

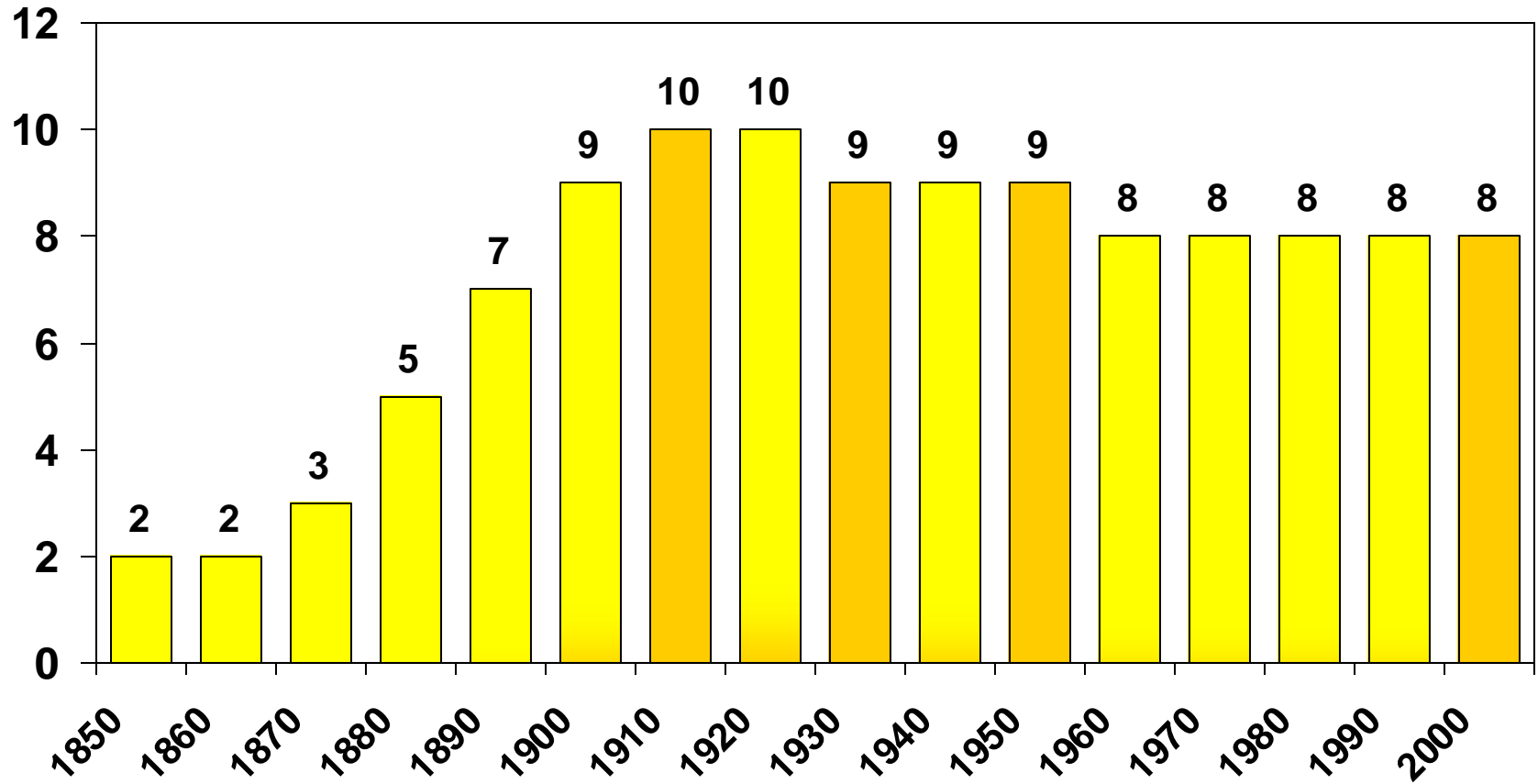
# **Apportionment And Redistricting in Minnesota**

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# Minnesota Congressional Apportionment History



# Priority Rankings Around The Last Seat Apportioned—2009 Projection

Seat	State	Difference From Missouri
380	New York	4,314
381	South Carolina	2,190
382	Washington	1,922
383	California	1,149
384	Texas	42
<u>385</u>	<u>Missouri</u>	<u>Last Seat Apportioned</u>
386	Minnesota	-1,095
387	Oregon	-4,045
388	Arizona	-5,429
399	Florida	-5,499
400	North Carolina	-5,518

Note—the first 50 seats are apportioned one to each state, leaving 385 of the 435 seats to be apportioned by population.

