

# A Report to the State Board of Elections

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Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	465,105.45	465,105.45	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	6,975.00	3,882.20	3,092.80	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	8,067.01	2,765.58	5,301.43	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	19,225.14	16,201.98	3,023.16	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,458,980.33	1,263,890.35	149,810.63	45,279.35	3.1
2025	100	700101	00137	Personnel Costs	5100	4,109,500.00	1,890,891.92	0.00	2,218,608.08	53.99
2025	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	933,300.00	290,591.03	168,971.94	473,737.03	50.76
2025	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	10,100.00	155.54	294.46	9,650.00	95.54
2025	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	9,400.00	3,709.54	0.00	5,690.46	60.54
2025	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	20,000.00	695.13	3,023.16	16,281.71	81.41
2025	100	700101	03413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	927,399.19	394,145.81	320,455.00	19.52
2025	100	700101	00414	Voter Purg	5010	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,476,400.00	939,858.12	167,993.67	368,548.21	24.96
2025	100	700101	08916	Technology	5010	1,318,400.00	1,318,400.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	08922	Equipment	5010	271,400.00	0.00	0.00	271,400.00	100
2025	100	700101	08939	Contingency	5010	2,949,600.00	94,321.01	18,736.00	2,836,542.99	96.17
						14,713,552.93	7,232,967.04	914,393.06	6,566,192.83	

NEW CASTLE										
Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700201	00150	Contractual Services	5510	502,988.29	502,959.79	28.50	0.00	0
2024	100	700201	00159	Energy	5520	53,100.00	52,766.23	333.77	0.00	0
2024	100	700201	00412	School Elections	5010	177,000.00	173,099.96	3,896.00	4.04	0
2024	100	700201	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	580,042.93	564,320.69	15,722.24	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	00140	Travel	5400	6,000.00	25.00	0.00	5,975.00	99.58
2025	100	700201	00150	Contractual Services	5510	519,200.00	253,785.50	237,742.80	27,671.70	5.33
2025	100	700201	00159	Energy	5520	53,100.00	7,586.93	42,413.07	3,100.00	5.84
2025	100	700201	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	7,700.00	5,542.76	0.00	2,157.24	28.02
2025	100	700201	00412	School Elections	5010	177,000.00	0.00	0.00	177,000.00	100
2025	100	700201	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	2,818,500.00	1,982,510.41	89,679.33	746,310.26	26.48
2025	100	700201	08922	Equipment	5010	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	100
						4,974,631.22	3,542,597.27	389,815.71	1,042,218.24	

KENT										
Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700301	00150	Contractual Services	5510	528,900.90	525,941.95	2,958.95	0.00	0
2024	100	700301	00159	Energy	5520	37,502.48	29,565.29	7,937.19	0.00	0
2024	100	700301	00412	School Elections	5010	37,800.00	36,631.41	0.00	1,168.59	3.09
2024	100	700301	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	158,581.24	158,581.24	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	00150	Contractual Services	5510	537,300.00	216,712.87	288,616.02	31,971.11	5.95
2025	100	700301	00159	Energy	5520	38,100.00	10,656.82	6,343.18	21,100.00	55.38
2025	100	700301	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	3,500.00	3,051.19	0.00	448.81	12.82
2025	100	700301	00412	School Elections	5010	37,800.00	0.00	0.00	37,800.00	100
2025	100	700301	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,533,300.00	668,350.10	116,998.49	747,951.41	48.78
2025	100	700301	08922	Equipment	5010	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	100
						2,992,784.62	1,649,490.87	422,853.83	920,439.92	

SUSSEX										
Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700401	00150	Contractual Services	5510	426,300.00	426,236.00	64.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700401	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	343,195.50	342,497.43	698.07	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00140	Travel	5400	2,200.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	100
2025	100	700401	00150	Contractual Services	5510	425,900.00	211,820.12	214,079.88	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00159	Energy	5520	24,100.00	7,588.09	16,511.91	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	12,700.00	4,215.30	0.00	8,484.70	66.81
2025	100	700401	00170	Capital Outlay	5710	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100
2025	100	700401	00412	School Elections	5010	52,600.00	0.00	0.00	52,600.00	100
2025	100	700401	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,686,800.00	1,000,892.37	54,784.66	631,122.97	37.42
2025	100	700401	08922	Equipment	5010	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	100
						3,055,795.50	1,993,249.31	286,138.52	776,407.67	

