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1. Introduction

Pursuant to House Bill 245 of the 145th General Assembly: Files and lists provided to members of the General Assembly and State agencies or county or local governments pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall include voter names, addresses, political party affiliation, voting history, telephone numbers, legislative district information, and dates of birth. Files and lists provided to major and minor political parties pursuant to subsections (a) through (d) of this section and to candidates for elective office pursuant to subsection (e) of this section shall be limited to voter names, addresses, political party affiliations, voting history, legislative district information, telephone numbers, and years of birth. Files and lists provided to the public shall be limited to voter names, addresses, political party affiliations, voting history, legislative district information, and years of birth.

File Format: The voter file is a TAB separated text file with no text-delimiter. This format is easily imported into Microsoft and other spreadsheet products.

Disclaimer: The Delaware Department of Elections does not guarantee that the data requested will be compatible with all software programs. The applicant will utilize his/her own software to import this data to his/her database. Technical support and special data formats are not provided.

Important Note Regarding Voter Registration Totals:

Some of the registered voters in this file are listed without State Senatorial Districts assigned to their records. Delaware Code, Title 15, Chapter 19 Section 1901(b)(3), provides that Delaware citizens absent from the State of Delaware, who are eligible to vote in accordance with the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), and who are permanently living outside the United States, are not assigned a State Senatorial District in Delaware's voter registration system. These voters are registered at the address of the county elections office and are permitted to vote for federal offices only.

Important Note Regarding Voters in "Inactive" Status:

Some of the registered voters in this file are listed with a status of "INACTIVE". A voter is moved from "ACTIVE" to "INACTIVE" status when mail sent to the voter is returned as undeliverable, and the voter has not responded within 60 days to an address verification mailing sent by the Department to confirm the voter's address. If the voter has no further contact with the Department and does not vote in the next two consecutive General Elections, the voter is removed from the registration rolls.

A voter in "INACTIVE" status may return to "ACTIVE" status if:

- a. The voter replies to the address verification mailing to confirm or update their address or
 - b. Completes a voter registration transaction and confirms or updates their address or
 - c. Arrives at a polling place intending to vote. In this case, the voter will be asked to affirm their current permanent address and will be permitted to vote, if present at the correct polling place.
- If any of these cases the voter's registration record will be updated accordingly, and the voter will be returned to "ACTIVE" status.

Organizations sending mailings to voters often choose not to mail to "INACTIVE" voters because of the high probability the mail piece will be returned as undeliverable. Please contact the Department of Elections with any questions.

NOTE: The address verification process is detailed in Delaware Code, Title 15, Section 1704.

Important Note Regarding Automatic Voter Registration

*No Party-AVR: This party affiliation refers to those individuals registered to vote per the provisions of Delaware Code, Title 15, Section 2050A (Automatic Voter Registration [AVR] at the Division of Motor Vehicles and other agencies). Individuals registered via this Code provision are registered as No Party and are noted in the voter registration reports as “No Party - AVR”. Voters, including voters who were automatically registered at DMV with no party affiliation, may affiliate with a political party during any period in which party affiliation changes are permitted per Delaware Code. Delaware is a Closed-Primary Election state, meaning that registered voters must be affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties by the party change deadline set in Delaware Code (15 Del. C. § 2049(a)) in order to vote in the Primary Election of the party of their choice. The last day a registered voter may change their party in order to vote in the Primary Election is the last Friday in May in a general election year.

2. File Specifications

Filename: de_voter_reg.txt

Formats: MS Excel, CSV, or Tab-Delimited

Fields/Columns: *See below*

Name	Description
County	
Status	Status Indicator
Title	Title
Name_First	First Name
Name_Middle	Middle Name
Name_Last	Last Name
Name_Suffix	Suffix
Voter_ID	Registrant ID
District_Municipality	Municipality District
Other_Party_Desc	Other Party Description
Res_Addr_House_No	Name & Street Address
Res_Addr_House_No_Suffix	
Res_Addr_Street_Direction_Prefix	
Res_Addr_Street_Name	
Res_Addr_Street_Type	
Res_Addr_Street_Direction_Suffix	
Res_Addr_Unit_Type	
Res_Addr_Unit_Number	
Res_Addr_City	
Res_Addr_State	
Res_Addr_Zip_Code	
Res_Addr_Zip_4	
Res_Addr_Carrier_Route	Status Indicator
Res_Addr_Military_Ind	Mailing Address
Mail_Addr_Line1	
Mail_Addr_Line2	
Mail_Addr_Line3	
Mail_Addr_Line4	
Mail_Addr_City	
Mail_Addr_State	
Mail_Addr_Zip_Code	
Mail_Addr_Zip_4	
Mail_Addr_Carrier_Route	Status Indicator
Mail_Addr_Military_Ind	Status Indicator
Mail_Addr_Foreign_Ind	Status Indicator
Political_Party	Party Indicator
Precinct_RDED	ED / RD Indicator

