



# *Delaware* **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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*FY 2027 Joint Finance  
Committee Hearing*

*February 4, 2026*

# MEYER ADMINISTRATION VALUES

## INTEGRITY

Actions speak louder than words - actions build trust.

We will lead with transparency and accountability to ensure every decision serves the public good.

## EFFICIENCY

Government should work smarter, not harder.

We will eliminate waste, streamline services, and prioritize execution over excuses.

## COLLABORATION

Lasting change requires teamwork.

We will break down silos, build strong partnerships, and deliver solutions that work.

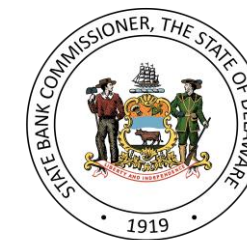


# ABOUT US

## THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### OVERSEE 20+ DIVISIONS THAT WORK TO

- Drive economic development and promote Delaware's economy.
- Preserve Delaware's heritage and share its rich history.
- Support arts, culture, and creative expression.
- Regulate and license to protect public health, safety, and economic welfare.
- Expand access to educational, governmental, and recreational resources.
- Serve and support our nation's veterans.



Delaware  
Division of Libraries





# MEET THE TEAM



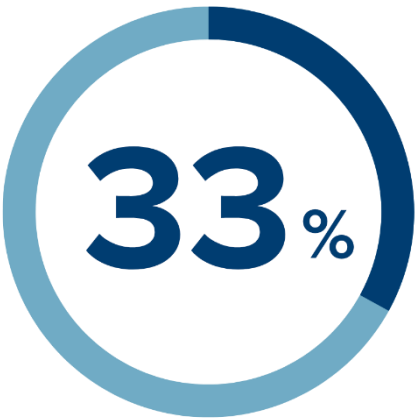
# FISCAL YEAR 2025 REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

## GENERAL FUND REVENUE CONTRIBUTION

Delaware Division of Corporations.....	\$2.1B
Delaware Office of the State Bank Commissioner.....	\$115.0M
Delaware’s Voluntary Disclosure Agreement (VDA) Program.....	\$25.4M
PAT Revenue.....	\$20.5M*

*\*This number is 5/8 of collections and excludes the transfer for DNREC, Visitors Bureaus, and the Delaware Tourism Office.*

## PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE TO GF



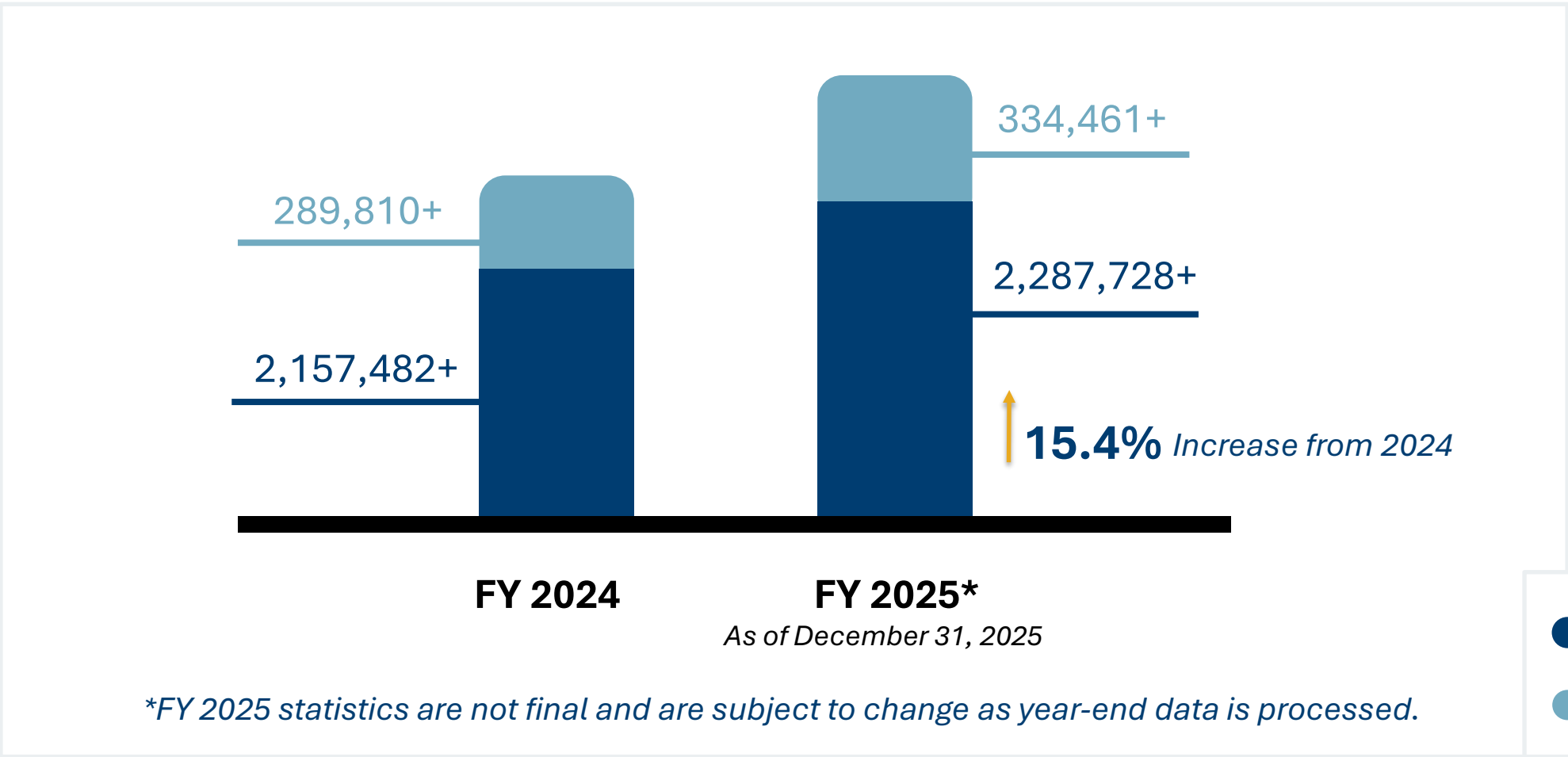
of the General Fund budget is funded by the Delaware Department of State.