# Projected Apportionment 2010 As Of December 2009

- 11 seats in play
- Gainers include Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Utah, South Carolina, Washington, Texas(4)
- Losers include Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio(2), Pennsylvania

# How Apportionment Is Done

- Current size of the US House of Representatives is 435, constant since 1910
- Size of House is fixed by Congress
- Each state receives one seat.
- The remaining 385 seats apportioned according to a formula in use since 1941
- Results in a priority ranking for the next seat.

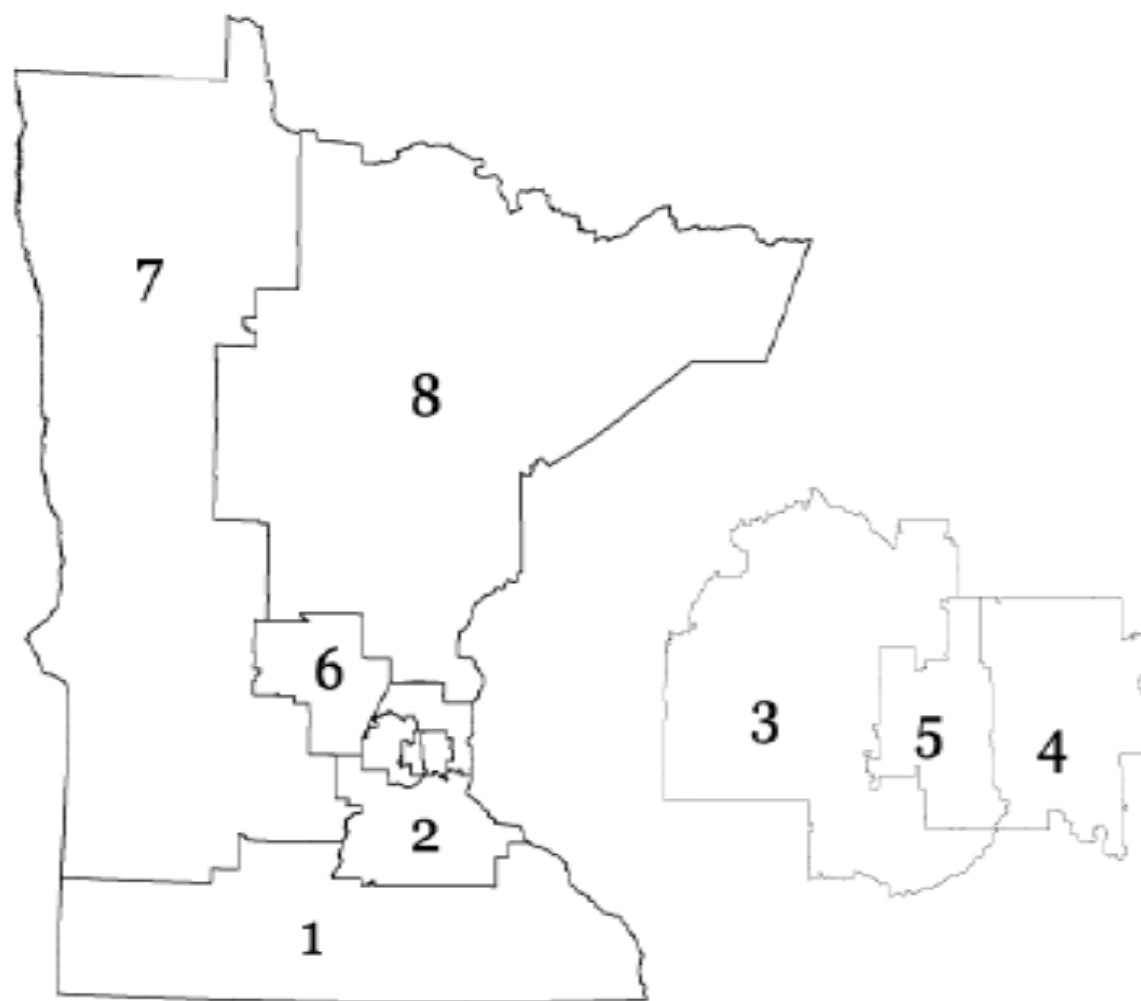
# Can Minnesota Retain Its Eight Seats?

