



STATE OF DELAWARE

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

*Report to the
State Board of Elections*

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State Election Commissioner & Board Member Ex-Officio
Anthony Albence

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New Castle County
County Director Tracey Dixon
County Deputy Director David Gilefski

Kent County
County Director Doris Reed-Young
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Sussex County
County Director Kenneth "Bo" McDowell
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Board Meeting
November 10, 2025
4:00 p.m.

Budget Summary



State of Delaware Department of Elections November 2025 Budget Information

BUDGET SUMMARY										
Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Class Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,474,702.57	1,464,829.94	5,158.99	4,713.64	0.32
2025	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	1,700.00	1,259.37	440.63	0	0
2025	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	901,250.73	853,336.92	47,822.25	91.56	0.01
2025	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	19,903.78	14,463.82	5,439.96	0	0
2025	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	12,900.00	6,915.57	5,984.43	0	0
2025	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	19,977.68	954.52	19,023.16	0	0
2025	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	18,553.56	14,748.51	2,559.50	1,245.55	6.71
2025	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	1,563,688.99	78,311.01	0	0
2025	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	2,152,886.25	1,678,107.33	378,052.01	96,726.91	4.49
2025	100	700101	08916	Technology	5010	2,949,372.00	2,817,044.00	132,328.00	0	0
2025	100	700101	08922	Equipment	5010	616,675.00	616,675.00	0	0	0
2025	100	700101	08939	Contingency	5010	1,605,925.00	846,561.88	420,580.19	338,782.93	21.1
2026	100	700101	00137	Personnel Costs	5100	4,343,000.00	1,381,759.12	0	2,961,240.88	68.18
2026	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	8,300.00	2,136.63	0	6,163.37	74.26
2026	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	2,835,000.00	646,037.07	1,126,592.69	1,062,370.24	37.47
2026	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	125,400.00	12,518.21	112,881.79	0	0
2026	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	33,300.00	7,476.79	0	25,823.21	77.55
2026	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	20,000.00	0	0	20,000.00	100
2026	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	267,400.00	0	0	267,400.00	100
2026	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	0	1,642,000.00	0	0
2026	100	700101	00414	Voter Purg	5010	15,000.00	0	0	15,000.00	100
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- FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Planning and Implementation
 - FY 2026 Budget Status (Current Budget: Calendar July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)
 - Updated Governor's Recommended Budget (as amended by the General Assembly's Joint Finance Committee [HB 225 w/HA 1]) passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor is in effect
 - No impact on proposed appropriations for Department of Elections
 - Status of FY 2026 "Door Openers": Status
 - *Definition: Additions to base budget/items or initiatives required for agency operations*
 - Funding for New Castle County warehouse expansion approved
 - Planning is progress for the project with OMB-Facilities Management
 - Awaiting cost estimate from landlord (from contractor)
 - Adding air conditioning to Seaford Warehouse
 - Purchase order allocating funds for project (from FY 2025 allocated budget funding) created and approved
 - Project quotes received and preferred contractor selected
 - Site visits by contractor completed
 - Planning call with OMB-Facilities Management, landlord and contractor to finalize quote and plan
 - Funding options for support services provided by DTI and proportion of these costs covered by State funding (ongoing costs)
 - Ongoing discussion of cost sharing with allocated federal funds
 - 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
 - Increase in funding to raise board member stipends
 - Not included, will be included as an FY 2027 budget planning "door opener"
 - Latest Updates
 - Monthly meetings with Department's OMB Budget Analyst are ongoing
 - FY 2027 full budget submission completed and being reviewed by OMB Budget Development team
 - Department's OMB Budget Hearing is on Wednesday, November 12, 2025