## TOTAL REVENUE TO GENERAL FUND

\$2.2B

# CORPORATE FRANCHISE

## STATE OF THE FRANCHISE



## ANALYSIS

Marketing Surveys

Weinberg Center of Corporate Governance

UD Institute of Public Administration

Case Study: Delaware as a value proposition

Agentic AI Sandbox



# ARCHIVES & HISTORY

DELAWARE PUBLIC ARCHIVES | DELAWARE 250 | DELAWARE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

## DELAWARE DAY

Delaware Day  
Statewide  
TRIVIA NIGHT

620+

People statewide participated in Delaware Day Trivia Night.



Participants joined virtually or in person at designated locations across all three counties!

## HISTORICAL SITE PROJECTS

- Fenwick Island Lighthouse
- Weldin House



## DELAWARE 250



The First State celebrates America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Learn more at: [delaware250.org](https://delaware250.org).





# ARTS & COMMUNITY


## DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE ARTS


### FY 2025 Grant Distribution By Fund Line



## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER

In 2026:

**2.4M+**   
Facebook views were driven by coverage of winter snowstorms.

**21,979+**   
Live viewers across four platforms tuned in to the Governor's State of the State address.

## DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES



**125th Anniversary**  
of the Council  
on Libraries.



**20th Anniversary**  
of the launch of the  
Delaware Library Catalog.

**417,560+**  
Library computer and  
wireless users in FY 2025.

**\$400,000**  
Towards technology and  
program improvements.



# BUSINESS & TOURISM

DELAWARE DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS | DELAWARE TOURISM OFFICE

## EDGE GRANTS

\$9.15M

awarded to **127** small businesses since **2019**.



Photo by: Nicholls-Pierce & Company

## STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE

\$16.41M

provided to **37** companies since **2023**.

## DELAWARE GROCERY INITIATIVE

\$250,000

awarded to **22** businesses, farmers, and non-profit organizations in **2025**.



## NASCAR All-Star Race Weekend

Dover Motor Speedway  
15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

The World Cup

The World Cup  
Final Match (NJ)  
July 4<sup>th</sup>

Banana Ball  
Frawley Stadium  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

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# PROTECTION

## OFFICE OF THE STATE BANK COMMISSIONER



\$115M

FY 2025 Bank Franchise Tax Revenue

In Calendar Year 2025



2 New Trust Company  
Merger Applications



2 New Trust Company  
Charter Applications



79 Total Financial  
Institutions

## OFFICE OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSIONER

Active Licenses (As of 01/29/2026)



1,075 On-Premises Retailers



983 Suppliers



300 Package Stores



22 Wholesalers



56 Manufacturers

## DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

In Fiscal Year 2025



12,247  
Licenses Issued



106,727  
Active Licenses



# UTILITIES

DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE | DELAWARE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## Senate Bill 59

Collaboration with the Delaware General Assembly, Delaware’s Public Advocate Jameson Tweedie, and the Public Service Commission.

