STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

Report to the State Board of Elections

Board Meeting
November 9, 2026
4:00 p.m.

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State of Delaware
Department of Elections
2026 General Election Voter Counts by Voting Method
Last Updated: Wednesday, November 4, 2026 1:06 PM

Voting Method	Kent County	New Castle County	Sussex County	Totals
Absentee	3,018	10,581	7,035	20,634
Early Voting	20,358	49,461	59,765	129,584
Polling Place	40,789	141,676	50,253	232,718
Grand Totals	64,165	201,718	117,053	382,936
Voter Turnout				47.49% of 810,407

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2022 General Election Voter Counts by Voting Method

Voting Method	Totals
Early in-person	55,640
Absentee	~22,800
Voted before Election Day	~78,400
Election Day	~247,200
Total ballots	325,632
% Voter Turnout	42.7% of 762,908

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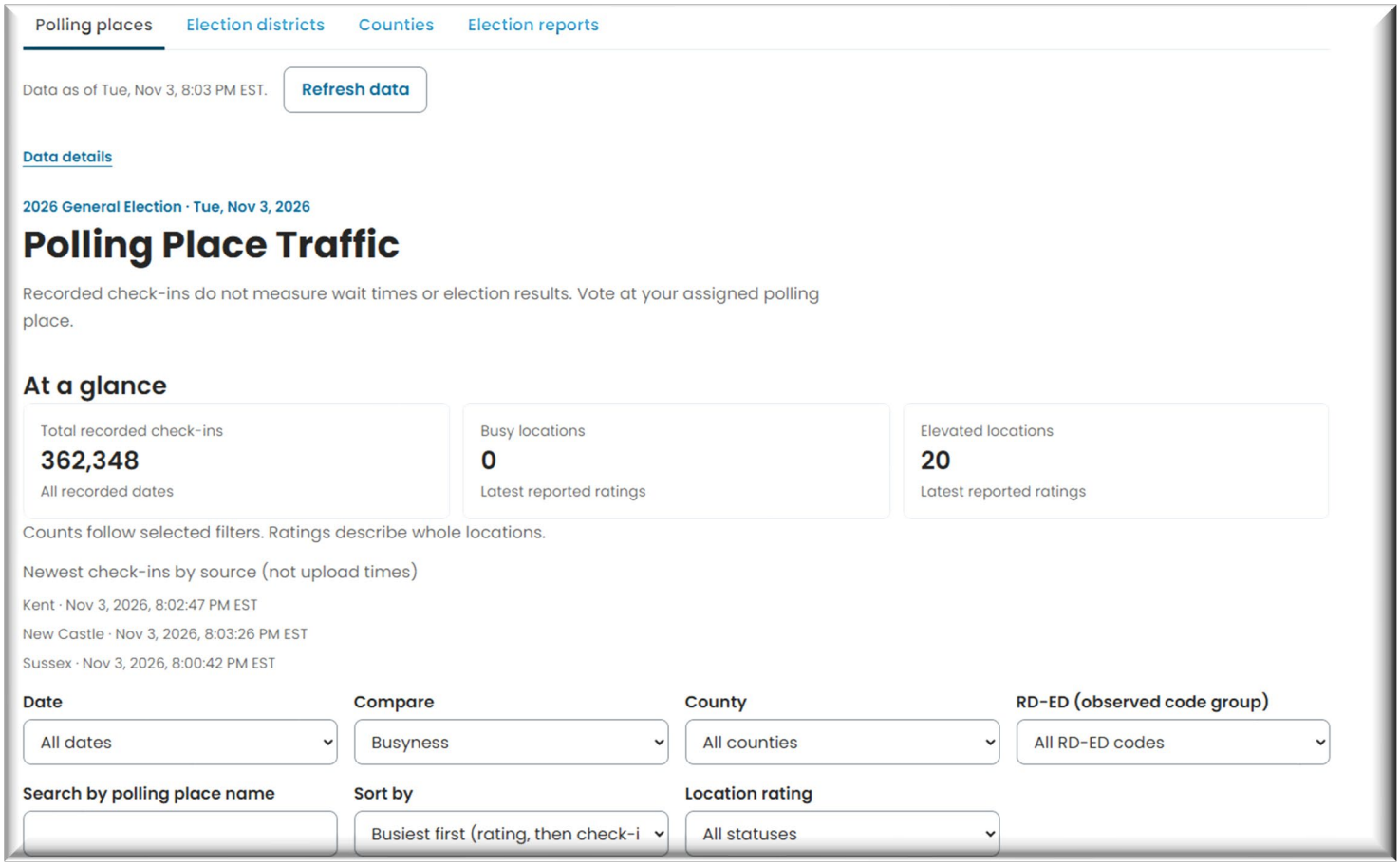
County	Sent By Mail	Mail Returned	Electronic Delivery	Electronic Return	Sent by Other	Other Returned	Total Sent	Total Returned
KC	3,714	2,797	718	447	124	124	4,556	3,368
NCC	12,449	9,382	3,058	1,718	144	144	15,651	11,244
SC	7,796	6,169	1,393	848	248	248	9,437	7,265
GRAND TOTALS	23,959	18,348	5,169	3,013	516	516	29,644	21,877