Name	Description
Date_of_Birth	Date of Birth *
Registration_Date	Date of Registration
Party_Affiliation_Date	Date of Party Affiliation
Phone_Area_Code	Telephone – area code **
Phone_Exchange	Telephone – first 3 digits **
Phone_Last_Four	Telephone – last 4 digits **
Voting_History_1	Last 10 Elections and Method by which the person voter. Voting Method Legend: A – Voted Absentee (Includes Vote by Mail in 2020) E – Voted in Person as an Early Voting Site P – Voted in Person at a Polling Place V – Provisional Voting
Voting_Method_1	
Voting_History_2	
Voting_Method_2	
Voting_History_3	
Voting_Method_3	
Voting_History_4	
Voting_Method_4	
Voting_History_5	
Voting_Method_5	
Voting_History_6	
Voting_Method_6	
Voting_History_7	
Voting_Method_7	
Voting_History_8	
Voting_Method_8	
Voting_History_9	
Voting_Method_9	
Voting_History_10	
Voting_Method_10	
Res_Addr_Non_Standard	Status Indicator
Last_Registration_Update_Date	Registration Change Date
District_Congressional	Congressional District
District_City_Council_Wilmington_Only	City of Wilmington
District_County_Council_New_Castle_Only	New Castle County - County Council District
District_County_Council_Sussex_Only	Sussex County - County Council District
District_Election	Election District
District_Levy_Court_Kent_Only	Kent County - Levy Court District
District_Representative	Representative District
District_School	School District
District_Senate	Senate District
Perm_Abs_Status	Permanent Absentee Status
Election_Name	Absentee Information, if applicable/available Voter Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absentee - Uniformed and Overseas Citizen (UOCAVA) • Absentee – Domestic/Regular Absentee
Absentee_Reason_Code	
Absentee_Reason_Description	
Voter_Type	
Date_Ballot_App_Returned	
Ballot_ID	
Date_Ballot_Sent	
Ballot_Sent_Method	
Ballot_Sent_Address_Line1	
Ballot_Sent_Address_Line2	
Ballot_Sent_Address_Line3	
Ballot_Sent_Address_Line4	

Ballot_Sent_Address_City	
Ballot_Sent_Address_State	
Ballot_Sent_Address_ZIP	
Date_Ballot_Returned	
Ballot_Status	
Ballot_Not_Accepted_Reason	

* *Subject to House Bill 245 of the 145th General Assembly.* **Date_of_Birth** will display as **Year_of_Birth** as specified in the Introduction when applicable.

** *Subject to House Bill 245 of the 145th General Assembly.* **Phone_Area_Code, Phone_Exchange, Phone_Last_Four** are not available as specified in the Introduction when applicable.

3. Code Reference

a. Counties

NEW CASTLE
KENT
SUSSEX

b. Party Affiliation

Code	Party Name
AMD	AMER DELTA
AME	AMERICAN
BEN	BLUE ENIGMA
CON	CONSERVATIVE
CNT	CONSTITUTION
DEM	DEMOCRATIC
GRN	GREEN
IND	IND PTY OF DE
LIB	LIBERAL
LBT	LIBERTARIAN
MAN	MANDALORIANS
NAT	NATURAL LAW
NOL	NO LABEL
NOP	NO PARTY
AVR	NO PARTY - AVR
NON	NONPARTISAN
OTH	OTHER
REF	REFORM
REP	REPUBLICAN
SOC	SOCIALST WR
WTP	WE THE PEOPLE
WOR	WORKING FAM

c. School Districts

Code	District Name	County
SDAP	APPOQUINIMINK	New Castle
SDBR	BRANDYWINE	New Castle
SDCA	CAPITAL	Kent
SDCH	CAPE HENLOPEN	Sussex
SDCO	COLONIAL	New Castle
SDCR	CAESAR RODNEY	Kent
SDCS	CHRISTINA	New Castle
SDDM	DELMAR	Sussex
SDIR	INDIAN RIVER	Sussex
SDLF	LAKE FOREST	Kent
SDLR	LAUREL	Sussex
SDMF	MILFORD	Kent / Sussex
SDRC	RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED	New Castle
SDSF	SEAFORD	Sussex
SDSM	SMYRNA	Kent / New Castle
SDWB	WOODBIDGE	Sussex

