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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adult	A person 18 years of age or older.			
Arrest	A person physically apprehended, cited or served with a summons related to a reportable offense.			
Arrest Rate	The number of arrests reported per 1,000 people. $\frac{arrests}{population}X$ 1,000			
Clearance	For crime reporting and analysis purposes, an offense is considered 'cleared' or solved when a suspect is either arrested and subsequently referred for prosecution or cannot be arrested but is otherwise clearly identifiable. This term is more fully explained in the body and the appendix of this report.			
Crime Incident	One or more crimes/offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders at the same time and place. A Crime Incident may involve more than one reported offense.			
Crime Rate	The number of crimes/offenses per 1,000 people. $\frac{offenses}{population}X$ 1,000			
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use.			
Ethnicity	Ethnic origin, regardless of race, identified as either Hispanic/Latino or not Hispanic/Latino.			
Group A Offenses	24 serious crimes ranging from arson through assault, burglary, vandalism, drug offenses, fraud, homicide and forcible sex offenses. Group A detailed information is based on each charge in a crime incident.			
Group B Offenses	11 offenses ranging from bad checks, to non-violent family offenses. Group B offenses only have arrestee data recorded in NIBRS.			
Juvenile	A person under 18 years of age.			
Offenses Received (Charges)	Crimes/offenses reported to or otherwise known to police. Each charge in a crime incident is counted.			
Property Offenses	Property Offenses are crimes based on the main criminal objective to obtain money, property, or some other benefit.			
Social Offenses	Social Offenses represent certain types of criminal activity prohibited by our society (e.g., gambling, prostitution-related offenses).			
Type of Crime	The specific category to which a crime/offense belongs. For <i>Crime in Delaware</i> , these categories are Violent Offenses, Serious Property Offenses, Drug/Narcotic Offenses, and Other Property and Social Offenses.			
Violent Offenses	Violent Offenses are defined as those crimes which involve force or threat of force. They are: Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter, Kidnapping, Forcible Sex Offenses, Robbery, and Assault.			

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Crime in Delaware is the official report of serious crime known to Delaware law enforcement agencies. This report provides information about 24 Violent, Serious Property, Drug/Narcotic and Other Property and Social Offenses reported in Delaware's implementation of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) operated by the State Bureau of Identification of the Delaware State Police. Data for the years 2016 through 2020 are included in this report. Also, as appropriate, data for the years 2009 through 2015 are added to illustrate long-term trends.

A more detailed summary is available in *Crime in Delaware 2016 – 2020, Executive Brief*, located at the SAC's website: <u>http://www.sac.delaware.gov</u>

Key Findings/Trends

Overall, serious crime has decreased since 2016. The number of serious criminal offenses known to police in 2016 was 83,342 compared with 66,567 in 2020, a decrease of over 20%.

Violent crime in the State decreased almost 17% from 2016 to 2020, continuing a long-term decline. Homicides show an almost 38% increase from 2016 to 2020.

There were 84 statewide homicides in 2020 which is a high since this reporting began in 2002 (74 Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter, 10 Negligent Manslaughter).

In 2019 the FBI began including Vehicular Homicides under the Criminally Negligent Manslaughter category. Those offenses were not previously included in the NIBRS Homicide summary totals. This change included 8 Negligent Manslaughter offenses in the 2020 totals (2 in New Castle County, 1 in Kent County, and 5 in Sussex County).

Serious Property Offenses decreased 26% between 2016 and 2020. Burglary Offenses decreased almost 50% from 2016 to 2020.

Drug Possession Offenses decreased 6% from 2016 to 2020. Drug Equipment Offenses decreased 28%.

Other Property and Social Offenses decreased about 19% between 2016 and 2020. One of the most common offenses, Property Destruction, decreased 25% over the same period.

Two of the most frequently reported crimes—Assault Offenses and Destruction, Damage, and Vandalism of Property Offenses continued long downward trends from 2016 to 2020. Assault Offenses decreased 14% while Property Destruction decreased 25%.

Based on 2020 data, offenses in all crime categories were cleared at rates comparable to the rates from 2016 through 2019. 52.0% of offenses in 2020 were cleared by the end of the year.

Violent Assaults against Law Enforcement Officers decreased by 4% between 2016 and 2020.

INTRODUCTION

Crime in Delaware is the official report of serious crime reported to Delaware law enforcement agencies. This report covers data on serious crimes that were reported to Delaware's state, county, and local police agencies for the years 2016 through 2020.

The report is divided into the following sections:

- A summary of serious crime data at the state and county levels.
- A detailed data section with information about serious offenses, clearance rates, arrests, law enforcement agency staffing, and violent crimes committed against law enforcement officers.
- A Technical Appendix with a detailed discussion of clearance rates, along with a glossary of crime definitions and National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) crime codes.

Crime in Delaware provides data about the 24 Group A Offenses reported in Delaware's implementation of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). These offenses include Drug/Narcotic Offenses and 23 other specific crimes/crime categories listed below:

<u>Violent Offenses</u> Homicide ¹ Kidnapping	Human Trafficking Robbery	Forcible Sex Offenses Assault
<u>Serious Property Offenses</u> Arson Extortion/Blackmail	Burglary Larceny/Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
Other Property and Social Off Counterfeiting/Forgery	<u>enses</u> Destruction, Damage, Vandalism of Property	Prostitution
Fraud	Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	Bribery
Embezzlement	Pornography/Obscene Material	Weapon Law Violations
Stolen Property	Gambling	Cruelty to Animals
Drug/Narcotic Offenses		
Drug/Narcotic Offenses		

¹ In 2019 the FBI began including Vehicular Homicides under the Criminally Negligent Manslaughter category. Those offenses were not previously included in the NIBRS Homicide summary totals. This change included 8 Negligent Manslaughter offenses in the 2020 totals (2 in New Castle County, 1 in Kent County, and 5 in Sussex County).

METHODOLOGY

Data Sources

Data for this report were drawn from two sources:

- The State Bureau of Identification (SBI) of the Delaware State Police, which maintains Delaware's implementation of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (which, for simplicity, is referred to as 'NIBRS' in the data section of this report), from which offense, clearance, arrest, and crimes against law enforcement officers statistics are derived. SBI is also the source of law enforcement agency staffing numbers.
- The Delaware Population Consortium, from which state and county population figures are drawn.

Delaware NIBRS data reports for 2020 were downloaded from the Delaware Department of Technology and Information secure document library on March 11, 2021.

Preparing the Data for Inclusion in *Crime in Delaware*

Checking Data Quality

NIBRS data are not automatically drawn from criminal incident reports filed by participating law enforcement agencies. Because each state has its own set of criminal statutes, offense names and definitions vary from state to state. To allow data from states to be examined at a national level, each jurisdiction participating in NIBRS must assign each offense a common NIBRS code before entering and submitting data to the system. This extra set of steps introduces opportunities for data errors and requires a process for checking data quality.

Having crime data that is reasonably accurate and complete is essential for producing the *Crime in Delaware* report. To ensure that the data were sufficient for use in this report, validation checks were conducted to identify any issues of concern related to data completeness and accuracy. Since the State Bureau of Identification conducts extensive data quality and review control procedures (as do the Dover, New Castle County, and Wilmington Police Departments) prior to submitting NIBRS data to the FBI, it only is necessary for the Delaware Statistical Analysis Center to perform a more limited set of validation checks.

Preparing and Transforming Data

Single year NIBRS data reports prepared by SBI are not in a production-ready/user-friendly format, nor do they contain the various statistics (differences, crime rates, percentages) that *Crime in Delaware* includes. These data reports, downloaded as text files, were imported to Microsoft Excel before undergoing a cleaning and transformation process so that the data could be collated across years and examined at the state and county levels using appropriate computations and calculations.

Statistical Refinements

In previous years, Crime in Delaware made a distinction between "Preliminary data" and "Final data." This was due to the fact that offense totals would fluctuate for 12-18 months after the reporting period ended. In recent years this fluctuate has decreased to less than 0.5% which is statistically inconsequential. Due to this reduction in offense total fluctuations, all data is considered "Final" once it is initially reported by SBI. As each year's offenses are reported by SBI, data stability checks will be conducted to verify the fluctuations have stayed at a very low rate.

Notes and Important Considerations

Data in this report reflect only the serious crimes known to police (i.e., have been reported to the police or that police have observed). Some serious crime incidents are never reported or detected. Other serious crime incidents may only be reported or detected months or years after they occurred. The numbers in this report should, therefore, be considered as a floor estimate—that is, there was at least as much serious crime as noted in this report, likely more. Less serious offenses, for which NIBRS only contains arrest data, are not included in this report.

Caution should be used in drawing conclusions about changes in the occurrence of serious crime based on the data in this report. The following considerations should be kept in mind:

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent State of Emergency declarations, court closings, and travel restrictions within the State of Delaware, it is not possible to discern if, or how much, those events impacted year-to-year changes in offense totals. Therefore, caution should be used when comparing offense trends involving 2020 data.
- NIBRS data reflect the number of offenses/charges rather than unique criminal incidents. A single criminal incident can result in a single charge filed by police or multiple charges depending on what criminal behaviors occur during the incident and the characteristics of the incident itself (e.g., the number of victims and alleged offenders).
- Crime Rate figures (i.e., the number of crimes per 1,000 people) are best viewed in the context of other crime and population data. The Crime Rate reflects not just the change in the number of offenses known to law enforcement officers but the change in the population as well. Even if the number of offenses has not changed from one year to the next, changes in population will make it appear that crime has decreased (in the event of a population increase) or that it has increased (if the population decreases). The Crime Rate, when used by itself, can create a distorted picture of crime.
- Use caution in comparing jurisdictions, counties, and states. Differences in community socioeconomic factors, population trends, and how law enforcement agencies operate (in charging practices when an arrest is made; in interpreting crime definitions; in enforcement priorities, etc.) can vary greatly among communities, all of which create challenges in making accurate and valid comparisons. Also, participation in NIBRS is voluntary and not all states choose to participate; even among many states that participate, not all jurisdictions elect to take part. Where crime data for a state are not complete, the FBI must create estimates to account for those data gaps.
- Caution should be used when comparing criminal offense trends involving 2020 totals. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent state of emergency, lockdowns, closings, and travel restrictions within the State of Delaware, it is not possible to discern if, or how much, those events impacted year-to-year changes in offense totals.

The FBI says it best in the introductory note to its *Preliminary Annual Uniform Crime Report, January-December, 2012*²:

"Individuals ... are cautioned against drawing conclusions by making direct comparisons between cities. Comparisons lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents. Valid assessments are possible only with careful study and analysis of the range of unique conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction. It is important to remember that crime is a social problem and, therefore, a concern of the entire community. The efforts of law enforcement are limited to factors within its control. The data user is, therefore, cautioned against comparing statistical data of individual agencies."

A Note About Clearances/Clearance Rates

The federal definition of *clearance rate* is the percentage of offenses received that are 'solved' through an arrest or by exceptional means. An offense is 'cleared by arrest' for crime reporting purposes when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of the offense, and turned over to a court for prosecution.

In certain situations, an offender is known but is not or cannot be arrested and formally charged. When this happens, the offense can be cleared by *exceptional means*. Such situations include, but are not limited to, offender death or confession; an offender who cannot be extradited from another jurisdiction; refusal of a victim to cooperate in a prosecution; handling a juvenile offender through an alternative police policy.

It is important to keep in mind that the arrest or identification of one offender may clear multiple offenses. Alternatively, multiple arrests may clear only a single offense.

A Note about Drug Offense Data

In December 2015, Delaware passed legislation that decriminalized certain marijuana possession offenses. Depending on various circumstances, these offenses are civil offenses. With the Federal Government still recording these offenses as criminal, they are part of the Drug Offense totals in this report.

For 2016 through 2018, there have been noticeable declines in drug arrests despite slowly increasing reported and cleared drug offenses. After a review of these offenses, the primary cause for this arrest decline can be attributed to the civil marijuana possession statute changes that were implemented in December 2015. A smaller, yet still significant, portion is due to the surge in statewide overdoses over the last few years. In many overdose situations, an individual that has overdosed and survives is typically not arrested for the drug possession that led to the overdose, unless there are other circumstances involved in the incident.

² Available at: http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2012/preliminary-annualuniform-crime-report-january-december-2012

SERIOUS CRIME AT-A-GLANCE

This section of the report provides summary-level data about serious crime in Delaware and in the state's three counties for the years 2016 to 2020. Included in this section are data about the total number of serious offenses and the four major categories of crime: Violent Offenses, Serious Property Offenses, Drug Offenses, and Other Property and Social Offenses.

The specific topics addressed in this section follow:

- offenses received by law enforcement agencies
- offense clearances
- crime rates
- differences in the number of offenses received between years
- total arrests and arrests of adults and juveniles; and
- assaults against law enforcement officers.

All state-level summary data, organized by the topics above, are presented first. All summary data, again organized by topic, are then presented for each county. More detailed data about offenses and clearances, arrests, and assaults against law enforcement officers can be found in the '...Detailed Look at Serious Crime...' section beginning on page 31.

Note to the reader

Crime in Delaware in previous years made a distinction between "Preliminary data" and "Final data." This was due to the fact that offense totals would fluctuate for 12-18 months after the reporting period ended. In recent years this fluctuate has decreased to less than 0.5% which is statistically inconsequential. Due to this reduction in offense total fluctuations, all data is considered "Final" once it is initially reported by SBI.

As noted earlier in this report, please use caution when comparing Delaware's data to national data or those for other states. Crime data, particularly crime rates, are best understood in the context of other data.

Delaware Serious Crime at-a-Glance, 2016 – 2020

Overall, there were 16,775 fewer reported serious Group A Offenses in 2020 compared to 2016 (20.1%) (see Table 1 and Figure 1). Year to year changes across many categories should not be taken as a stable, long-term trend due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. All four of the crime categories were lower compared to 2016 with the greatest declines in Serious Property Offenses (26.3%) and Other Property and Social Offenses (19.1%). Violent Offenses decreased 16.7% over the same period, while Drug offenses decreased 13.2%. Long-term trends in offenses since 2009 are also presented in Figure 1. Crime category differences from 2016 to 2020 for Delaware are presented in Figure 2.

Serious Property Offenses were the most frequently reported category of crimes in 2020 (30.5%), followed by Other Property and Social Offenses (29.3%), Violent Offenses (25.4%), and Drug/Narcotic Offenses (14.2%). Although the proportions fluctuated slightly, the order from least to most common category remained the same.

The most frequently reported offenses were Larceny; Assault; Drug/Narcotic; Destruction, Damage, and Vandalism of Property; Fraud; and Burglary. All categories declined in 2020 with Drug offenses and Larceny-Theft having the most dramatic declines. Prior to 2020, Drug Offenses had been climbing since 2016. The remaining most common offenses continued ongoing declines, although some more dramatically than others in 2020.

Based on 2020 data, offenses in all crime categories were cleared at rates comparable to the rates from 2016 through 2019 (see Table 1 and Figure 4). Offenses in the Drug/Narcotic and Violent Offense categories continue to be cleared at high rates (95.8% and 75.4%, respectively). Overall, more than half of the offenses committed in 2020 were cleared by the end of the calendar year (52.0%). Trends since 2009 can be seen in Figure 4.

The number of arrests from 2016 to 2020 was lower for all categories. Serious Property Offense Arrests were down 41% and Other Property and Violent Offenses were 35% and 13% lower. Drug Offenses showed a 22% decrease in arrests from 2016 to 2020.

2020 data indicates that the trend of violent offenses against law enforcement officers has been mixed but reached a low point for the 5-year period in 2020 (see Table 3). No officers were killed in the line of duty in 2020 and there were 398 violent offenses against officers, a 3.9% decrease from 2016. It should be noted 2017 data showed 24 attempted homicides on officers. This is mostly attributed to a standoff involving a subject shooting at responding officers after shooting and killing a Delaware State Trooper. Nearly all violent offenses against law enforcement officers were cleared by the end of the calendar year (96%). Figure 5 illustrates the long-term trends in assaults against Delaware law enforcement officers.

Serious Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Violent Offenses	20,343	19,115	18,684	18,306	16,936
Percent Cleared	74.1%	73.9%	75.9%	77.6%	75.4%
Serious Property Offenses	27,565	24,298	23,420	22,872	20,315
Percent Cleared	32.2%	30.6%	28.8%	30.8%	27.7%
Drug Offenses	10,920	11,545	11,940	13,195	9,476
Percent Cleared	93.4%	93.7%	95.3%	95.8%	95.8%
Other Property, Social Offenses	24,514	22,776	21,440	20,975	19,840
Percent Cleared	40.8%	41.4%	37.7%	39.9%	36.0%
Total Offenses Received	83,342	77,734	75,484	75,348	66,567
Percent Cleared	52.7%	53.8%	53.5%	56.1%	52.0%

Table 1: Delaware Statewide Serious Crime Summary, 2016 – 2020	
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Crime Rates for Serious Offenses Received per 1,000 People					
Delaware Population	954,077	967,813	974,051	972,332	979,920
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Violent Offenses	21.3	19.8	19.2	18.8	17.3
Serious Property Offenses	28.9	25.1	24.0	23.5	20.7
Drug Offenses	11.4	11.9	12.3	13.6	9.7
Other Property and Social Offenses	25.7	23.5	22.0	21.6	20.2
Total Offenses Received	87.4	80.3	77.5	77.5	67.9
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Percentage Difference in Serious Offenses Received						
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 – 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
Violent Offenses	-6.0%	-2.3%	-2.0%	-7.5%	-16.7%	-11.4%
Serious Property Offenses	-11.9%	-3.6%	-2.3%	-11.2%	-26.3%	-17.2%
Drug Offenses	5.7%	3.4%	10.5%	-28.2%	-13.2%	-20.4%
Other Property, Social Offenses	-7.1%	-5.9%	-2.2%	-5.4%	-19.1%	-11.5%
Total Offenses Received	-6.7%	-2.9%	-0.2%	-11.7%	-20.1%	-14.6%

Statewide Arrests for Serious Offenses						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Total Arrests	26,039	23,739	21,695	22,456	18,715	
Violent Offenses	9,313	8,591	8,493	8,699	7,616	
Serious Property Offenses	7,218	6,201	5,338	5,508	4,235	
Drug Offenses	5,300	4,928	4,513	4,807	4,141	
Other Property and Social Offenses	4,208	4,019	3,351	3,442	2,723	
Total Adult Arrests	23,031	21,103	19,416	20,078	17,206	
Violent Offenses	7,910	7,356	7,364	7,502	6,911	
Serious Property Offenses	6,487	5,530	4,793	4,945	3,840	
Drug Offenses	4,937	4,577	4,225	4,541	4,039	
Other Property and Social Offenses	3,697	3,640	3,034	3,090	2,416	
Total Juvenile Arrests	3,008	2,636	2,279	2,378	1,509	
Violent Offenses	1,403	1,235	1,129	1,197	705	
Serious Property Offenses	731	671	545	563	395	
Drug Offenses	363	351	288	266	102	
Other Property and Social Offenses	511	379	317	352	307	

Table 2: Statewide Arrests for Serious Offenses



Figure 1: Serious Crime in Delaware by Category, 2009 – 2020



Figure 2: Final Differences in Serious Criminal Offenses, by State and County, 2016 and 2020



Figure 3: Most Common Serious Crimes in Delaware, 2009 – 2020



Figure 4: All Delaware Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Violent Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers, 2016 – 2020					
2016 2017 2018 2019 2020					
Officers Assaulted	414	407	425	448	398
Officers Killed	0	2	0	0	0
Attempted Homicides on Officers	1	24	0	1	12
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	18.8%	17.4%	16.7%	20.5%	17.1%
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	97.1%	93.6%	93.4%	94.4%	95.7%

Table 3: Delaware Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020

Note: The majority (18) of the increase in "Attempted Homicides on Officers" from 2016 to 2017 is attributable to the fatal shooting of an officer and the subsequent stand-off that involved the subject shooting at multiple responding officers.



Figure 5: Assaults Against Law Enforcement Officers, by State and County Level, 2009 – 2020

New Castle County Serious Crime At-a-Glance, 2016 – 2020

Overall, there were 9,929 fewer reported serious Group A Offenses in the county in 2020 compared to 2016, a decline of 21.2% (see Table 4 and Figure 6). All categories showed significant decreases in New Castle County. The greatest declines were in Violent Offenses (19.8%) and Serious Property Offenses (25.6%). Total Drug Offenses had been climbing the past three years but decreased 34.3% from 2019 to 2020. Long-term trends in offenses since 2009 are presented in Figure 6.

Serious Property Offenses were the most frequently reported category of crime in the county in 2020 (33.9%), followed by Other Property and Social Offenses (31.2%), Violent Offenses (24.0%), and Drug/Narcotic Offenses (10.9%). Drug Offenses account for a decreasing portion of offenses compared to previous years.

The most frequently reported offenses in the county in 2020 were Larceny; Assault; Destruction, Damage, and Vandalism of Property; Drug/Narcotic; Fraud; and Burglary. The most common offenses saw decreases in 2020 to varying degrees. Larceny and Assault both continued steady declines while Property Destruction, Fraud, and Burglary displayed smaller decreases. Drug offenses had been climbing for multiple years and saw a sudden decrease in 2020. Figure 7 displays the long-term trends in these offenses since 2009.

Based on 2020 data, offenses in all crime categories were cleared at comparable rates from 2016 to 2019 (see Table 4 and Figure 8). Offenses in the Drug and Violent categories continue to be cleared at high rates (92.6% and 68.9%, respectively). Overall, 43.0% of all offenses committed in 2020 were cleared by the end of the year. Trends since 2009 can be seen in Figure 8.

Total arrests in the county were 30.1% lower compared to 2016 (see Table 5 and Figure 8). Juvenile arrests showed an overall decrease of 45.3%. The number of adult arrests decreased 27.9%. Trends in arrests since 2009 can also be seen in Figure 8.

2020 data suggests the number of law enforcement officers assaulted was comparable to previous years. No officers were killed in the line of duty in 2020, but there were 9 attempted homicides of officers. A notable point within the data was a record 23 attempted homicides on officers in 2017. This is mainly attributed to the murder of a state trooper in 2017 and a subsequent standoff with police where the subject fired multiple rounds at responding officers. Assault-related offenses are still cleared at very high rates (94.1%), which is in line with previous years. Long-term trends in assaults against law enforcement officers in the county can be found in Figure 5 (presented in the Delaware Serious Crime At-a-Glance section located earlier in this report).