U. S. DOJ Monitors

A small number of U.S. DOJ Monitors visited some polling places in New Castle County, Delaware. There were no disruptions from their presence at polling places.

Early Voting Site/Polling Place Traffic Dashboard Piloted During 2026 General

https://elections.delaware.gov/pollingplacetraffic/GE2026/#traffic



Election Night Reporting Website

https://elections.delaware.gov/results/enr/GE2026.html

- *Auto-refreshed every 5 minutes*
- *Status of reporting and absentee tabulation displayed*
- *All results were reported by 3 a.m. November 4, 2026*

Website Accessibility Updates

- Sample Ballots were added to the website for the 2026 General Election, allowing voters the ability to review their ballot before voting. To maximize accessibility of the sample ballot information on the website, the team utilized accessibility guidance to make the information readable for individuals who use assistive technology such as screen readers.

- The Department is adding contact forms instead or in addition to email links. This increases accessibility for people on devices where there is no default email client. The contact forms are scanned for accessibility and updated as needed, like any other webpage on the site.

- The Department is working to enhance accessibility for visitors who utilize voice-only control screen reader users. Multiple links to iVote, for instance, on a voting guide style webpage, for instance, can "confuse" screen readers into not knowing which webpage to open for the user.

- The Department is converting many PDF files on the website to HTMLs, which are inherently more accessible. Certain items need to be available in PDF format, and these will be remediated into accessible PDFs.

- The Department is enhancing the printability of some pages. Work includes archiving some historical items, which will be able to be printed for greater accessibility.

Voting Accessibility Updates

- Community Legal Aid Society/Disability Rights Delaware poll monitors surveyed 2026 General Election polling places in each county. DRD will be issuing a 2026 General Election Polling Place Accessibility Report with their findings.
- The Department of Elections has worked diligently to improve voting accessibility in Delaware, and we use the report to assist us in identifying areas for improvement and to develop solutions to accessibility issues.
- On Election Day, CLASI/DRD poll monitors identified issues and DOE responded:
  - At some polling places, the facility had moved the voting room without informing the Department, and the DOE accessibility plans had been created for the planned voting room not the new location.
  - In one location in Sussex County, a "lip" prevented a voter's wheelchair from navigating into the gym/voting room. Another door was identified as accessible, and the accessible entrance was used for the rest of election day.
- The Department implemented its 2026 Election Cycle Voting Accessibility Plan:
  - Election Officer Training included instruction on serving the accessibility needs of Delaware voters incorporating ADA guidance/checklists and EAC videos, and the video is available on the Voters With Disabilities webpage.
  - The Department provided election officers polling place site maps which instructed them on where to place signage, including accessibility signage.
  - DOE/CLASI/DRD collaborated on a voter accessibility poster which was displayed at all early voting sites and polling places.
  - Universal Voting Console ("UVC") audio tactile ballot devices were available at each voting location in accordance with federal law.