- Ongoing operational items:
 - Implementing logistics of combined departmental budget
 - Budget analyst meeting with Directors and budget/accounting "point persons" regarding procedures related to the combined budget
 - Additional Budget Item: Expanded Sussex County Office Space
 - Continued discussion
- Monthly meetings with budget analyst
 - Sommer and Anthony meet with Department analyst to review status of current budget year expenditures, to review any pending budget issues, and to plan for subsequent budget cycle and prioritize needs and
 - Current topics also include assessment of the overall budget outlook for the State and how the Department's budget and needs intersect
- Next steps for 2027 Budget Planning:
 - FY 2027 "door openers"
 - Submitted, reviewed with budget analyst and team, incorporated into submitted budget proposal (more detail below)
 - In preparing FY 2027 "Door Openers"/Funding Requests:
 - remaining FY 2026 funds available to cover major upcoming expenditures:
 - Pollbook upgrade
 - Remainder of XL voting machine backup battery replacement
 - Seaford warehouse air conditioning project
 - New/Planned FY 2027 "Door Openers"/Funding Requests:
 - 2026 Primary and General Election and Early Voting
 - Additional Voting Equipment for Added Early Voting Locations
 - PowerProfile System Update
 - Campaign Finance System (CFRS) Update
 - DTI Security Costs & Information Technology
 - School Election Funding Increase
 - Voter Outreach and Education Initiatives
 - Increased Leased Facility Costs
 - Vehicle Costs & Voting Equipment (Pollbook) Parts Inventory
 - Staff Expansion/NCC Parking Costs/Board Member Stipends Increase

November 10, 2025 – December 31, 2025

STATE ELECTIONS		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
No elections scheduled at this time		

NEW CASTLE COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
No elections scheduled at this time		

KENT COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
No elections scheduled at this time		

SUSSEX COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Town of Dagsboro	December 6, 2025	Municipal

Public School Elections

- Candidate filings for 2026 School Board Elections (deadline: Friday, 3/6/2026)
- School Board Vacancies
 - Vacancy filled via application process and appointment by remaining board members
 - Appointed member fills seat through 6/30/2026, with seat up for election in the 2026 School Board Election to fill the position for the unexpired balance of the original term
 - Per provisions of HB 85 (recently passed by General Assembly/signed by Governor) appointed members must meet qualification requirements that elected members meet (and must complete State Bureau of Identification and DE Child Protection Registry checks)
 - Recent Vacancies Filled/Being Filled
 - Christina School District
 - Colonial School District
 - Red Clay School District
- Public School Referenda:
 - Referenda planned for 2/9/2026
 - Caesar Rodney
 - Laurel
 - Delmar (tentative date—not confirmed for this date)

Municipal Elections

- Legislative Updates (No new legislation-General Assembly recess)
- Upcoming municipal election (final of 2025): Dagsboro (12/6/2025)
- Recap: Charter Changes Signed into Law by Governor
 - Delmar (HB 24 w/HA 1 & SA 1)-Passed House w/HA 1; In Senate w/SA 1
 - Adopts State voter registration system
 - Updates voter eligibility requirements in charter
 - Houston (SB 39)-Signed by Governor
 - Clarified voting eligibility for multiple owners of a piece of real estate in the town, changes time for municipal elections, updated qualifications for town office holders, updated dates on which nominations of candidacy may be made, updated when elected town officials take office
 - Selbyville (SB 171)-Signed by Governor
 - Adopted district representation from at-large representation approach on town council

Monthly Statewide Voter Registration Totals 2025

Date	Number of Registered Voters
JAN 1, 2025	796,834
FEB 1, 2025	799,748
MAR 1, 2025	814,919
APR 1, 2025	815,642
MAY 1, 2025	816,829
JUN 1, 2025	794,084*
JUL 1, 2025	795,217
AUG 1, 2025	797,147
SEP 1, 2025	798,310
OCT 1, 2025	799,581
NOV 1, 2025	800,847
DEC 1, 2025	

* Please note that these registration totals as of 6/1/2025 reflect cancellation of voter registrations completed per the provisions of Delaware Code, Title 15, Section 1704(g).