Serious Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Violent Offenses	11,023	10,374	9,948	9,588	8,843		
Percent Cleared	65.6%	64.8%	68.7%	71.7%	68.9%		
Serious Property Offenses	16,839	14,454	14,274	13,643	12,520		
Percent Cleared	26.3%	24.7%	22.6%	25.1%	19.9%		
Drug Offenses	4,976	5,015	5,509	6,109	4,017		
Percent Cleared	90.7%	91.2%	93.7%	93.7%	92.6%		
Other Property, Social Offenses	13,966	12,716	12,423	11,923	11,495		
Percent Cleared	35.1%	35.5%	32.4%	36.2%	31.0%		
Total Offenses Received	46,804	42,559	42,154	41,263	36,875		
Percent Cleared	45.0%	45.5%	45.6%	49.3%	43.0%		
Crime Rates for Serious Offenses Received per 1,000 People							
New Castle County Population	560,147	564,193	564,568	562,694	558,863		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Violent Offenses	19.7	18.4	17.6	17.0	15.8		

Table 4: New Castle County Serious Crime Summary, 2016 – 2020

Total Offenses Received	5	33.6	75.4	74.7	73.3	66.0	
Percentage Difference in Serious Offenses Received							
						Average	
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 – 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	16-19 vs 20	
Violent Offenses	-5.9%	-4.1%	-3.6%	-7.8%	-19.8%	-13.6%	
Serious Property Offenses	-14.2%	-1.3%	-4.4%	-8.2%	-25.6%	-15.4%	
Drug Offenses	0.8%	9.9%	10.9%	-34.2%	-19.3%	-25.6%	
Other Property, Social Offenses	-9.0%	-2.3%	-4.0%	-3.6%	-17.7%	-9.9%	
Total Offenses Received	-9.1%	-1.0%	-2.1%	-10.6%	-21.2%	-14.6%	

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Serious Property Offenses

Other Property, Social Offenses

Drug Offenses

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New Castle County Arrests for Serious Offenses						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Total Arrests	13,941	12,119	11,319	11,967	9,749	
Violent Offenses	5,404	5,011	4,999	5,187	4,596	
Serious Property Offenses	3,839	3,001	2,596	2,734	1,894	
Drug Offenses	2,517	2,091	2,020	2,199	1,830	
Other Property and Social Offenses	2,181	2,016	1,704	1,847	1,429	
Total Adult Arrests	12,213	10,658	10,072	10,555	8,804	
Violent Offenses	4,577	4,303	4,369	4,465	4,166	
Serious Property Offenses	3,422	2,637	2,286	2,381	1,465	
Drug Offenses	2,338	1,913	1,890	2,077	1,779	
Other Property and Social Offenses	1,876	1,805	1,527	1,632	1,214	
Total Juvenile Arrests	1,728	1,461	1,247	1,412	945	
Violent Offenses	827	708	630	722	430	
Serious Property Offenses	417	364	310	353	249	
Drug Offenses	179	178	130	122	51	
Other Property and Social Offenses	305	211	177	215	215	

Table 5: New Castle County Arrests for Serious Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Table 6: Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in New Castle County, 2016 – 2020
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New Castle County Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Officers Assaulted	214	233	222	247	236
Officers Killed	0	2	0	0	0
Attempted Homicides on Officers	0	23	0	0	9
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	16.8%	17.1%	15.3%	18.6%	17.4%
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	96.3%	90.1%	91.9%	93.9%	94.1%

Note: The majority (18) of the increase in "Attempted Homicides on Officers" from 2016 to 2017 is attributable to the fatal shooting of an officer and the subsequent stand-off that involved the subject shooting at multiple responding officers.



Figure 6: Serious Crime in New Castle County by Category, 2009 – 2020





Crime in Delaware, 2016 – 2020



Figure 8: All New Castle County Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Kent County Serious Crime At-a-Glance, 2016 – 2020

Overall, there were 3,661 fewer reported serious Group A Offenses in Kent County in 2020 compared to 2016, a decline of 21.3% (see Table 7 and Figure 9). All four crime categories— Serious Property Offenses, Other Property and Social Offenses, Violent Offenses, and Drug Offenses—decreased in comparison to 2016, with declines of 22.8%, 21.4%, 20.9, and 18.7, respectively.

Serious Property Offenses were the most frequently reported category of crime in Kent County in 2020 (29.4%), followed by Other Property and Social Offenses (27.5%), Violent Offenses (27.1%), and Total Drug/Narcotic Offenses (16.0%). These proportions are similar to those from 2016, with Other Property and Social Offenses being the second most common and Violent Offenses moving to third most common.

The most frequently reported offenses for the county in 2020 were Assault; Larceny; Drug/Narcotic; Destruction, Damage, and Vandalism of Property; Fraud; and Burglary. Assault, Larceny, and Drug Offenses all showed notable declines into 2020. Property Destruction, Fraud, and Burglary also showed declines but to lesser degrees. These 2020 decreases are similar with the trends in New Castle County. Figure 10 portrays the long-term trends of offenses since 2009.

Based on 2020 data, offenses in all crime categories were cleared at rates comparable to rates from 2016 through 2019 (see Table 7 and Figure 11). Offenses in the Drug and Violent categories continue to be cleared at high rates (98.0% and 78.7%, respectively). Overall, 59.8% of all offenses committed in 2020 had been cleared by the end of the calendar year. Trends since 2009 can be seen in Figure 11.

The total number of arrests in the county decreased by 30.8% from 2016 through 2020 continuing a long downward trend (see Table 8 and Figure 11). Arrests for all offense categories declined since 2016, most noticeably in Other Property and Social Offenses (38.6%). Trends in arrests since 2009 are shown in Figure 11.

2020 data indicate that there were the fewest assaults against law enforcement officers for the report period (see Table 9). No officers were killed in the line of duty during 53 assaults in 2020 but there were 2 attempted homicides of a law enforcement officer. Almost all assaults against law enforcement officers in Kent County were cleared by the end of the calendar year (96.2%). Long-term trends in assaults against law enforcement officers in the county can be found in Figure 5 (presented in the Delaware Serious Crime At-a-Glance section located earlier in this report).

Serious Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Violent Offenses	4,649	4,041	3,997	4,083	3,678		
Percent Cleared	84.0%	84.6%	82.9%	82.5%	78.7%		
Serious Property Offenses	5,164	4,643	4,406	4,556	3,987		
Percent Cleared	38.2%	39.5%	37.9%	39.7%	37.5%		
Drug Offenses	2,669	2,910	2,861	2,804	2,169		
Percent Cleared	96.0%	94.6%	94.9%	96.5%	98.0%		
Other Property, Social Offenses	4,736	4,467	4,001	4,058	3,723		
Percent Cleared	49.6%	51.7%	45.1%	46.9%	42.5%		
Total Offenses Received	17,218	16,061	15,265	15,501	13 <i>,</i> 557		
Percent Cleared	62.7%	64.2%	62.3%	63.1%	59.8%		
Crime Rates for	r Serious Offer	nses Received	d per 1,000 P	eople			
Kent County Population	175,110	180,610	180,396	178,019	181,673		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Violent Offenses	26.6	22.4	22.2	22.9	20.2		
Serious Property Offenses	29.5	25.7	24.4	25.6	21.9		
Drug Offenses	15.2	16.1	15.9	15.8	11.9		

Table 7: Kent County Serious	Crime Summary	2016 - 2020
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Other Property, Social Offenses		27.1	24.7	22.2	22.8	20.5			
Total Offenses Received		98.3	88.9	84.6	87.1	74.6			
Percentage Difference in Serious Offenses Received									
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 – 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20			
Violent Offenses	-13.1%	-1.1%	2.2%	-9.9%	-20.9%	-12.3%			
Serious Property Offenses	-10.1%	-5.1%	3.4%	-12.5%	-22.8%	-15.0%			
Drug Offenses	9.0%	-1.7%	-2.0%	-22.6%	-18.7%	-22.8%			
Other Property, Social Offenses	-5.7%	-10.4%	1.4%	-8.3%	-21.4%	-13.7%			
Total Offenses Received	-6.7%	-5.0%	1.5%	-12.5%	-21.3%	-15.3%			

Kent County Arrests for Serious Offenses								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Total Arrests	5,974	5,613	4,975	5,016	4,136			
Violent Offenses	2,089	1,817	1,726	1,797	1,413			
Serious Property Offenses	1,647	1,563	1,349	1,409	1,232			
Drug Offenses	1,280	1,303	1,142	1,025	903			
Other Property and Social Offenses	958	930	758	785	588			
Total Adult Arrests	5,289	5,038	4,429	4,510	3,905			
Violent Offenses	1,764	1,548	1,461	1,537	1,300			
Serious Property Offenses	1,483	1,407	1,213	1,303	1,162			
Drug Offenses	1,202	1,227	1,082	963	889			
Other Property and Social Offenses	840	856	673	707	554			
Total Juvenile Arrests	685	575	546	506	231			
Violent Offenses	325	269	265	260	113			
Serious Property Offenses	164	156	136	106	70			
Drug Offenses	78	76	60	62	14			
Other Property and Social Offenses	118	74	85	78	34			

Table 8: Kent County Arrests for Serious Offenses, 2016 - 2020

Table 9: Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in Kent County, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Officers Assaulted	77	82	103	99	53		
Officers Killed	0	0	0	0	0		
Attempted Homicides on Officers	1	1	0	1	2		
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	22.1%	23.2%	17.5%	18.2%	5.7%		
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	98.7%	100.0%	97.1%	94.9%	96.2%		


Figure 9: Serious Crime in Kent County by Category, 2009 – 2020







Figure 11: All Kent County Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Sussex County Serious Crime At-a-Glance, 2016 – 2020

Overall, there were 3,185 fewer reported serious Group A Offenses in Sussex County in 2020 compared to 2016, a decrease of 16.5% (see Table 10 and Figure 12). Three of the four crime categories—Violent Offenses, Other Property and Social Offenses, and Serious Property Offenses —decreased compared to 2016 (5.5%, 20.5%, and 31.5%, respectively). The number of Total Drug/Narcotic Offenses however, increased 0.5% from 2016. Sussex Drug Offenses were the only main category to increase from 2016 to 2020 across the 3 counties. Long-term trends in offenses since 2009 are also presented in Figure 12.

Other Property & Social Offenses were the most frequent reported category in 2020 (28.6%). Serious Property Offenses made up 23.6%, Violent Offenses accounted for 27.4% and Total Drug Offenses covered 20.4%. While all other offenses have been decreasing, Drug Offenses overall has been mixed year to year, with increases and decreases from 2016 to 2020.

The most frequently reported offenses in the county in 2020 were Assault; Drug/Narcotic; Larceny; Destruction, Damage, and Vandalism of Property; Fraud and Burglary. Drug Offenses have shown an overall increasing trend since 2016, but exhibits a steep decline from 2019 to 2020 like the other counties. Assault Offense trends have been mixed, but over the long term have been decreasing. Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism Offenses continue a long downward trend. Burglary Offenses also show a decline while Fraud has been more mixed over past reporting periods. Figure 13 also portrays the long-term trends in these offenses since 2009.

Based on 2020 data, offenses in all crime categories were cleared at rates comparable to the rates from 2016 through 2019 (see Table 10 and Figure 14). Drug and Violent Offenses continue to be cleared at high rates (98.1% and 85.7%, respectively). Overall, 66.0% of all offenses committed in 2020 had been cleared by years end. Trends since 2009 can be seen in Figure 14.

The number of all arrests decreased 21.1% from 2016 to 2020. All 2020 Main Offense category arrests decreased from 2016 arrest totals. Drug arrest trends have been mixed from year to year with increases and decreases. They were one of the few categories to increase the number of offenses, yet arrests decreased 6.3%. Arrest trends since 2009 can also be seen in Figure 14.

2020 data shows that assaults against law enforcement officers in the county have decreased from a high point in 2016 but has demonstrated a gradual increase in that direction (see Table 12). No officers were killed in the line of duty in 2019 and there were 109 assaults against officers. The vast majority of assaults against law enforcement officers were cleared by the end of the calendar year (99.1%). Long-term trends in assaults against law enforcement officers in the county can be found in Figure 5 (presented in the Delaware Serious Crime at-a-Glance section located earlier in this report).

Seri	ous Offenses R	Received, 201	.6 – 2020		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Violent Offenses	4,671	4,700	4,739	4,635	4,415
Percent Cleared	84.5%	84.9%	85.0%	85.5%	85.7%
Serious Property Offenses	5,562	5,201	4,740	4,673	3,808
Percent Cleared	40.6%	39.3%	39.1%	38.8%	42.8%
Drug Offenses	3,275	3,620	3,570	4,282	3,290
Percent Cleared	95.3%	96.4%	98.1%	98.2%	98.1%
Other Property, Social Offenses	5,812	5,593	5,016	4,994	4,622
Percent Cleared	47.3%	46.4%	44.7%	42.9%	43.3%
Total Offenses Received	19,320	19,114	18,065	18,584	16,135
Percent Cleared	62.5%	63.4%	64.4%	65.2%	66.0%
Crime Rates fo	or Serious Offe	nses Receive	d per 1,000 F	People	
Sussex County Population	218,820	223,010	229,087	231,619	239,384
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Violent Offenses	21.4	21.1	20.7	20.0	18.4
Serious Property Offenses	25.4	23.3	20.7	20.2	15.9
Drug Offenses	15.0	16.2	15.6	18.5	13.7
Other Property, Social Offenses	26.6	25.1	21.9	21.6	19.3
Total Offenses Received	88.3	85.7	78.9	80.2	67.4
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Percentag	e Difference ir	Serious Offe	enses Receive	ed	
					Average

Table 10: Sussex County Serious Crime Summary, 2016 – 2020

Percentage Difference in Serious Offenses Received									
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 – 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	Average 16-19 vs 20			
Violent Offenses	0.6%	0.8%	-2.19%	-4.7%	-5.5%	-5.8%			
Serious Property Offenses	-6.5%	-8.9%	-1.41%	-18.5%	-31.5%	-24.5%			
Drug Offenses	10.5%	-1.4%	19.9%	-23.2%	0.5%	-10.8%			
Other Property/Social Offenses	-3.8%	-10.3%	-0.4%	-7.4%	-20.5%	-13.7%			
Total Offenses Received	-1.1%	-5.5%	2.9%	-13.2%	-16.5%	-14.0%			

Sussex Co	Sussex County Arrests for Serious Offenses										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020						
Total Arrests	6,124	6,007	5,401	5,473	4,830						
Violent Offenses	1,820	1,763	1,768	1,715	1,607						
Serious Property Offenses	1,732	1,637	1,393	1,365	1,109						
Drug Offenses	1,503	1,534	1,351	1,583	1,408						
Other Property and Social Offenses	1,069	1,073	889	810	706						
Total Adult Arrests	5,529	5,407	4,915	5,013	4,497						
Violent Offenses	1,569	1,505	1,534	1,500	1,445						
Serious Property Offenses	1,582	1,486	1,294	1,261	1,033						
Drug Offenses	1,397	1,437	1,253	1,501	1,371						
Other Property and Social Offenses	981	979	834	751	648						
Total Juvenile Arrests	595	600	486	460	333						
Violent Offenses	251	258	234	215	162						
Serious Property Offenses	150	151	99	104	76						
Drug Offenses	106	97	98	82	37						
Other Property and Social Offenses	88	94	55	59	58						

Table 11: Sussex County Arrests for Serious Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Table 12: Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in Sussex County, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020								
	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020							
Officers Assaulted	123	92	100	102	109			
Officers Killed	0	0	0	0	0			
Attempted Homicides on Officers	0	0	0	0	1			
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	20.3%	12.0%	19.0%	27.5%	22.0%			
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	97.6%	96.7%	93.0%	95.1%	99.1%			



Figure 12: Serious Crime in Sussex County by Category, 2009 – 2020





Crime in Delaware, 2016 – 2020



Figure 14: All Sussex County Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

A DETAILED LOOK AT SERIOUS CRIME IN DELAWARE

The following sections provide more detailed information about serious crime in Delaware. Each section has a single topic focus: one of the four crime categories and violent crimes against law enforcement officers. Within each crime category section, statewide data on offenses, clearances, and arrests are presented first, followed by the same data for each county. The section on crimes against law enforcement officers presents the state and county data relevant to this topic.

Note to the reader

Crime in Delaware in previous years made a distinction between "Preliminary data" and "Final data." This was due to the fact that offense totals would fluctuate for 12-18 months after the reporting period ended. In recent years this fluctuate has decreased to as low as 0.5% which is statistically inconsequential. Due to this reduction in offense total fluctuations, all data is considered "Final" once it is initially reported by SBI. As each year's offenses are reported by SBI, data stability checks will be conducted to verify the fluctuations have stayed at a very low rate.

As noted earlier in this report, please use caution when comparing Delaware's data to national data or those for other states. Crime data, particularly crime rates, are best understood in the context of other data.

Delaware Violent Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Violent Offenses were 16.7% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. The two most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses—Assault and Robbery—experienced declines of 13.8% and 48.3%, respectively. Of special note:

- 2020 data indicate the number of Criminal Homicide Offenses (84) was the highest recorded total since this report's creation. (74 Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter, 10 Negligent Manslaughter)
- In 2019 the FBI began including Vehicular Homicides under the Criminally Negligent Manslaughter category. Those offenses were not previously included in the NIBRS Homicide summary totals. This change included 8 Negligent Manslaughter offenses in the 2020 totals (2 in New Castle County, 1 in Kent County, and 5 in Sussex County).
- Assaults with a Firearm have increased 30.9% over the report period.

The majority of Kidnapping, Assault, and Forcible Sex Offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Thirty-seven percent of Robbery and just over 30% of Homicide Offenses were cleared during that period. Total Violent Offenses in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable to or better than those for the previous four years. Homicides were cleared at the lowest rate for the 5-year report period but may be related to the sudden increase in offense totals and time involved.

Tables 13–19 and Figure 15 provide information about Statewide Violent Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 15.



Figure 15: Delaware Violent Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Statewide Violent Of	fenses and	Clearances,	, 2016 – 202	20	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Violent Offenses	20,343	19,115	18,684	18,306	16,936
Percent Cleared	74.1%	73.9%	75.9%	77.6%	75.4%
Criminal Homicide	61	53	48	52	84
Percent Cleared	49.2%	49.1%	60.4%	40.4%	31.1%
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	57	53	48	48	74
Percent Cleared	45.6%	49.1%	60.4%	37.5%	31.1%
Negligent Manslaughter	4	0	0	4	10
Percent Cleared	100.0%	N/A	N/A	75.0%	70.0%
Human Trafficking	13	5	4	25	6
Percent Cleared	84.6%	100.0%	25.0%	28.0%	50.0%
Commercial Sex Act	13	4	3	15	4
Percent Cleared	84.6%	100.0%	33.3%	33.3%	75.0%
Involuntary Servitude	0	1	1	10	2
Percent Cleared	N/A	100.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	271	265	221	248	216
Percent Cleared	83.4%	78.9%	82.4%	85.9%	80.6%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	731	765	749	715	551
Percent Cleared	61.6%	58.8%	61.1%	56.1%	57.5%
Rape by Force	227	230	254	258	207
Percent Cleared	51.1%	59.6%	63.0%	55.0%	42.5%
Rape by Force - Attempted	8	16	11	6	10
Percent Cleared	75.0%	68.8%	81.8%	83.3%	60.0%
Forcible Sodomy	43	55	42	40	33
Percent Cleared	69.8%	63.6%	78.6%	55.0%	75.8%
Sexual Assault with Object	25	27	29	29	20
Percent Cleared	72.0%	70.4%	41.4%	65.5%	75.0%
Forcible Fondling	423	433	408	378	277
Percent Cleared	65.5%	56.8%	59.1%	55.8%	64.6%
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	5	4	5	4	4
Percent Cleared	60.0%	50.0%	60.0%	50.0%	100.0%

Table 13: Statewide Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

Statewide Violent Offenses	and Cleara	nces, 2016	– 2020 (Coi	ntinued)	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Robbery	1,523	1,195	949	849	788
Percent Cleared	36.5%	40.0%	43.4%	43.2%	37.3%
Firearm	772	583	405	324	322
Percent Cleared	29.9%	38.3%	40.5%	35.5%	35.7%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	103	104	64	97	66
Percent Cleared	35.9%	42.3%	54.7%	49.5%	42.4%
Other Dangerous Weapon	111	67	76	76	74
Percent Cleared	41.4%	49.3%	51.3%	50.0%	45.9%
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	537	441	404	352	326
Percent Cleared	45.1%	40.4%	43.1%	47.2%	35.9%
Assault	17,744	16,832	16,713	16,417	15,291
Percent Cleared	77.8%	77.0%	78.3%	80.4%	78.2%
Aggravated	3,286	2,975	2,932	3,012	3,331
Percent Cleared	65.7%	65.2%	69.4%	67.1%	61.7%
Firearm	1,174	1,016	897	1,136	1,537
Percent Cleared	41.4%	43.1%	49.7%	45.5%	41.1%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	593	543	613	533	545
Percent Cleared	82.8%	80.8%	82.2%	83.9%	82.0%
Other Dangerous Weapons	1,130	1,106	1,103	1,062	962
Percent Cleared	79.4%	76.3%	77.8%	79.8%	81.3%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	389	310	319	281	287
Percent Cleared	73.0%	70.6%	71.2%	74.4%	68.3%
Other Assaults	14,458	13,857	13,781	13,405	11,960
Percent Cleared	80.6%	79.6%	80.2%	83.3%	82.7%
Simple/Harassment	11,339	10,908	10,851	10,756	9,385
Percent Cleared	83.5%	82.6%	82.7%	85.8%	85.4%
Intimidation	3,119	2,949	2,930	2,649	2,575
Percent Cleared	70.0%	68.4%	71.1%	73.2%	72.8%

Table 13: Statewide Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020 (Continued)