## Monthly Statewide Voter Registration Totals 2024

Date	Number of Registered Voters
<b>JAN 1, 2024</b>	<b>768,978</b>
<b>FEB 1, 2024</b>	<b>770,363</b>
<b>MAR 1, 2024</b>	<b>772,284</b>
<b>APR 1, 2024</b>	<b>773,555</b>
<b>MAY 1, 2024</b>	<b>774,636</b>
<b>JUN 1, 2024</b>	<b>775,973</b>
<b>JUL 1, 2024</b>	<b>777,676</b>
<b>AUG 1, 2024</b>	<b>779,509</b>
<b>SEP 1, 2024</b>	<b>782,495</b>
<b>OCT 1, 2024</b>	<b>786,577</b>
<b>NOV 1, 2024</b>	<b>790,955</b>
<b>DEC 1, 2024</b>	<b>794,908</b>

**Statewide Elections**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Special Elections: State Senate District 1 State Senate District 5	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Special Elections</b>

**New Castle County**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION

**Kent County**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION

**Sussex County**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Town of Selbyville	December 10, 2024	Municipal Referendum
Town of Ellendale	January 4, 2025	Municipal Election
Town of Greenwood	January 18, 2025	Municipal Election

## Public School Elections

- School Board Election May 13, 2025
  - First School Board Filing of 2025 School Board Election cycle on November 13, 2024.
  - 2025 School Board Candidate filing packet available on the Department’s website.
  - School Board Candidate Filing Deadline, Friday, March 7, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.
- Public School Referenda (Anticipated):
  - Laurel School District (February 10, 2025)
  - Christina School District (March 12, 2025)
  - Indian River School District (TBD: Spring 2025)

## Municipal Elections

- Recent Municipal Election
  - Town of Dagsboro Special Election (December 7, 2024)
    - Election for two (2) Town Council seats for two (2) -year terms of office
- Upcoming Municipal Election
  - Town of Selbyville Special Election (December 10, 2024)
    - Regarding issuing bonds for a municipal project

- FY 2025 Budget and FY 2026 Budget Planning
  - FY 2025 Budget funding currently being utilized
    - Expenditures on track/as expected
    - Receiving and reviewing quotes/scheduling test drives (for in-stock vehicles) for new box trucks
    - Continued work on cost sharing for voting machine battery replacement and DTI-provided security services
      - Determining if additional State funding is available/balancing cost sharing with federal grant funds available (Help America Vote Act [HAVA] funds, which are intended for security-related needs
  - FY 2026 Budget Preparation
    - Office of Management and Budget (OMB) budget hearing held on Wed., 11/13
    - "Door openers"/budget needs for FY 2026 submitted to Budget Office
      - Revisiting funding for New Castle County warehouse expansion
      - Adding air conditioning to warehouses, with Seaford Warehouse requested for inclusion for this effort in FY 2026.
      - Increase in funding to raise board member stipends
      - Funding options for support services provided by DTI and proportion of these costs covered by State funding (ongoing costs)
      - Budget consolidation to streamline budget management and expense processing
    - Continued funding of increased election officer stipends
    - Continued funding for enhanced marketing and public relations efforts (comprehensive, professional campaign promoting elections and voting options) during budget years with Statewide elections
    - Continued funding for creation of parts inventory for equipment repairs
  - Next steps:
    - Joint Finance Committee (JFC) hearings in early 2025
- Monthly meetings with budget analyst
  - Review of current budget status/needs
  - Review of submitted "door openers"
  - Review/discussion on submitted budget program narrative and details
  - Review of research/information requests related to any subsequent questions from OMB or Controller General's office
  - Review/discuss fiscal requirements of proposed/pending legislation and incorporate into budget planning process

- Full-Time Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Position
  - Position remains posted at DE Department of Justice (DE DOJ)
  - Search process for new DAG position currently underway
  - Current DAG continues to serve

## Standardization Efforts

- Standardization of Procedures/Documents/Materials Continues:
  - Election Officer Training Videos (supplement to training/presentation and "hands on" training on voting equipment

## Community Relations/Public Information

- Current public information:
  - How voters may check their voting history election
  - Special Elections processes
- Looking to update voter instructional videos with latest voting equipment functionality and processes.
- Creating poster for early voting sites & polling places on the accessibility features of the voting machine.