Proactive Department Responses to Issues Raised Ahead of the 2026 General Election

Issue	Solution	Details
Lack of Headphones for UVC	Provide additional headphones and have them at the ready for voters to use.	Voters with disabilities who rely on audio tactile technology typically carry on their person their accessibility device (headphones, rocker switch, sip and puff). The Department will continue to provide headphones for those who choose to use the ones provided by the Department.
Voter instructions at voting locations are visual, not audio	In training class, Department encourages election officers to use verbal, audible instructional cues to voters to supplement/in addition to signage.	Greeters/Election Officers were trained and available to guide voters verbally through the process and assist voters.
Audio tactile voting using the UVC is a slow process and there are concerns about the secrecy of the ballot	Election officers were trained that they should allow voters using the UVC as much time as they need in the voting booth to complete their vote and be attentive and available to help when the voter asks for help. If the voter expressed to an election officer that they need help with the UVC, the election officer was instructed to first say they are happy to help and then ask how they can be of assistance, requesting a description of the issue.	Once a device (headphones, sip and puff, rocker switch) is inserted into the UVC, the privacy screen automatically appears over the XL screen ballot.

State of Delaware Department of Elections November 2026 Budget Information

BUDGET SUMMARY

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Class Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2025	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	18,553.56	15,994.06	2,559.50	0.00	0.00
2025	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	2,152,886.25	2,042,693.51	110,170.04	22.70	0.00
2025	100	700101	08939	Contingency	5010	1,605,925.00	1,466,358.39	139,566.61	0.00	0.00
2026	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	2,476,432.23	2,373,113.57	103,318.66	0.00	0.00
2026	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	125,400.00	125,274.76	125.24	0.00	0.00
2026	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	33,275.87	31,819.58	1,456.29	0.00	0.00
2026	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	19,989.82	19,989.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	335,400.00	317,988.81	11,768.34	5,642.85	1.68
2026	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	1,617,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
2026	100	700101	08916	Technology	5010	300,000.00	150,000.00	8,103.60	141,896.40	47.30
2027	100	700101	00137	Personnel Costs	5100	4,525,900.00	1,556,031.18	0.00	2,969,868.82	65.62
2027	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	8,300.00	65.85	0.00	8,234.15	99.21
2027	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	2,893,800.00	746,893.99	1,132,277.20	1,014,628.81	35.06
2027	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	125,400.00	28,194.71	96,484.04	721.25	0.58
2027	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	33,300.00	11,775.15	0.00	21,524.85	64.64
2027	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	289,400.00	18,081.72	10,004.13	261,314.15	90.30
2027	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	267,400.00	45.98	0.00	267,354.02	99.98
2027	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	828,637.19	813,362.81	0.00	0.00
2027	100	700101	00414	Voter Purg	5010	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2027	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	8,412,900.00	3,401,290.99	1,450,337.84	3,561,271.17	42.33
2027	100	700101	08913	Voting Technology	5010	1,587,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,587,100.00	100.00
2027	100	700101	08916	Technology	5010	1,900,000.00	33,266.67	1,662,263.33	204,470.00	10.76
						30,410,362.73	14,799,515.93	5,566,797.63	10,044,049.17	

- Expenditures typical of election year
- Funding well managed
- Budget planning respectfully includes requests for additional funding for implementation of new Code-requirements and increased election management priorities heading into 2028 election cycle.