Percentage Diffe	erence in S	tatewide \	/iolent Off	enses Reco	eived	
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
All Violent Offenses	-6.0%	-2.3%	-2.0%	-7.5%	-16.7%	-11.4%
Criminal Homicide	-13.1%	-9.4%	8.3%	61.5%	37.7%	57.0%
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	-7.0%	-9.4%	0.0%	54.2%	29.8%	43.7%
Negligent Manslaughter	-100.0%	0.0%	400.0%	150.0%	150.0%	400.0%
Human Trafficking	-61.5%	-20.0%	525.0%	-76.0%	-53.8%	-48.9%
Commercial Sex Act	-69.2%	-25.0%	400.0%	-73.3%	-69.2%	-54.3%
Involuntary Servitude	0.0%	0.0%	900.0%	-80.0%	200.0%	-33.3%
Kidnapping/Abduction	-2.2%	-16.6%	12.2%	-12.9%	-20.3%	-14.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	4.7%	-2.1%	-4.5%	-22.9%	-24.6%	-25.5%
Rape by Force	1.3%	10.4%	1.6%	-19.8%	-8.8%	-14.6%
Rape by Force - Attempted	100.0%	-31.3%	-45.5%	66.7%	25.0%	-2.4%
Forcible Sodomy	27.9%	-23.6%	-4.8%	-17.5%	-23.3%	-26.7%
Sexual Assault with Object	8.0%	7.4%	0.0%	-31.0%	-20.0%	-27.3%
Forcible Fondling	2.4%	-5.8%	-7.4%	-26.7%	-34.5%	-32.5%
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	-20.0%	25.0%	-20.0%	0.0%	-20.0%	-11.1%
Robbery	-21.5%	-20.6%	-10.5%	-7.2%	-48.3%	-30.2%
Firearm	-24.5%	-30.5%	-20.0%	-0.6%	-58.3%	-38.2%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	1.0%	-38.5%	51.6%	-32.0%	-35.9%	-28.3%
Other Dangerous Weapon	-39.6%	13.4%	0.0%	-2.6%	-33.3%	-10.3%
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	-17.9%	-8.4%	-12.9%	-7.4%	-39.3%	-24.8%
Assault	-5.1%	-0.7%	-1.8%	-6.9%	-13.8%	-9.7%
Aggravated	-9.5%	-1.5%	2.7%	10.6%	1.4%	9.2%
Firearm	-13.5%	-11.7%	26.6%	35.3%	30.9%	45.6%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	-8.4%	12.9%	-13.1%	2.3%	-8.1%	-4.5%
Other Dangerous Weapons	-2.1%	-0.3%	-3.7%	-9.4%	-14.9%	-12.6%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	-20.3%	2.9%	-11.9%	2.1%	-26.2%	-11.6%
Other Assaults	-4.2%	-0.6%	-2.7%	-10.8%	-17.3%	-13.8%
Simple/Harassment	-3.8%	-0.5%	-0.9%	-12.7%	-17.2%	-14.4%
Intimidation	-5.5%	-0.6%	-9.6%	-2.8%	-17.4%	-11.6%

Table 14: Percentage Difference in Statewide Violent Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Crime Rates for Dela	ware Violen	t Offenses Re	eceived per 1	,000 People	
Delaware Population	954,077	967,813	974,051	972 <i>,</i> 332	979,920
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Violent Offenses	21.3	19.8	19.2	18.8	17.3
Criminal Homicide	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
Negligent Manslaughter	0.0	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Human Trafficking	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Commercial Sex Act	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
Involuntary Servitude	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
Kidnapping/Abduction	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Rape by Force	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Rape by Force - Attempted	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Forcible Sodomy	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Sexual Assault with Object	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Forcible Fondling	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Robbery	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8
Firearm	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Assault	18.6	17.4	17.2	16.9	15.6
Aggravated	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.4
Firearm	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.6
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other Dangerous Weapons	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other Assaults	15.2	14.3	14.1	13.8	12.2
Simple/Harassment	11.9	11.3	11.1	11.1	9.6
Intimidation	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.6

Table 15: Crime Rates for Delaware Violent Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 20

Delaware Violent Offense Arrests

Statewide Adult Arrests – Violent Offenses									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Criminal Homicide	25	41	32	16	16				
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	24	41	31	15	16				
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	1	1	0				
Human Trafficking	3	1	0	1	0				
Commercial Sex Act	3	1	0	1	0				
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0				
Kidnapping/Abduction	201	190	163	194	167				
Sex Offenses, Forcible	114	118	129	129	146				
Rape by Force	36	38	47	49	51				
Rape by Force - Attempted	1	4	2	3	1				
Forcible Sodomy	8	9	11	6	9				
Sexual Assault with Object	4	2	4	4	5				
Forcible Fondling	64	64	64	66	79				
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	1	1	1	1	1				
Robbery	410	391	307	279	230				
Firearm	161	181	103	82	82				
Knife or Cutting Instrument	32	33	20	31	23				
Other Dangerous Weapon	34	21	31	27	30				
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	183	156	153	139	95				
Assault	7,157	6,615	6,733	6,883	6,352				
Aggravated	1,430	1,232	1,292	1,238	1,300				
Firearm	230	186	216	221	266				
Knife or Cutting Instrument	328	307	345	303	324				
Other Dangerous Weapons	633	559	552	539	549				
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	239	180	179	175	161				
Other Assaults	5,727	5,383	5,441	5,645	5,052				
Simple/Harassment	4,688	4,402	4,485	4,705	4,137				
Intimidation	1,039	981	956	940	915				

Table 16: Total Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	25	41	32	16	16
Percent Male	84.0%	92.7%	93.8%	87.5%	100.0%
Percent White	48.0%	19.5%	21.9%	25.0%	0.0%
Percent Black	52.0%	80.5%	78.1%	75.0%	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.0%	4.9%	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	201	190	163	194	167
Percent Male	91.0%	91.1%	88.3%	88.7%	91.0%
Percent White	44.3%	51.1%	43.6%	45.4%	40.7%
Percent Black	55.2%	47.9%	55.8%	53.1%	59.3%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.5%	3.7%	5.5%	8.2%	6.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	115	118	129	129	146
Percent Male	96.5%	94.9%	98.5%	98.4%	98.6%
Percent White	65.2%	50.0%	53.6%	52.7%	58.9%
Percent Black	33.9%	46.6%	46.6%	45.7%	37.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	18.3%	13.6%	14.7%	17.1%	13.7%
Robbery	410	391	307	279	230
Percent Male	82.2%	89.0%	85.3%	82.1%	80.9%
Percent White	37.6%	29.4%	32.9%	24.7%	32.6%
Percent Black	62.2%	70.3%	67.1%	75.3%	67.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.4%	3.3%	6.5%	7.2%	4.8%
Assault	7,157	6,615	6,733	6,883	6,352
Aggravated	1,430	1,232	1,292	1,238	1,300
Percent Male	67.1%	67.4%	65.4%	68.8%	67.9%
Percent White	40.8%	44.6%	40.8%	44.6%	42.5%
Percent Black	58.9%	54.3%	58.1%	54.2%	56.9%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.4%	7.0%	7.3%	8.1%	7.2%
Other Assaults	5,727	5,383	5,441	5,645	5,052
Percent Male	70.9%	69.0%	70.8%	69.1%	71.0%
Percent White	46.8%	47.2%	48.6%	46.7%	45.5%
Percent Black	52.4%	52.0%	50.7%	52.4%	53.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.8%	6.0%	6.4%	6.3%	7.2%

Table 17: Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Statewide Juvenil	e Arrests –	Violent Of	fenses		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	6	2	2	0	2
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	5	1	2	0	1
Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	0	1
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Sex Act	0	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	6	5	13	2
Sex Offenses, Forcible	42	53	41	34	27
Rape by Force	18	17	10	10	7
Rape by Force - Attempted	0	0	0	1	0
Forcible Sodomy	1	6	3	2	2
Sexual Assault with Object	1	1	1	1	2
Forcible Fondling	21	28	27	19	15
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	1	1	0	1	1
Robbery	121	81	87	111	93
Firearm	48	39	25	42	48
Knife or Cutting Instrument	3	0	7	11	3
Other Dangerous Weapon	9	8	10	12	6
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	61	34	45	46	36
Assault	1,229	1,093	994	1,039	581
Aggravated	213	181	202	200	113
Firearm	35	27	34	30	33
Knife or Cutting Instrument	48	47	52	43	28
Other Dangerous Weapons	82	68	75	79	36
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	48	39	41	48	16
Other Assaults	1,016	912	792	839	468
Simple/Harassment	865	775	666	712	400
Intimidation	151	137	126	127	68

Table 18: Total Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Statewide Juvenile Arrests f	or Violent Offens	es by Gend	ler, Race, a	nd Ethnicit	Y
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	6	2	2	0	2
Percent Male	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	50.0%
Percent White	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	50.0%
Percent Black	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	50.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	50.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	6	5	13	2
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	92.3%	100.0%
Percent White	40.0%	66.7%	40.0%	15.4%	0.0%
Percent Black	60.0%	33.3%	60.0%	84.6%	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	42	53	41	34	27
Percent Male	100.0%	96.2%	92.7%	100.0%	92.6%
Percent White	35.7%	54.7%	36.6%	50.0%	29.6%
Percent Black	64.3%	43.4%	58.5%	50.0%	70.4%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.1%	7.5%	2.4%	2.9%	11.1%
Robbery	121	81	87	111	93
Percent Male	87.6%	86.4%	95.4%	94.6%	89.2%
Percent White	15.7%	18.5%	12.6%	18.9%	14.0%
Percent Black	83.5%	81.5%	87.4%	81.1%	84.9%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.6%	4.9%	3.4%	5.4%	5.4%
Assault	1,229	1,093	994	1,039	581
Aggravated	213	181	202	200	113
Percent Male	74.2%	74.0%	66.8%	79.0%	75.2%
Percent White	22.1%	29.8%	31.2%	33.0%	29.2%
Percent Black	77.9%	69.6%	68.3%	65.5%	70.8%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.8%	6.1%	7.4%	8.0%	8.8%
Other Assaults	1,016	912	792	839	468
Percent Male	57.5%	60.2%	58.3%	58.9%	59.2%
Percent White	30.9%	31.7%	33.8%	28.7%	33.5%
Percent Black	68.5%	67.4%	65.4%	70.8%	65.6%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.5%	6.7%	7.7%	6.2%	5.8%

Table 19: Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

New Castle County Violent Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Violent Offenses in the County were 19.8% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. The two most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses—Assault and Robbery experienced declines of 16.6% and 45.3% respectively. Following a slight increase in 2016, Robbery Offenses have declined considerably. Of special note:

- 2020 data indicate that the number of Criminal Homicide Offenses (56) in 2020 reached a high since this report was first created, a 21.7% increase from 2016. Vehicular Homicide was recently added to this category adding 2 homicides to 2020 totals.
- Assault with a Firearm offenses rose 30.3% since 2016, overshadowing multiple other Aggravated Assault declines. Robbery with a Firearm Offenses were 57.4% lower.
- Most Kidnapping and Assault Offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Just over half of all Forcible Sex Offenses were cleared.
- Thirty percent of Homicide Offenses and just over 35% of Robbery Offenses were cleared during that period. Overall, Violent Offenses in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable to the previous four years.

Tables 21 – 27 and Figure 16 provide detailed information about New Castle County Violent Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 16.



Figure 16: New Castle County Violent Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

New Castle County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
All Violent Offenses	11,023	10,374	9,948	9,588	8,843				
Percent Cleared	65.6%	64.8%	68.7%	71.7%	68.9%				
Criminal Homicide	46	43	36	39	56				
Percent Cleared	50.0%	44.2%	50.0%	30.8%	30.4%				
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	44	43	36	38	53				
Percent Cleared	47.7%	44.2%	50.0%	28.9%	30.2%				
Negligent Manslaughter	2	0	0	1	3				
Percent Cleared	100.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%	33.3%				
Human Trafficking	1	0	1	7	4				
Percent Cleared	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	71.4%	25.0%				
Commercial Sex Act	1	0	0	7	2				
Percent Cleared	0.0%	N/A	N/A	71.4%	50.0%				
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	1	0	2				
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%				
Kidnapping/Abduction	153	164	119	122	114				
Percent Cleared	81.7%	73.8%	80.7%	84.4%	75.4%				
Sex Offenses, Forcible	326	313	343	323	254				
Percent Cleared	50.6%	43.5%	53.9%	53.3%	55.9%				
Rape by Force	107	95	126	142	92				
Percent Cleared	43.9%	41.1%	60.3%	57.7%	40.2%				
Rape by Force - Attempted	5	7	2	4	10				
Percent Cleared	80.0%	71.4%	50.0%	75.0%	60.0%				
Forcible Sodomy	11	9	13	14	8				
Percent Cleared	63.6%	55.6%	84.6%	64.3%	37.5%				
Sexual Assault with Object	12	5	5	7	1				
Percent Cleared	66.7%	20.0%	20.0%	57.1%	100.0%				
Forcible Fondling	189	195	195	155	142				
Percent Cleared	51.9%	43.6%	48.7%	47.7%	66.2%				
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	2	2	2	1	1				
Percent Cleared	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%				

Table 21: New Castle County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

New Castle Violent Offenses a	nd Clearan	ces, 2016 -	- 2020 (Co	ntinued)	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Robbery	1,180	920	732	664	646
Percent Cleared	31.3%	34.2%	38.9%	41.1%	35.1%
Firearm	619	470	313	257	264
Percent Cleared	25.8%	34.3%	36.4%	34.6%	35.6%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	75	69	45	74	53
Percent Cleared	25.3%	36.2%	51.1%	47.3%	39.6%
Other Dangerous Weapon	89	46	58	52	64
Percent Cleared	38.2%	37.0%	46.6%	50.0%	46.9%
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	397	335	316	281	265
Percent Cleared	39.3%	33.4%	38.3%	43.8%	30.9%
Assault	9,317	8,934	8,717	8,433	7,769
Percent Cleared	70.3%	68.7%	71.7%	74.8%	72.3%
Aggravated	1,996	1,838	1,763	1,781	2,001
Percent Cleared	60.8%	58.7%	65.6%	63.2%	55.9%
Firearm	759	675	528	706	989
Percent Cleared	35.6%	35.1%	41.7%	42.4%	33.9%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	357	352	408	340	343
Percent Cleared	77.9%	77.3%	80.6%	81.8%	81.0%
Other Dangerous Weapons	657	641	654	587	518
Percent Cleared	77.6%	72.7%	75.4%	76.0%	79.5%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	223	170	173	148	151
Percent Cleared	69.5%	60.6%	65.9%	68.9%	62.3%
Other Assaults	7,321	7,096	6,954	6,652	5,768
Percent Cleared	72.9%	71.3%	73.3%	77.9%	78.0%
Simple/Harassment	5,697	5,444	5,406	5,195	4,492
Percent Cleared	75.6%	74.3%	75.3%	80.3%	79.9%
Intimidation	1,624	1,652	1,548	1,457	1,276
Percent Cleared	63.5%	61.1%	66.0%	69.5%	71.3%

Table 21: New Castle County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020 (continued)

Percentage Difference					-	
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
All Violent Offenses	-5.9%	-4.1%	-3.6%	-7.8%	-19.8%	-13.6%
Criminal Homicide	-6.5%	-16.3%	8.3%	43.6%	21.7%	36.6%
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	-2.3%	-16.3%	5.6%	39.5%	20.5%	31.7%
Negligent Manslaughter	-100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	200.0%	50.0%	300.0%
Human Trafficking	-100.0%	100.0%	600.0%	-42.9%	300.0%	77.8%
Commercial Sex Act	-100.0%	0.0%	700.0%	-71.4%	100.0%	0.0%
Involuntary Servitude	0.0%	100.0%	-100.0%	200.0%	200.0%	700.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	7.2%	-27.4%	2.5%	-6.6%	-25.5%	-18.3%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	-4.00%	9.6%	-5.8%	-21.4%	-22.1%	-22.1%
Rape by Force	-11.2%	32.6%	12.7%	-35.2%	-14.0%	-21.7%
Rape by Force – Attempted	40.0%	-71.4%	100.0%	150.0%	100.0%	122.2%
Forcible Sodomy	-18.2%	44.4%	7.7%	-42.9%	-27.3%	-31.9%
Sexual Assault with Object	-58.3%	0.0%	40.0%	-85.7%	-91.7%	-86.2%
Forcible Fondling	3.2%	0.0%	-20.5%	-8.4%	-24.9%	-22.6%
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0.0%	0.0%	-50.0%	0.0%	-50.0%	-42.9%
Robbery	-22.0%	-20.4%	-9.3%	-2.7%	-45.3%	-26.1%
Firearm	-24.1%	-33.4%	-17.9%	2.7%	-57.4%	-36.3%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	-8.0%	-34.8%	64.4%	-28.4%	-29.3%	-19.4%
Other Dangerous Weapon	-48.3%	26.1%	-10.3%	23.1%	-28.1%	4.5%
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	-15.6%	-5.7%	-11.1%	-5.7%	-33.2%	-20.2%
Assault	-4.1%	-2.4%	-3.3%	-7.9%	-16.6%	-12.2%
Aggravated	-7.9%	-4.1%	1.0%	12.4%	0.3%	8.5%
Firearm	-11.1%	-21.8%	33.7%	40.1%	30.3%	48.3%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	-1.4%	15.9%	-16.7%	0.9%	-3.9%	-5.8%
Other Dangerous Weapons	-2.4%	2.0%	-10.2%	-11.8%	-21.2%	-18.4%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	-23.8%	1.8%	-14.5%	2.0%	-32.3%	-15.4%
Other Assaults	-3.1%	-2.0%	-4.3%	-13.3%	-21.2%	-17.7%
Simple/Harassment	-4.4%	-0.7%	-3.9%	-13.5%	-21.2%	-17.4%
Intimidation	1.7%	-6.3%	-5.9%	-12.4%	-21.4%	-18.7%

Table 22: Percentage Difference in New Castle County Violent Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Crime Rates for New Castl	Crime Rates for New Castle County Violent Offenses Received per 1,000 People									
New Castle County Population	560,147	564,193	64,193 564,568 562,694 558							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
All Violent Offenses	19.7	18.4	17.6	17.0	15.8					
Criminal Homicide	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Negligent Manslaughter	<0.1	0.0	0.0	<0.1	<0.1					
Human Trafficking	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Commercial Sex Act	<0.1	0.0	0.0	<0.1	<0.1					
Involuntary Servitude	0.0	0.0	<0.1	0.0	<0.1					
Kidnapping/Abduction	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2					
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5					
Rape by Force	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2					
Rape by Force - Attempted	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Forcible Sodomy	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Sexual Assault with Object	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Forcible Fondling	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3					
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0.0	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	0.0					
Robbery	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.2					
Firearm	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5					
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Other Dangerous Weapon	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5					
Assault	16.6	15.8	15.4	14.9	13.9					
Aggravated	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.6					
Firearm	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.8					
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6					
Other Dangerous Weapons	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9					
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3					
Other Assaults	13.1	12.6	12.3	11.8	10.3					
Simple/Harassment	10.2	9.6	9.6	9.2	8.0					
Intimidation	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.3					

Table 23: Crime Rates for New Castle County Violent Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 16-20

New Castle County Violent Offense Arrests

New Castle County Adult A			-		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	18	33	19	8	8
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	17	33	18	7	8
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	1	1	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	1	0
Commercial Sex Act	0	0	0	1	0
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	116	110	86	99	85
Sex Offenses, Forcible	43	44	60	64	76
Rape by Force	13	8	25	28	27
Rape by Force - Attempted	1	2	0	1	1
Forcible Sodomy	1	2	7	2	2
Sexual Assault with Object	2	0	1	0	0
Forcible Fondling	26	31	26	33	46
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0	1	1	0	0
Robbery	236	225	201	184	159
Firearm	94	97	61	53	58
Knife or Cutting Instrument	13	20	15	20	15
Other Dangerous Weapon	19	12	19	14	25
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	110	96	106	97	61
Assault	4,164	3,891	4,003	4,109	3,838
Aggravated	837	703	785	730	730
Firearm	133	102	124	131	140
Knife or Cutting Instrument	187	181	238	211	199
Other Dangerous Weapons	389	332	324	295	308
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	128	88	99	93	83
Other Assaults	3,327	3,188	3,218	3,379	3,108
Simple/Harassment	2,709	2592	2,643	2,770	2,538
Intimidation	618	596	575	609	570

Table 24: Total New Castle County Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

New Castle County Adult Arrest		-			-
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	18	33	19	8	8
Percent Male	83.3%	93.9%	89.5	87.5%	100.0%
Percent White	44.4%	15.2%	26.3%	25.0%	0.0%
Percent Black	55.6%	84.8%	73.7%	75.0%	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.6%	6.1%	5.3%	12.5%	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	116	110	86	99	85
Percent Male	88.8%	89.1%	84.9%	85.9%	91.8%
Percent White	42.2%	49.1%	36.0%	39.4%	31.8%
Percent Black	56.9%	49.1%	62.8%	57.6%	68.2%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.9%	6.4%	4.7%	8.1%	8.2%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	44	44	60	64	76
Percent Male	97.7%	97.7%	100.0%	98.4%	98.7%
Percent White	59.1%	52.3%	50.0%	45.3%	50.0%
Percent Black	40.9%	45.5%	50.0%	51.6%	46.1%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	15.9%	18.2%	15.0%	17.2%	9.2%
Robbery	236	225	201	184	159
Percent Male	80.1%	88.9%	84.6%	80.4%	80.5%
Percent White	34.3%	28.9%	28.9%	24.5%	28.9%
Percent Black	65.3%	70.7%	71.1%	75.5%	70.4%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.9%	3.6%	7.5%	7.6%	5.0%
Assault	4,074	3,891	4,003	4,109	3,838
Aggravated	837	703	785	730	730
Percent Male	65.6%	64.9%	61.7%	65.5%	63.8%
Percent White	37.0%	41.3%	36.1%	37.5%	35.6%
Percent Black	62.6%	57.5%	62.5%	61.0%	64.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.6%	8.7%	7.8%	9.7%	7.5%
Other Assaults	3,327	3,188	3,218	3,379	3,108
Percent Male	70.0%	68.8%	70.7%	67.7%	70.5%
Percent White	42.8%	42.4%	44.7%	42.9%	41.5%
Percent Black	56.2%	56.7%	54.6%	56.0%	57.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.3%	6.8%	7.2%	7.4%	7.5%

Table 25: NCC Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

New Castle County Juvenile Arrests – Violent Offenses									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Criminal Homicide	6	2	2	0	1				
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	5	1	2	0	0				
Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	0	1				
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0				
Commercial Sex Act	0	0	0	0	0				
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0				
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	1	3	7	1				
Sex Offenses, Forcible	13	13	15	12	11				
Rape by Force	7	7	6	7	3				
Rape by Force - Attempted	0	0	0	0	0				
Forcible Sodomy	0	1	1	0	0				
Sexual Assault with Object	1	0	0	0	C				
Forcible Fondling	5	5	8	5	8				
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0	0	0	0	C				
Robbery	90	56	60	83	80				
Firearm	42	31	20	31	41				
Knife or Cutting Instrument	3	0	1	8	2				
Other Dangerous Weapon	5	1	7	5	e				
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	40	24	32	39	31				
Assault	716	636	550	620	337				
Aggravated	140	101	120	121	65				
Firearm	19	12	18	20	19				
Knife or Cutting Instrument	31	34	31	28	16				
Other Dangerous Weapons	55	34	54	42	22				
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	35	21	17	31	8				
Other Assaults	576	535	430	499	272				
Simple/Harassment	486	446	357	423	226				
Intimidation	90	89	73	76	46				

Table 26: Total New Castle County Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

-	ests for Violent Of 2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	6	2017	2018	2019	2020
				N/A	
Percent Male	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	-	0.0%
Percent White	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	100.0%
Percent Black	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	0.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	100.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	1	3	7	1
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent White	0.0%	100.0%	33.3%	28.6%	0.0%
Percent Black	100.0%	0.0%	66.7%	71.4%	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	13	13	15	12	11
Percent Male	100.0%	92.3%	93.3%	100.0%	81.8%
Percent White	30.8%	61.5%	33.3%	33.3%	27.3%
Percent Black	69.2%	38.5%	60.0%	66.7%	72.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.7%	15.4%	0.0%	0.05	27.3%
Robbery	90	56	60	83	80
Percent Male	87.8%	85.7%	95.0%	95.2%	88.8%
Percent White	14.4%	17.9%	15.0%	14.5%	11.3%
Percent Black	84.4%	82.1%	85.0%	85.5%	87.5%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.8%	7.1%	5.0%	3.6%	5.0%
Assault	716	636	550	620	337
Aggravated	140	101	120	121	65
Percent Male	67.9%	69.3%	67.5%	81.0%	76.9%
Percent White	17.1%	28.7%	24.2%	25.6%	24.6%
Percent Black	82.9%	71.3%	75.0%	72.7%	75.4%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.7%	8.9%	9.2%	5.8%	9.2%
Other Assaults	576	535	430	499	272
Percent Male	60.2%	57.4%	57.9%	62.1%	59.2%
Percent White	29.5%	28.6%	26.3%	23.8%	27.2%
Percent Black	69.8%	71.2%	73.0%	75.6%	72.1%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.8%	7.9%	7.2%	7.8%	4.8%

Table 27: NCC Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 20, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Kent County Violent Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Violent Offenses in the county were over 20.9% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. All three of the most common crimes, Assault, Robbery and Forcible Sex Offenses, saw decreases from 2016: 19.1%, 63.4% and 18.6% respectively. Robbery considerably (63.4%) which mirrors the rest of the state. Of special note:

- 2020 data indicate the number of Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter Offenses (15) matches the record high set in 2015. This increase contributes to the State setting a record for Homicides in 2020. Vehicular Homicide contributing to the NIBRS Homicide totals beginning in 2019 resulted in one additional offense in the 2020 totals.
- Robbery with a Firearm Offenses decreased 64.8% since 2016. Assault with a Firearm Offenses have increased 46.5%, and have been increasing since 2018

Most Violent Offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020 (78.7%). Most categories of Violent Offenses in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable to those for the previous four years. 40% percent of five Homicide Offenses were cleared by the end of 2020.