## Organized Voter Registration Program (OVR)

- OVR program:
  - Confirming 2025 OVR Training schedule
  - Maintaining same cadence/frequency of training in non-statewide election year
- Review of 2024 OVR activities
  - OVR registrars have been very diligent, thorough, and timely in the completion of their registration activities
  - Training will continue to emphasize the importance of completeness of applications and of timeliness of applications submission (at all times, and particularly near registration deadlines)

- Consultation with Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) support vendor
  - Evaluating administrative roles best handled by Department users vs. Administrative support by vendor
    - Deployed capability to update committee names/titles independent of vendor support
  - Review of user entry fields in CFRS for ease of use
- Engaging in initial discussion/budget planning for system upgrade
  - Moving the platform to the most current version of software
  - Moving to a model with regular deployment of updates and revisions to system operations (while maintaining Delaware-specific configuration)
- Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline: 2024 Annual Report on January 21, 2025

## Voting Equipment and Elections Management System

- Voting Equipment Preventative Maintenance
  - Post-Election cycle equipment preventative maintenance activities underway
    - Launched in Kent County, then moving to Sussex County, then to NCC
    - Comprehensive review of equipment operation and maintenance on all mechanical components
    - Department has moved to annual preventative maintenance schedule for all equipment (from an initial bi-annual schedule)
- Voting Machine Parts Inventory
  - Assembling a modest on-hand inventory of parts for use in voting machine maintenance and repairs
- Pollbooks
  - Department staff will be participating in training on preparing voter registration data for loading on pollbooks for elections in-house
  - To date/currently the Department works with contracted vendor (ES&S) for this function
  - Multiple advantages to moving this function "in-house"

## Website Accessibility

- Analysis tool utilized to review website accessibility and identify issues
- Developing enhancements to Election Night Reporting site
- Accessibility enhancements for keyboard, assistive devices, and screen readers