Voter Registration Transactions – New & Updated Records January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Month	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
January	3,796	1,370	3,796	7,616	559	17,137
February	3,130	1,037	4,162	6,002	524	14,855
March	3,373	1,232	5,764	6,078	639	17,086
April	4,042	1,751	4,765	7,283	891	18,732
May	4,152	1,733	4,536	7,333	795	18,549
June	3,885	1,405	4,222	6,685	867	17,064
July	4,268	1,547	5,138	7,196	863	19,012
August	2,948	1,185	4,547	5,565	490	14,735
September	3,587	1,469	5,317	7,304	420	18,097
October	3,716	1,400	5,324	6,919	657	18,016
November						
December						
2025 Total	36,897	14,129	47,571	67,981	6,705	173,283

Voter Registration Transactions						
Annual Totals						
Year	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
2024	56,911	21,433	126,545	95,081	9,481	309,451
2023	35,860	13,795	21,829	70,816	5,909	148,209

Voter Registration Transactions – Removals January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Month	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
January	1,152	0***	1	0***	1	44	168	0	1,366
February	1,259	3,203	43	22	0	31	121	0	4,679
March	1,093	1,214	11	23	0	357	132	0	2,830
April	1,481	821	17	14	0	159	149	0	2,641
May	536	1,142	7	8	0	122	213	24,790	26,818
June	1,417	0***	14	0***	0	333	180	0	1,944
July	1,014	1,153	11	27	0	117	181	0	2,503
August	530	2,469	54	23	0	131	134	0	3,341
September	966	1,242	36	5	0	113	158	0	2,520
October	618	0***	34	0***	0	103	186	0	941
November									
December									
2025 Total	10,066	11,244	228	122	1	1,510	1,622	24,790	49,583

Voter Registration Removals

Annual Totals

Year	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
2024	9,126	15,427	162	270	4	1,080	2,150	0	28,219
2023	12,322	19,921	1,015	122	0	684	1,604	11,391	47,059

*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.

***Board did not meet in this month, and, therefore, there were no Moved from State nor Requests by Voter records approved for removal by the Board.

- OVR program:
 - 2025 OVR monthly trainings continue
 - 2026 Election Cycle OVR Program Gearing Up
 - Outreach to groups reminding them of need to recertify (certification is good for 2 years) and informing new organizations on how to get certified to conduct voter registration activities in Delaware pursuant to Delaware Code.
 - Key items for 2026 Election Season OVR Planning and Registrar Training:
 - Continued emphasis on use of approved and provided registration materials and forms, attention to detail, thoroughness/completeness of application, timely submission of materials, non-partisan approach to all OVR activities

Standardization Efforts

- Standardization of Election Procedures/Documents/Materials Continues:
 - Ongoing reviews and updates preparing for 2026 election season
 - Reviewing and potentially adapting Election Assistance Commission (EAC) resources for upgrade

Website Accessibility

- Analytical tools are utilized on a regular basis to review website accessibility and identify issues
 - Moving from site-based tools to user-based/user sourced tools to maximize accessibility
- Efforts continue regarding implementation of the State-developed Lighthouse platform/design language
- Continued work is underway/ongoing regarding enhancements to the Election Night Reporting site and its compatibility with assistive devices, etc.

Voting Accessibility Updates

- 2024 General Election Accessibility Report, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.:
 - July 7, 2025, letter to Commissioner Albence advising the Department of the Report's release on June 30, 2025
 - 90% of General Election polling places were surveyed and assessed for accessibility
 - Parking, entrances/exits, interior routes, voting room set-up
 - Voting equipment availability – Universal Voting Console, an audio tactile voting device with braille legends
 - Report provided testimonials by persons with disabilities describing their voting experiences, both positive feedback and descriptions of areas for needed accessibility improvement
 - Report noted Department's efforts to replace/enhance polling places in response to 2022 report.

