

OMAHA (AP) — The first numbers from the 2010 Census were released toward the end of December and those figures will determine how many U.S. House seats Nebraska will have.

Experts believe Nebraska will be able to keep all three of its Congressional districts, but the district lines will have to be redrawn.

That will likely make the huge 3rd District in western Nebraska even bigger, and redistricting could change the political leanings of the Omaha-based 2nd District.

Estimates show that the state's population has shifted toward the east over the last decade.

Nebraska's vast 3rd District covers the central and western part of the state.

Population estimates show that region to have lost about 18,500 people since 2000, while Douglas and Sarpy Counties in the 2nd District have gained about 77,500 residents.