- ➡ Increasing size of House of Representatives improves chances.
- ➡ Recession/housing market reduces migration in fast growing states—improves chances.
- ➡ **Having the lowest undercount in the 2010 Census will improve chances.** (this is the only one WE can control)
- ➡ Random events—floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc can have impact

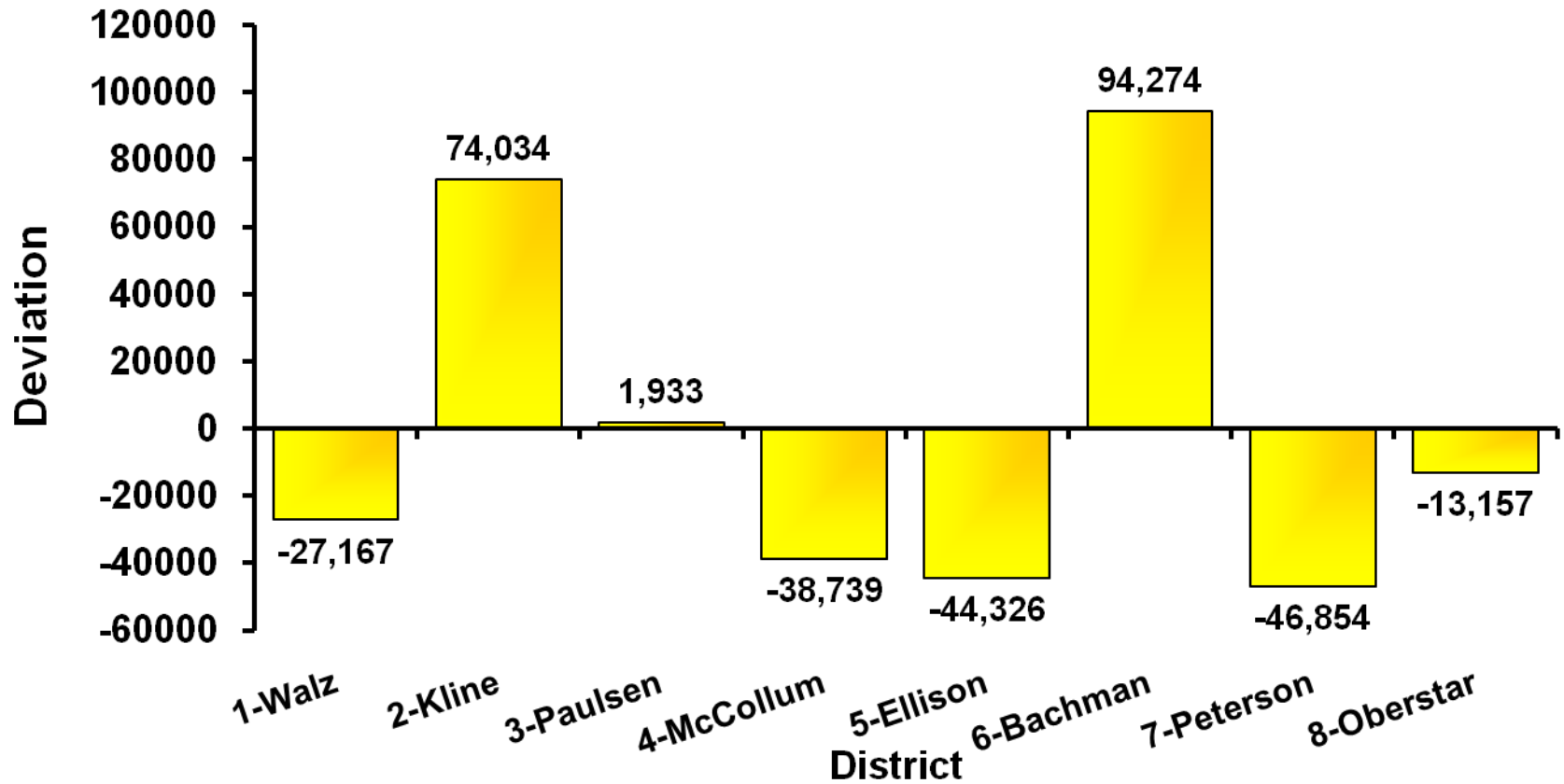
# The Legislature Will Redistrict Congressional & Legislative Districts

- Census Bureau releases total population of states by December 31, 2010
- Total population determines the number of congressional seats for each state
- By March 2011, the state legislatures will receive detailed counts of population for redistricting
- Redistricting is redrawing congressional and legislative districts to where they are substantially equal in population.
- This must be finished by spring 2012 in time for candidates to file for the November 2012 election.

## Minnesota Congressional Districts



# Substantial Differences Exist In 2009 Population Of Minnesota Congressional Districts



State Demographer estimate. Equal population is 662,618