“Business Judgement Rule” to the “Prudence Standard.”

## HS 1 for HB 50 w/ HA 1 + SA 1 + HA 2

Provides utility assistance to income-eligible residential customers.

## HS 2 for HB 116 w/ SA 1

Offers discounted utility rates for low-income residents



of utility customer complaints responded to by the Delaware Public Advocate’s office in FY 2025.

## Delmarva Power Customer Relief Fund

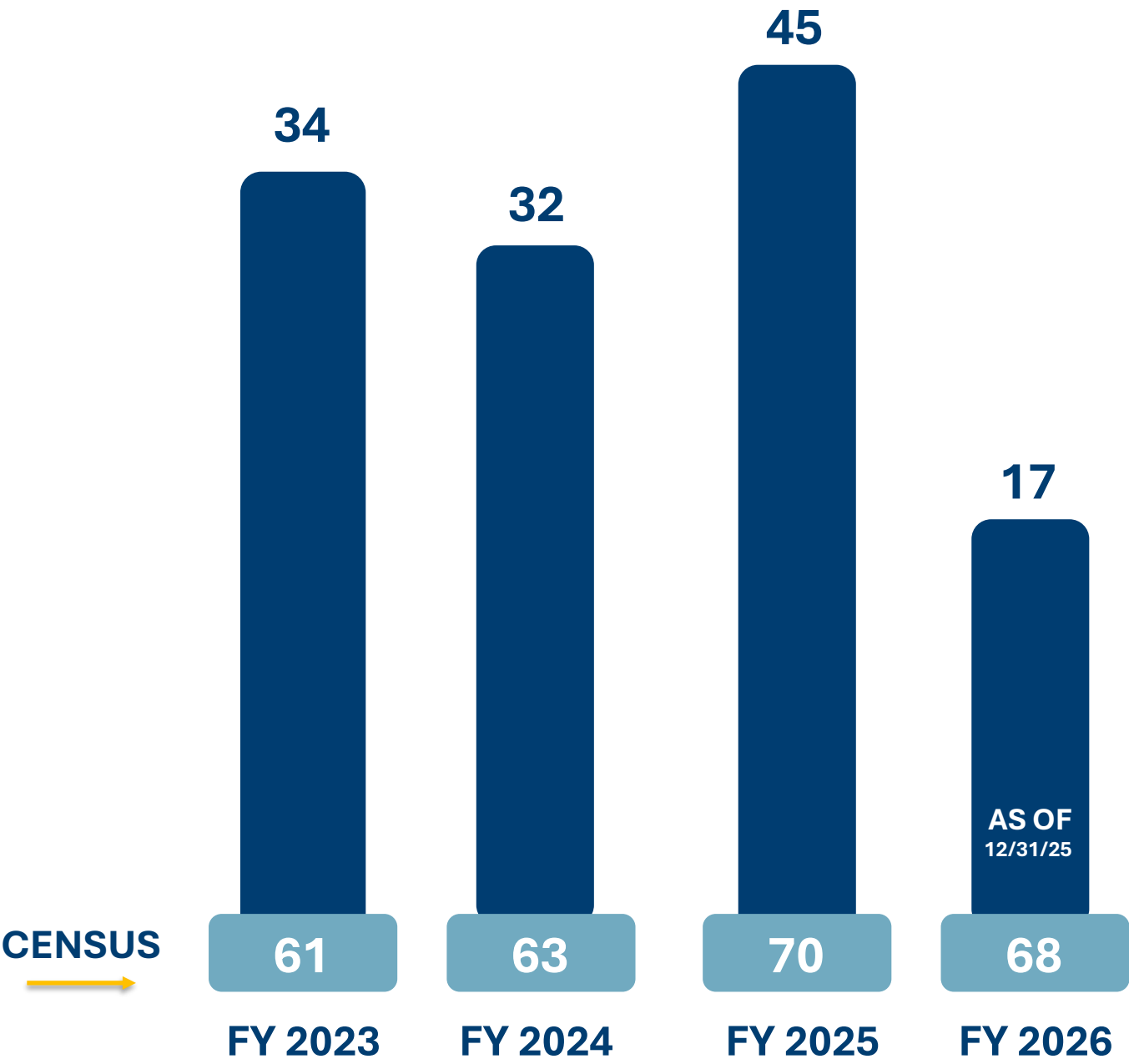
Established this year through collaboration with Governor Matt Meyer, legislators, utilities, and the Sustainable Energy Utility (DBA Energize Delaware).

