



“I do not believe that promoting or expanding the use of recreational marijuana is in the best interests of the state of Delaware, especially our young people.”

— Gov. John Carney, casting a veto on a politically popular bill to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, May 26, 2022

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Delaware

Pop. (2022): 1,014,638

Median household income (2022): \$77,600

Credit Rating: AAA / Stable

Pop. growth 2022–2027: 0.63%

Median age (2022): 41.0

Right-to-work state: No

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Healthy Delaware Families Act, signed into law May 10, creates a statewide paid family and medical leave insurance program. Beginning January 1, 2026, employees will be eligible to receive up to 12 weeks of leave and benefits — including 80% of the value of average weekly wages — for circumstances that include employee illness, caring for a new child, caring for a family member with a serious health condition and addressing the impact of a family member’s military deployment. Employers with at least 10 employees in Delaware must contribute to the program and provide parental leave.

A record \$1.45 billion capital projects budget includes \$331.4 million for roads construction and maintenance.

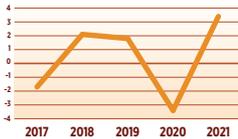
Created by HB 360, The 2022 Delaware Relief Rebate Program provides for a one-time direct payment of \$300 per adult Delaware resident to address the effects of inflation.

Signed into law in June, Delaware’s \$5.1 billion FY 2023 budget included a one-time, \$500 bonus for all state employees and \$55 million for merit wage increases of 2.3% to 9% for state employees, to be paid in addition to other scheduled increases. A shortage of school bus drivers was addressed through a measure to increase hourly wages totaling \$11.7 million.

GDP

42nd

GDP Growth Rate Trend



2021 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$64,405



16th

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2022–2023: 0



43rd

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure in \$000s: 243,849



48th

Number of NCRCs: 428 | Percent Improvement 2021–2022: 0.47%



23rd

2022 Workers' Comp Index Rate: 1.34



39th

Industrial power cost per kWh: \$11.48



42nd

Total Revenue as Share of Total Expenses, FY 2006–2020: 99.7%