Monthly Statewide Voter Registration Totals 2026	
Date	**Number of Registered Voters**
JAN 1, 2026	801,762
FEB 1, 2026	801,918
MAR 1, 2026	802,531
APR 1, 2026	803,409
MAY 1, 2026	804,516
JUN 1, 2026	805,335
JUL 1, 2026	806,675
AUG 1, 2026	807,896
SEP 1, 2026	808,038
OCT 1, 2026	809,886
NOV 1, 2026	809,631
DEC 1, 2026	

Voter Registration Transactions – New & Updated Records
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Month	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
January	2,996	1,349	4,448	6,313	667	15,773
February	2,775	1,197	4,226	5,631	732	14,561
March	3,727	1,585	5,457	7,097	955	18,821
April	3,906	1,501	6,513	7,098	1,132	20,150
May	3,996	1,291	6,045	6,122	1,023	18,477
June	3,775	1,330	3,671	6,484	1,050	16,310
July	3,917	1,491	3,341	7,015	1,012	16,776
August	3,744	1,848	15,204*	8,082	623	29,501
September	3,419	1,805	89,097**	7,981	454	102,756
October	3,825	2,269	8,877	9,454	592	25,017
November						
December						
2026 Total	**36,080**	**15,666**	**146,879**	**71,277**	**8,240**	**278,142**

*Party affiliations adjusted to No Party – AVR for eligible voters registered through the AVR pre-registration process at DMV.
**No Party – AVR voters party changed to No Party Choice after Primary Election per Delaware Code.

Voter Registration Transactions						
Annual Totals						
Year	**New voters**	**Updated names**	**Changed party**	**New addresses**	**Pre-Registrations**	**Total**
2025	**43,190**	**16,363**	**55,225**	**78,504**	**8,353**	**201,635**
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, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Month	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
January	1,338	0***	24	0***	0	96	175	0	1,633
February	596	0***	37	0***	0	91	159	0	883
March	1308	0***	26	0***	0	96	184	0	1,614
April	563	0***	33	0***	0	83	271	0	950
May	1223	0***	55	0***	0	67	142	0	1,487
June	640	0***	16	0***	0	77	217	0	950
July	640	6,396	31	0***	0	60	191	0	7,318
July – August MOS Removal		11,226****							11,226
August	1,024	1,352	18	114	0	62	131	0	2,701
September	495	1,698	55	33	0	89	160	0	2,530
October	991	306	47	7	0	24	354	0	1,729
November									
December									
2026 Total	**8,818**	**20,978**	**342**	**154**	**0**	**745**	**1,984**	**0**	**33,021**

Voter Registration Removals
Annual Totals

Year	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
2025	**11,562**	**13,053**	**266**	**138**	**1**	**1,687**	**2,102**	**24,790**	**53,599**
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.

****Due to Board vacancies and the Department's authority and responsibility to maintain a current and accurate voter registration list, the Department removed records of voters who had moved out of Delaware, which had been pending removal for months since the last Board meeting. With a fully constituted board, MOS removals will proceed as usual following Board approval of voter names to be removed at each meeting.

Organized Voter Registration Program (OVR)/Municipal Elections Training

- OVR program:
  - New Trainer/Educator in place and fully engaged in position
    - Position also provides support to Kent County office on absentee voting and pollbooks support
  - 2026 OVR monthly trainings continue (virtual format primarily)
  - OVR Group Certification/Recertification:
    - Ongoing outreach to OVR groups to maintain certification (following initial training and certification, recertification occurs after two (2) years
    - 2026 Election Season OVR Planning and Registrar Training Key Points:
      - Continued emphasis on use of approved and provided registration materials and forms, attention to detail, thoroughness/completeness of application, timely submission of materials, nonpartisan approach to all OVR activities
- Municipal Elections Training
  - Continues to be offered to municipal Boards of Elections, municipal staff, municipal Election Officers
- 2027 Municipal Elections
  - 2027 Municipal Election Calendar posted on website

Online Training Management Platform

- Department continues to grow engagement with Delaware Learning Center (DLC) to modernize administration:
  - OVR Training
  - Municipal Elections training.
  - Campaign Finance Training (Candidates and Treasurers)
    - Will be launching online Campaign Finance Training (late 2027) in DLC environment
  - Exploring options to use DLC platform to enhance Election Officer Training
- Next Steps:
  - Curtis (Trainer/Educator) enrolled in DLC Administrator Training Curriculum
  - Training content (OVR and municipal training) will then be reviewed and optimized use on DLC platform

