



A
Statistical
View
of
DOVER
and
KENT
COUNTY
Delaware

The Capital of the First State

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DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Some Facts About **DOVER**

AREA:

Dover has an area of 1200 acres within the corporate city limits.

CLIMATE:

Average summer temperature about 76; coldest part of winter about 34. Annual rainfall averages 43 inches. The normal growing season is approximately 187 days. We do not experience cyclones, floods, blizzards or earthquakes.

GOVERNMENT:

Dover is governed by a Mayor and Council elected biennially and it employs a City Manager for business administration.

TRANSPORTATION:

If motoring by car, Delaware offers the best in highways connecting New Jersey and the metropolitan areas by the Delaware Memorial Bridge, and the U.S. Capitol and southern areas by the Chesapeake Bridge.

By Bus: Red Star, Greyhound, Short Line.

By Train: Pennsylvania Railroad, Delmarva Division.

By Plane: Allegheny Airlines, (passenger, mail, freight).

By Truck: Three truck lines with connecting carrier service.

INDUSTRIES:

Manufacturing concerns in Dover employ approximately 3,000 men and women. Products manufactured include beverages, building materials, boned chicken, concrete products, compressed gas, dairy products, ice, ice cream, latex products, fats, gravel and ready-mix concrete.

FIRE PROTECTION:

There is a volunteer fire system with 50 active members and a total membership of 100 . . . having the total of nine pieces of equipment.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Alpha Kappa Alpha; AAUW; Amer. Legion and Aux.; Aviation Club; Beta Sigma Phi; Beth Sholom; Blessed Virgin Sodality; Capital City; Capital Grange; Century; Chamber of Commerce; Del. Vets & Aux.; Dover BPW; Eastern Star; BPO Elks & Aux.; Holy Name Society; IOOF; Jr. Board of Kent Gen. Hospital; Jay Cees; Kiwanis; Lions; Rotary; Soroptimist; VFW & Aux.; Women's Aux. of Kent Gen. Hosp.; YMCA; Library maintained by Library Comm., 13,434 volumes; Optomist; PTA.

DOVER — The Capital City of the First State

within corporate limits, estimated	7,000
population	60,000
ceipts, 1955	\$497,149
s in service, March 31, 1957 (Dover Exchange)	9,217
of Commerce Membership	145
& Loan Companies Assets, June 30, 1956	\$913,210
ources Dover Banks, June 30, 1956	\$43,226,000
eters in service, June 30, 1956	6,500
s in service, June 30, 1956	1,700
hool Enrollment, 1956-57	
hite	Dover 2,693 Kent County 7,611 Parochial 400
egro	797 1,892
Enrollment, June 30, 1956	
esley Junior College	208
elaware State College	240
es of all denominations, estimated total membership	3,980
Picture Theatres, total seating capacity	1,500

VITAL STATISTICS — 1955

	White	Negro	Total
County	162	73	235
	1112	300	1412
County	353	112	465

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JULY 1, 1956

00—Serial bonds maturing \$100,000.00 per year.
owns its Electric Light, Water Plant and Sewage Disposal Plant, and no extra charge for garbage collection in city limits.
owns: One Recreation Center (building and playground) and helps to maintain others.

KENT COUNTY — The Fertile Agricultural Section of Delaware Dover is the Capital of Delaware and County Seat for Kent County

n Kent County (1956 Census) estimated	40,000
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ASSESSED VALUATION

56	Real Estate	\$18,923,000	Poll Tax	\$ 1,299,600
nty, July 1, 1955 - June 30, 1956				\$73,196,762

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION, 1956 — KENT COUNTY

24,118 Trailers	3,154 Motorcycles	101
6,992 Tractors	84 Farm Trucks	1,325
		TOTALS

TAX RATE — CITY, COUNTY, STATE — 1956

rate	\$.90 on Real Estate plus \$3.60 Capitation over 21 years of age
ool tax	\$.40 plus \$7.00 Capitation per person over 21 years
x rate	\$.50 plus \$1.25 Capitation per person over 21 years
sonal property tax	NONE
l estate tax	NONE
oline tax	\$.05 per gallon

and Cigar tax but NO other Sales Tax Revenue

has NO Corporation Income Tax

of Delaware assesses no taxes against manufacturers. They are required to take a State license, the fee for which is 40th of 1% of gross receipts.

information was gathered from sources we believe reliable; it is not guaranteed.

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE:

Dover Air Force Base is one of the chain of Military Air Transport bases on the East coast. It is growing to be one of the greatest cargo-handling airports in the world.

HOSPITAL:

The Kent General Hospital, has a 100 bed capacity. There are 21 physicians and 3 surgeons on the staff. The recently opened new wing has 3 operating rooms, 2 delivery rooms and contains the newest and best equipment and protection available.

POLICE PROTECTION:

Police protection is supplied by the municipality, there being a total of 18 on the police force, including 2 desk clerks.

COUNTRY CLUB:

Maple Dale Country Club. 9-hole golf course on 18-hole plan.

RADIO STATIONS:

WDOV—(1410 KC), 1,000 watts.
WKEN—(1600 KC), 500 watts.

NEWSPAPERS:

Daily: Delaware State News. Circulation 8,520.
Weekly: The Dover Index. Circulation 655.

HISTORIC DOVER:

Created by Order of William Penn, 1683

State House: Second oldest in America, still in use. Here Delaware ratified the Federal Constitution December 7, 1878, the first State to enter the Union. Since 1777 Dover has been the State capital.

Hall of Records: Repository of the Public Archives of Delaware. Outstanding documents include the original Royal Grant from King Charles II, to his brother, James Duke of York, in 1682, and subsequent grants from Duke of York to William Penn, in 1682, for the territories on-the-Delaware; William Penn's order for the laying out of Dover in 1683.

Legislative Hall: Built after a Colonial pattern contains many interesting architectural features and valuable eighteenth century portraits. Chambers of State Senate, House of Representatives, and offices of the Governor and Secretary of State.

The Dover Green: Laid out 1717 in accordance with William Penn's order of 1683. Here the early markets, fairs and slave markets were held. Throughout Delaware history, The Dover Green has been the background for many important episodes.

"Dover Days": Held annually the first Saturday and Sunday in May under the auspices of the FRIENDS OF OLD DOVER, visitors are welcome to tour open houses and gardens, and see our ancient documents and loan collections.

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