ab604, 3),
```

Mean-Median Difference (AB604): 0.018

```
cat("Efficiency Gap (AB604): ", round(eff_gap_ab604, 3), "\n")
```

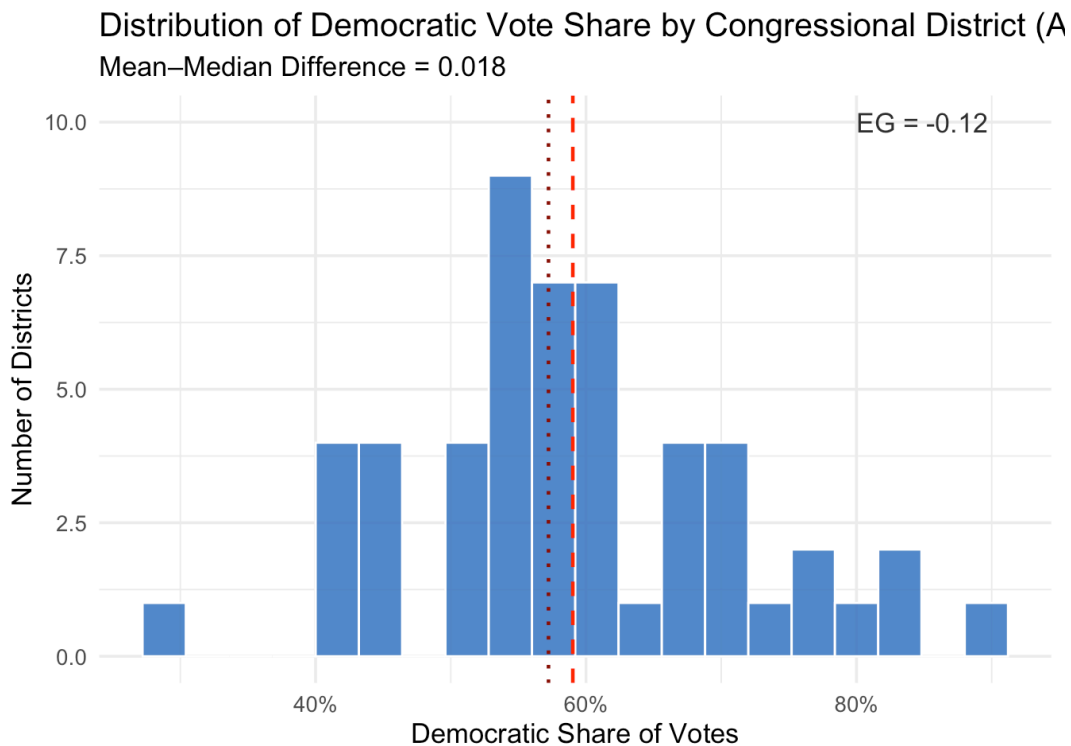
Efficiency Gap (AB604): -0.12

```
ggplot(district_results_ab604, aes(x = dem_share)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 20, fill = "#2E74C0", color = "white",
```

```

geom_vline(xintercept = mean(district_results_ab604$dem_share,
  linetype = "dashed", color = "red", linewidth = 0.8)
geom_vline(xintercept = median(district_results_ab604$dem_share,
  linetype = "dotted", color = "darkred", linewidth = 0.8)
annotate("text", x = 0.8, y = 10,
  label = paste("EG =", round(eff_gap_ab604, 3)),
  hjust = 0, size = 4.5, color = "gray20") +
scale_x_continuous(labels = scales::percent_format(accuracy = 1))
labs(
  title = "Distribution of Democratic Vote Share by Congressional District (Actual)",
  subtitle = paste("Mean-Median Difference =", round(mm_diff_ab604, 3)),
  x = "Democratic Share of Votes",
  y = "Number of Districts"
) +
theme_minimal(base_size = 13)

```



```

write_csv(congress, "data/district_results_2024.csv")
write_csv(district_results_ab604, "data/district_results_ab604.csv")

metrics_summary <- tibble(
  map_version = c("2024 Actual", "AB604 Proposed"),
  mean_median_diff = c(mm_diff, mm_diff_ab604),
  efficiency_gap = c(efficiency_gap, eff_gap_ab604),

```

```
prop_dem_wins = c(  
  mean(congress$dem_share > 0.5, na.rm = TRUE),  
  mean(district_results_ab604$dem_share > 0.5, na.rm = TRUE)  
)  
write_csv(metrics_summary, "data/metrics_summary.csv")
```