Tables 28–34 and Figure 17 provide detailed information about Kent County Violent Offenses, Clearances, Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 17.



Figure 17: Kent County Violent Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Kent County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
All Violent Offenses	4,649	4,041	3,997	4,083	3,678				
Percent Cleared	84.0%	84.6%	82.9%	82.5%	78.7%				
Criminal Homicide	8	8	6	8	15				
Percent Cleared	50.0%	62.5%	100.0%	75.0%	40.0%				
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	7	8	6	7	14				
Percent Cleared	42.9%	62.5%	100.0%	71.4%	35.7%				
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0	1	1				
Percent Cleared	100.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%	100.0%				
Human Trafficking	2	4	0	2	0				
Percent Cleared	50.0%	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	N/A				
Commercial Sex Act	2	3	0	0	0				
Percent Cleared	50.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Involuntary Servitude	0	1	0	2	0				
Percent Cleared	N/A	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	N/A				
Kidnapping/Abduction	73	50	45	59	54				
Percent Cleared	87.7%	86.0%	75.6%	93.2%	87.0%				
Sex Offenses, Forcible	204	204	195	205	166				
Percent Cleared	76.0%	76.5%	69.2%	60.0%	56.6%				
Rape by Force	57	59	66	67	70				
Percent Cleared	70.2%	74.6%	71.2%	62.7%	41.4%				
Rape by Force - Attempted	1	3	3	0	0				
Percent Cleared	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%	N/A	N/A				
Forcible Sodomy	14	19	11	15	14				
Percent Cleared	42.9%	84.2%	72.7%	53.3%	85.7%				
Sexual Assault with Object	2	7	8	12	13				
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%	66.7%	61.5%				
Forcible Fondling	127	114	107	109	67				
Percent Cleared	81.9%	75.4%	68.2%	58.7%	64.2%				
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	3	2	0	2	2				
Percent Cleared	66.7%	50.0%	N/A	50.0%	100.0%				

Table 28: Kent County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Violent Offense	s and Cleara	ances, 2016	5 – 2020 (Co	ontinued)	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Robbery	191	131	116	103	70
Percent Cleared	61.8%	66.4%	66.4%	56.3%	51.4%
Firearm	105	60	57	46	37
Percent Cleared	54.3%	65.0%	63.2%	41.3%	43.2%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	16	8	10	17	5
Percent Cleared	68.8%	62.5%	80.0%	70.6%	60.0%
Other Dangerous Weapon	10	8	14	12	3
Percent Cleared	80.0%	87.5%	64.3%	58.3%	33.3%
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	60	55	35	28	25
Percent Cleared	70.0%	65.5%	68.6%	71.4%	64.0%
Assault	4,171	3,644	3,635	3,706	3,373
Percent Cleared	85.4%	85.7%	84.2%	84.3%	80.4%
Aggravated	674	627	625	623	709
Percent Cleared	72.8%	76.2%	72.8%	67.9%	64.7%
Firearm	245	222	241	285	359
Percent Cleared	53.5%	60.4%	58.9%	46.7%	48.7%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	133	98	99	90	100
Percent Cleared	88.7%	90.8%	82.8%	85.6%	78.0%
Other Dangerous Weapons	224	226	203	190	187
Percent Cleared	81.7%	82.7%	84.2%	87.4%	85.0%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	72	81	82	58	63
Percent Cleared	81.9%	84.0%	73.2%	81.0%	74.6%
Other Assaults	3,497	3,017	3,010	3,083	2,664
Percent Cleared	87.8%	87.6%	86.6%	87.6%	84.6%
Simple/Harassment	2,800	2,458	2,383	2,556	2,092
Percent Cleared	90.9%	90.0%	89.1%	90.1%	88.8%
Intimidation	697	559	627	527	572
Percent Cleared	75.5%	77.1%	76.9%	75.7%	69.2%

Table 28: Kent County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020 (continued)

Percentage Diffe	Percentage Difference in Kent County Violent Offenses Received										
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 – 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20					
All Violent Offenses	-13.1%	-1.1%	2.2%	-9.9%	-20.9%	-12.3%					
Criminal Homicide	0.0%	-25.0%	33.3%	87.5%	87.5%	104.5%					
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	14.3%	-25.0%	16.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%					
Negligent Manslaughter	-100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	200.0%					
Human Trafficking	100.0%	-100.0%	200.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%					
Commercial Sex Act	50.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%					
Involuntary Servitude	100.0%	-100.0%	200.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%					
Kidnapping/Abduction	-31.5%	-10.0%	31.1%	-8.5%	-26.0%	-3.6%					
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0.0%	-4.4%	5.1%	-19.0%	-18.6%	-17.4%					
Rape by Force	3.5%	11.9%	1.5%	4.5%	22.8%	15.4%					
Rape by Force – Attempted	200.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%					
Forcible Sodomy	35.7%	-42.1%	36.4%	-6.7%	0.0%	-4.5%					
Sexual Assault with Object	250.0%	14.3%	50.0%	8.3%	550.0%	129.4%					
Forcible Fondling	-10.2%	-6.1%	1.9%	-38.5%	-47.2%	-42.2%					
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	-33.3%	-100.0%	200.0%	0.0%	-33.3%	20.0%					
Robbery	-31.4%	-11.5%	-11.2%	-32.0%	-63.4%	-52.1%					
Firearm	-42.9%	-5.0%	-19.3%	-19.6%	-64.8%	-50.0%					
Knife or Cutting Instrument	-50.0%	25.0%	70.0%	-70.6%	-68.8%	-55.9%					
Other Dangerous Weapon	-20.0%	75.0%	-14.3%	-75.0%	-70.0%	-71.9%					
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	-8.3%	-36.4%	-20.0%	-10.7%	-58.3%	-50.0%					
Assault	-12.6%	-0.3%	2.0%	-9.0%	-19.1%	-11.6%					
Aggravated	-7.0%	-0.3%	-0.3%	13.8%	5.2%	10.4%					
Firearm	-9.4%	8.6%	18.3%	26.0%	46.5%	52.1%					
Knife or Cutting Instrument	-26.3%	1.0%	-9.1%	11.1%	-24.8%	-9.1%					
Other Dangerous Weapons	0.9%	-10.2%	-6.4%	-1.6%	-16.5%	-14.1%					
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	12.5%	1.2%	-29.3%	8.6%	-12.5%	-19.6%					
Other Assaults	-13.7%	-0.2%	2.4%	-13.6%	-23.8%	-16.1%					
Simple/Harassment	-12.2%	-3.1%	7.3%	-18.2%	-25.3%	-17.9%					
Intimidation	-19.8%	12.2%	-15.9%	8.5%	-17.9%	-8.9%					

Table 29: Percentage Difference in Kent County Violent Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Crime Rates for Kent Co	ounty Violen	t Offenses F	Received per	1,000 Peop	le
Kent County Population	175,110	180,610	180,396	178,019	181,673
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Violent Offenses	26.6	22.4	22.3	22.9	20.2
Criminal Homicide	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
Negligent Manslaughter	<0.1	0.0	0.0	<0.1	<0.1
Human Trafficking	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	0.0
Commercial Sex Act	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Involuntary Servitude	0.0	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	0.0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Sex Offenses, Forcible	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.9
Rape by Force	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Rape by Force - Attempted	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	0.0
Forcible Sodomy	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sexual Assault with Object	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1
Forcible Fondling	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	<0.1
Robbery	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4
Firearm	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Assault	23.8	20.2	20.2	20.8	18.6
Aggravated	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.9
Firearm	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.0
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Other Dangerous Weapons	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
Other Assaults	20.0	16.7	16.7	17.3	14.7
Simple/Harassment	16.0	13.6	13.2	14.4	11.5
Intimidation	4.0	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.1

Table 30: Crime Rates for Kent County Violent Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 20

Crime in Delaware, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Violent Offense Arrests

Kent County Adult Arrests f					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	5	5	5	5	6
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	5	5	5	5	6
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Sex Act	0	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	51	41	32	46	40
Sex Offenses, Forcible	33	33	32	31	33
Rape by Force	10	8	11	14	11
Rape by Force - Attempted	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	2	4	0	2	3
Sexual Assault with Object	0	1	1	2	1
Forcible Fondling	20	20	20	13	17
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	1	0	0	0	1
Robbery	102	84	58	54	35
Firearm	54	51	27	19	15
Knife or Cutting Instrument	11	4	4	9	3
Other Dangerous Weapon	6	4	9	10	2
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	31	25	18	16	15
Assault	1,573	1,385	1,334	1,401	1,186
Aggravated	305	286	254	232	269
Firearm	49	57	58	53	67
Knife or Cutting Instrument	77	70	53	43	59
Other Dangerous Weapons	124	110	101	101	105
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	55	49	42	35	38
Other Assaults	1,268	1,099	1,080	1,169	917
Simple/Harassment	1,057	925	900	1,011	749
Intimidation	211	174	180	158	168

Table 31: Total Kent County Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Adult Arrests fo	or Violent Offense	es by Gend	er, Race, a	nd Ethnicit	y .
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	5	5	5	5	6
Percent Male	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%	80.0%	100.0%
Percent White	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percent Black	40.0%	80.0%	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	51	41	32	46	40
Percent Male	94.1%	95.1%	96.9%	93.5%	87.5%
Percent White	31.4%	51.2%	40.6%	34.8%	35.0%
Percent Black	68.6%	48.8%	59.4%	65.2%	65.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	4.3%	0.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	33	33	32	31	33
Percent Male	97.0%	93.9%	96.9%	100.0%	97.0%
Percent White	57.6%	36.4%	46.9%	51.6%	63.6%
Percent Black	39.4%	63.6%	53.1%	48.4%	36.4%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	9.1%	3.0%	6.3%	6.5%	9.1%
Robbery	102	84	58	54	35
Percent Male	90.2%	90.5%	87.9%	87.0%	88.6%
Percent White	29.4%	19.0%	20.7%	25.9%	34.3%
Percent Black	70.6%	81.0%	79.3%	74.1%	65.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.0%	2.4%	0.0%	3.7%	2.9%
Assault	1,573	1,385	1,334	1,401	1,186
Aggravated	305	286	254	232	269
Percent Male	65.6%	69.2%	70.1%	72.0%	72.9%
Percent White	42.3%	41.3%	36.2%	50.9%	40.5%
Percent Black	57.4%	58.0%	63.4%	48.3%	58.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.3%	3.5%	4.3%	3.4%	3.3%
Other Assaults	1,268	1,099	1,080	1,169	917
Percent Male	70.9%	68.7%	70.2%	68.9%	70.4%
Percent White	43.1%	44.2%	45.5%	42.7%	43.7%
Percent Black	56.3%	55.1%	53.8%	57.1%	55.9%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.5%	3.1%	4.4%	3.5%	4.1%

Table 32: KC Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Violent Offenses						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	1	
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	
Commercial Sex Act	0	0	0	0	0	
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	2	0	4	1	
Sex Offenses, Forcible	10	22	10	11	8	
Rape by Force	5	5	0	2	2	
Rape by Force - Attempted	0	0	0	0	0	
Forcible Sodomy	0	3	1	1	1	
Sexual Assault with Object	0	1	1	1	2	
Forcible Fondling	4	12	8	6	2	
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	1	1	0	1	1	
Robbery	24	11	20	21	10	
Firearm	6	4	5	10	7	
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0	0	5	2	0	
Other Dangerous Weapon	4	1	3	3	0	
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	14	6	7	6	3	
Assault	290	234	235	224	93	
Aggravated	34	49	41	44	21	
Firearm	9	10	10	5	10	
Knife or Cutting Instrument	10	7	7	7	6	
Other Dangerous Weapons	9	20	8	22	4	
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	6	12	16	10	1	
Other Assaults	256	185	194	180	72	
Simple/Harassment	212	165	159	147	66	
Intimidation	44	20	35	33	6	

Table 33: Total Kent County Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	1
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	2	0	4	1
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	75.0%	100.0%
Percent White	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Percent Black	0.0%	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	10	22	10	11	8
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent White	20.0%	54.5%	20.0%	54.5%	37.5%
Percent Black	80.0%	40.9%	70.0%	45.5%	62.5%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Robbery	24	11	20	21	10
Percent Male	87.5%	90.9%	95.0%	100.0%	90.0%
Percent White	12.5%	0.0%	5.0%	28.6%	20.0%
Percent Black	87.5%	100.0%	95.0%0.0%	71.4%	80.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	10.0%
Assault	290	234	235	224	93
Aggravated	34	49	41	44	2
Percent Male	85.3%	81.6%	68.3%	75.0%	81.0%
Percent White	26.5%	26.5%	34.1%	38.6%	33.3%
Percent Black	73.5%	73.5%	65.9%	61.4%	66.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	4.1%	2.4%	9.1%	4.8%
Other Assaults	256	185	194	180	7
Percent Male	49.2%	60.5%	59.3%	51.1%	55.6%
Percent White	28.5%	25.9%	35.1%	28.3%	40.3%
Percent Black	71.1%	73.5%	63.9%	71.7%	59.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.5%	3.8%	3.1%	2.2%	4.2%

Table 34: KC Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Sussex County Violent Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Violent Offenses in the county were 5.5% lower in 2020 compared with 2016 which is a smaller decrease than the other counties. Two of the three most commonly reported offenses were down to varying degrees. Assault Offenses were down 2.5% from 2016 to 2020. Forcible Sex Offenses decreased 34.8% from 2016 totals. Of special note:

- 2020 data shows the number of Criminal Homicide offenses (13) was an 85.7% increase from 2016 and is a record high for Sussex County. Vehicular Homicide being included in NIBRS Homicide totals starting in 2019 resulted in five additional offenses in 2020.
- Robbery with a Firearm Offenses are down 56.3% from 2016. Overall Robbery Offenses decreased 52.6% from 2016 totals to a report period low in 2020. This trend mirrors Robbery Offense trends across the State.
- Aggravated Assaults showed a small 0.8% increase from 2016, but Aggravated Assault with a Firearm increased 11.2% over the same period. Other Dangerous Weapons and Hands/Fists/Feet Aggravated Assault categories decreased 41.7% and 55.0% respectively.

Most offenses (85.7%) had been cleared by the end of 2020. Most categories of Violent Offenses committed in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable to the previous four years.

Tables 35–41 and Figure 18 provide detailed information about Sussex County Violent Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends from 2009 are shown in Figure 18.



Figure 18: Sussex County Violent Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020
Sussex County Violent Orenses C		-	s, 2016 – 20	020	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Violent Offenses	4,671	4,700	4,739	4,635	4,415
Percent Cleared	84.5%	84.9%	85.0%	85.5%	85.7%
Criminal Homicide	7	2	6	5	13
Percent Cleared	42.9%	100.0%	83.3%	60.0%	53.8%
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	6	2	6	3	7
Percent Cleared	33.3%	100.0%	83.3%	66.7%	28.6%
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0	2	6
Percent Cleared	100.0%	N/A	N/A	50.0%	83.3%
Human Trafficking	10	1	3	16	2
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	33.3%	0.0%	100.0%
Commercial Sex Act	10	1	3	8	2
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	33.3%	0.0%	100.0%
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	8	0
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A
Kidnapping/Abduction	45	51	57	67	48
Percent Cleared	82.2%	88.2%	91.2%	82.1%	85.4%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	201	248	211	187	131
Percent Cleared	64.7%	63.7%	65.4%	56.7%	61.8%
Rape by Force	63	76	62	49	45
Percent Cleared	46.0%	71.1%	59.7%	36.7%	48.9%
Rape by Force - Attempted	2	6	6	2	0
Percent Cleared	50.0%	66.7%	83.3%	100.0%	N/A
Forcible Sodomy	18	27	18	11	11
Percent Cleared	94.4%	51.9%	77.8%	45.5%	90.9%
Sexual Assault with Object	11	15	16	10	6
Percent Cleared	72.7%	73.3%	43.8%	70.0%	100.0%
Forcible Fondling	107	124	106	114	68
Percent Cleared	70.1%	60.5%	68.9%	64.0%	61.8%
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0	0	3	1	1
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 35: Sussex County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Violent Offense	s and Cleara	inces, 2016	– 2020 (C	ontinued)	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Robbery	152	144	101	82	72
Percent Cleared	45.4%	52.8%	49.5%	43.9%	43.1%
Firearm	48	53	35	21	21
Percent Cleared	29.2%	43.4%	40.0%	33.3%	23.8%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	12	27	9	6	8
Percent Cleared	58.3%	51.9%	44.4%	16.7%	50.0%
Other Dangerous Weapon	12	13	4	12	7
Percent Cleared	33.3%	69.2%	75.0%	41.7%	42.9%
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	80	51	53	43	36
Percent Cleared	55.0%	58.8%	54.7%	53.5%	52.8%
Assault	4,256	4,254	4,361	4,278	4,149
Percent Cleared	86.9%	87.2%	86.7%	88.0%	87.2%
Aggravated	616	510	544	608	621
Percent Cleared	73.7%	75.3%	77.9%	77.8%	77.0%
Firearm	170	119	128	145	189
Percent Cleared	50.0%	56.3%	65.6%	58.6%	64.0%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	103	93	106	103	102
Percent Cleared	92.2%	83.9%	87.7%	89.3%	89.2%
Other Dangerous Weapons	249	239	246	285	257
Percent Cleared	81.9%	79.9%	78.9%	82.8%	82.1%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	94	59	64	75	73
Percent Cleared	74.5%	81.4%	82.8%	80.0%	75.3%
Other Assaults	3,640	3,744	3,817	3,670	3,528
Percent Cleared	89.2%	88.8%	88.0%	89.6%	89.1%
Simple/Harassment	2,842	3,006	3,062	3,005	2,801
Percent Cleared	92.2%	91.4%	90.8%	91.9%	91.9%
Intimidation	798	738	755	665	727
Percent Cleared	78.4%	78.0%	76.8%	79.2%	78.3%

Table 35: Sussex County Violent Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020 (continued)

Percentage Differe	ence in Sus	sex County	Violent O	ffenses Re	ceived	
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
All Violent Offenses	0.6%	0.8%	-2.2%	-4.7%	-5.5%	-5.8%
Criminal Homicide	-71.4%	200.0%	-16.7%	160.0%	85.7%	160.0%
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	-66.7%	200.0%	-50.0%	133.3%	16.7%	64.7%
Negligent Manslaughter	-100.0%	0.0%	200.0%	200.0%	500.0%	700.0%
Human Trafficking	-90.0%	200.0%	433.3%	-87.5%	-80.0%	-73.3%
Commercial Sex Act	-90.0%	200.0%	166.7%	-75.0%	-80.0%	-63.6%
Involuntary Servitude	0.0%	0.0%	800.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	13.3%	11.8%	17.5%	-28.4%	6.7%	-12.7%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	23.4%	-14.9%	-11.4%	-29.9%	-34.8%	-38.1%
Rape by Force	20.6%	-18.4%	-21.0%	-8.2%	-28.6%	-28.0%
Rape by Force - Attempted	200.0%	0.0%	-66.7%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Forcible Sodomy	50.0%	-33.3%	-38.9%	0.0%	-38.9%	-40.5%
Sexual Assault with Object	36.4%	6.7%	-37.5%	-40.0%	-45.5%	-53.8%
Forcible Fondling	15.9%	-14.5%	7.5%	-40.4%	-36.4%	-39.7%
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0.0%	300.0%	-66.7%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Robbery	-5.3%	-29.9%	-18.8%	-12.2%	-52.6%	-39.9%
Firearm	10.4%	-34.0%	-40.0%	0.0%	-56.3%	-46.5%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	125.0%	-66.7%	-33.3%	33.3%	-33.3%	-40.7%
Other Dangerous Weapon	8.3%	-69.2%	200.0%	-41.7%	-41.7%	-31.7%
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	-36.3%	3.9%	-18.9%	-16.3%	-55.0%	-36.6%
Assault	-0.1%	2.5%	-1.9%	-3.0%	-2.5%	-3.2%
Aggravated	-17.2%	6.7%	11.8%	2.1%	0.8%	9.0%
Firearm	-30.0%	7.6%	13.3%	30.3%	11.2%	34.5%
Knife or Cutting Instrument	-9.7%	14.0%	-2.8%	-1.0%	-1.0%	0.7%
Other Dangerous Weapons	-4.0%	2.9%	15.9%	-41.7%	-41.7%	-31.7%
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	-37.2%	8.5%	17.2%	-16.3%	-55.0%	-36.6%
Other Assaults	2.9%	2.0%	-3.9%	-3.9%	-3.1%	-5.1%
Simple/Harassment	5.8%	1.9%	-1.9%	-6.8%	-1.4%	-6.0%
Intimidation	-7.5%	2.3%	-11.9%	9.3%	-8.9%	-1.6%