Community Relations/Public Information

Election Day Joint Information Center (JIC):

- **Comprised of Department of Elections, Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), Delaware Department of Justice, Delaware State Police, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Government Information Center, the Governor's Office, and other state agencies.**
- **Critical role in administering election and voting safety and security**
- **Coordinated and responded to all election-related reports, complaints and media inquiries for the 2026 General Election.**

Outreach events:

- **UWDE's annual Pride Student Summit/Live Out Loud Summit –**
  - **Saturday, November 7, 2026**
  - **Delaware Technical & Community College, Stanton 11:00 – 3:00**
- **2027 LIFE Conference - January 27th (Legislation, Independence, Families, Education)**
- **Delaware's Premiere Disabilities Conference**

Department Community Relations Officer Cathleen Hartsky-Carter will present with CLASI's Voting Rights Advocate Nina Kegelman on voting accessibility in DE.

- **University of Delaware Blue Hens Football Voter Outreach at UD Home Game Fan Zone**
- **Disability Rights Delaware & Developmental Disabilities Council Voting Accessibility Workshop and Resource Fair – September 28, 2026**

Mass Media Advertising

- **Biennial Voter Information Mailer – direct mailing to all DE registered voters**
- **Notices, Banners and leaderboard advertisements on online news media websites**
- **Billboards and Radio spots**
- **PSAs on Comcast Streaming and Cable**
- **Advertisements on Meta (Facebook), Instagram, Nextdoor**
- **Motor Vehicle Network Video 2026 Voting & Election Information**

Social media direct posts & website updates

- **Election, voter registration, voter, and campaign finance information**

Voter Information Materials available (Tactile and on Department's Website)

- **FAQs & Presentations, Postcards & Brochures (English and Spanish)**

Collaboration with Department of Correction, Eligible, Incarcerated Voters

- **Department of Elections Video for inmate tablets.**

Campaign Finance

- 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
- Planned Campaign Finance System Upgrade
  - Current System Status:
    - Approaching 15 years in operation
    - Operationally antiquated with a dated user interface
    - Vendor is experiencing challenges with system maintenance due to its age and structure
    - Due to age and structure of system any enhancements or modifications are extremely difficulty and cost prohibitive
      - Lack of availability of programmers versed in system programming
  - System Upgrade Planning
    - Project launch meeting later this month
    - Planned rollout by mid-2027
    - Key deliverables:
      - Significant advances in system operations and capabilities
      - Vastly improved user interface
      - Additional tools to promote public transparency
      - User self-service tools available will be available
      - Variety of administrative maintenance options available to Department staff will be significantly enhanced
      - Integration of Delaware-specific customizations, including requirements of recently-enacted legislation
- Campaign Finance Training
  - Biennial training requirement (starting in mid-2027 per provisions of HB 344)
  - Department's Trainer/Educator working with Delaware Learning Center regarding online training platform/approach preparation
- 2026 Election Season Filings
  - Most recent deadlines: 30-Day and 8-Day General Election Reports
  - Next filing deadline: 2026 Annual Report (due 1/20/2027)
  - All winning candidates compliant with campaign finance filing requirements
- Non-Filer Follow-Up
  - Additional demand letters being sent to committees with unfiled reports
  - Delaware DOJ (DCRPT) Referrals
  - Reports Appeals Subcommittee Meeting to immediately follow meeting
    - Referral to DCRPT of 8-Day Primary Election Report Non-Filers
  - Pursuing action in Justice of the Peace Courts

2026 8-Day General Election Report
Tardy and Non-Filers as of November 5, 2026

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Mark Esposito for State Senate	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Citizens for Fair Voting	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Common Sense for Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Delaware Auto & Truck Dealers Association - ACTION	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures State PAC	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Libertarian Defense Fund	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	NASW DE PACE	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	Senate D PAC	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Candidate Committee	Mark Esposito for State Senate	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026