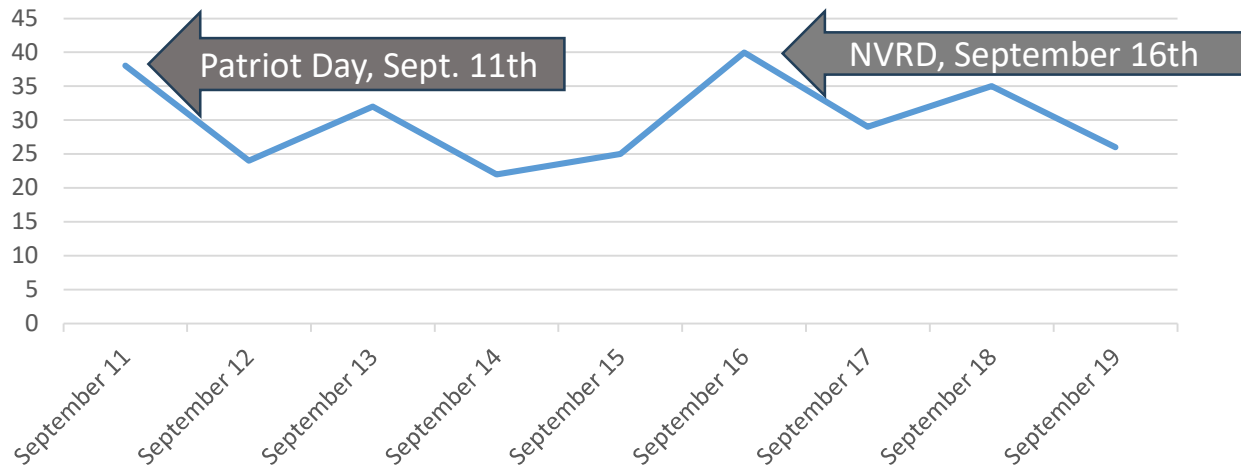
- Department Response:
 - County Directors are providing status updates to the Commissioner on their progress in following up on the issues identified in the report.
 - Developing accessibility improvement plan for 2026 Election Cycle
 - Continued dialogue and collaboration with CLASI, Disability Rights Delaware (DRD) on effective solutions for voters
 - Accessible Parking
 - CLASI monitors visited a much larger of polling places in 2024 vs. 2022
 - Report indicated 54% of polling places did not offer ADA compliant accessible parking
 - Department mitigated parking issues with signage/traffic cones based on ADA Checklist for Polling Places
 - As polling places are public service buildings in communities (schools, government buildings, community centers, places of worship, etc.) the 54% of facilities with parking issues are also concerns with primary intended use of the facilities.
 - General Assembly has passed legislation (HS 2 for HB 48 w/HA1) that will add tools and enhance enforcement mechanism to ensure that accessible parking in these facilities meets federal (ADA) standards
 - Department will continue to evaluate, mitigate, and work toward accessible parking solutions for voters
 - Universal Voting Console
 - Additional devices deployed to early voting sites & polling places
 - Election Officer training will be reviewed to continue to reinforce and enhance instruction of UVC setup
 - Polling Place Poster informing voters of UVC accessible voting option

State of Delaware Voter Portal

<https://ivote.de.gov>

National Voter Registration Day Voter Registration Efforts:
Online Voter Registration Transactions during week including NVRD

Number of Online Voter Registration Transactions



A total of **40** online voter registration transactions were submitted on National Voter Registration Day and **38** voter registration transactions were submitted on Patriot Day, demonstrating that civic/national holiday designations foster public engagement.

Source: State of Delaware Voter Registration System Activity Reports

- Civic Holiday promotions on social media:
 - National Voter Registration Day, September 16, 2025
 - National Voter Education Week, October 6-10, 2025
 - National Vote Early Day, October 28, 2025
 - National Election Hero Day, November 3, 2025
- Voter Education & Outreach:
 - Webpage created with voter information and listing of Department outreach activities. Outreach webpage includes information on how to request voting machine demonstrations, mock & student elections, and voter outreach.
 - Planning for annual State Fair Exhibit In July 2026
 - Statewide teamwork on creating voter education videos
 - Presenting information to prospective elected office candidates on filing process
- Media inquiries:
 - Communications between US DOJ & DE DOE/DOJ
 - Delaware voter registration residency requirements
- FOIA Updates:
 - Public record requests steady