Table 36: Percentage Difference in Sussex County Violent Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Crime Rates for Sussex C Sussex County Population					
Sussex County Population	218,820 2016	233,010 2017	229,087 2018	231,619 2019	239,384 2020
All Violent Offenses	2010	2017	2018	2015	18.4
Criminal Homicide	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Negligent Manslaughter	0.0	0.0	0.0	<0.1	<0.1
Human Trafficking	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1
Commercial Sex Act	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Involuntary Servitude	0.0	0.0	0.0	<0.1	0.0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.5
Rape by Force	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Rape by Force - Attempted	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.0
Forcible Sodomy	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Sexual Assault with Object	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Forcible Fondling	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Robbery	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3
Firearm	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Other Dangerous Weapon	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Assault	19.4	19.1	19.0	18.5	17.3
Aggravated	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6
Firearm	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other Dangerous Weapons	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1
Hands, Fists, Feet, Agg. Injury	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other Assaults	16.6	16.8	16.7	15.8	14.7
Simple/Harassment	13.0	13.5	13.4	13.0	11.7
Intimidation	3.6	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.0

Table 37: Crime Rates for Sussex County Violent Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 20

Sussex County Violent Offense Arrests

Sussex County Adult Arrest					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	2	3	8	3	2
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	2	3	8	3	2
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	3	1	0	0	0
Commercial Sex Act	3	1	0	0	0
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	34	39	45	49	42
Sex Offenses, Forcible	38	41	37	34	37
Rape by Force	13	22	11	7	13
Rape by Force - Attempted	0	2	2	2	0
Forcible Sodomy	5	3	4	2	4
Sexual Assault with Object	2	1	2	2	4
Forcible Fondling	18	13	18	20	16
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0	0	0	1	0
Robbery	72	82	48	41	36
Firearm	13	33	15	10	9
Knife or Cutting Instrument	8	9	1	2	5
Other Dangerous Weapon	9	5	3	3	3
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	42	35	29	26	19
Assault	1,420	1,339	1,396	1,373	1,328
Aggravated	288	243	253	276	301
Firearm	48	27	34	37	59
Knife or Cutting Instrument	64	56	54	49	66
Other Dangerous Weapons	120	117	127	143	136
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	56	43	38	47	40
Other Assaults	1,132	1,096	1,143	1,097	1,027
Simple/Harassment	922	885	942	924	850
Intimidation	210	211	201	173	177

Table 38: Total Sussex County Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Adult Arrests	for Violent Offen	ses by Gen	der, Race,	and Ethnici	ty
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	2	3	8	3	2
Percent Male	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent White	50.0%	66.7%	12.5%	66.7%	0.0%
Percent Black	50.0%	33.3%	87.5%	33.3%	100.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	34	39	45	49	42
Percent Male	94.1%	92.3%	88.9%	89.8%	92.9%
Percent White	70.6%	56.4%	60.0%	67.3%	64.3%
Percent Black	29.4%	43.6%	40.0%	32.7%	35.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	20.6%	0.0%	8.9%	12.2%	7.1%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	38	41	37	34	37
Percent Male	94.7%	92.7%	97.3%	97.1%	100.0%
Percent White	78.9%	58.5%	64.9%	67.6%	73.0%
Percent Black	21.1%	34.1%	35.1%	32.4%	21.6%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	28.9%	17.1%	21.6%	26.5%	27.0%
Robbery	72	82	48	41	36
Percent Male	77.8%	87.8%	85.4%	82.9%	75.0%
Percent White	59.7%	41.5%	64.6%	24.4%	47.2%
Percent Black	40.3%	58.5%	35.4%	75.6%	52.8%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.8%	3.7%	10.4%	9.8%	5.6%
Assault	1,420	1,339	1,396	1,373	1,328
Aggravated	288	243	253	276	301
Percent Male	72.9%	72.4%	72.3%	75.0%	73.4%
Percent White	50.0%	58.4%	60.1%	58.0%	60.8%
Percent Black	49.7%	40.7%	39.1%	41.3%	38.2%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.9%	6.2%	8.7%	7.6%	10.0%
Other Assaults	1,132	1,096	1,143	1,097	1,027
Percent Male	73.6%	69.9%	71.5%	73.3%	73.3%
Percent White	62.9%	64.0%	62.5%	62.9%	59.5%
Percent Black	36.7%	35.4%	36.9%	36.4%	39.8%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.8%	6.7%	5.9%	5.7%	9.0%

Table 39: SC Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – Violent Offenses									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0				
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0				
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0				
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0				
Commercial Sex Act	0	0	0	0	0				
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0				
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	3	2	2	0				
Sex Offenses, Forcible	19	18	16	11	8				
Rape by Force	6	5	4	1	2				
Rape by Force - Attempted	0	0	0	1	0				
Forcible Sodomy	1	2	1	1	1				
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	0	0	0				
Forcible Fondling	12	11	11	8	5				
Forcible Fondling- Attempted	0	0	0	0	0				
Robbery	7	14	7	7	3				
Firearm	0	4	0	1	0				
Knife or Cutting Instrument	0	0	1	1	1				
Other Dangerous Weapon	0	6	0	4	0				
Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet)	7	4	6	1	2				
Assault	223	223	209	195	151				
Aggravated	39	31	41	35	27				
Firearm	7	5	6	5	4				
Knife or Cutting Instrument	7	6	14	8	6				
Other Dangerous Weapons	18	14	13	15	10				
Hands, Fists, Feet, Aggravated Injury	7	6	8	7	7				
Other Assaults	184	192	168	160	124				
Simple/Harassment	167	164	150	142	108				
Intimidation	17	28	18	18	16				

Table 40: Total Sussex County Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Juvenile Arres	ts for Violent Offe	nses by Ge	nder, Race	, and Ethnie	city
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	3	2	2	0
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A
Percent White	50.0%	100.0%	50.0%	0.0%	N/A
Percent Black	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%	N/A
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A
Sex Offenses, Forcible	19	18	16	11	8
Percent Male	100.0%	94.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent White	47.4%	50.0%	50.0%	63.6%	25.0%
Percent Black	52.6%	50.0%	50.0%	36.4%	75.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	10.5%	0.0%	6.3%	9.1%	0.0%
Robbery	7	14	7	7	3
Percent Male	85.7%	85.7%	100.0%	71.4%	100.0%
Percent White	42.9%	35.7%	14.3%	42.9%	66.7%
Percent Black	57.1%	64.3%	85.7%	57.1%	33.3%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%
Assault	223	223	209	195	151
Aggravated	39	31	41	35	27
Percent Male	87.2%	77.4%	63.4%	77.1%	66.7%
Percent White	35.9%	38.7%	48.8%	51.4%	37.0%
Percent Black	64.1%	58.1%	51.2%	45.7%	63.0%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	7.3%	14.3%	11.1%
Other Assaults	184	192	168	160	124
Percent Male	60.3%	67.7%	58.3%	57.5%	61.3%
Percent White	38.6%	45.8%	51.8%	44.4%	43.5%
Percent Black	60.9%	51.0%	47.6%	55.0%	54.8%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.8%	6.3%	14.3%	5.6%	8.9%

Table 41: SC Juvenile Arrests for Violent Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Delaware Serious Property Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Serious Property Offenses were 26.3% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016, continuing an overall downward trend. The three most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses—Larceny, Burglary, and Motor Vehicle Theft—had mixed trends compared to 2016. Burglary and Larceny Offenses experienced decreases of 49.5% and almost 24%, respectively, compared with 2016. The number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses was 8.4% higher. Of special note:

- Burglary offenses have been decreasing across all three types of Burglaries since 2016.
- Theft from a Building decreased almost 27% from 2016. Theft from a Motor Vehicle decreased 20.9%, but year to year changes have been mixed. These are two of the most common Larceny offenses.
- Motor Vehicle Theft continued a 5-8% increase annually since 2016.

For almost all Serious Property Offense crimes, less than 28% of offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. However, offenses for most all crimes in this category were cleared at rates comparable to those for the previous four years.

Tables 42 – 48 and Figure 19 provide detailed information about Statewide Serious Property Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 19.



Figure 19: Delaware Serious Property Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Crime in Delaware, 2016 – 2020

Statewide Serious Offenses and Cle	arances – S	erious Pro	perty Offe	nses, 2016	5 – 2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Serious Property Offenses	27,565	24,298	23,420	22,872	20,315
Percent Cleared	31.4%	30.6%	28.8%	30.8%	27.7%
Arson	181	144	135	128	139
Percent Cleared	29.3%	27.1%	34.1%	39.1%	28.8%
Structure	85	81	84	73	80
Percent Cleared	34.1%	28.4%	41.7%	43.8%	27.5%
Mobile	38	30	23	29	25
Percent Cleared	7.9%	23.3%	21.7%	24.1%	24.0%
Other	58	33	28	26	34
Percent Cleared	36.2%	27.3%	21.4%	42.3%	35.3%
Extortion/Blackmail	26	31	61	45	74
Percent Cleared	30.8%	29.0%	14.8%	24.4%	12.2%
Burglary	5,082	3,873	3,229	3,049	2,565
Percent Cleared	31.0%	31.3%	30.1%	35.0%	36.1%
Forcible Entry	2,150	1,656	1,370	1,310	1,079
Percent Cleared	28.9%	33.3%	33.7%	32.1%	34.8%
Unlawful Entry - No force	2,371	1,799	1,520	1,446	1,214
Percent Cleared	34.8%	31.5%	28.2%	38.7%	35.6%
Attempted Forcible Entry	561	418	339	293	272
Percent Cleared	23.0%	22.5%	23.9%	29.7%	43.8%

Table 42: Statewide Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Statewide Serious Offenses and Clea	arances – S	erious Pro	perty Offe	enses (Con	tinued)
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Larceny/Theft	20,732	18,846	18,520	18,085	15,863
Percent Cleared	32.5%	31.5%	29.5%	30.8%	27.2%
Pocket Picking	39	25	44	37	35
Percent Cleared	23.1%	28.0%	25.0%	18.9%	22.9%
Purse Snatching	19	21	36	27	28
Percent Cleared	31.6%	23.8%	22.2%	37.0%	35.7%
Shoplifting	6,107	5 <i>,</i> 887	5,771	6,016	4,676
Percent Cleared	64.4%	56.5%	53.9%	51.5%	49.5%
Theft from Building	5,439	4,865	4,381	4,169	3,361
Percent Cleared	31.9%	32.6%	30.4%	32.0%	28.4%
From Coin Operated Machine	32	29	27	32	26
Percent Cleared	40.6%	24.1%	37.0%	9.4%	23.1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5,490	4,525	4,862	4,226	4,340
Percent Cleared	11.1%	11.1%	10.1%	13.6%	11.3%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	933	786	818	707	979
Percent Cleared	5.9%	7.5%	6.7%	7.9%	8.4%
Other	2,673	2,708	2,581	2,871	2,418
Percent Cleared	14.1%	16.4%	17.2%	16.7%	18.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,544	1,404	1,475	1,565	1,674
Percent Cleared	18.9%	17.3%	17.5%	23.2%	20.0%
Autos	1,177	1,062	1,086	1,223	1,317
Percent Cleared	17.8%	16.6%	17.9%	23.5%	18.6%
Trucks and Buses	129	106	135	140	136
Percent Cleared	24.0%	23.6%	21.5%	22.1%	25.0%
Other Vehicles	238	236	254	202	221
Percent Cleared	21.8%	17.8%	13.8%	21.8%	25.3%

Table 42: Statewide Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses... (Continued)

	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
All Serious Property Offenses	-11.9%	-3.6%	-2.3%	-11.2%	-26.3%	-17.2%
Arson	-20.4%	-6.3%	-5.2%	8.6%	-23.2%	-5.4%
Structure	-4.7%	3.7%	-13.1%	9.6%	-5.9%	-0.9%
Mobile	-21.1%	-23.3%	26.1%	-13.8%	-34.2%	-16.7%
Other	-43.1%	-15.2%	-7.1%	30.8%	-41.4%	-6.2%
Extortion/Blackmail	19.2%	96.8%	-26.2%	64.4%	184.6%	81.6%
Burglary	-23.8%	-16.6%	-5.6%	-15.9%	-49.5%	-32.6%
Forcible Entry	-23.0%	-17.3%	-4.4%	-17.6%	-49.8%	-33.5%
Unlawful Entry - No force	-24.1%	-15.5%	-4.9%	-16.0%	-48.8%	-32.0%
Attempted Forcible Entry	-25.5%	-18.9%	-13.6%	-7.2%	-51.5%	-32.5%
Larceny/Theft	-9.1%	-1.7%	-2.3%	-12.3%	-23.5%	-16.7%
Pocket Picking	-35.9%	76.0%	-15.9%	-5.4%	-10.3%	-3.4%
Purse Snatching	10.5%	71.4%	-25.0%	3.7%	47.4%	8.7%
Shoplifting	-3.6%	-2.0%	4.2%	-22.3%	-23.4%	-21.3%
Theft from Building	-10.6%	-10.0%	-4.8%	-19.4%	-38.2%	-28.7%
From Coin Operated Machine	-9.4%	-6.9%	18.5%	-18.8%	-18.8%	-13.3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	-17.6%	7.5%	-13.1%	2.7%	-20.9%	-9.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	-15.8%	4.1%	-13.6%	38.5%	4.9%	20.7%
Other	1.3%	-4.7%	11.2%	-15.8%	-9.5%	-10.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	-9.1%	5.1%	6.1%	7.0%	8.4%	11.8%
Autos	-9.8%	2.3%	12.6%	7.7%	11.9%	15.8%
Trucks and Buses	-17.8%	27.4%	3.7%	-2.9%	5.4%	6.7%
Other Vehicles	-0.8%	7.6%	-20.5%	9.4%	-7.1%	-4.9%

Table 43: Delaware Percentage Difference in Serious Property Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Crime Rates for Delaware Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 2020										
Delaware Population	954,077	967,813	974,051	972,332	979,920					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
Arson	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Structure	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Mobile	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Other	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Extortion/Blackmail	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1					
Burglary	5.3	4.0	3.3	3.1	2.6					
Forcible Entry	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.1					
Unlawful Entry - No force	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.2					
Attempted Forcible Entry	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3					
Larceny/Theft	21.7	19.5	19.0	18.6	16.2					
Pocket Picking	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Purse Snatching	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Shoplifting	6.4	6.1	5.9	6.2	4.8					
Theft from Building	5.7	5.0	4.5	4.3	3.4					
From Coin Operated Machine	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5.8	4.7	5.0	4.3	4.4					
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0					
Other	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.0	2.5					
Motor Vehicle Theft	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7					
Autos	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3					
Trucks and Buses	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
	0	0.2	0.3		0.2					

Table 44: Crime Rates for Delaware Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 16-20

Delaware Serious Property Offense Arrests

Statewide Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Arson	22	14	22	18	13				
Structure	11	5	15	11	6				
Mobile	2	6	4	4	3				
Other	9	3	3	3	4				
Extortion/Blackmail	4	3	4	2	2				
Burglary	923	799	548	621	538				
Forcible Entry	388	361	245	249	224				
Unlawful Entry - No force	492	404	257	341	279				
Attempted Forcible Entry	43	34	46	31	35				
Larceny/Theft	5,448	4,610	4,143	4,185	3,186				
Pocket Picking	5	2	10	3	6				
Purse Snatching	2	3	5	3	3				
Shoplifting	3,974	3,216	3,020	2,996	2,298				
Theft from Building	1,022	906	687	700	466				
From Coin Operated Machine	12	4	1	1	9				
Theft from Motor Vehicle	238	225	180	227	151				
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	28	34	29	29	42				
Other	167	220	211	226	211				
Motor Vehicle Theft	90	104	76	119	101				
	60	87	58	91	72				
Autos	60	0,							
Autos Trucks and Buses	10	9	13	16	9				

Table 45: Statewide Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

	2016 2017 2018 2019 2							
Arson	22	14	22	18	13			
Percent Male	72.7%	92.9%	54.5%	77.8%	84.6%			
Percent White	72.7%	57.1%	40.9%	44.4%	53.8%			
Percent Black	22.7%	42.9%	54.5%	55.6%	46.2%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	7.7%			
Extortion/Blackmail	4	3	4	2	2			
Percent Male	100.0%	66.7%	50.0%	100.0%	50.0%			
Percent White	50.0%	100.0%	75.0%	100.0%	50.0%			
Percent Black	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	50.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Burglary	923	799	548	621	538			
Percent Male	84.0%	83.2%	85.9%	83.9%	81.2%			
Percent White	69.0%	65.1%	59.9%	59.9%	50.7%			
Percent Black	30.2%	34.7%	39.8%	39.5%	48.1%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.8%	4.4%	3.3%	5.8%	3.3%			
Larceny/Theft	5,448	4,610	4,143	4,185	3,186			
Percent Male	56.5%	58.4%	57.4%	61.2%	62.0%			
Percent White	61.6%	59.5%	57.4%	51.8%	55.0%			
Percent Black	37.8%	39.9%	42.0%	47.7%	44.6%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.1%	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%	3.9%			
Motor Vehicle Theft	90	104	76	119	101			
Percent Male	75.6%	83.7%	78.9%	77.3%	83.2%			
Percent White	54.4%	49.0%	60.5%	43.7%	47.5%			
Percent Black	45.6%	50.0%	36.8%	56.3%	52.5%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.3%	2.9%	2.6%	6.7%	8.9%			

Table 46: Statewide Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 20, by Demographics

Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Arson	4	18	2	7	7			
Structure	1	15	1	6	4			
Mobile	0	1	0	1	1			
Other	3	2	1	0	2			
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0			
Burglary	141	146	132	146	141			
Forcible Entry	57	84	56	53	39			
Unlawful Entry - No force	69	59	64	87	89			
Attempted Forcible Entry	15	3	12	6	13			
Larceny/Theft	552	473	370	335	188			
Pocket Picking	0	3	1	0	0			
Purse Snatching	0	2	3	1	5			
Shoplifting	340	258	205	154	93			
Theft from Building	98	108	62	64	30			
From Coin Operated Machine	0	1	1	0	0			
Theft from Motor Vehicle	71	37	59	74	32			
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	0	4	0	3	0			
Other	43	60	39	39	28			
Motor Vehicle Theft	34	34	41	75	59			
Autos	25	21	32	62	54			
Trucks and Buses	2	5	0	9	4			
Other Vehicles	7	8	9	4	1			

Table 47: Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

	2016	2017	2020		
Arson	4	18	2018 2	7	7
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent White	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	42.9%	14.3%
Percent Black	100.0%	33.3%	100.0%	57.1%	85.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	C
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Burglary	141	146	132	146	141
Percent Male	93.6%	90.4%	89.4%	89.7%	90.8%
Percent White	36.0%	51.4%	28.8%	37.7%	43.3%
Percent Black	61.0%	48.6%	71.2%	61.0%	56.7%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.8%	14.4%	6.1%	8.2%	10.6%
Larceny/Theft	552	473	370	335	188
Percent Male	61.6%	64.5%	62.2%	68.1%	70.2%
Percent White	40.8%	34.2%	35.9%	31.6%	25.5%
Percent Black	58.9%	64.7%	63.5%	67.8%	72.9%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.8%	7.8%	5.9%	6.3%	2.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	34	34	41	75	59
Percent Male	88.2%	100.0%	90.2%	86.7%	89.8%
Percent White	35.3%	38.2%	22.0%	10.7%	10.2%
Percent Black	61.8%	61.8%	78.0%	89.3%	89.8%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.9%	5.9%	7.3%	2.7%	6.8%

Table 48: Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 20, by Demographics

New Castle County Serious Property Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Serious Property Offenses in the county were almost 26% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. Two out of the three most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses—Larceny and Burglary—decreased significantly, 25.7% and 40.8%. Motor Vehicle Theft increased from 2016 by 7.7%. Of special note:

- Shoplifting and Theft from a Building, two of the three most common Larceny Offenses, decreased 37.9% and 38.7% compared to 2016. The third offense, Theft from a Motor Vehicle decreased 17.7%.
- Motor Vehicle Theft has been increasing from 4-9% since 2016.

For almost all Serious Property Offense crimes, just under 20% of offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. While offenses for most crimes within this category were cleared at rates comparable to those for the previous four years, most of the categories were at low points in clearance rates in 2020.

Tables 49 – 55 and Figure 20 provide detailed information about New Castle County Serious Property Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 20.





New Castle County Serious O	ffenses and Clea	arances – S	Serious Pr	operty Off	enses
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Serious Property Offenses	16,839	14,454	14,274	13,643	12,520
Percent Cleared	26.3%	24.7%	22.6%	25.1%	19.9%
Arson	92	69	58	55	74
Percent Cleared	27.2%	21.7%	19.0%	45.5%	31.1%
Structure	42	39	27	29	40
Percent Cleared	38.1%	23.1%	25.9%	48.3%	30.0%
Mobile	24	16	16	16	17
Percent Cleared	8.3%	18.8%	6.3%	25.0%	23.5%
Other	26	14	15	10	17
Percent Cleared	26.9%	21.4%	20.0%	70.0%	41.2%
Extortion/Blackmail	14	20	36	26	24
Percent Cleared	28.6%	15.0%	16.7%	23.1%	0.0%
Burglary	2,761	2,151	1,821	1,735	1,635
Percent Cleared	23.5%	27.4%	27.5%	34.2%	32.4%
Forcible Entry	1,203	903	799	753	700
Percent Cleared	21.6%	28.1%	29.0%	27.4%	28.4%
Unlawful Entry - No force	1,243	990	839	816	740
Percent Cleared	26.5%	28.6%	27.2%	40.4%	31.6%
Attempted Forcible Entry	315	258	183	166	195
Percent Cleared	18.7%	20.2%	22.4%	34.3%	49.7%

Table 49: New Castle Cnty Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses, 16-20

New Castle County S	New Castle County Serious Offenses and Clearances –								
Serious Property	Offenses (Continued							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Larceny/Theft	12,772	11,166	11,272	10,644	9,495				
Percent Cleared	28.1%	25.4%	22.8%	24.3%	18.5%				
Pocket Picking	23	15	28	26	28				
Percent Cleared	21.7%	20.0%	28.6%	19.2%	17.9%				
Purse Snatching	13	16	22	17	21				
Percent Cleared	38.5%	12.5%	18.2%	29.4%	28.6%				
Shoplifting	3,750	3,389	3,178	3,293	2,330				
Percent Cleared	63.1%	53.3%	48.7%	45.5%	41.8%				
Theft from Building	2,971	2,637	2,467	2,330	1,822				
Percent Cleared	25.4%	25.5%	23.8%	26.7%	20.9%				
From Coin Operated Machine	18	14	5	19	7				
Percent Cleared	27.8%	35.7%	0.0%	5.3%	14.3%				
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3,999	3,261	3,596	3 <i>,</i> 053	3,292				
Percent Cleared	6.9%	5.3%	5.5%	7.6%	6.0%				
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	699	537	628	514	737				
Percent Cleared	4.4%	4.5%	4.8%	6.4%	4.3%				
Other	1,299	1,297	1,348	1,392	1,258				
Percent Cleared	11.3%	12.0%	14.5%	13.6%	12.6%				
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,200	1,048	1,087	1,183	1,292				
Percent Cleared	13.8%	11.0%	12.2%	18.7%	14.6%				
Autos	994	874	865	981	1,090				
Percent Cleared	14.1%	10.1%	13.1%	19.0%	15.0%				
Trucks and Buses	94	71	93	109	91				
Percent Cleared	17.0%	18.3%	12.9%	17.4%	13.2%				
Other Vehicles	112	103	129	93	111				
Percent Cleared	8.9%	13.6%	6.2%	17.2%	11.7%				

Table 49: New Castle... Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses (cont.)