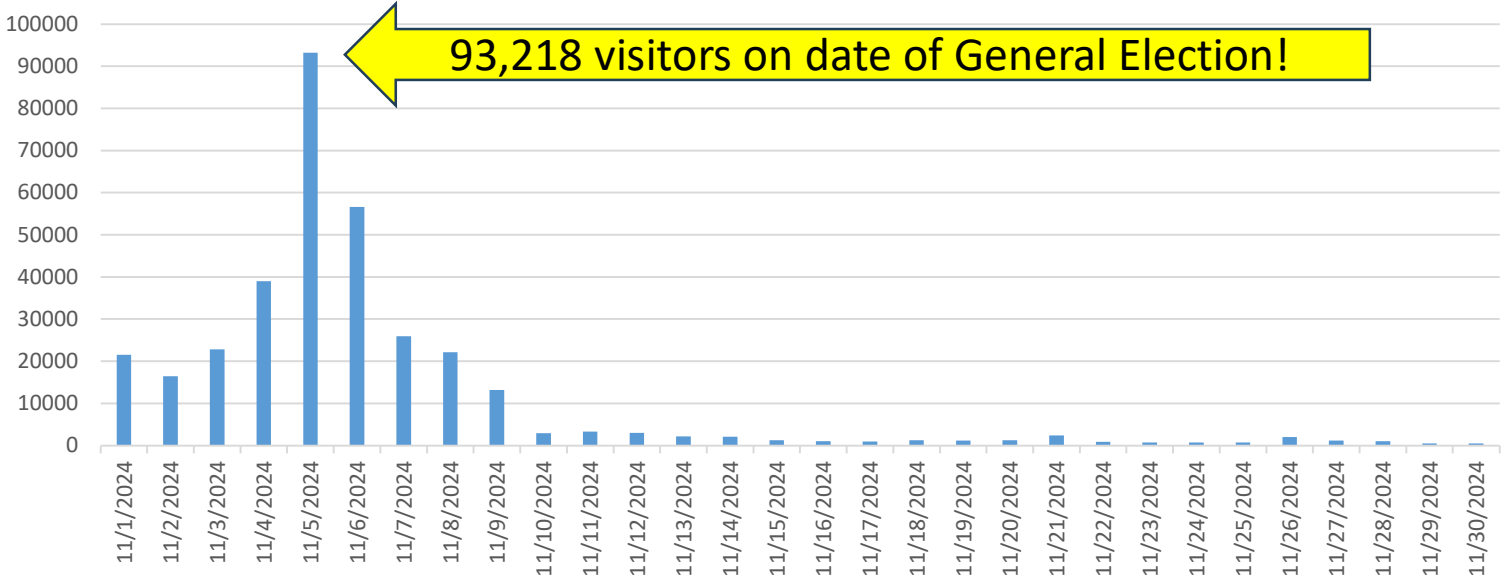


Bill Number	Purpose	Status	Comments/Notes
HB 43	Permits “No Party” voters to vote in State Primaries	Heard in House Administration Committee	Motion to release from committee failed
HB 93	Requires municipalities to utilize State voter registration system	House Administration Committee	Motion to release from committee failed
HB 96 w/HA 1	Permits 16- and 17-year olds to vote in school board elections	House Administration Committee	Tabled in committee
HS 1 for HB 121	Authorizes artificial entities, LLCs, Partnerships & Trusts to vote in Seaford Municipal Elections	Passed House/In Senate Executive Committee	This bill affirms a municipal charter change.
HB 189	Prohibits corporations and artificial entities from voting in municipal elections	Reported Out of House Administration Committee	No action
HB 215	Consolidates Presidential and State Primary Elections on Presidential Primary Date (Effective for Primary Elections held after 10/1/2024)	Passed House/ Defeated in Senate	No action
HB 291 & HA 2	DoE to establish a dedicated phone number and online form for reporting suspected violations and protects the identity of those reporting suspected violations. Permits committees that unintentionally accept prohibited contribution to reimburse donor or to pay funds to State Treasurer. Mandates that a committee intentionally making or accepting prohibited contributions must pay funds to the State Treasurer for deposit to the General Fund and prohibits donating these funds to charitable organizations defined in Delaware Code, Title 30.	Signed by Governor	Requirement to list donor employer/job title listing in campaign finance reports dropped
HB 292	DoE reviews all campaign finance reports. Creates new categories of "Submitted But Not Reviewed" and "Reviewed and Final". DoE works with candidate to rectify violations discovered to resolve and to file an amended report including revised reporting.	In House Appropriations Committee	
HB 396	Updates the charter of the Town of Delmar, including changes to nominations and elections for municipal office.	Passed House and Senate	
HB 400	Moves the date of the State Primary to the 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday in April, which is the date of the Presidential Primary in Presidential Election years. Effective for primaries held after December 31, 2025. Reduces period during which party changes are not permitted to 60 days prior to the primary election.	Passed House/Assigned to Senate Executive Committee	

