A census/count of the total resident population of citizen & non-citizen adults, children, and babies is taken. Military members & overseas federal employees & families are counted for their home state.

**Reapportionment** is the reallocating of the seats (like dividing the pieces of a pie). Large states like Texas have a bigger piece because their population is larger. 435 pieces of pie to be distributed amongst the 50 states on a proportional basis.

Once a state’s portion is determined, each state will redraw their district lines—**redistricting**. Populations increase & decrease as well as change location within a state.

**Apportionment** is the process of dividing the 435 seats in the U.S. House among the 50 states.

**Gerrymandering** is a process of redrawing district lines for political gain.

Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution mandates the census process every 10 years.