New Castle County Percentage Difference in Serious Property Offenses Received										
	16 - 17	17 – 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	Average 16-19 vs 20				
All Serious Property Offenses	-14.2%	-1.2%	-4.4%	-8.2%	-25.6%	-15.4%				
Arson	-25.0%	-15.9%	-5.2%	34.5%	-19.6%	8.0%				
Structure	-7.1%	-30.8%	7.4%	37.9%	-4.8%	16.8%				
Mobile	-33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	-29.2%	-5.6%				
Other	-46.2%	7.1%	-33.3%	70.0%	-34.6%	4.6%				
Extortion/Blackmail	42.9%	80.0%	-27.8%	-7.7%	71.4%	0.0%				
Burglary	-22.1%	-15.3%	-4.7%	-5.8%	-40.8%	-22.8%				
Forcible Entry	-24.9%	-11.5%	-5.8%	-7.0%	-41.8%	-23.5%				
Unlawful Entry - No force	-20.4%	-15.3%	-2.7%	-9.3%	-40.5%	-23.9%				
Attempted Forcible Entry	-18.1%	-29.1%	-9.3%	17.5%	-38.1%	-15.4%				
Larceny/Theft	-12.6%	0.9%	-5.6%	-10.8%	-25.7%	-17.2%				
Pocket Picking	-34.8%	86.7%	-7.1%	7.7%	21.7%	21.7%				
Purse Snatching	23.1%	37.5%	-22.7%	23.5%	61.5%	23.5%				
Shoplifting	-9.6%	-6.2%	3.6%	-29.2%	-37.9%	-31.5%				
Theft from Building	-11.2%	-6.4%	-5.6%	-21.8%	-38.7%	-30.0%				
From Coin Operated Machine	-22.2%	-64.3%	280.0%	-63.2%	-61.1%	-50.0%				
Theft from Motor Vehicle	-18.5%	10.3%	-15.1%	7.8%	-17.7%	-5.3%				
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	-23.2%	16.9%	-18.2%	43.4%	5.4%	24.0%				
Other	-0.2%	3.9%	3.3%	-9.6%	-3.2%	-5.7%				
Motor Vehicle Theft	-12.7%	3.7%	8.8%	9.2%	7.7%	14.4%				
Autos	-12.1%	-1.0%	13.4%	11.1%	9.7%	17.4%				
Trucks and Buses	-24.5%	31.0%	17.2%	-16.5%	-3.2%	-0.8%				
Other Vehicles	-8.0%	25.2%	-27.9%	19.4%	-0.9%	1.6%				

Table 50: New Castle Cnty Percentage Difference in Serious Property Offenses Received, 16-20

Crime Rates for New Castle County Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People										
New Castle County Population	560,147	564,193	564,568	562,694	558,863					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
Arson	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Structure	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1					
Mobile	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Other	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Extortion/Blackmail	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Burglary	7.2	3.8	3.2	3.1	2.9					
Forcible Entry	2.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3					
Unlawful Entry - No force	3.6	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.3					
Attempted Forcible Entry	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3					
Larceny/Theft	17.3	19.8	20.0	18.9	17.0					
Pocket Picking	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1					
Purse Snatching	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Shoplifting	4.7	6.0	5.6	5.8	4.2					
Theft from Building	5.6	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.3					
From Coin Operated Machine	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2.7	5.8	6.4	5.4	5.9					
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.3					
Other	3.6	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.3					
Motor Vehicle Theft	0.7	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3					
Autos	0.3	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.0					
Trucks and Buses	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2					
Other Vehicles	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2					

Table 51: Crime Rates for NCC Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 20

New Castle County Serious Property Offense Arrests

New Castle County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Arson	12	6	8	10	9				
Structure	6	3	4	6	5				
Mobile	1	2	1	2	2				
Other	5	1	3	2	2				
Extortion/Blackmail	2	0	2	2	0				
Burglary	350	318	262	307	258				
Forcible Entry	143	137	119	118	109				
Unlawful Entry - No force	185	167	119	170	123				
Attempted Forcible Entry	22	14	24	19	26				
Larceny/Theft	3,018	2,274	1,985	2,007	1,337				
Pocket Picking	4	1	7	3	4				
Purse Snatching	0	1	3	1	2				
Shoplifting	2,387	1,737	1,490	1,449	964				
Theft from Building	448	351	293	351	201				
From Coin Operated Machine	5	3	0	0	2				
Theft from Motor Vehicle	87	85	78	85	51				
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	17	15	18	22	19				
Other	70	81	96	96	94				
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	39	29	55	41				
Autos	33	30	24	43	31				
Autos									
Trucks and Buses	4	6	3	7	3				

Table 52: New Castle County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

New Castle County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Arson	12	6	8	10	9				
Percent Male	66.7%	100.0%	37.5%	90.0%	77.8%				
Percent White	66.7%	66.7%	50.0%	50.0%	44.4%				
Percent Black	25.0%	33.3%	50.0%	50.0%	55.6%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	11.1%				
Extortion/Blackmail	2	0	2	2	0				
Percent Male	100.0%	N/A	0.0%	100.0%	N/A				
Percent White	0.0%	N/A	50.0%	100.0%	N/A				
Percent Black	100.0%	N/A	50.0%	0.0%	N/A				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	N/A				
Burglary	350	318	262	307	258				
Percent Male	86.3%	85.2%	90.5%	85.3%	78.7%				
Percent White	62.3%	51.9%	50.4%	55.7%	41.1%				
Percent Black	37.7%	48.1%	48.9%	44.0%	58.1%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.9%	7.2%	5.7%	8.8%	5.0%				
Larceny/Theft	3,018	2,274	1,985	2,007	1,337				
Percent Male	52.9%	57.0%	55.6%	57.9%	60.1%				
Percent White	58.0%	53.2%	51.2%	46.8%	50.6%				
Percent Black	41.2%	45.9%	48.4%	52.6%	48.9%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.9%	4.3%	4.5%	5.0%	4.8%				
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	39	29	55	41				
Percent Male	82.5%	87.2%	79.3%	81.8%	85.4%				
Percent White	40.0%	46.2%	58.6%	38.2%	36.6%				
Percent Black	60.0%	51.3%	37.9%	61.8%	63.4%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.5%	7.7%	6.9%	9.1%	4.9%				

Table 53: NCC Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, 16-20

New Castle County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Arson	1	4	0	2	3			
Structure	1	4	0	2	0			
Mobile	0	0	0	0	1			
Other	0	0	0	0	2			
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0			
Burglary	77	79	73	85	87			
Forcible Entry	30	44	35	24	15			
Unlawful Entry - No force	39	34	32	56	63			
Attempted Forcible Entry	8	1	6	5	9			
Larceny/Theft	318	263	214	213	110			
Pocket Picking	0	3	1	0	0			
Purse Snatching	0	1	3	0	4			
Shoplifting	209	164	122	100	51			
Theft from Building	49	56	33	35	19			
From Coin Operated Machine	0	1	0	0	0			
Theft from Motor Vehicle	49	20	31	54	20			
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	0	0	0	2	0			
Other	11	18	24	22	16			
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	18	23	53	49			
Autos	18	10	21	42	45			
Trucks and Buses	2	4	0	9	3			
Other Vehicles	1	4	2	2	1			

Table 54: New Castle County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

New Castle County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Arson	1	4	0	2	3				
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	100.0%				
Percent White	0.0%	25.0%	N/A	50.0%	0.0%				
Percent Black	100.0%	75.0%	N/A	50.0%	100.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	50.0%	N/A	0.05	0.05				
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0				
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Burglary	77	79	73	85	87				
Percent Male	93.5%	94.9%	86.3%	96.5%	90.8%				
Percent White	33.8%	45.6%	16.4%	25.9%	33.3%				
Percent Black	66.2%	54.4%	83.6%	74.1%	66.7%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	10.4%	16.5%	6.8%	9.4%	13.8%				
Larceny/Theft	318	263	214	213	110				
Percent Male	57.2%	63.5%	62.1%	64.3%	71.8%				
Percent White	38.4%	30.8%	29.0%	24.4%	15.5%				
Percent Black	61.3%	67.7%	70.6%	75.1%	81.8%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	8.8%	8.4%	8.9%	6.1%	2.7%				
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	18	23	53	49				
Percent Male	85.7%	100.0%	82.6%	90.6%	89.8%				
Percent White	33.3%	38.9%	17.4%	11.3%	6.1%				
Percent Black	66.7%	61.1%	82.6%	88.7%	93.9%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	13.0%	3.8%	8.2%				

Table 55: NCC Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Kent County Serious Property Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Serious Property Offenses in the county were 22.8% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. Two of the three most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses — Larceny and Burglary decreased considerably. The number of Larceny Offenses decreased 21.1% from 2016 to 2020, with Burglary decreasing 44.8%. Motor Vehicle Theft, the other most common offense, increased 24.3% from 2016 to 2020. Of special note:

- Shoplifting Offenses have increased 2.83% since 2016 but dropped 12.4% in the short-term from 2019 to 2020 after steady increases.
- Theft from a Building Offenses decreased notably since 2016 (32.9%) and has been decreasing steadily every year.
- Motor Vehicle Theft has increased 24.3% since 2016 but decreased from a 2019 high. Year to year changes and the type of vehicle stolen is very mixed.

For all Serious Property Offense crimes, almost 39% of offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Most offenses within this category were cleared at rates roughly comparable to those for the previous four years.

Tables 56 – 62 and Figure 21 provide detailed information about Kent County Serious Property Offenses, clearances, and juvenile and adult arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 21.



Figure 21: Kent County Serious Property Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Kent County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
All Serious Property Offenses	5,164	4,643	4,406	4,556	3 <i>,</i> 987	
Percent Cleared	38.2%	39.5%	37.9%	39.7%	37.5%	
Arson	52	42	32	39	33	
Percent Cleared	36.5%	31.0%	34.4%	35.9%	21.2%	
Structure	23	26	19	22	21	
Percent Cleared	39.1%	38.5%	36.8%	45.5%	28.6%	
Mobile	10	6	4	6	2	
Percent Cleared	10.0%	16.7%	50.0%	33.3%	0.0%	
Other	19	10	9	11	10	
Percent Cleared	47.4%	20.0%	22.2%	18.2%	10.0%	
Extortion/Blackmail	4	3	8	5	18	
Percent Cleared	25.0%	66.7%	25.0%	40.0%	16.7%	
Burglary	747	598	447	464	412	
Percent Cleared	37.5%	40.5%	37.6%	47.2%	35.9%	
Forcible Entry	333	277	187	225	171	
Percent Cleared	39.3%	43.0%	44.9%	52.9%	39.2%	
Unlawful Entry - No force	345	280	210	213	209	
Percent Cleared	37.1%	39.6%	33.8%	42.3%	24.0%	
Attempted Forcible Entry	69	41	50	26	32	
Percent Cleared	30.4%	29.3%	26.0%	38.5%	31.3%	

Table 56: Kent County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 20

Kent County Serious Offenses and Cle	earances –	Serious Pr	operty Of	fenses (Co	ntinued)
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Larceny/Theft	4,176	3,825	3,699	3,817	3,294
Percent Cleared	38.7%	39.5%	38.7%	39.0%	38.6%
Pocket Picking	4	6	12	5	4
Percent Cleared	0.0%	33.3%	16.7%	20.0%	50.0%
Purse Snatching	5	4	11	5	7
Percent Cleared	20.0%	75.0%	27.3%	20.0%	57.1%
Shoplifting	1,334	1,388	1,478	1,565	1,371
Percent Cleared	65.4%	59.0%	58.3%	55.6%	56.0%
Theft from Building	1,233	1,161	977	943	827
Percent Cleared	36.1%	37.7%	34.9%	37.0%	32.3%
From Coin Operated Machine	2	6	7	4	4
Percent Cleared	100.0%	16.7%	42.9%	25.0%	75.0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	900	580	591	538	517
Percent Cleared	22.3%	20.2%	19.1%	25.7%	18.2%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	113	106	92	91	134
Percent Cleared	8.8%	6.6%	8.7%	12.1%	21.6%
Other	585	574	531	666	430
Percent Cleared	14.5%	21.8%	18.6%	17.7%	24.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	185	175	220	231	230
Percent Cleared	30.8%	38.3%	26.8%	37.2%	28.7%
Autos	112	101	142	172	163
Percent Cleared	30.4%	41.6%	31.7%	40.1%	28.2%
Trucks and Buses	20	15	18	21	17
Percent Cleared	40.0%	40.0%	22.2%	33.3%	52.9%
Other Vehicles	53	59	60	38	50
Percent Cleared	28.3%	32.2%	16.7%	26.3%	22.0%

Table 56: Kent... Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 20 (cont)

Kent County Percentage Difference in Serious Property Offenses Received, 2010 – 20								
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 – 20		
All Serious Property Offenses	-10.1%	-5.1%	3.4%	-12.5%	-22.8%	-15.0%		
Arson	-19.2%	-23.8%	21.9%	-15.4%	-36.5%	-21.4%		
Structure	13.0%	-26.9%	15.8%	-4.5%	-8.7%	-7.4%		
Mobile	-40.0%	-33.3%	50.0%	-66.7%	-80.0%	-70.0%		
Other	-47.4%	-10.0%	22.2%	-9.1%	-47.4%	-21.1%		
Extortion/Blackmail	-25.0%	166.7%	-37.5%	260.0%	350.0%	260.0%		
Burglary	-19.9%	-25.3%	3.8%	-11.2%	-44.8%	-31.0%		
Forcible Entry	-16.8%	-32.5%	20.3%	-24.0%	-48.6%	-35.6%		
Unlawful Entry - No force	-18.8%	-25.0%	1.4%	-1.9%	-39.4%	-24.9%		
Attempted Forcible Entry	-40.6%	22.0%	-48.0%	23.1%	-53.6%	-40.0%		
Larceny/Theft	-8.4%	-3.3%	3.2%	-13.7%	-21.1%	-15.5%		
Pocket Picking	50.0%	100.0%	-58.3%	-20.0%	0.0%	-45.5%		
Purse Snatching	-20.0%	175.0%	-54.5%	40.0%	40.0%	5.0%		
Shoplifting	4.0%	6.5%	5.9%	-12.4%	2.8%	-2.1%		
Theft from Building	-5.8%	-15.8%	-3.5%	-12.3%	-32.9%	-26.4%		
From Coin Operated Machine	200.0%	16.7%	-42.9%	0.0%	100.0%	-20.0%		
Theft from Motor Vehicle	-35.6%	1.9%	-9.0%	-3.9%	-42.6%	-25.1%		
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	-6.2%	-13.2%	-1.1%	47.3%	18.6%	29.3%		
Other	-1.9%	-7.5%	25.4%	-35.4%	-26.5%	-23.7%		
Motor Vehicle Theft	-5.4%	25.7%	5.0%	-0.4%	24.3%	19.0%		
Autos	-9.8%	40.6%	21.1%	-5.2%	45.5%	37.7%		
Trucks and Buses	-25.0%	20.0%	16.7%	-19.0%	-15.0%	-3.8%		
Other Vehicles	11.3%	1.7%	-36.7%	31.6%	-5.7%	-12.8%		

Table 57: Kent County Percentage Difference in Serious Property Offenses Received, 2016 – 20

Crime Rates for Kent County Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People								
Kent County Population	175,110	180,610	180,396	178,019	181,673			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Arson	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2			
Structure	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1			
Mobile	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1			
Other	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1			
Extortion/Blackmail	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	0.1			
Burglary	4.3	3.3	2.5	2.6	2.3			
Forcible Entry	1.9	1.5	1.0	1.3	0.9			
Unlawful Entry - No force	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2			
Attempted Forcible Entry	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2			
Larceny/Theft	23.8	21.2	20.5	21.4	18.1			
Pocket Picking	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1			
Purse Snatching	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1			
Shoplifting	7.6	7.7	8.2	8.8	7.5			
Theft from Building	7.0	6.4	5.4	5.3	4.6			
From Coin Operated Machine	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1			
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5.1	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.8			
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7			
Other	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.7	2.4			
Motor Vehicle Theft	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3			
Autos	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.9			
Trucks and Buses	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1			
Other Vehicles	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3			

Table 58: Crime Rates for Kent County Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People

Kent County Serious Property Offense Arrests

Kent County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Orienses, 2010 – 2020 Kent County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Arson	4	5	6	6	2		
Structure	1	2	4	3	1		
Mobile	1	2	2	2	0		
Other	2	1	0	1	1		
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	1	0	0		
Burglary	193	179	80	136	127		
Forcible Entry	87	81	37	63	40		
Unlawful Entry - No force	97	94	37	70	83		
Attempted Forcible Entry	9	4	6	3	4		
Larceny/Theft	1,267	1,189	1,110	1,122	1,002		
Pocket Picking	0	1	2	0	1		
Purse Snatching	2	2	1	2	1		
Shoplifting	880	821	859	837	781		
Theft from Building	247	244	163	168	116		
From Coin Operated Machine	0	1	0	0	5		
Theft from Motor Vehicle	99	64	37	64	33		
				•	14		
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	3	7	4	3	14		
	3 36	7 49	4	3 48	51		
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories		-	-				
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories Other	36	49	44	48	51		
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories Other Motor Vehicle Theft	36 19	49 34	44 16	48 39	51 31		

Table 59: Kent County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Arson	4	5	6	6	2		
Percent Male	75.0%	80.0%	66.7%	66.7%	100.0%		
Percent White	75.0%	40.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%		
Percent Black	25.0%	60.0%	33.3%	50.0%	50.0%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%		
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	1	0	0		
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent White	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A		
Burglary	193	179	80	136	127		
Percent Male	83.4%	82.7%	88.8%	81.6%	84.3%		
Percent White	64.8%	71.5%	48.8%	60.3%	55.9%		
Percent Black	33.2%	28.5%	51.3%	38.2%	44.1%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.1%	1.7%	2.5%	0.0%	0.8%		
Larceny/Theft	1,267	1,189	1,110	1,122	1,002		
Percent Male	59.0%	59.6%	56.7%	61.6%	62.1%		
Percent White	60.0%	60.3%	54.1%	48.3%	50.3%		
Percent Black	39.5%	39.4%	45.0%	51.2%	49.3%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.6%	4.0%	4.3%	3.1%	2.9%		
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	34	16	39	31		
Percent Male	84.2%	94.1%	81.3%	71.8%	74.2%		
Percent White	47.4%	41.2%	50.0%	41.0%	48.4%		
Percent Black	52.6%	58.8%	50.0%	59.0%	51.6%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	6.5%		

Table 60: Kent County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Arson	1	6	1	4	3		
Structure	0	6	0	4	3		
Mobile	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	1	0	1	0	0		
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0		
Burglary	32	23	30	29	15		
Forcible Entry	10	16	8	18	9		
Unlawful Entry - No force	17	6	20	10	5		
Attempted Forcible Entry	5	1	2	1	1		
Larceny/Theft	124	115	92	57	44		
Pocket Picking	0	0	0	0	0		
Purse Snatching	0	1	0	0	1		
Shoplifting	68	45	42	24	22		
Theft from Building	29	30	19	15	9		
From Coin Operated Machine	0	0	1	0	0		
Theft from Motor Vehicle	16	9	20	12	5		
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	0	4	0	1	0		
Other	11	26	10	5	7		
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	12	13	16	8		
Autos	6	8	8	15	8		
Trucks and Buses	0	1	0	0	0		
Other Vehicles	1	3	5	1	0		

Table 61: Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Arson	1	6	1	4	3		
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Percent White	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	33.3%		
Percent Black	100.0%	50.0%	100.0%	75.0%	66.7%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.05	0.0%		
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0		
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Burglary	32	23	30	29	15		
Percent Male	93.8%	91.3%	90.0%	82.8%	80.0%		
Percent White	37.5%	43.5%	40.0%	34.5%	26.7%		
Percent Black	62.5%	56.5%	0.0%	62.1%	73.3%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.3%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	13.3%		
Larceny/Theft	124	115	92	57	44		
Percent Male	75.8%	72.2%	71.7%	80.7%	81.8%		
Percent White	26.6%	26.1%	40.2%	22.8%	27.3%		
Percent Black	72.6%	73.9%	58.7%	75.4%	72.7%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.6%	6.1%	1.1%	7.0%	4.5%		
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	12	13	16	8		
Percent Male	85.7%	100.0%	100.0%	68.8%	87.5%		
Percent White	42.9%	33.3%	23.1%	6.3%	25.0%		
Percent Black	57.1%	66.7%	76.9%	93.8%	75.0%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

Table 62: Kent... Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Sussex County Serious Property Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Serious Property Offenses in the county were 31.5% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. The three most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses—Larceny, Burglary, and Motor Vehicle Theft—all exhibited decreases. Burglary and Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses declined 67.1% and 4.4%, respectively, from 2016 to 2020. Larceny Offenses were down 18.8%. Of special note:

- Burglary continues a long downward trend with a 39.1% decrease from 2019 to 2020.
- Theft from a Building has decreased 42.3% since 2016.
- Shoplifting has been slowly increasing since 2016 but decreased 15.8% 2019 to 2020.
- Sussex County was the only county with decreases in Motor Vehicle Theft from 2016 to 2020, while New Castle and Kent Counties showed varying degrees of increases.

For most Serious Property Offense crimes, just under 43% of offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. However, offenses for almost all crimes in this category were cleared at rates comparable to or better than those for the previous four years.

Tables 63 – 69 and Figure 22 provide detailed information about Sussex County Serious Property Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 22.