Bill Number	Purpose	Status	Comments/ Notes
HS 1 for HB 293	DoE must ensure locations housing polling places are accessible. Provides for emergency provisions if no accessible polling locations are available. Substitute bill clarifies that emergency situations are during states of emergency and natural disasters. Provides options for impacted voters to vote at alternate polling place and by alternate means. Provides a means to file an administrative complaint if accessibility requirements are not met.	Passed House and Senate	
HS 1 for HB316	Bans Deep Fakes relating to Elections within 90 days of an election. Substitute bill amends the original by adding disclosure statements for audio-only media, and adds mobile apps, websites, and streaming platforms as covered media channels. It also adds provisions to ensure compliance to federal laws.	Passed House and Senate	
HB344	Seeks to randomize ballot name order moving away from current ballot design currently provided for in Code.	Assigned to House Administration Committee	
SB 3 w/HA 2	Amends State Constitution to remove reasons for absentee voting; HA 2 adds language that "no excuse" needed to vote via absentee ballot; adds language to confirm permanent absentee status; adds language affirming 10 days of early voting prior to Primary/General/Special Elections	Defeated in House	
SB 26	Amends State Constitution to lower voting age to 18. Codifies at State level the 26th Amendment to U.S. Constitution.	Passed Senate/ Tabled in House Administration Committee	
SB53	Amends charter of Town of Selbyville related to elections. Creates district representation and updates residency requirements for elected officials.	Assigned to Senate Elections and Government Affairs Committee	
SS1 for SB 180	Amends State Constitution to change qualifications for voting. Updates antiquated language & residency requirements. Lowers voting age. Prohibits General Assembly from removing right to vote as a penalty. Eliminates disqualifying felonies. Limits disqualifying period for those convicted of a felony only to time in custody/incarcerated.	Reported out of Senate Judiciary Committee	
SB241 w SA1	Extended the candidate withdrawal deadline for presidential primary elections and permitted cancellation of an election if only one active candidate remains in a race. Legislation expires 12/31/2024.	Passed House and Senate/Signed into law	

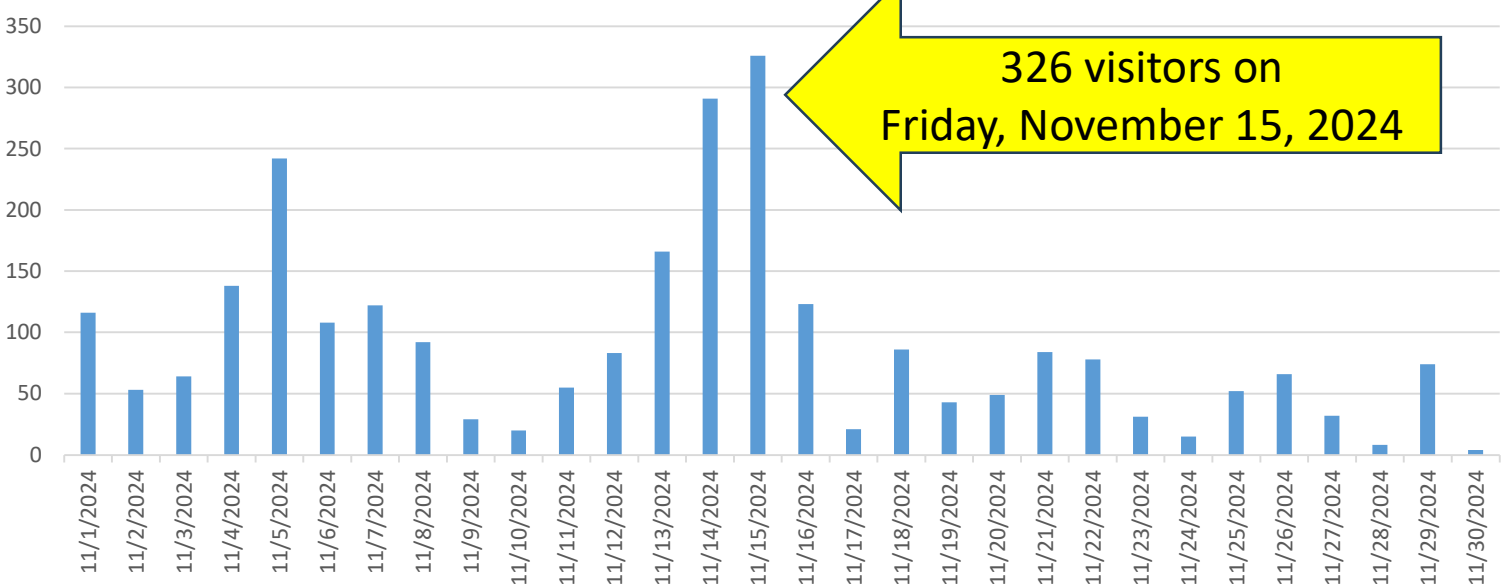
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Number of Users per Day  
November 1 - November 30, 2024