Campaign Finance Violations

2026 8-Day General Election Report
Tardy and Non-Filers as of November 5, 2026

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Political Committee	15th District Democratic Committee	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Aardvark Party of Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	American Solidarity	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Delaware Kent County Young Republicans	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Forward Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Green Party of Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Keystone Party of Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Liberal Party of Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Mandalorians	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Non-Partisan Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Patriot Party of Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026
Political Committee	Pirate Party of Delaware	2026 8-Day General	10/26/2026	10/28/2026

Candidate Committees: 1 |Political Action Committees: 10 |Political Committees: 12 |**Total: 23**

Voting Equipment and Elections Management System

- Voting Equipment Preventative Maintenance
  - Most current version of federally certified operating system installed.
  - Department maintains annual preventative maintenance schedule for all equipment (transitioned from an earlier biannual 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
  - Inventories being maintained and replenished as needed
- 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)

Department Facilities

- All Facilities:
  - Continued work with State vendor Advantech to determine needs for equipment replacement/upgrade and determine costs
    - Office walkthroughs to assess equipment upgrade needs
- State Election Commissioner's Office
  - Follow-up on some leaking issues (following up recent comprehensive repairs/rehabilitation)
- Kent County Office/Warehouse
  - No updates
- New Castle County
  - Carvel Building Office: security camera realignment
    - Warehouse Expansion Project:
      - Pre-construction site work continues
      - Finalizing NCC Land Use permitting and awaiting initial plans
- Sussex County
  - Race Street: Security monitoring for front doors
  - Georgetown Warehouse: Upgrades to election officer training equipment

Staffing

- FY 2028: Planned Budget "Door Opener" as a requested funding priority

Conferences/Meetings Attending

- Delaware Artificial Intelligence (AI) Commission: Appointed Member
  - Quarterly Meetings
    - Most recent quarterly meeting held on Friday, 10/23
      - Department is continuing work (IT team) on tools to assist the public and staff more efficiently access quantity of data available and to assist with automated tasks (e.g., checking website to ensure all pages and links are active

- Election Center (EC) Committees:
  - Postal Committee:
    - Planning USPS session for Joint Election Official Liaison Committee (JEOLC) meeting in Arlington, VA in January 2027
    - Ongoing communications with elections community/stakeholders
  - Program Development and Awards Committee
    - Planning for 2027 National Conference and training workshops

- USPS Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) [USPS Industry Stakeholder Committee] Quarterly Meetings
  - Most recent quarterly meeting: October 2026
  - Ongoing dialogue with USPS leadership and Postmaster General
  - Recap of Election Mail plan for the 2026 General Election
    - Review of "Extraordinary Measures" in place
  - Continued service on MTAC Informed Delivery Workgroup

- Other USPS Elections Related Prep /Items
  - Daily (often multiple times daily) communication with regional Election Mail liaison
  - Comprehensive strategy to work with USPS DE staff (local postmasters for POs servicing county offices and management team of DE Processing & Distribution Center [P&DC] at Hares Corner (New Castle), DE)
    - Daily communication/multiple times daily communication Extraordinary Measures for General Election in place again this year executed effectively in DE
    - Nightly pickup/courier delivery to county offices of absentee ballots to county offices in final days preceding Election Day/on Election Day

Department of Elections
New Castle County Office

Report to the Board
November 9, 2026

Tracey Dixon, County Director | **David Gilefski, Deputy County Director**

- Finalizing Board of Canvass process
- Preparing for Audits
- Finalizing Election Officer and Polling Place payments
- Reviewing all documents in binders
- Inventory of returned equipment from polling places
- Preparing for possible New Castle County Council Special Election
- Follow up with staff on EV/Election day processes

Department of Elections Sussex County Office

Report to the Board November 3, 2026

Kenneth A. McDowell, County Director | **Tracey L. Wilkerson, Deputy County Director**