Figure 22: Sussex County Serious Property Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020
Sussex County Serious Off	rances – Serious Property Offenses					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
All Serious Property Offenses	5,562	5,201	4,740	4,673	3,808	
Percent Cleared	40.6%	39.3%	39.1%	38.8%	42.8%	
Arson	37	33	45	34	32	
Percent Cleared	24.3%	33.3%	53.3%	32.4%	31.3%	
Structure	20	16	38	22	19	
Percent Cleared	20.0%	25.0%	55.3%	36.4%	21.1%	
Mobile	4	8	3	7	6	
Percent Cleared	0.0%	37.5%	66.7%	14.3%	33.3%	
Other	13	9	4	5	7	
Percent Cleared	38.5%	44.4%	25.0%	40.0%	57.1%	
Extortion/Blackmail	8	8	17	14	32	
Percent Cleared	37.5%	50.0%	5.9%	21.4%	18.8%	
Burglary	1,574	1,124	961	850	518	
Percent Cleared	41.1%	33.9%	31.4%	30.1%	48.1%	
Forcible Entry	614	476	384	332	208	
Percent Cleared	37.6%	37.4%	38.0%	28.9%	52.9%	
Unlawful Entry - No force	783	529	471	417	265	
Percent Cleared	46.9%	32.7%	27.4%	33.6%	47.9%	
Attempted Forcible Entry	177	119	106	101	45	
Percent Cleared	27.7%	25.2%	25.5%	19.8%	26.7%	

Table 63: Sussex County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses, 16 – 20

Sussex County Serious Offenses and Clearances –								
Serious Property	Offenses (Continued)					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Larceny/Theft	3,784	3,855	3,549	3,624	3,074			
Percent Cleared	40.4%	41.1%	41.1%	41.0%	41.8%			
Pocket Picking	12	4	4	6	3			
Percent Cleared	33.3%	50.0%	25.0%	16.7%	33.3%			
Purse Snatching	1	1	3	5	0			
Percent Cleared	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	80.0%	N/A			
Shoplifting	1,023	1,110	1,115	1,158	975			
Percent Cleared	67.5%	63.2%	62.8%	63.0%	58.8%			
Theft from Building	1,235	1,067	937	896	712			
Percent Cleared	43.1%	44.6%	43.1%	40.6%	42.8%			
From Coin Operated Machine	12	9	15	9	15			
Percent Cleared	50.0%	11.1%	46.7%	11.1%	13.3%			
Theft from Motor Vehicle	591	684	675	635	531			
Percent Cleared	23.0%	31.3%	26.8%	32.1%	37.9%			
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	121	143	98	102	108			
Percent Cleared	11.6%	19.6%	17.3%	11.8%	19.4%			
Other	789	837	702	813	730			
Percent Cleared	18.5%	19.6%	21.1%	21.0%	24.9%			
Motor Vehicle Theft	159	181	168	151	152			
Percent Cleared	43.4%	33.7%	39.3%	37.1%	53.3%			
Autos	71	87	79	70	64			
Percent Cleared	49.3%	52.9%	45.6%	47.1%	56.3%			
Trucks and Buses	15	20	24	10	28			
Percent Cleared	46.7%	30.0%	54.2%	50.0%	46.4%			
Other Vehicles	73	74	65	71	60			
Percent Cleared	37.0%	12.2%	26.2%	25.4%	53.3%			

Table 63: Sussex County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Serious Property Offenses (cont.)

Sussex County Percen	_		-	-		
	16 – 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
All Serious Property Offenses	-6.5%	-8.9%	-1.4%	-18.5%	-31.5%	-24.5%
Arson	-10.8%	36.4%	-24.4%	-5.9%	-13.5%	-14.1%
Structure	-20.0%	137.5%	-42.1%	-13.6%	-5.0%	-20.8%
Mobile	100.0%	-62.5%	133.3%	-14.3%	50.0%	9.1%
Other	-30.8%	-55.6%	25.0%	40.0%	-46.2%	-9.7%
Extortion/Blackmail	0.0%	112.5%	-17.6%	128.6%	300.0%	172.3%
Burglary	-28.6%	-14.5%	-11.6%	-39.1%	-67.1%	-54.0%
Forcible Entry	-22.5%	-19.3%	-13.5%	-37.3%	-66.1%	-53.9%
Unlawful Entry - No force	-32.4%	-11.0%	-11.5%	-36.5%	-66.2%	-51.8%
Attempted Forcible Entry	-32.8%	-10.9%	-4.7%	-55.4%	-74.6%	-64.2%
Larceny/Theft	1.9%	-7.9%	2.1%	-15.2%	-18.8%	-17.0%
Pocket Picking	-66.7%	0.0%	50.0%	-50.0%	-75.0%	-53.8%
Purse Snatching	0.0%	200.0%	66.7%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Shoplifting	8.5%	0.5%	3.9%	-15.8%	-4.7%	-11.5%
Theft from Building	-13.6%	-12.2%	-4.4%	-20.5%	-42.3%	-31.1%
From Coin Operated Machine	-25.0%	66.7%	-40.0%	66.7%	25.0%	33.3%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	15.7%	-1.3%	-5.9%	-16.4%	-10.2%	-17.8%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	18.2%	-31.5%	4.1%	5.9%	-10.7%	-6.9%
Other	6.1%	-16.1%	15.8%	-10.2%	-7.5%	-7.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	13.8%	-7.2%	-10.1%	0.7%	-4.4%	-7.7%
Autos	22.5%	-9.2%	-11.4%	-8.6%	-9.9%	-16.6%
Trucks and Buses	33.3%	20.0%	-58.3%	180.0%	86.7%	62.3%
Other Vehicles	1.4%	-12.2%	9.2%	-15.5%	-17.8%	-15.2%

Table 64: Sussex County Percentage Difference in Serious Property Offenses Received, 16 – 20

Crime Rates for Sussex County Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People										
Sussex County Population	218,820	223,010	229,087	231,619	239,384					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
Arson	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1					
Structure	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1					
Mobile	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Other	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Extortion/Blackmail	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Burglary	7.2	5.0	4.2	3.7	2.2					
Forcible Entry	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.4	0.9					
Unlawful Entry - No force	3.6	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.1					
Attempted Forcible Entry	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2					
Larceny/Theft	17.3	17.3	15.5	15.6	12.8					
Pocket Picking	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					
Purse Snatching	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.0					
Shoplifting	4.7	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.1					
Theft from Building	5.6	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.0					
From Coin Operated Machine	0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1					
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.2					
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5					
Other	3.6	3.8	3.1	3.5	3.0					
Motor Vehicle Theft	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6					
Autos	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3					
Trucks and Buses	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1					
Other Vehicles	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3					

Table 65: Crime Rates for Sussex... Serious Property Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 16–20

Sussex County Serious Property Offense Arrests

Sussex County Adult Arres	Sussex County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
Arson	6	3	8	2	2					
Structure	4	0	7	2	0					
Mobile	0	2	1	0	1					
Other	2	1	0	0	1					
Extortion/Blackmail	2	3	1	0	2					
Burglary	380	302	206	178	153					
Forcible Entry	158	143	89	68	75					
Unlawful Entry - No force	210	143	101	101	73					
Attempted Forcible Entry	12	16	16	9	5					
Larceny/Theft	1,163	1,147	1,048	1,056	847					
Pocket Picking	1	0	1	0	1					
Purse Snatching	0	0	1	0	0					
Shoplifting	707	658	671	710	553					
Theft from Building	327	311	231	181	149					
From Coin Operated Machine	7	0	1	1	2					
Theft from Motor Vehicle	52	76	65	78	67					
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	8	12	7	4	9					
Other	61	90	71	82	66					
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	31	31	25	29					
	1	20	21	17	16					
Autos	16	26	21							
	16 3	26	8	4	5					

Table 66: Sussex County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Arson	6	3	8	2	2				
Percent Male	83.3%	100.0%	62.5%	50.0%	100.0%				
Percent White	83.3%	66.7%	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%				
Percent Black	16.7%	33.3%	75.0%	100.0%	0.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Extortion/Blackmail	2	3	1	0	2				
Percent Male	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%	N/A	50.0%				
Percent White	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	50.0%				
Percent Black	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	50.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%				
Burglary	380	302	206	178	153				
Percent Male	82.1%	81.5%	81.6%	83.1%	83.0%				
Percent White	77.4%	75.2%	76.2%	66.9%	62.7%				
Percent Black	21.8%	24.2%	23.8%	32.6%	34.6%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.7%	3.0%	0.5%	5.1%	2.6%				
Larceny/Theft	1,163	1,147	1,048	1,056	847				
Percent Male	63.3%	59.7%	61.7%	67.1%	64.9%				
Percent White	72.5%	71.3%	72.7%	65.0%	67.4%				
Percent Black	27.3%	28.4%	26.8%	34.8%	32.1%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.9%	2.0%	2.5%	2.9%	3.5%				
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	31	31	25	29				
Percent Male	61.3%	67.7%	77.4%	76.0%	89.7%				
Percent White	77.4%	61.3%	67.7%	60.0%	62.1%				
Percent Black	22.6%	38.7%	29.0%	40.0%	37.9%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	17.2%				

Table 67: Sussex...Adult Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Arson	2	8	1	1	1				
Structure	0	5	1	0	1				
Mobile	0	1	0	1	0				
Other	2	2	0	0	0				
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0				
Burglary	32	44	29	32	39				
Forcible Entry	17	24	13	11	15				
Unlawful Entry - No force	13	19	12	21	21				
Attempted Forcible Entry	2	1	4	0	3				
Larceny/Theft	110	95	64	65	34				
Pocket Picking	0	0	0	0	0				
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	1	0				
Shoplifting	63	49	41	30	20				
Theft from Building	20	22	10	14	2				
From Coin Operated Machine	0	0	0	0	0				
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	8	8	8	7				
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Accessories	0	0	0	0	0				
Other	21	16	5	12	5				
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	4	5	6	2				
Autos	1	3	3	5	1				
Trucks and Buses	0	0	0	0	1				
Other Vehicles	5	1	2	1	0				

Table 68: Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
· · · · · ·	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Arson	2	8	1	1	1				
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Percent White	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%				
Percent Black	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%				
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0				
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Burglary	32	44	29	32	39				
Percent Male	93.8%	81.8%	96.6%	78.1%	94.9%				
Percent White	53.1%	65.9%	48.3%	71.9%	71.8%				
Percent Black	46.9%	34.1%	51.7%	25.0%	28.2%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.1%	18.2%	3.4%	12.5%	2.6%				
Larceny/Theft	110	95	64	65	34				
Percent Male	58.2%	57.9%	48.4%	69.2%	50.0%				
Percent White	63.6%	53.7%	53.1%	63.1%	55.9%				
Percent Black	36.4%	45.3%	46.9%	36.9%	44.1%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.3%	8.4%	3.1%	6.2%	0.0%				
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	4	5	6	2				
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Percent White	33.3%	50.0%	40.0%	16.7%	50.0%				
Percent Black	50.0%	50.0%	60.0%	83.3%	50.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	33.3%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				

Table 69: Sussex...Juvenile Arrests – Serious Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Delaware Drug and Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests

Overall, Drug/Narcotic Offenses in 2020 have decreased 13.2% Statewide since 2016. The patterns of differences for the two crimes in this category show varied trends. Drug/Narcotic Possession offenses decreased from 2016 by 5.6% but had been steadily increasing until a sudden drop in 2020. Drug Equipment charges decreased 27.6% and had been on a steady decline except for an increase in offenses in 2019.

For all Drug/Narcotic crimes, nearly all offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020 (95.8%). All Drug/Narcotic Offenses in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable to the previous four years.

Tables 70 – 74 and Figure 23 provide detailed information about Statewide Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 23.

It should be noted that there is an overall decrease in arrests from 2016 to 2020. The primary cause for this arrest decline can be attributed to the civil marijuana possession statute changes that were implemented in December 2015. A smaller, yet still significant, portion is due to the surge in statewide overdoses over the last few years. Despite the dramatic drop in offenses in 2020, arrests did not show as significant of a decrease.

State Drug Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	10,920	11,545	11,940	13,195	9,476			
Percent Cleared	93.4%	93.7%	95.3%	95.8%	95.8%			
Drug/Narcotic	7,129	8,014	8,789	9,510	6,730			
Percent Cleared	91.3%	92.0%	94.3%	94.9%	94.8%			
Drug Equipment	3,791	3,531	3,151	3,685	2,746			
Percent Cleared	97.3%	97.4%	98.0%	97.9%	98.2%			

Table 70: Statewide Drug and Narcotic Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

Table 71: Percentage Difference in State Drug Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Percentage Difference in State Drug Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020									
						Average			
	16 – 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	16-19 vs 20			
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	5.7%	3.4%	10.5%	-28.2%	-13.2%	-20.4%			
Drug/Narcotic	12.4%	9.7%	8.2%	-29.2%	-5.6%	-19.5%			
Drug Equipment	-6.9%	-10.8%	16.9%	-25.5%	-27.6%	-22.4%			

Crime Rates for Delaware Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 2020										
Delaware Population	954,077	967,813	813 974,051 972,332 979,9							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	11.4	11.9	12.3	13.6	9.7					
Drug/Narcotic	7.5	8.3	9.0	9.8	6.9					
Drug Equipment	4.0	3.6	3.2	3.8	2.8					

Table 72: Crime Rates for Delaware Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 2020





State Drug Offenses: Adult	State Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020						
All Adult Drug Offense Arrests	4,937	4,577	4,225	4,541	4,040						
Drug/Narcotic	3,995	3,688	3,465	3,600	3,248						
Percent Male	79.1%	79.0%	78.6%	78.9%	78.9%						
Percent White	50.6%	47.5%	45.0%	47.1%	48.0%						
Percent Black	49.2%	52.2%	54.5%	52.4%	51.4%						
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.1%	3.6%	5.4%	4.8%	4.2%						
Drug Equipment	942	889	760	941	792						
Percent Male	61.8%	63.4%	60.3%	63.0%	65.3%						
Percent White	78.5%	75.9%	76.6%	73.8%	73.7%						
Percent Black	21.3%	23.5%	23.0%	26.1%	26.3%						
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.2%	2.1%	3.9%	4.0%	1.4%						

Table 73: State Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020

Table 74: State Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020

State Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
All Juvenile Drug Offense Arrests	363	351	288	266	102		
Drug/Narcotic	341	335	279	257	98		
Percent Male	80.9%	83.3%	82.8%	85.2%	93.9%		
Percent White	50.4%	47.2%	49.1%	49.4%	32.7%		
Percent Black	48.4%	52.8%	49.1%	50.2%	67.3%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	9.4%	9.6%	6.1%	12.8%	7.1%		
Drug Equipment	22	16	9	9	4		
Percent Male	77.3%	81.3%	66.7%	100.0%	50.0%		
Percent White	59.1%	50.0%	88.9%	55.6%	25.0%		
Percent Black	36.4%	50.0%	0.0%	22.2%	75.0%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	18.2%	12.5%	22.2%	44.4%	0.0%		

New Castle County Drug and Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests

Overall, Drug/Narcotic Offenses in the county were 19.3% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. The patterns of differences for the two crimes in this category of offenses were very mixed. Drug/Narcotic Offenses decreased 11.5% after steady increases in prior years, while Drug Equipment Offenses decreased 42.0%.

For all Drug/Narcotic crimes, nearly all (92.6%) offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. All Drug/Narcotic Offenses in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable recent years.

Tables 75 – 79 and Figure 24 provide detailed information about New Castle County Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 24.

It should be noted that there is a noticeable decrease in arrests from 2016 to 2020. The primary cause for this arrest decline can be attributed to the civil marijuana possession statute changes that were implemented in December 2015. A smaller, yet still significant portion is due to the increase in statewide overdoses over the last few years.

New Castle County Drug Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	4,976	5,015	5,509	6,109	4,017		
Percent Cleared	90.7%	91.2%	93.7%	93.7%	92.6%		
Drug/Narcotic	3,713	4,006	4,611	4,971	3,285		
Percent Cleared	88.8%	89.9%	93.0%	93.2%	91.8%		
Drug Equipment	1,263	1,009	898	1,138	732		
Percent Cleared	96.1%	96.3%	97.0%	96.2%	96.3%		

Table 75: New Castle County Drug Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

Percentage Difference in New Castle County Drug Offenses Received								
	16 – 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	Average 16-19 vs 20		
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	0.8%	9.9%	10.9%	-34.2%	-19.3%	-25.6%		
Drug/Narcotic	7.9%	15.1%	7.8%	-33.9%	-11.5%	-24.1%		
Drug Equipment	-20.1%	-11.0%	26.7%	-35.7%	-42.0%	-32.0%		

Crime Rates for New Castle County Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People									
New Castle County Population	560,147	564,193	564,568	562,694	558,863				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	8.9	8.9	9.8	10.8	7.2				
Drug/Narcotic	6.6	7.1	8.2	8.8	5.9				
Drug Equipment	2.3	1.8	1.6	2.0	1.3				

Table 77: Crime Rates for New Castle County Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People





New Castle County Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
All Adult Drug Offense Arrests	2,338	1,913	1,890	2,077	1,779			
Drug/Narcotic	2,093	1,720	1,735	1,883	1,640			
Percent Male	81.2%	81.7%	80.1%	80.5%	80.4%			
Percent White	47.3%	41.8%	41.4%	43.8%	41.0%			
Percent Black	52.7%	58.0%	58.0%	55.4%	58.4%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.6%	5.3%	7.2%	8.2%	5.8%			
Drug Equipment	245	193	155	194	139			
Percent Male	60.4%	64.8%	58.1%	62.4%	66.2%			
Percent White	84.5%	71.0%	67.1%	70.1%	66.2%			
Percent Black	15.1%	28.0%	31.6%	29.9%	33.8%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.9%	2.1%	4.5%	7.2%	2.9%			

Table 78: New Castle County Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics

Table 79: New Castle County Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics

New Castle County Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
All Juvenile Drug Offense Arrests	179	178	130	122	51		
Drug/Narcotic	173	176	129	121	49		
Percent Male	82.7%	84.1%	87.6%	84.3%	95.9%		
Percent White	41.0%	43.2%	51.2%	50.4%	26.5%		
Percent Black	57.2%	56.8%	48.1%	49.6%	73.5%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	12.7%	12.5%	7.0%	15.7%	8.2%		
Drug Equipment	6	2	1	1	2		
Percent Male	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Percent White	83.3%	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%		
Percent Black	16.7%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%		

Kent County Drug and Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests

Overall, Drug/Narcotic Offenses in the county in 2020 were down almost 19% when compared with 2016. Drug Possession charges decreased from 2018 to 2020 to a 5-year low. Drug Equipment offenses also have declined to a 5-year low with a small increase from 2018 to 2019. Overall Drug/narcotic offenses decreased 9.3% from 2016 and Equipment related offenses decreased 31.8%

For all Drug/Narcotic crimes, nearly all offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020 (98.0%). All Drug/Narcotic Offenses in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable to those for the previous four years.

Tables 80 – 84 and Figure 25 provide detailed information about Kent County Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 25.

It should be noted that there is a noticeable decrease in arrests from 2016 to 2020. The primary cause for this arrest decline can be attributed to the civil marijuana possession statute changes that were implemented in December 2015. A smaller, yet still significant, portion is due to the surge in statewide overdoses over the last few years.

Kent County Drug Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	2,669	2,910	2,861	2,804	2,169		
Percent Cleared	96.0%	94.6%	94.9%	96.5%	98.0%		
Drug/Narcotic	1,552	1,800	1,940	1,825	1,407		
Percent Cleared	94.9%	93.4%	93.5%	96.1%	97.4%		
Drug Equipment	1,117	1,110	921	979	762		
Percent Cleared	97.6%	96.5%	97.7%	97.4%	99.2%		

Table 80: Kent County Drug Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

Table 81: Percentage Difference in Kent County Drug Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Percentage Difference in Kent County Drug Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020								
	16 – 17	16 - 17 17 - 18 18 - 19 19 - 20 16 - 20 ₁						
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	9.0%	-1.7%	-2.0%	-22.6%	-18.7%	-22.9%		
Drug/Narcotic	16.0%	7.8%	-5.9%	-22.9%	-9.3%	-20.2%		
Drug Equipment	-0.6%	-17.0%	6.3%	-22.2%	-31.8%	-27.4%		

Crime Rates for Kent County Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 2020									
Kent County Population	175,110	175,110 180,610 180,396		178,019	181,673				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	15.2	16.1	15.9	15.8	11.9				
Drug/Narcotic	8.9	10.0	10.8	10.3	7.7				
Drug Equipment	6.4	6.1	5.1	5.5	4.2				

Table 82: Crime Rates for Kent County Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 2020



Figure 25: Kent County Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Kent County Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
All Adult Drug Offense Arrests	1,202	1,227	1,082	963	889		
Drug/Narcotic	948	983	908	717	679		
Percent Male	77.6%	77.4%	78.5%	79.4%	78.4%		
Percent White	46.8%	42.5%	40.0%	39.5%	43.2%		
Percent Black	52.7%	57.0%	59.5%	60.4%	56.4%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	1.6%	2.1%	2.8%	2.8%	1.9%		
Drug Equipment	254	244	174	246	210		
Percent Male	66.5%	68.0%	62.6%	64.2%	69.5%		
Percent White	71.3%	72.5%	71.8%	79.7%	71.4%		
Percent Black	28.3%	27.0%	28.2%	19.9%	28.6%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.8%	2.0%	3.4%	3.7%	1.9%		

Table 83: Kent County Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020

Table 84: Kent County Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
All Juvenile Drug Offense Arrests	78	76	60	62	14		
Drug/Narcotic	75	72	57	59	14		
Percent Male	82.7%	80.6%	73.7%	88.1%	85.7%		
Percent White	49.3%	41.7%	38.6%	40.7%	35.7%		
Percent Black	50.7%	58.3%	57.9%	59.3%	64.3%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.7%	2.8%	5.3%	3.4%	7.1%		
Drug Equipment	3	4	3	3	0		
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%	N/A		
Percent White	100.0%	50.0%	66.7%	33.3%	N/A		
Percent Black	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	66.7%	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	N/A		

Sussex County Drug and Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests

Overall, Drug/Narcotic Offenses in the county were almost equal in 2020 when compared with 2019, increasing only 0.5%. From 2016 to 2020, Drug Possession Offenses increased by 9.3% while Drug Equipment Offenses decreased 11.3%. New Castle and Kent County saw roughly 20% decreases overall during this same period.

For all Drug/Narcotic crimes, nearly all offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. All Drug/Narcotic Offenses in 2020 were cleared at rates comparable to those for the previous four years. It should be noted that while Drug Possession Offenses in Sussex County have fluctuated over the 5-year period, clearances have stayed over 95%

Tables 85 – 89 and Figure 26 provide detailed information about Sussex County Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 26.

It should be noted that there is a noticeable decrease in arrests in 2016 and has fluctuated since then. The primary cause for this arrest decline can be attributed to the civil marijuana possession statute changes that were implemented in December 2015. A smaller, yet still significant, portion is due to the surge in statewide overdoses over the last few years.

