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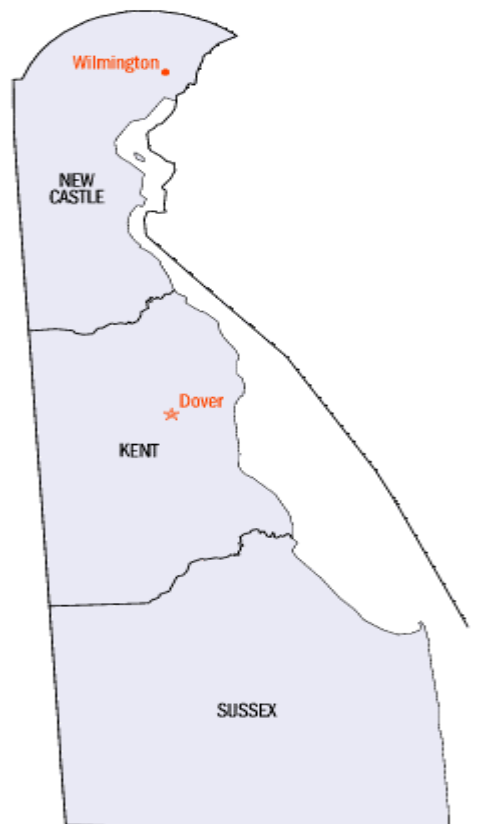
## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Dover, Delaware

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## Dover, Delaware

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 32,135
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 53.3% white; 36.3% black/African American; 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.1% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 2.1% two or more races; 4.1% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Dover is located in Kent County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: James Hutchison<sup>2</sup>
- City Council (District): Stephen Speed (1); Beverly Williams (1); William McGlumphy (2); Eugene Ruane (2); Robert Ritter, Jr. (3); William Truitt (3); John Pitts (4); Reuben Salters (4); Carleton Carey, Sr. (at large)<sup>3</sup>
- City Manager: Tony DePrima<sup>4</sup>
- Chief of Police: Jeffrey Horvath<sup>5</sup>
- Kent County Sheriff: James Higdon<sup>6</sup>

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program<sup>7</sup>  
Since FY 1998 when Drug-Free Communities funding was first available, no coalitions in Dover have ever received funding.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>8</sup>  
The State Street/Salisbury Road area of Dover has been officially recognized and received Federal funding as a Weed and Seed site.
- Dover did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.<sup>9</sup>
- Dover did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.<sup>10</sup>
- Dover did not receive any funding from the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.<sup>11</sup>
- Dover did not receive any discretionary funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in FY 2001.<sup>12</sup>
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts for Dover:<sup>13</sup>
  - \$1,313,748 in discretionary funds
  - \$642,847 in formula funds

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- During 2002, there were 726 drug law complaints reported in Dover. This is down from 865 in 2001.<sup>14</sup>

Number of Complaints, Select Offenses, Dover, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Homicide	1	1
Forcible rape	16	24
Robbery	63	70
Aggravated assault	128	134
Burglary	153	121
Larceny-theft	1,620	1,643
Motor vehicle theft	100	108
Arson	17	14
Drug	865	726
Total all offenses	10,203	10,402

- There were 219 adult drug arrests in Dover during 2002. This is down from 256 in 2001.<sup>15</sup>

Number of Adult Arrests, Select Offenses, Dover, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Homicide	1	0
Forcible rape	5	4
Robbery	29	52
Aggravated assault	75	72
Burglary	57	50
Larceny-theft	426	461
Motor vehicle theft	9	12
Arson	1	1
Drug	256	219
Total all offenses	2,288	2,282

**Drugs**

- Cocaine

Dover and Wilmington have the highest levels of cocaine abuse in Delaware. The Dover Police Department reports that the rate of powder cocaine abuse is slowly increasing in some areas of the city. In 2001, a kilogram of crack in Dover typically sold for \$24,000-\$30,000 and had an average purity of 79%.<sup>16</sup>

- Marijuana

Law enforcement report that marijuana cultivators in Dover often grow cannabis intermingled with corn plants or in the basements or closets of homes in an attempt to conceal the plants.<sup>17</sup>

**Juveniles**

- There were 42 juvenile drug arrests in Dover during 2002. This is down from 66 in 2001.<sup>18</sup>

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Select Offenses, Dover, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Homicide	0	0
Forcible rape	0	3
Robbery	4	7
Aggravated assault	11	11
Burglary	16	7
Larceny-theft	262	194
Motor vehicle theft	9	1
Arson	1	5
Drug	66	42
Total all offenses	717	543

**Enforcement**

- Operation Safe Streets<sup>19</sup>  
Operation Safe Streets (OSS) is a collaborative effort by the Delaware State Police, the Dover and Wilmington Police Departments, the Department of Correction, and the Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services. OSS targets adult and juvenile probationers designated as high risk to ensure that they remain in compliance with curfews and other conditions of their probation. Probationers selected for OSS typically have criminal backgrounds, which include violent felony, drug, or weapon-related offenses.
- As of October 31, 2001, there were 112 full-time law enforcement employees in Dover (81 officers and 31 civilians).<sup>20</sup>

**Trafficking and Seizures**

- From January 1, 1999 to June 30, 2002, the Dover Police Department seized 50grams of cocaine as part of Operation Safe Streets efforts.<sup>21</sup>

Drugs Seized through OSS Efforts, Dover, January 1999-June 2002

Drug Type	January 1999-June 2002	January-June 2002
Cocaine	50.0 grams	0.1 grams
Crack	1,610.9 grams	803.7 grams
Hashish	46.3 grams	0.0 grams
Heroin	0.0 grams	0.0 grams
LSD	0.0 grams	0.0 grams
Marijuana	25,677.0 grams	2,698.6 grams
Methamphetamine	0.0 grams	0.0 grams
PCP	60.1 grams	0.0 grams

**Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>22</sup>  
As of May 2003, there were two drug courts in Dover that had been operating for over two years. There were no additional drug courts in existence or being planned in Dover at that time.

## Consequences of Use

- During 2002, there were 33 police calls for service in Dover for drug overdoses. This is up from 30 in 2001.<sup>23</sup>
- Since 1998, there has been an increase in the number of heroin overdose deaths in Dover, due in part to an increase in the availability of high purity heroin.<sup>24</sup>

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