- Consultation with Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) support vendor
 - Monthly call schedule
 - Troubleshooting/conferring on any open items/tickets
 - Revisiting ongoing list of open items, as well as system enhancements related to proposed legislation
- Budget Planning For System Upgrade
 - Existing system is on State contract, subject to annual extension
 - Working with OMB/Government Support Services (GCC) on the administrative components of the
 - Moving to the most current version of software
 - Planning meeting with System Vendor to review needs for upgrade and features of next generation system
 - Updated approach will be a system capable of accepting regular enhancements and ability to control many more elements locally without vendor support (vs. current "static" system requiring vendor support for virtually all updates)
- Campaign Finance For 2026 Election Candidates
 - Filing fees being set by county committees (ongoing)
 - candidate filings are being received and processed (if filing fees have ben set)
- Non-Filer Follow-Up
 - Additional round of demand letters sent to committees with unfiled/outstanding 2024 Campaign Finance Reports
 - Follow-up with committees replying to this mailing
 - Replies from contacted committees continue to be received and ongoing efforts by Campaign Finance staff to help resolve issues and work on filing required reports not filed
- Working in concert with Department's Deputy Attorney General (DAG) and Delaware DOJ Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust (DCRPT)
- Next Steps: Working with Elections DAG Emily Burton to pursue civil action in Delaware Justice of the Peace Court for committees with unfiled campaign finance reports that have failed to respond to prior outreach/enforcement efforts by the Department

Campaign Finance Violations



2024 Annual (Year-End) Report Tardy and Non-Filers as of November 4, 2025

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Anthony Alexander-Jones for City Council	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Arisa White Campaign 2020	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Ashley Murray For Cape	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Christopher Dalton	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Branden Fletcher	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee For Justin Brant	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Alton Irvin	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Joseph D DiPasquale	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee To Elect Keith James	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends for Tripp Keister	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends for Vashun Turner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Billy Edwards	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Darrynn Harris	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Lillian Oliver	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Sam Guy	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
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Candidate Committee	Friends of Vashun Turner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Glass for Commissioner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025



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COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	John Machurek for Delaware	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	LaMar Gunn for Recorder of Deeds	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Machurek for Sheriff	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Members of Shane Darby	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Supporters of Ronnell Page	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	The Hollins Campaign	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Citizens for Fair Voting	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Delaware Foundation For Legislative Action	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures State PAC	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Committee	35 Democratic RD	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Committee	Delaware Kent County Young Republicans	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025

24 Candidate Committees

6 Political Action Committees

2 Political Committees

32 Total Committees

Voting Equipment and Elections Management System

- Voting Equipment Preventative Maintenance
 - Equipment software upgrade largely complete
 - Department has moved to annual preventative maintenance schedule for all equipment (from an initial bi-annual schedule) and these activities were coordinated
 - Replacement of all voting machine backup power batteries will be completed during the upcoming preventative maintenance period
 - Continuous review of replacement schedule of any consumable items on machines and planning for replacement schedule for these items
- Voting Machine Parts Inventory
 - Orders finalized and placed
- Pollbooks
 - Department staff participate in sessions discussing planned enhancements to system to increase convenience to voters for use and to staff for equipment preparation for use in elections
 - Continued training and education for staff in ongoing effort to move equipment preparation/elections preparation to an in-house approach
 - Preparing for pollbook upgrades to latest model available
 - Requesting funding for electronic pollbook parts inventory (FY2027 budget)