d. Absentee Ballot Status Reasons

Status Reason	Description
VOID – LOST	The ballot is lost during delivery or lost by the voter.
NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ABSENTEE	The voter’s registration status changed to status ineligible to vote absentee.
VOID – NO LONGER NEEDED	The voter has informed the Department of Elections that they no longer wish to vote absentee.
BALLOT ENVELOPE NOT SEALED	The Department of Elections cannot accept received ballots in an unsealed envelope.
RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF POLLS	The ballot was received after 8pm on Election Day. The ballot is rejected, and not opened or tabulated.
RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE	The ballot was returned undeliverable.
RETURNED TO VOTER FOR SIGNATURE	The voter returned their ballot without signing the envelope. The Department of Elections has mailed the envelope back to the voter for their signature.
MISSING OR INCORRECT SIGNATURE	The voter has returned the ballot envelope missing the voter’s signature, or was not signed by the voter, or was signed by someone other than the voter [e.g; POA, spouse, sibling, caregiver, etc.]
VOID – SPOILED OR DAMAGED	The ballot was spoiled or damaged [e.g; ballot torn or damaged in mailing process, was torn, had liquid spilled on it, was chewed on by a pet, etc.]
VOTED AT THE POLLS	The ballot was rejected as voter chose to vote in election at an Early Voting site or their assigned polling place on Election Day.
WRONG BALLOT STYLE SENT/REISSUED CORRECT BALLOT	The voter moved to a new Election District with a different ballot style, requiring the original absentee ballot sent to be voided and a new ballot [correct ballot style for new Election District where voter now resides] to be sent; or incorrect party ballot was sent to voter [in a Primary Election], requiring the original ballot sent to be voided and a new ballot [correct party ballot] to be sent.

e. Municipalities

Code	Description
C01	C01 CAMDEN
C99	C99 CAMDEN
CA	CA CAMDEN
CL	CL CAMDEN
D01	D01 DOVER
D02	D02 DOVER
D03	D03 DOVER
D04	D04 DOVER
D05	D05 DOVER
D06	D06 DOVER
D09	D09 DOVER
D99	D99 DOVER
E01	E01 SEAFORD
E99	E99 SEAFORD
F01	F01 FELTON
F99	F99 FELTON
FE	FE FELTON
FR	FR FELTON
G01	G01 GEORGETOWN
G02	G02 GEORGETOWN
G03	G03 GEORGETOWN
G04	G04 GEORGETOWN
G99	G99 GEORGETOWN
GR	GR GEORGETOWN
H	H HARRINGTON
H01	H01 HARRINGTON
H02	H02 HARRINGTON
H03	H03 HARRINGTON
H04	H04 HARRINGTON
H05	H05 HARRINGTON
H06	H06 HARRINGTON
H99	H99 HARRINGTON
I	I NEWARK
I01	I01 NEWARK
I02	I02 NEWARK
I03	I03 NEWARK
I04	I04 NEWARK
I05	I05 NEWARK
I06	I06 NEWARK
I50	I50 NEWARK
I99	I99 NEWARK
J01	J01 ELSMERE
J02	J02 ELSMERE
J03	J03 ELSMERE
J04	J04 ELSMERE
J05	J05 ELSMERE
J06	J06 ELSMERE
J1	J1 ELSMERE

Code	Description
J2	J2 ELSMERE
J3	J3 ELSMERE
J4	J4 ELSMERE
J5	J5 ELSMERE
J6	J6 ELSMERE
J99	J99 ELSMERE
L	L CITY OF NEW CASTLE
L01	L01 CITY OF NEW CASTLE
L02	L02 CITY OF NEW CASTLE
L03	L03 CITY OF NEW CASTLE
L04	L04 CITY OF NEW CASTLE
L99	L99 CITY OF NEW CASTLE
M	M DELAWARE CITY
M01	M01 DELAWARE CITY
M99	M99 DELAWARE CITY
MI	MI DELAWARE CITY
N01	N01 MILFORD
N02	N02 MILFORD
N03	N03 MILFORD
N04	N04 MILFORD
N99	N99 MILFORD
O99	O99 CAMDEN WYOMING
Q	Q TOWNSEND
Q01	Q01 TOWNSEND
Q99	Q99 TOWNSEND
S01	S01 SMYRNA
S02	S02 SMYRNA
S03	S03 SMYRNA
S7	S7 SMYRNA
S99	S99 SMYRNA
SM	SM SMYRNA
W01	W01 WYOMING
W99	W99 WYOMING
WO	WO WYOMING
WY	WY WYOMING
*99	Outside City Limits Example: Q99 – Outside city limits of Townsend

