



A  
Statistical  
View  
of  
**DOVER**  
and  
**KENT**  
**COUNTY**  
Delaware

*The Capital of the First State*

— Compiled by —

**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		
receipts, 1955	\$497,149		
cars in service, March 31, 1957 (Dover Exchange)	9,217		
of Commerce Membership	145		
& Loan Companies Assets, June 30, 1956	\$913,210		
sources Dover Banks, June 30, 1956	\$43,226,000		
ometers in service, June 30, 1956	6,500		
cars in service, June 30, 1956	1,700		
School Enrollment, 1956-57		Dover	Kent County
White		2,693	7,611
Negro		797	1,892
Parochial			400
Enrollment, June 30, 1956	208		
Wesley Junior College	240		
Delaware State College	3,980		
Members of all denominations, estimated total membership	1,500		
Picture Theatres, total seating capacity			

**VITAL STATISTICS — 1955**

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

**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JULY 1, 1956**

100—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**

1 Kent County (1956 Census) estimated 40,000

**ASSESSED VALUATION**

1956 Real Estate \$18,923,000 Poll Tax \$ 1,299,600  
County, 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
<b>TOTALS</b>		

**TAX RATE — CITY, COUNTY, STATE — 1956 35,774**

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  
estate tax NONE  
oline tax \$ .05 per gallon

and Cigar tax but NO other Sales Tax Revenue  
has NO Corporation Income Tax  
of Delaware asseses 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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