Website Accessibility

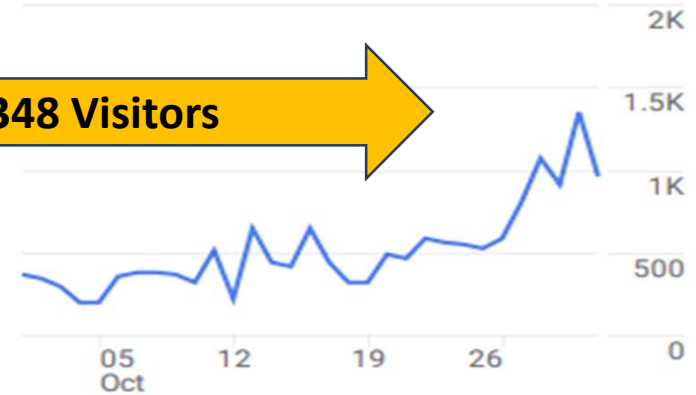
- Gradual/staged implementation of State's new Lighthouse signature theme for websites
 - This will be a "page by page" update, as opposed to a wholesale update (as was the case with the move from Common Look & Feel 3 [CLF 3] to Common Look & Feel 4 [CLF 4].
 - Design optimized accessibility features and the latest best practices and trends in how visitors utilizing accessibility technology access the site
- Analytical tools are utilized on a regular basis to review website accessibility and identify issues
- Continued work is underway/ongoing regarding enhancements to the Election Night Reporting site and its compatibility with assistive devices, etc.

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Analytics

Daily Trend of Active users

Oct 1–31, 2025



October 30, 2025 = 1,348 Visitors

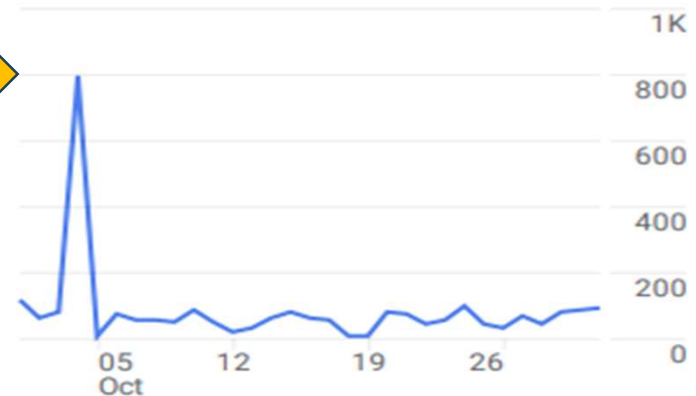
Total number of visitors for the month of October 2025 = 15,929

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Analytics

Daily Trend of Active users

Oct 1–31, 2025



October 4, 2025 = 793 Visitors

Total number of visitors for the month of October 2025 = 2,510

- All Facilities:
 - Reviewing current security hardware installed and determining items in need of replacement and/or upgrades
- State Election Commissioner's Office
 - Repair/reinforcement of secondary door to facility
 - Repair of some leakage
- Kent County Office/Warehouse
 - No facility upgrades at this time
- New Castle County
 - Carvel Building Office
 - Building system upgrade/replacements (sprinklers, etc.) complete
 - Additional adjustments following return to the office being completed (e.g. realignment of security cameras)
 - Warehouse
 - Planning continues on expansion project
 - Initial meeting with contractor/building owner on confirming specs for projects
 - Next step is finalizing and reviewing initial project plan
- Sussex County
 - Office
 - Installation of interior security door complete
 - Working on installation of security monitoring equipment for door
 - Georgetown Warehouse
 - Upgrades to presentation hardware/technology in the training center
 - Seaford Warehouse
 - Air conditioning project
 - Continuing work on specifications for the project
 - Working with contractor/building owner (landlord)
 - Pricing/related building needs

Staffing

- Exploring Additional Staffing Needs
 - FY 2027 Budget "Door Openers" included this item as a requested funding priority

Conferences/Meetings Attending

- Delaware Artificial Intelligence (AI) Commission: Appointed Member
 - Commission Launched in Summer 2024
 - Fall 2025 Quarterly Meeting held on 10/24/2025
 - House Joint Resolution (HJR 7 w/HA 1) directing Commission to work with Secretary of State to create a framework to test "innovative and novel technologies that utilize artificial intelligence"
 - Department is continuing work (IT team) on tools to assist public and staff more efficiently access quantity of data available
- Election Center (EC) Committees:
 - Postal Committee:
 - Upcoming committee meeting at the Joint Election Official Liaison Committee (JEOLC) meeting in Arlington, VA
 - Ongoing communications with elections community/stakeholders
 - Program Development and Awards Committee
 - 2025 Annual Conference planning is underway
 - Review of recently revised rewards/recognition program
 - Evaluating relevance of award categories, how entries for awards are solicited/reviewed/selected
 - Review of Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Award nominees
- USPS Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) [USPS Industry Stakeholder Committee] upcoming meeting in October
 - Quarterly meeting held 10/7-8
 - Continued service on MTAC Informed Delivery Workgroup
 - Election Mail is a focus area for USPS for the 2026 election season
 - Ongoing dialog with USPS leadership and new Postmaster General

