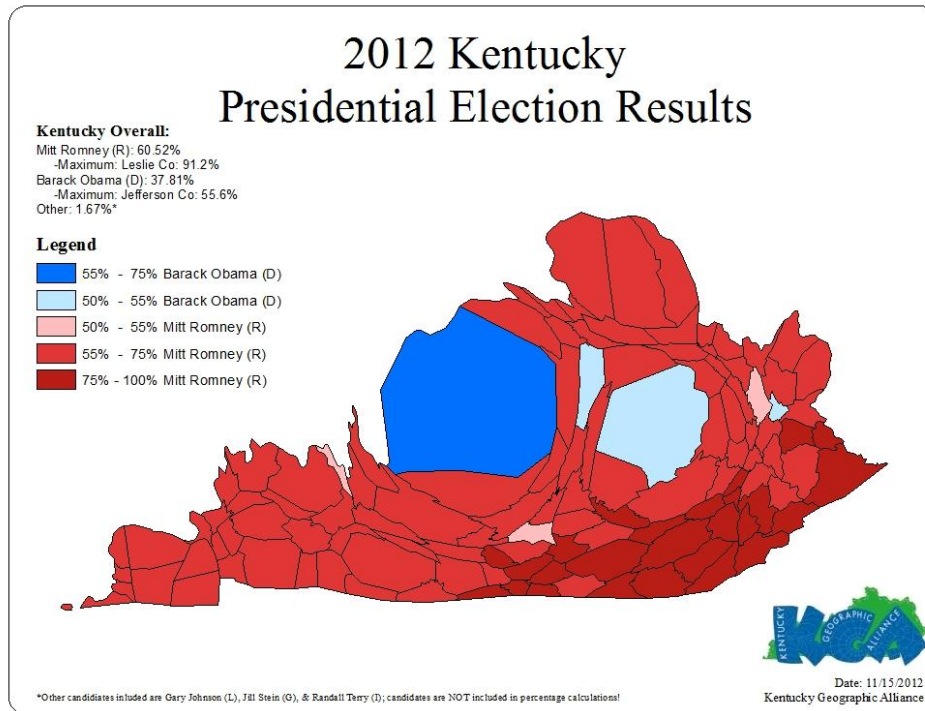


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# KENTUCKY IN THE NEWS

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The recent election has placed the geographic principles at the center of the national conversation. The cartogram above is used to show voting patterns based on population of a county in 2010 rather than its physical size. Geographers study [demographics](#) (population) characteristics to understand economic and social issues. These characteristics include gender, age, race, migration, religion, education, income and many other variables. The [US Census](#) provides insights into the [change of demographics](#) over time. Different regions and states in the US have seen change, some more than others. Political issues related to demographic change can have short-term consequences and benefits at the local, regional, and national level [over time](#). Understanding geographic principles can help explain many issues in today's globalizing world.

Today is national [GIS day](#) as well as [Geography Awareness Week](#). The [KGA](#) recently [announced](#) a relationship with [ESRI](#) to provide software to all KY P-12 schools to support this quickly growing industry. The KGA and others use GIS to produce a number of [maps](#) that you see in this edition of Kentucky in the News. Today government and industry use GIS to understand and plan for the future. Follow this [link](#) to see how they do it.

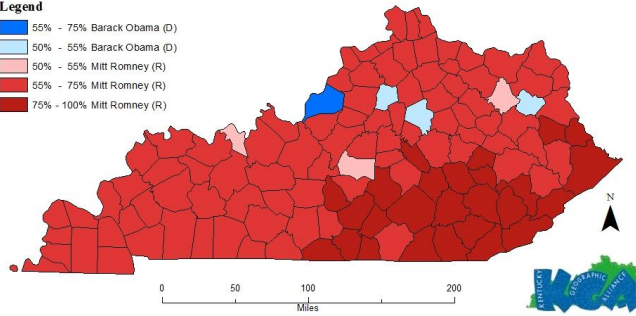
- *Louisville Courier Journal*: "[Mitt Romney Cruises in Kentucky and Indiana](#)"
- *Lexington Herald Leader*: "[Vote Results](#)"
- *The New York Times*: "[Presidential Map](#)"

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 Barack Obama (D): 37.81%  
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 Other: 1.67%\*

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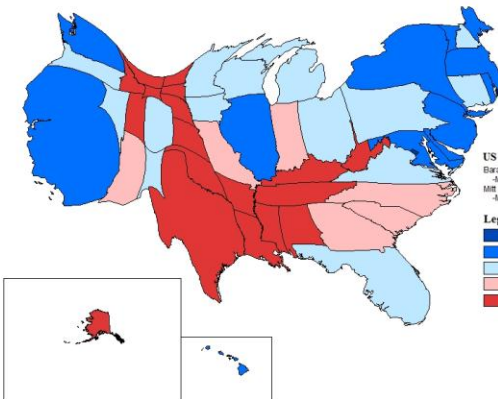
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\*Other candidates included are Gary Johnson (L), Jill Stein (G), & Randall Terry (D); candidates are NOT included in percentage calculations!

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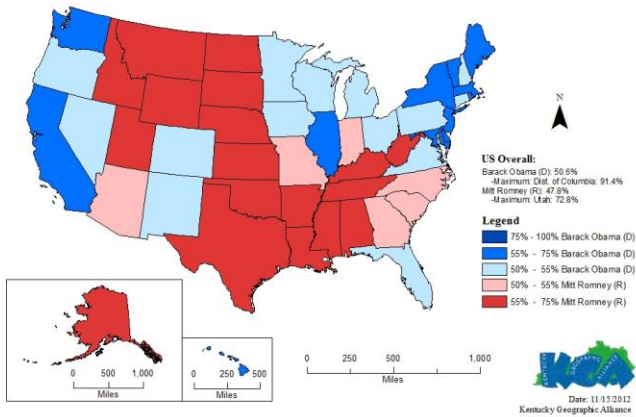
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