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Number of Users per Day  
November 1 - November 30, 2024



- All Facilities:
  - Reviewing results of physical security assessments of all facilities with federal partners (DHS/CISA) & determining feasibility of recommended enhancements.
- State Election Commissioner's Office
  - Reformatting of conference room to ballot building area/reformatted meeting room underway.
- Kent County Office/Warehouse
  - Replacing natural gas regulator for backup generator
  - Warehouse floor lining: "parking spaces" for voting machines complete
  - Repairs to some badge access hardware
- New Castle County
  - Carvel Building Office
    - No updates at this time
  - Warehouse
    - No updates at this time
- Sussex County
  - Office
    - Installation of interior security door pending
    - Security officer on-site during office hours until installation is complete
  - Georgetown warehouse
    - Upgrade to ensure accessibility of access ramp at entrance
  - Seaford Warehouse
    - No updates at this time

## Conferences/Meetings Attending

- Delaware Artificial Intelligence (AI) Commission: Member
  - Commission Launched in Summer 2024
- Election Center (EC) Committees:
  - Postal Committee:
    - Next meeting at the Joint Election Officers Liaison Committee (JEOLC) in January 2025 (Arlington, VA)
  - Program Development and Awards Committee
    - 2025 Annual Conference and Training Seminar Planning
    - Ongoing review of Rewards program evaluating impact, engagement, and relevance to current state of the field
    - Bi-Monthly Meetings (virtual)
- USPS Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) [USPS Industry Stakeholder Committee]
  - Planning (w/MTAC Team) plans for 2025 meeting focus areas
    - First Quarter 2025 MTAC meeting to include review of
    - Member of Workgroup on Informed Delivery

## Voter Registration Transactions – New & Updated Records January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Month	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
January	3,689	1,126	5,859	5,300	725	16,699
February	4,290	1,130	3,148	5,661	811	15,040
March	4,074	1,076	7,437	5,503	850	18,940
April	4,669	1,211	6,339	6,505	1,076	19,800
May	4,435	1,522	4,784	9,504	1,099	21,344
June	4,016	1,305	2,257	7,966	1,006	16,550
July	4,917	1,624	3,861	7,790	957	19,149
August	6,530	2,115	5,189	8,907	790	23,531
September	5,422	2,642	38,544*	9,599	464	56,671
October	7,097	3,905	39,624	12,136	721	63,483
November	4,243	2,497	6,618	9,585	448	23,391
December						
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>53,382</b>	<b>20,153</b>	<b>123,660</b>	<b>88,456</b>	<b>8,947</b>	<b>294,598</b>

**\* Number of party changes reflects the following activities:**

- NO PARTY - AVR Voters: Changed party at the polling place and those AVR voters who did not change their party and are now updated to NO PARTY (Independent) and now subject to party change deadlines in Code and OTHER party affiliations and the system reported these edits as voter registration party change update transactions.
- Party Changes that were held from May 24, 2024, party change deadline have been processed following the Primary per Code.

### Voter Registration Transactions

#### Annual Totals

Year	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
<b>2024</b>						
2023	35,860	13,795	21,829	70,816	5,909	148,209

# Voter Removals

## Voter Registration Transactions – Removals January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Month	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
January	936	1,971	13	17	0	72	144	0	3,153
February	907	769	32	15	0	131	155	0	2,009
March	487	2,001	1	12	1	75	171	0	2,748
April	1,177	886	17	3	1	143	163	0	2,390
May	1,204	1,932	40	19	0	107	172	0	3,474
June	405	1,040	0	9	1	93	120	0	1,668
July	1,027	361	32	6	0	125	306	0	1,857
August	413	2,221	0	18	0	150	127	0	2,929
September	985	1,349	17	45	0	48	259	0	2,703
October	326	1,463	1	49	0	87	261	0	2,187
November	490	0***	7	0***	0	17	129	0	643
December									
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>8,357</b>	<b>13,993</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,761</b>

## Voter Registration Removals

### Annual Totals

Year	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
<b>2024</b>									
<b>2023</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>19,921</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>11,391</b>	<b>47,059</b>

\*Deceased, Address Verification, Non-citizen, and Felon records have already been removed. The Board must approve removal of the Moved from State and Request by Voter (Voluntary).