U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) Communications

- The Department has been contacted by the US DOJ and has provided comprehensive replies to the DOJ's inquiries concerning the Department's operations
- The US DOJ also asked for information of individual Delaware voters, and the Department has asked follow-up questions to the US DOJ to understand how they would use, store, and maintain this information to ensure the Department's is fully complying with all provisions of Delaware Code and federal law.
- The Department has posted copies of the US DOJ communications and its replies on the Department website: <https://elections.delaware.gov/public/notices.shtml>

General Assembly Legislation (House)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
HB 24 - SA1 W/HA 1	Changes durational residency requirement for voting in municipal elections (to conform with state and federal law). Moves Town of Delmar to adopt State voter registration system for municipal election voter eligibility and sets other general requirements for voter eligibility.	Released from Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee with SA 1.
HB65	Consolidates Presidential and State Primary Elections on Presidential Primary Date (takes affect for Primary Elections held after 12/31/2026).	Released from Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
HB82 – SA 1 (Title 14)	Provides for a resident of a school district to ask Delaware Superior Court to declare a vacancy on a school board if a school district does not report the vacancy to the Department of Elections.	Passed House and Senate. Signed by Governor.
HB85 (Title 14)	Individuals filling vacancies in school boards through the appointment process must complete the background check procedures that filed candidates must also complete, and State Election Commissioner must determine candidate eligibility for candidates filling vacancies.	Passed House and Senate. Signed by Governor.
HB86	Changes recount margins from 0.5% to 1.0% for statewide/General Assembly/County/City of Wilmington/School Elections. Also eliminates the petition requirement for recompilation of results in school elections.	Passed House. Assigned to Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee
HB112	Requires photo identification (ID) for voting in primary, general, and special elections, and specifies permitted types of ID. Provides first ID card at no charge, with a 420 fee for subsequent ID cards issued. Discusses community events to provide opportunity to obtain ID cards.	Introduced in House and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee
HB180	Constitutional amendment updating eligibility requirements for voter registration regarding felony convictions and makes other needed updates to Delaware law to conform this language with provisions of the U.S. Constitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes felonies that disqualify one to register to vote Changes period for disqualification for felony conviction to period and individual is imprisoned, unless pardoned only Age to register to vote at 18 vs. 21 Removes durational residency requirements for voter registration of greater than 30 days Strikes language regarding literacy tests to qualify to register to vote 	Released from House Administration Committee.

General Assembly Legislation (House)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
HB183	Initiates primary elections for special elections and updates to special elections-related timeframes and deadlines	Introduced and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
HB188	Would allow registered voters not affiliated with a political party to vote in primary elections. Unaffiliated voters would be able to choose at the primary election in which party's primary they would like to vote and will then be permitted to vote. The voter's unaffiliated party affiliation will not change based on the choice of party's primary.	Introduced and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
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.	Released from House Elections & Government Affairs Committee; Assigned to Appropriations Committee