f. Election Codes

Election Type	Prefix	Data Map	Example Resulting Election Code	Examples
Presidential Primary	PP	4-digit Year	PP2020	2020 Presidential Primary Election
Primary	PR	4-digit Year	PR2020	2020 Primary Election
General	GE	4-digit Year	GE2020	2020 General Election
School Board	SC	(2-letter School District Code) + (2-digit Year)	SCBR20	2020 School Board Election – Brandywine School District
School Referendum	R	(1-digit Sequence number) + (2-letter School District Code) + (2-digit Year)	R1BR20	2020 School Referendum #1 – Brandywine School District
Special Election	X	(1-letter Office Code) + (2-alphanumeric District Code) + (2-digit Year)	XC1017	2017 Special Election – State Senate District 10 1-Letter Office Codes: A - US REPRESENTATIVE B - STATE REPRESENTATIVE C - STATE SENATE D - NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL E - KENT LEVY COURT F - SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (ONLY DISTS, NO PRESIDENT)

g. Voter Status

Status	Description
A	Active Voter. Voter is receiving mail at address on file & is able to vote in all elections for which eligible
I	Inactive Voter. Inactive status indicates that mail addressed to voter has been returned as undeliverable. Voter must verify address or vote in order to be returned to active status. Registrations for these voters will be cancelled if the Department has no contact with the voter for two General Elections.

4. Text File Import Guides

Here are links to step-by-step guides on how to import or open the voter registration file on common software products. For technical support please contact the software vendor.

Disclaimer: These links are maintained by their respective vendors. Should the links become unreachable or their contents become irrelevant, please contact your product vendor directly.

1. Microsoft Excel 2016, Excel 2013, Excel 2010, Excel 2007 (<https://goo.gl/gkluaG>)
2. Microsoft Access 2016, Access 2013 (<https://goo.gl/rfxyTh>)
3. Microsoft Access 2007 (<https://goo.gl/rfxyTh>)
4. Google Sheets (<https://goo.gl/kSwXoC>)
5. LibreOffice(<https://goo.gl/W1m8UL>)

5. Release notes

- V1.22 (3/30/2026)
 - Updated Important Note Regarding Automatic Voter Registration
- V1.21 (08/14/2024)
 - Add Absentee Ballot Status Reasons section under Code References
 - Add missing and additional absentee fields to the File Specs table
- V1.20 (01/31/2024)
 - Removed the “Res_Addr_Neighborhood_Name” field from exports and documentation
 - Added “WE THE PEOPLE” to Code Reference (Party Affiliation)
- V1.19 (12/28/2023)
 - Added language related to Automatic Voter Registration [AVR] and the “No Party – AVR” party
- V1.18 (11/8/2023)
 - Add “Code” column to Code Reference (Party Affiliation)
 - Add “NO LABELS” to Code Reference (Party Affiliation)
- V1.17 (9/13/2023)
 - Added “NO PARTY – AVR” to Code Reference (Party Affiliation)
- V1.16 (2/16/2023)
 - Changed header from “Date of Birth”, “Year of Birth”, “District_Congressional_” to “Date_of_Birth”, “Year_of_Birth”, and “District_Congressional” respectively.
 - Changed header from “District_County_Council_New_Castle_and_Sussex_Only” to “District_County_Council_New_Castle_Only”. The values for this column apply to New Castle County voters only
 - Added new column “District_County_Council_Sussex_Only”. The values for this column apply to Sussex County voters only.
- V1.15 (2/7/2023)
 - Added Explanation of Registered Voters without State Senate Districts
- V1.14 (12/8/2022)
 - Remove Vote by Mail from Voter Type documentation
- V1.13 (9/2/2022)
 - Added Provisional Voting as one of the methods
- V1.12 (7/17/2022)
 - Added Absentee Information
- V1.11 (5/27/2022)
 - Added Voter Method Fields
 - Added Permanent Absentee Status Field
 - Removed “Not Used” field
 - Added MS Excel and CSV output file types.
- V1.10 (3/10/2022)
 - Added Milford Muni Codes
- V1.9 (10/6/2021)
 - Added language related to Active and Inactive Status to Introduction.