

Family Court of the State of Delaware

Wilmington, Delaware

State Structure

Delinquency services are centralized in Delaware. A single state-level executive agency, the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services (DYRS), administers a full range of services to delinquent youth. The Community Services Unit within the DYRS administers probation and aftercare services. The DYRS also administers commitment to public state facilities and operates Delaware's two secure detention facilities.

Upper, Lower, and Extended Age of Jurisdiction

State	Delinquency			Status	
	Lower age	Upper age	Extended age	Lower age	Upper age
Delaware	None specified	17	20	None specified	17

Status Offenses

In Delaware, truancy and not being amenable to the rehabilitative processes of the Family Court are status offense behaviors; however, the state does not recognize the term "status offense." The Family Court has jurisdiction over cases of amenability and delinquents. Truancy cases are handed by the Justice of the Peace Court, although appeals may be taken to the Family Court. A court may extend jurisdiction until a juvenile reaches 21.

Yearly Case Count

County	2010 Population Estimates			Delinquency		Status		Dependency
	Total	10 Through Upper Age	0 Through Upper Age	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned
New Castle	539,000	57,600	124,900	4,021	--	--	--	--

Source: Family Court of the State of Delaware

1. Delinquency figures are cases disposed in fiscal year 2010.
2. Delinquency figures include traffic cases.

School Districts

Wilmington School Districts: Brandywine School District, Christina School District, New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District (County-wide overlay school district), Red Clay Consolidated School District.

New Castle School Districts: Appoquinimink School District, Brandywine School District, Christina School District, Colonial School District, New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District (County-wide overlay school district), Red Clay Consolidated School District, Smyrna School District (also serves in Kent).

Estimated arrests of persons under age 18 in New Castle County, Delaware

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Coverage Indicator	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%
Total Arrests	4,231	4,319	4,105	3,585	2,906
Violent Crime Index	379	382	402	303	223
Murder/nonneg. mans.	3	3	3	3	3
Forcible rape	14	10	10	8	0
Robbery	157	174	165	132	82
Aggravated assault	205	195	224	160	138
Property Crime Index	707	888	787	774	720
Burglary	141	166	132	144	141
Larceny-theft	531	695	633	606	549
Motor vehicle theft	30	25	18	17	30
Arson	5	2	4	7	0
Nonindex					
Other assaults	906	915	935	776	676
Forgery and counterfeiting	6	11	6	3	1
Fraud	68	76	84	66	37
Embezzlement	16	16	9	4	1
Stolen property	95	83	128	51	66
Vandalism	194	200	164	206	122
Weapons	102	88	84	95	81
Prostitution/commercialized vice	0	0	1	0	0
Sex offenses (other)	20	14	16	23	9
Drug abuse violations	458	422	408	378	323
Gambling	1	1	1	1	0
Offenses against family	5	1	2	3	1
Driving under influence	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor laws	244	208	273	178	137
Drunkenness	6	14	18	11	4
Disorderly conduct	426	375	316	243	175
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
All other offenses	480	447	381	296	238
Suspicion	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew and loitering	118	178	90	174	92
Runaways	0	0	0	0	0
Population Ages 10 to 17	60,400	59,501	58,512	57,884	57,522

These statistics are estimates that account for missing data and may differ from other published sources. The county-level files which are the source of this information are not official FBI releases and are being provided for research purposes.

The Coverage Indicator refers to the relative size of the sample from which these estimates are based. A coverage indicator of 90% means that data covering 10% of the jurisdiction's population are estimated and that data from 90% of the jurisdiction's population are based on actual reports. Only jurisdictions with a coverage indicator at or above 90% are displayed in this application.

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