General Assembly Legislation (Senate)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
SS1 for SB2	Bill to amend the Delaware State Constitution to specifically authorize early, in-person voting for primary elections, general elections, and special elections to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly. The bill mirrors the language currently codified in Title 15, Chapter 54, regarding early voting.	Released from House Administration Committee.
SS 1 for SB3	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	Released from House Administration Committee.
SB14	Constitutional Amendment (first leg) to create and independent redistricting committee to redistrict State House and State Senate following each federal decennial census. State Election Commissioner/Department assigned administrative duties regarding processing of applicants wishing to serve on Commission.	Released from Senate Executive Committee.
SB39	Amends charter of Town of Selbyville related to elections. Creates district representation and updates residency requirements for elected officials.	Signed by Governor.
SB126	Permits voters to vote at any polling place in their county in Primary and General Elections and provides for consolidation of polling places as long as at least one remains per election district, and that the consolidation does not place undue burden on voters.	Introduced in Senate and Assigned to Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
SB171	Updates Town of Houston charter including clarification of voting eligibility for multiple owners of a piece of real estate in the town, changes time for municipal elections, updates qualifications for town office holders, updated dates on which nominations of candidacy may be made, updates when elected town officials take office	Signed by Governor.
SB195	Updates Town of Delmar charter including changing the timeframe in which a candidate must notify the Town Manager of their candidacy and provides a means for the town election officials to disqualify a potential voter if the individual has moved outside of town limits but has not yet updated their information with the Department of Elections voter registration list, which the town uses to determine municipal voting eligibility.	Signed by Governor.



Department of Elections New Castle County Office

Report to the Board November 10, 2025

Tracey Dixon, County Director

David Gilefski, Deputy County Director

- Continuing with maintenance for all voting equipment.
- Completed demonstration events 11/1 & 11/5. Additional ones scheduled for 11/13 and 1/17/26. Expanding footprint on coordinating additional demonstration/information events.
- Working on processes to streamline warehouse inventory.
- Initial conversations with landlord regarding warehouse expansion.
- Continued attempts to secure additional Early Voting sites.



Department of Elections Kent County Office

Report to the Board November 10, 2025

Doris Reed-Young, County Director

Ralph Artigliere, Deputy County Director

Voter Outreach Engagements -

Hartly Fire Hall – Open House – October 20, 2025

Allen Frear Elem – Student Government – October 28, 2025

Cam-Wyo Annual Fire Company Election – Nov. 17, 2025

Voting Equipment Latest Software Installation (v6500) -

XL voting machines software installation completed

DS450 Scanner installation waiting for ES&S to schedule.

System Testing on hold until all equipment has completed the software installation.

Caesar Rodney Referendum Feb. 9 –

Three or four meetings with CR staff to discuss details of the Ref

Three meetings with Election staff discussing Ref details

Review Notice – in progress

Municipality Elections –

Magnolia – This Wednesday is deadline to file for the Jan. 12 election



Department of Elections Sussex County Office

Report to the Board November 10, 2025

Kenneth A. McDowell, County Director

Tracey L. Wilkerson, Deputy County Director

- We had an outreach event for the Sussex Tech Class of 2029 SGA Class Officers. This was a community outreach opportunity to help the students become familiar and comfortable with using the voting machines. This election took place on Wednesday, October 22nd 11:15 am-1:15 pm and was not only successful, but also a lot of fun.
- We are in the planning and scheduling phases for upgrading the DS450's to the newest software available. This needs to take place so that the highspeed scanners can read the absentee ballots from the upgraded Ballot on Demand software and activation cards from the upgraded software on the voting machines.
- We have one scheduled municipal election on December 6th with the Town of Dagsboro. November 14th is the Candidate Filing Deadline.
- Laurel School District is planning on the date of February 9th for a referendum. We hope that Delmar will follow suit and use the same date. However, that isn't confirmed at this time, but we do know they will be shooting for February or March for the date of their referendum.
- We have updated our training room and now have a fully functioning projector with a large screen.
- We have been visiting polling locations that were mentioned in the annual DRD (formerly CLASI) report and have submitted our plans to address the issues mentioned. Commissioner Albence will present the ideas to DRD and let us know their insights. Once the details are confirmed we will be putting together the information in an organized format for the Board to review.
- We are in the process of reviewing election officer applications and organizing them for the upcoming election season.
- We have met with the company that will be installing the A/C in the Seaford Warehouse to discuss options to address the roof's ability to hold the weight of the unit. An engineer is going to assess the situation and let us know how much additional support will be needed.