Delaware (DE) (3 votes)

Capital:	**Dover**
Area:	**1,982 sq mi. / 5,130 sq km**
Population:	**945,934**
Nickname:	**"The First State"**
State motto:	**"Liberty and Independence"**
Governor:	**John Carney (D)**
U.S. Senators:	**Tom Carper (D),**
	Chris Coons (D)

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How will your state vote?

Predicting a vote is a challenging task. Political researchers have different opinions on how to predict an election outcome. Different formulas and methods are used, however none is perfect. Each prediction is a snapshot of the voters' opinion at a certain point in time. But with election issues and current events changing so fast, it is quite a challenge to have an accurate prediction of how the election will turn out. In the 2016 election, most political pundits and polls before Election Day had Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in the lead. Yet, while Clinton won the majority of the popular vote, the Republican candidate Donald J. Trump won the Electoral College votes of key swing states and thus the Presidency.

What are the most common predictors to determine how citizens will vote? Socio-economic factors are among the most important ones. They include, but are not limited to, citizens' education, income, and ethnicity. While these are often mentioned as decisive, others are important to consider as well. For example, many Americans cast their vote based on a single issue like health care, women's reproductive rights, the economy, or the environment. These voters choose their preferred candidate based on the issue most important to their identity, their social network, or personal biography, for example religious affiliation, ideology, or health. Americans also often cast their vote in a local context and are influenced by political and social issues affecting their own state. Finally, calculating voter turnout is key to an accurate prediction.

Some key variables for predicting the election outcome

Voting history

How have people in the state voted in the past? Is the state solidly red, blue, or purple? What is the expected turnout?

Ethnicity

What ethnic group does a citizen belong to? What is the ethnic make-up of the state?

Religion

How important is religion to the citizens? How often do they pray or attend worship service?

Economy

What's the current economic situation in the state? How many citizens live in poverty? How many are without a job?

Income inequality

How wide is the gap between wealthy and poor people? How much income does the top 1% in the state take home?

Education

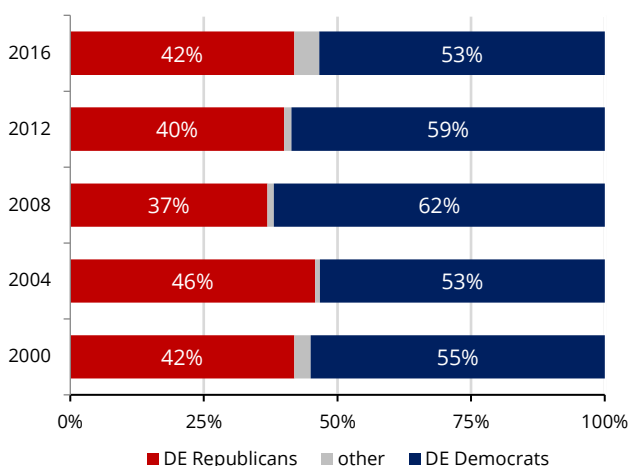*How many people graduate from high school in your state? How many have a college degree?*

📊 Voting history [2]

Delaware has participated in all 58 presidential elections.

For 56 of those elections, the state has had three electoral votes – it contributed four in 1812 and 1820. The fact that Delaware sided with the Republicans throughout most of the 20th century can be partially attributed to the presence of the DuPont Company and the Du Pont family and their effect on state politics. That influence waned toward the end of the century as Delaware's businesses became more diversified. Like many northeastern states, Delaware has voted Democratic in the last seven elections, with Hillary Clinton beating Donald Trump by 11.5 points in 2016. This margin was down from the previous two elections, when the state's long-time Senator, Joe Biden ran for Vice-President on the Democratic ticket.
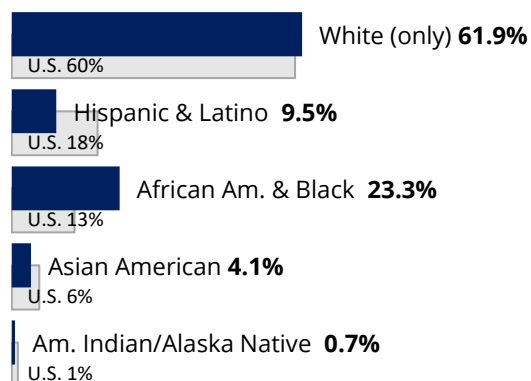
Election results in Deleware (2000–2016): [3]