\*\* The NVRA process is run in the year following each General Election to remove those inactive voters with whom the Department has not had any contact for the period covering the past 2 General Elections.

\*\*\* Moved Out of State and Voluntary Removals were not processed in the month of November due to the processing of General Election voting history.



## 2024 30-Day General Report Tardy and Non-Filers as of December 4, 2024

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures State PAC	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024
Political Action Committee	Delaware Young Democrats	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024
Political Action Committee	Citizens for Fair Voting	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024
Political Action Committee	The People's PAC	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024
Political Committee	35 Democratic RD	30 Day 2024 General Election	10/7/2024	10/9/2024

**0 Candidate Committees**

**7 Political Action Committees**

**1 Political Committees**

**8 Total Committees**



## 2024 8-Day General Report Tardy and Non-Filers as of December 4, 2024

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Friends of Bregetta Fields	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures State PAC	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	Delaware Young Democrats	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	Citizens for Fair Voting	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	The People's PAC	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Action Committee	For the People Delaware	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024
Political Committee	35 Democratic RD	8 Day 2024 General Election	10/28/2024	10/30/2024

**1 Candidate Committee**

**8 Political Action Committees**

**1 Political Committees**

**10 Total Committees**





## Department of Elections New Castle County Office

## Report to the Board December 9, 2024

Tracey Dixon, County Director

David Gilefski, Deputy County Director

- All phases of audits have been complete with no discrepancies. Reviewing processes to enhance future elections.
- Continuing finalization of General election forms.
- Preparing polling places and election officers for upcoming Special Election and Referendum.
- Reviewing materials in warehouse to optimize space.
- Reviewing training processes to better enhance knowledge retention.
- Sending appreciation certificates to election officers.



**Department of Elections  
Kent County Office**

**Report to the Board  
December 9, 2024**

**Doris Reed-Young, County Director**

**Ralph Artigliere, Deputy County Director**

- Directors will provide updates at the meeting. Thank you!



## Department of Elections Sussex County Office

## Report to the Board December 9, 2024

Kenneth A. McDowell, County Director

Tracey L. Wilkerson, Deputy County Director

- Planning and preparing for the two final Audits on December 17, 2024. Assessing the most efficient way to sort through the 90+ thousand EV Activation Cards for the manual recount of the two randomly selected Election Districts (39-01 Seaford City Hall and 14-09 Love Creek Elementary).
- Weighing the cost vs. need of purchasing newer/faster equipment to deal with the increased demand of Early Voting and Audits in the future. A new DS950 can scan four times faster than our current DS450's. We borrowed a DS450 from COE to get through the 2024 General (was much needed and appreciated). We will need to increase our fleet of DS450's (or add a DS850 or DS950) to meet the Audit/EV demands of the future. A DS450 costs \$57,000, DS850 costs \$98,000, and the DS950 costs \$133,000.
- Sending out a letter of appreciation to inspectors from the 2024 General Election with a survey attached requesting ideas for new polling/EV locations, ways to improve the over all voting experience, and leads for new Inspectors, Judges, and Clerks.
- Completed testing and preparation for the Selbyville Special Election on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Completed testing and preparation for Town of Ellendale Referendum on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Requested a timeline from Maintenance regarding the installation of the ADA compliant door for the Georgetown Warehouse and the installation of the new HVAC system. They are meeting this week to nail down a timeline for completion.
- There are no updates on the security door for the main office on Race Street. The door is being re-manufactured. Once this occurs, we will be requesting a timeline for installation.
- The new truck that was requested is on back order for several months.
- Beginning the planning and strategizing phases for improving future elections. Onward and upward!

Thank you!