Designed to support limited to moderate income customers.

Learn more at: [energizedelaware.org](https://energizedelaware.org)



DVH ADMISSIONS (Per Fiscal Year)



AWARDED BEST LONG-TERM CARE BY U.S. NEWS

Overall Rating: 5 out of 5

Long Term Care Rating: High Performing





# VETERANS

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## DELAWARE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

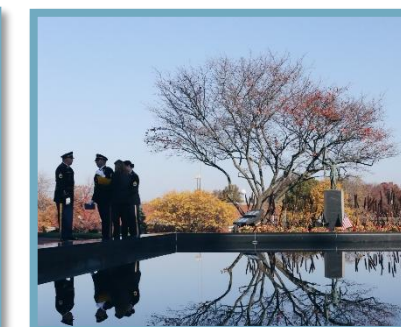


# 2,188

Claims **processed** in FY 2025.

## DELAWARE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

- Bear Cemetery Columbarium Expansion
- Millsboro Cemetery Field Expansion





# FY 2027 GENERAL FUND REQUESTS



DOOR OPENERS:		GF
	DELAWARE OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS	\$269.4K
	DELAWARE OFFICE OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSIONER	\$134.9K
	DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	\$21.3K
	DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS (SWITCH FUND GF TO ASF)	-\$312.0K
OTHER REQUESTS:		
	DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE ARTS	\$1.0M
	BOARD OF PAROLE (TRANSFER FROM CJC)	\$254.2K



# FY 2027 ASF SPENDING AUTHORITY REQUESTS

	ASF
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION	\$883.9K
DIVISION OF LIBRARIES	\$400.0K
PAY POLICY ADJUSTMENTS	\$1.876M
DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE	\$292.0K
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER	\$112.4K
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS	\$464.0K

# SUMMARY OF VACANT POSITIONS

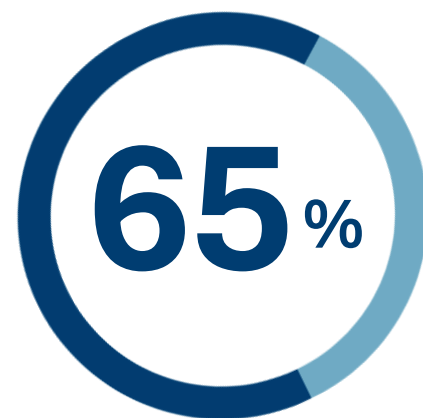
## TOTAL VACANCIES AT DOS



149

*As of January 22, 2026*

## PERCENTAGE OF VACANCIES



of vacancies at  
DOS exist within the  
Delaware Veterans  
Home (**97**).



## VACANCY TYPE

28%

*of the 97 vacancies at DVH are  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
(CNAs) Positions.*





# PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2025 (Actuals)	FY 2026 (Budget)
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF LIBRARY CARDS HOLDERS</b> Delaware Division of Libraries</div></div>	549,398	560,385
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF EBOOK CHECKOUTS</b> Delaware Division of Libraries</div></div>	1,315,026	1,380,777
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF CASES PROCESSED</b> Merit Employee Relations Board/Public Employment Relations Board</div></div>	74	80
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF DECISIONS ISSUED</b> Merit Employee Relations Board/Public Employment Relations Board</div></div>	18	20
<div><div></div><div><b>VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS CLOSED</b> Voluntary Disclosure Agreement Program</div></div>	113	175
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESSES ASSISTED</b> Delaware Division of Small Business</div></div>	1,035	1,100
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF HEARINGS HELD</b> Delaware Division of Professional Regulation</div></div>	235	250
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTIONS</b> Delaware Public Archives</div></div>	541,915	550,000
<div><div></div><div><b>NUMBER OF FAIR HOUSING CASES PROCESSED</b> Delaware Division of Human and Civil Rights</div></div>	80	90

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with a blue overlay. The image shows various skyscrapers and buildings, with a river visible in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# **FEDERAL FUNDING**

REDUCTIONS, INCREASES, AND ASSOCIATED IMPACTS

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