Year	DE Republicans	other	DE Democrats
2016	42%		53%
2012	40%		59%
2008	37%		62%
2004	46%		53%
2000	42%		55%

■ DE Republicans ■ other ■ DE Democrats

Voter turnout 2016:

State 64%
U.S. 60%

👪 Ethnicity [4]

White (only) **61.9%**
U.S. 60%

Hispanic & Latino **9.5%**
U.S. 18%

African Am. & Black **23.3%**
U.S. 13%

Asian American **4.1%**
U.S. 6%

Am. Indian/Alaska Native **0.7%**
U.S. 1%

(U.S. average in grey)

⚱ Religion [5]

DE is the **32nd** most religious state overall

52% of adults in DE are "highly religious," based on an overall index

Religious profile of Delaware

46% (37th) *say religion is very important in their lives*

34% (28th) *say they attend worship at least weekly*

49% (38th) *say they pray daily*

61% (31st) *say they believe in God w/ absolute certainty*

💵 Economy [4]

11.6% (34th highest)
poverty rate

3.2% (14th lowest)
unemployment rate

🪙 Income inequality [6]

The **top 1%** take home **15% of all the income in DE**.

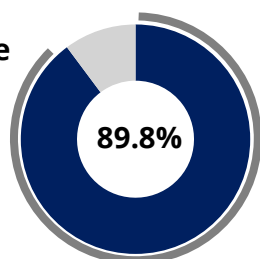(U.S. average: 21%)
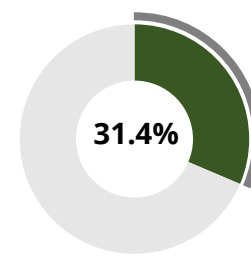
1% of the families

15% of the income

🎓 Education [4]

High school degree or higher
persons 25+ yrs. old
U.S. average: 87.7%

89.8%

Bachelor's degree or higher
persons 25+ yrs. old
U.S. average: 31.5%

31.4%

More information on Delaware*

State information
Infoplease.com: http://www.infoplease.com/states.html
Official state website: https://delaware.gov

Government information:
Governor: https://governor.delaware.gov
State and Local Government on The Net: http://www.statelocalgov.net/
U.S. Senators from the state: http://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/
U.S. Representatives from the state: https://www.house.gov/representatives

Election 2020
270towin.com: http://www.270towin.com/states
Rock the Vote – voting information: https://www.rockthevote.org/voting-information/
Vote.org – voter registration rules: https://www.vote.org/voter-registration-rules/

Statistics
Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau (select state): https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/
Economic Policy Institute – The Unequal States of America: https://epi.org/108519

Media

Media Collection by the U.S. Embassy:
http://usa.usembassy.de/media.htm

50states.com – Local newspapers:
http://www.50states.com/news

OfficialUSA.com – Local TV stations:
http://www.officialusa.com/stateguides/media/television/states.html

Democrats and Republicans in the state

Democratic Party	Republican Party
http://www.deldems.org/	http://www.delawaregop.com/
http://bit.ly/DelDems	http://bit.ly/DelawareGOP
http://www.youtube.com/user/Deldems	http://bit.ly/DelGOP
https://twitter.com/deldems	https://twitter.com/deGOP

For most web-resources, you will have to select your state from a list or type in your state name in a search field. Please note, these are third-party resources, Teach About U.S. is not responsible for this content.

Sources: 1. State map: Wikimedia Commons; 2. Voting history text: adapted from 270towin.com; 3. U.S. election history: David Leip's Election Atlas; 4. Ethnicity, economy, and education data: U.S. Census Bureau; 5.Religion data: Pew poll: How religious is your state?;6. Wealth and income inequality data: Economic Policy Institute – The Unequal States of America.