- Sussex County had a 49 percent turnout with more than 110,000 total voters. This is an increase from the 2022 midterm election which had roughly a 43 percent turnout.
- Sussex County voters showed a preference for voting early with nearly 60,000 votes (more than 55 percent of election day turnout).
- The Election Day turnout was approximately 43,000 (39 percent of election day turnout) voters and Absentee votes were nearly 7,000 (approximately six percent).
- We are happy with the turnout which was high for a midterm election. Staffing levels were more than adequate at the polling locations and in the call center. Call volume was very manageable with a team of 18 call center employees.
- We were able to complete ballot adjudication and write-in review by 1:30 am. This was a result of working on them daily to be sure we were up to date before Election Day.
- The day after the election we worked with the Board of Canvass to ensure that we delivered anything that they needed to successfully perform their duties (Provisional Ballots, paper tapes, etc.). In addition, our staff began the process of processing information from inspector binders to ensure everyone that voted that day received voter credit (this can occur due to people moving and not changing their addresses prior to arriving at the polling place).
- The public meeting for the Random Drawing for the Election Audits took place on November 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
- The first drawing that was for the XL Voting Machine to be selected for the first round of audits was number SC01072 from Rehoboth Fire Station #2.
- The second drawing was for an entire election district to be audited that is different from the election district of the first audit. RD/ED 41-06 from Indian River High School was drawn (XL Machines-SC01352, SC01353, SC01354, and SC01355).
- The third drawing was for an entire election district to be audited that is different from the election district of the first two audits. RD/ED 40-08 from Howard T. Ennis was drawn (XL Machines-SC01218, SC01219, and SC01220). The statewide office drawn to be audited for this election district was for the office of Attorney General.
- The Machine Audit (10 AM) will take place on November 9th followed by the Polling Place Audit (10 AM) and Statewide Audit (1 PM) now on December 10, 2026.
- The next municipal election scheduled is Dagsboro on December 5, 2026.

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- Completed the voting machine certification, ten days of Early Voting and processing of voted EV active cards, absentee processing & opening, loading the election data and testing of the pollbooks for Election Day, picked up of EV machines from our four early voting sites, Kent team coordinated with Hopkins for the delivery and return of the XLs and other polling location supplies & materials. Still in the process of deconstructing all the notebooks, bags, bins, etc. post-election.
- Kent's Vote History has been applied for GE2026, with a handful of stragglers that need to be verified and entered manually.
- Successfully completed the Court of Canvass on Thursday. Seven court orders were issued during the process for twelve missing machine tapes. We definitely will be working on that poll worker training issue for the next General Election.
- We still had an issue at the State Fire School opening on time. They were running about 15 minutes behind. It was squarely a problem with the pollbook clerks following instructions in their manuals or what was provided at training.
- There was miscommunication as to who is authorized to enter the voting room on Election Day. The Classi organization had anticipated full unfettered access to all of our polling location Voting Rooms. Unfortunately, I missed that memo and denied them access until a couple of Teams meetings on ED with Anthony, Emily, Doris, & Ralph

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- The Trainer/Educator will complete Delaware Learning Center admin training in November. He will then develop a web-based training course for users of the new campaign finance software. Online training is also being considered for OVR and other elections programs which will allow trainees to access training on their time and also provide a built-in tracking system for recurring training and certificate issue.
- OVR Update: Trained 23 registrars and added 1 organization for the Organized Voter Registration (OVR) program. Remaining classes will be Wednesday, November 18th and Wednesday, December 9th.
- Kent recently developed and launched an electronic asset management system for pollbooks. The barcode-based system will reduce data entry errors and improve pollbook tracking for our fleet of pollbooks currently in our inventory.
- We are actively trying to solve an issue we had on Election Day with our activation cards. We had several polling locations experience cards being ejected after a voter completed their ballot. We are just in the preliminary stages of gathering the information and materials. We will start a discussion with ES&S next week.