Sussex County Drug Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	3,275	3,620	3,570	4,282	3,290		
Percent Cleared	95.3%	96.4%	98.1%	98.2%	98.1%		
Drug/Narcotic	1,864	2,208	2,238	2,714	2,038		
Percent Cleared	93.1%	94.8%	97.6%	97.4%	97.8%		
Drug Equipment	1,411	1,412	1,332	1,568	1,252		
Percent Cleared	98.2%	98.9%	98.9%	99.4%	98.7%		

 Table 85: Sussex County Drug Offenses and Clearances, 2016 – 2020

Table 86: Percentage Difference in Sussex County Drug Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020

Percentage Difference in Sussex County Drug Offenses Received, 2016 – 2020									
	16 – 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	Average 16-19 vs 20			
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	10.5%	-1.4%	19.9%	-23.2%	0.5%	-10.8%			
Drug/Narcotic	18.5%	1.4%	21.3%	-24.9%	9.3%	-9.7%			
Drug Equipment	0.1%	-5.7%	17.7%	-20.2%	-11.3%	-12.5%			

Crime Rates for Sussex County Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People, 2016 – 2020									
Sussex County Population	218,820 223,010 229,087 231,619 239,3								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
All Drug/Narcotic Offenses	15.0 16.2 15.6 18.5 1								
Drug/Narcotic	8.5	9.9	9.8	11.7	8.5				
Drug Equipment	6.4	6.3	5.8	6.8	5.2				

Table 87: Crime Rates for Sussex County Drug Offenses Received per 1,000 People

Figure 26: Sussex County Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020



Sussex County Drug Offenses: A	Sussex County Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
All Adult Drug Offense Arrests	1,397	1,437	1,253	1,501	1,372					
Drug/Narcotic	954	985	822	1,000	929					
Percent Male	75.9%	75.7%	75.5%	75.8%	76.7%					
Percent White	61.6%	62.3%	58.2%	58.8%	64.0%					
Percent Black	38.2%	37.3%	41.5%	41.1%	35.6%					
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.0%	1.9%	4.4%	3.7%	3.0%					
Drug Equipment	443	452	431	501	443					
Percent Male	59.8%	60.4%	60.1%	62.7%	63.0%					
Percent White	79.2%	79.9%	81.9%	72.3%	77.2%					
Percent Black	20.8%	19.7%	17.9%	27.7%	22.8%					
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.6%	2.2%	3.9%	3.0%	0.7%					

Table 88: Sussex County Drug Offenses: Adult Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020

Table 89: Sussex County Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Drug Offenses: Juvenile Arrest Details and Demographics, 2016 – 2020								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
All Juvenile Drug Offense Arrests	106	97	98	82	37			
Drug/Narcotic	93	87	93	77	35			
Percent Male	76.3%	83.9%	81.7%	84.4%	94.3%			
Percent White	68.8%	59.8%	52.7%	54.5%	40.0%			
Percent Black	30.1%	40.2%	45.2%	44.2%	60.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.4%	9.2%	5.4%	1.3%	5.7%			
Drug Equipment	13	10	5	5	2			
Percent Male	76.9%	70.0%	60.0%	100.0%	0.0%			
Percent White	38.5%	50.0%	100.0%	60.0%	50.0%			
Percent Black	53.8%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.7%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%			

Delaware Other Property and Social Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Other Property and Social Offenses were just over 19% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. The offense totals for the three most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses—Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism, Fraud, and Weapon Law Violations—all decreased. The number of Fraud Offenses was 15.6% lower compared to 2016. Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism Offenses decreased substantially since 2016 (24.9%), along with Weapon Law Violations on the decline at 7.4%. Some areas of note:

- Property Destruction has been decreasing since 2016 and is at a report period low.
- Hacking/Computer Invasion Offenses have been steadily increasing since 2017 to a report period high in 2020. Wire Fraud, though less common, has risen steadily since 2016.

Overall, 36% of all Other Property and Social Offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Many of the crimes within this category of offenses were cleared at rates near or above 50%. However, the crime with one of the lowest clearance rates—Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism —accounted for almost 50% of the offenses in this category, suppressing the overall clearance rate. Almost all crimes within this category of offenses were cleared at rates comparable to, or better than, those for the previous four years.

Tables 90 – 98 and Figure 27 provide detailed information about Statewide Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 27.



Figure 27: Delaware Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

Statewide Serious Offenses and Cle	arances – (Other Prop	erty and So	ocial Offens	ses
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Other Property and Social Offenses	24,514	22,776	21,440	20,975	19,840
Percent Cleared	40.8%	41.4%	37.7%	39.9%	36.0%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	696	691	547	577	428
Percent Cleared	52.0%	52.4%	46.1%	48.2%	40.2%
Fraud	7,210	6,711	6,613	6,614	6,087
Percent Cleared	43.0%	45.0%	34.3%	34.4%	24.5%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	2,989	2,781	2,400	2,194	1,689
Percent Cleared	49.3%	50.7%	42.5%	43.1%	34.6%
Credit Card/ATM	1,391	1,105	1,072	1,077	1,029
Percent Cleared	27.0%	28.4%	21.2%	26.9%	22.3%
Impersonation	1,338	1,247	1,094	1,054	699
Percent Cleared	81.4%	90.0%	84.6%	85.0%	77.8%
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wire Fraud	4	168	254	425	539
Percent Cleared	0.0%	6.0%	1.6%	6.1%	7.1%
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1,488	1,410	1,793	1,864	2,131
Percent Cleared	11.1%	11.8%	5.0%	6.1%	4.6%
Embezzlement	298	298	255	246	152
Percent Cleared	74.5%	78.2%	69.8%	76.8%	72.4%
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	1,007	897	669	751	558
Percent Cleared	87.1%	85.4%	80.9%	87.6%	86.7%
Property Destruction/Vandalism	12,137	10,853	10,056	9,294	9,113
Percent Cleared	28.1%	28.6%	29.9%	32.7%	32.4%

Table 90: Statewide Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses

Statewide Serious Offenses and Cleara	ances – Other	Property a	nd Social O	ffenses (Co	ontinued)
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	53	44	35	35	18
Percent Cleared	66.0%	61.4%	60.0%	54.3%	44.4%
Incest	2	2	0	0	1
Percent Cleared	0.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%
Statutory Rape	51	42	35	35	17
Percent Cleared	68.6%	59.5%	60.0%	54.3%	41.2%
Pornography/ Obscene Material	114	107	85	106	104
Percent Cleared	64.9%	64.5%	56.5%	63.2%	56.7%
Gambling Offenses	6	35	35	36	30
Percent Cleared	66.7%	97.1%	52.9%	88.9%	83.3%
Prostitution	126	117	139	114	41
Percent Cleared	93.7%	94.0%	92.8%	93.0%	92.7%
Prostitution	95	72	85	77	22
Percent Cleared	92.6%	90.3%	56.5%	90.9%	95.5%
Promoting Prostitution	9	13	11	6	3
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	83.3%	100.0%
Purchasing Prostitution	22	32	43	31	16
Percent Cleared	95.5%	100.0%	97.7%	100.0%	87.5%
Bribery	1	3	4	5	1
Percent Cleared	0.0%	100.0%	75.0%	80.0%	100.0%
Weapons Law Violations	2,348	2,129	1,908	1,943	2,174
Percent Cleared	71.9%	74.3%	76.5%	78.4%	76.9%
Cruelty To Animals	518	891	1,094	1,254	1,134
Percent Cleared	19.9%	12.6%	13.3%	14.1%	11.0%

Table 90: Statewide Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses

Delaware Percentage Difference	e in Other	Property a	and Social	Offenses	Received, 20	016 – <u>202</u> 0
						Average
	16 – 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	16-19 vs 20
All Other Property and Social Offenses	-7.1%	-5.9%	-2.2%	-5.4%	-19.1%	-11.5%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	-0.7%	-20.8%	5.5%	-25.8%	-38.5%	-31.8%
Fraud	-6.9%	-1.5%	0.0%	-8.0%	-15.6%	-10.3%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	-7.0%	-13.7%	-8.6%	-23.0%	-43.5%	-34.8%
Credit Card/ATM	-20.6%	-3.0%	0.5%	-4.5%	-26.0%	-11.4%
Impersonation	-6.8%	-12.3%	-3.7%	-33.7%	-47.8%	-40.9%
Welfare Fraud	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wire Fraud	4100.0%	51.2%	67.3%	26.8%	13,375.0%	153.3%
Identity Theft	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hacking/Computer Invasion	-5.2%	27.2%	4.0%	14.3%	43.2%	30.0%
Embezzlement	0.0%	-14.4%	-3.5%	-38.2%	-49.0%	-44.6%
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	-10.9%	-25.4%	12.3%	-25.7%	-44.6%	-32.9%
Property Destruction/Vandalism	-10.6%	-7.3%	-7.6%	-1.9%	-24.9%	-13.9%
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	-17.0%	-20.5%	0.0%	-48.6%	-66.0%	-56.9%
Incest	0.00%	-100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	-50.0%	0.0%
Statutory Rape	-17.7%	-16.7%	0.0%	-51.4%	-66.7%	-58.3%
Pornography/Obscene Material	-6.1%	-20.6%	24.7%	-1.9%	-8.8%	1.0%
Gambling Offenses	483.3%	0.0%	2.9%	-16.7%	400.0%	7.1%
Prostitution	-7.1%	18.8%	-18.0%	-64.0%	-67.5%	-66.9%
Prostitution	-24.2%	18.1%	-9.4%	-71.4%	-76.8%	-73.3%
Promoting Prostitution	44.4%	-15.4%	-45.5%	-50.0%	-66.7%	-69.2%
Purchasing Prostitution	45.5%	34.4%	-27.9%	-48.4%	-27.3%	-50.0%
Bribery	200.0%	33.3%	25.0%	-80.0%	0.0%	-69.2%
Weapons Law Violations	-9.3%	-10.4%	1.8%	11.9%	-7.4%	4.4%
Cruelty To Animals	72.0%	22.8%	14.6%	-9.6%	118.9%	20.7%

Table 91: Delaware Percentage Difference in Other Property and Social Offenses Received

Statewide Other Property and Social (-
Delaware Population	954,077	967,813	974,051	972,332	979,920
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4
Fraud	7.6	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.2
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.3	1.7
Credit Card/ATM	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Impersonation	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.7
Welfare Fraud	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wire Fraud	<0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6
Identity Theft	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	<0.1	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.2
Embezzlement	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6
Property Destruction/Vandalism	12.7	11.2	10.3	9.6	9.3
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Incest	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	0.0	<0.1
Statutory Rape	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pornography/ Obscene Material	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Gambling Offenses	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Prostitution	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1
Prostitution	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1
Promoting Prostitution	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Purchasing Prostitution	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Bribery	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Weapons Law Violations	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.2
Cruelty To Animals	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.2

Table 92: Statewide Other Property and Social Offenses: Crime Rates per 1,000 People, 2016-20

Table 93: Statewide Adult Arrests – Other Statewide Adult Arrests – Other	. ,		-		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Counterfeiting/Forgery	282	283	201	219	122
Fraud	1,676	1,750	1,285	1,237	806
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	800	754	526	482	328
Credit Card/ATM	78	78	52	62	70
Impersonation	776	896	689	673	388
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	2	0	9	16
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	22	20	18	11	4
Embezzlement	191	217	161	157	92
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	348	327	264	293	263
Property Destruction/Vandalism	685	600	662	717	744
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	25	16	16	15	4,039
Incest	0	2	1	0	3,247
Statutory Rape	25	14	15	15	792
Pornography/ Obscene Material	39	40	22	30	14
Gambling Offenses	1	18	8	17	9
Prostitution	89	81	120		
Prostitution	6 9	45	64	82 53	31 16
Promoting Prostitution	9	43 9	9	3	2
Purchasing Prostitution	20	27	9 47	26	13
Bribery	0	1	2	3	1
Weapons Law Violations	295	255	244	267	293
Cruelty To Animals	66	52	49	53	34

Delaware Other Property and Social Offense Arrests Table 93: Statewide Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Statewide Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Other Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Counterfeiting/Forgery	282	283	201	219	122				
Percent Male	58.2%	59.0%	62.2%	69.4%	68.9%				
Percent White	53.5%	45.9%	48.3%	47.5%	42.6%				
Percent Black	45.7%	53.4%	50.7%	51.1%	53.3%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.0%	6.7%	9.5%	7.8%	9.0%				
Fraud	1,676	1,750	1,285	1,237	806				
Percent Male	63.9%	65.0%	65.2%	64.7%	68.0%				
Percent White	54.2%	54.7%	50.4%	51.7%	53.2%				
Percent Black	44.9%	44.6%	48.9%	47.0%	45.4%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.0%	6.1%	8.7%	6.2%	6.5%				
Embezzlement	191	217	161	157	92				
Percent Male	48.7%	49.8%	47.8%	40.1%	52.2%				
Percent White	53.9%	56.2%	52.2%	51.0%	54.3%				
Percent Black	44.5%	42.9%	46.0%	48.4%	45.7%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.2%	3.7%	5.0%	5.7%	6.5%				
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	348	327	264	293	263				
Percent Male	84.8%	82.0%	85.6%	82.9%	88.6%				
Percent White	37.4%	37.0%	42.4%	30.0%	32.7%				
Percent Black	62.4%	63.0%	56.8%	70.0%	67.3%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.6%	6.1%	7.2%	7.5%	7.6%				
Property Destruction	685	600	662	717	744				
Percent Male	65.4%	74.0%	71.1%	67.1%	69.2%				
Percent White	47.4%	48.0%	47.0%	41.1%	44.2%				
Percent Black	51.5%	51.7%	52.4%	58.3%	55.5%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.5%	3.2%	4.7%	6.4%	5.6%				
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	25	16	16	15	7				
Percent Male	92.0%	81.3%	93.8%	100.0%	100.0%				
Percent White	44.0%	62.5%	50.0%	60.0%	28.6%				
Percent Black	56.0%	37.5%	50.0%	33.3%	57.1%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	16.0%	12.5%	6.3%	26.7%	14.3%				

Table 94: Statewide Adult Arrests – Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Statewide Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Pornography	39	40	22	30	14				
Percent Male	97.4%	97.5%	95.5%	96.7%	92.9%				
Percent White	79.5%	77.5%	86.4%	70.0%	71.4%				
Percent Black	17.9%	20.0%	13.6%	30.0%	28.6%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.7%	2.5%	13.6%	3.3%	7.1%				
Gambling Offenses	1	18	8	17	9				
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%	70.6%	88.9%				
Percent White	100.0%	22.2%	62.5%	11.8%	11.1%				
Percent Black	0.0%	72.2%	25.0%	88.2%	88.9%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	11.1%	50.0%	11.8%	0.0%				
Prostitution	89	81	120	82	31				
Percent Male	28.1%	51.9%	55.8%	46.3%	58.1%				
Percent White	60.7%	70.4%	69.2%	52.4%	83.9%				
Percent Black	28.1%	25.9%	27.5%	40.2%	16.1%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	12.4%	22.2%	18.3%	9.8%	12.9%				
Bribery	0	1	2	3	6				
Percent Male	N/A	100.0%	50.0%	66.7%	83.3%				
Percent White	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%				
Percent Black	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	50.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Weapons Offenses	295	255	244	267	292				
Percent Male	92.9%	93.3%	95.5%	93.3%	90.1%				
Percent White	39.0%	36.5%	37.3%	37.1%	33.2%				
Percent Black	60.7%	63.1%	61.9%	62.5%	66.1%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.4%	2.7%	4.1%	6.4%	3.4%				

Table 95: Statewide Adult Arrests – Social Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

	Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020 Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	0	4	1	1		
Fraud	71	59	49	60	27		
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	13	18	13	18	7		
Credit Card/ATM	7	3	3	7	4		
Impersonation	50	37	33	35	15		
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0		
Wire Fraud	0	0	0	0	1		
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0		
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1	1	0	0	0		
Embezzlement	2	4	2	6	2		
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	119	76	62	81	91		
Property Destruction/Vandalism	208	155	114	140	127		
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	3	1	1	0	0		
Incest	0	0	0	0	0		
Statutory Rape	3	1	1	0	0		
Pornography/ Obscene Material	1	1	0	0	1		
Gambling Offenses	0	1	1	3	0		
Prostitution	0	0	1	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0	1	0	0		
Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0		
Weapons Law Violations	101	81	83	60	56		
Cruelty To Animals	3	1	0	1	2		

Table 96: Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Other Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	0	4	1	0	
Percent Male	66.7%	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	
Percent White	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	100.0%	N/A	
Percent Black	66.7%	N/A	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	33.3%	N/A	0.0%	0.05	N/A	
Fraud	71	59	49	60	10	
Percent Male	70.4%	71.2%	67.3%	65.0%	50.0%	
Percent White	31.0%	28.8%	24.5%	28.3%	80.0%	
Percent Black	67.6%	71.2%	75.5%	70.0%	10.0%	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	11.3%	10.2%	4.1%	0.0%	20.0%	
Embezzlement	2	4	2	6	1	
Percent Male	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	33.3%	100.0%	
Percent White	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	33.3%	100.0%	
Percent Black	50.0%	75.0%	100.0%	66.7%	0.0%	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.05	0.0%	
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	119	76	62	81	3	
Percent Male	84.0%	86.8%	88.7%	87.7%	66.7%	
Percent White	12.6%	25.0%	12.9%	1.2%	0.0%	
Percent Black	86.6%	73.7%	85.5%	98.8%	100.0%	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	8.4%	9.2%	1.6%	2.5%	0.0%	
Property Destruction	208	155	114	140	37	
Percent Male	81.3%	86.5%	82.5%	76.4%	81.1%	
Percent White	37.0%	39.4%	35.1%	32.9%	56.8%	
Percent Black	63.0%	58.7%	63.2%	65.7%	43.2%	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.8%	4.5%	10.5%	6.4%	2.7%	
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	3	1	1	0	0	
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	
Percent White	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	
Percent Black	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A	

Table 97: Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Social Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Pornography	1	1	0	0	1	
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	0.0%	
Percent White	0.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	0.0%	
Percent Black	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A	0.0%	
Gambling Offenses	0	1	1	3	0	
Percent Male	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	33.3%	N/A	
Percent White	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	N/A	
Percent Black	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	33.3%	N/A	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	N/A	
Prostitution	0	0	1	0	0	
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A	
Percent White	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A	
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A	
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Weapons Offenses	101	81	83	60	56	
Percent Male	88.1%	88.9%	81.9%	93.3%	94.6%	
Percent White	36.6%	39.5%	28.9%	21.7%	14.3%	
Percent Black	63.4%	60.5%	68.7%	78.3%	85.7%	
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.9%	16.0%	6.0%	3.3%	3.6%	

Table 98: Statewide Juvenile Arrests – Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

New Castle County Other Property and Social Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Other Property and Social Offenses in the county were almost 18% lower in 2020 compared to 2016. The patterns of differences for the three most commonly occurring crimes in this category—Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism, Fraud, and Weapon Law Violations—all decreased to varying degrees. Vandalism was down 24.6%, Fraud was down 11.3% and Weapons Violations were down 3.3%. Some other categories of note:

- Weapons Law Violations increased almost 15% from 2019 to 2020.
- Hacking/Computer Invasion Offenses have increased greatly since "Group A" tracking started in 2015, with a 48.3% increase from 2016 to 2020

Overall, 31% of all Other Property and Social Offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Two crimes with some of the lowest clearance rates, Property Destruction and Fraud account for over 76% of the offenses in this category, suppressing the overall clearance rate. Most other crimes within this category of offenses were cleared at much higher rates.

Most crimes in this category were cleared at rates comparable to the past four years.

Tables 99 – 107 and Figure 28 provide detailed information about New Castle County Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 28.



Figure 28: NCC Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 2020

New Castle County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All Other Property and Social Offenses	13,966	12,716	12,423	11,923	11,495
Percent Cleared	35.1%	35.5%	32.4%	36.2%	31.0%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	347	370	279	281	222
Percent Cleared	45.0%	47.8%	40.1%	44.5%	30.2%
Fraud	3,699	3,220	3,488	3,412	3,281
Percent Cleared	36.6%	38.0%	27.7%	28.8%	16.6%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	1,303	1,207	1,128	1,029	843
Percent Cleared	46.1%	44.1%	33.4%	32.9%	22.4%
Credit Card/ATM	815	585	628	619	624
Percent Cleared	21.0%	19.8%	15.3%	20.2%	16.2%
Impersonation	648	591	537	560	303
Percent Cleared	79.2%	85.8%	84.4%	82.1%	67.0%
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wire Fraud	3	40	69	98	132
Percent Cleared	0.0%	7.5%	0.0%	6.1%	3.8%
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hacking/Computer Invasion	930	797	1,126	1,106	1 <i>,</i> 379
Percent Cleared	7.4%	8.3%	3.6%	4.6%	3.5%
Embezzlement	170	167	149	142	100
Percent Cleared	72.4%	80.2%	69.1%	75.4%	67.0%
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	548	509	409	479	357
Percent Cleared	88.9%	82.5%	78.2%	86.4%	86.0%
Property Destruction/Vandalism	7,328	6,543	6,228	5,565	5,527
Percent Cleared	22.0%	22.6%	23.8%	28.0%	25.7%

Table 99: New Castle... Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses

New Castle County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses (Continued)						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	28	10	17	8	5	
Percent Cleared	60.7%	70.0%	58.8%	37.5%	0.0%	
Incest	1	1	0	0	0	
Percent Cleared	0.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Statutory Rape	27	9	17	8	5	
Percent Cleared	63.0%	66.7%	58.8%	37.5%	0.0%	
Pornography/ Obscene Material	48	45	35	41	35	
Percent Cleared	58.3%	68.9%	48.6%	68.3%	60.0%	
Gambling Offenses	4	6	7	13	14	
Percent Cleared	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	76.9%	71.4%	
Prostitution	93	83	111	89	28	
Percent Cleared	94.6%	91.6%	91.9%	95.5%	89.3%	
Prostitution	76	58	72	66	17	
Percent Cleared	94.7%	87.9%	87.5%	93.9%	94.1%	
Promoting Prostitution	6	11	9	3	1	
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Purchasing Prostitution	11	14	30	20	10	
Percent Cleared	90.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	80.0%	
Bribery	0	2	1	4	0	
Percent Cleared	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%	N/A	
Weapons Law Violations	1,496	1,361	1,200	1,263	1,446	
Percent Cleared	65.9%	67.8%	71.1%	73.5%	72.1%	
Cruelty To Animals	205	400	499	626	480	
Percent Cleared	24.4%	9.5%	10.8%	12.8%	11.5%	

Table 99: NCC Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses (cont.)

New Castle County Percentage Difference in Other Property and Social Offenses Received							
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 – 20	Avg 16-19 vs 20	
All Other Property and Social Offenses	-9.0%	-2.3%	-4.0%	-3.6%	-17.7%	-9.9%	
Counterfeiting/Forgery	6.6%	-24.6%	0.7%	-21.0%	-36.0%	-30.5%	
Fraud	-13.0%	8.3%	-2.2%	-3.8%	-11.3%	-5.0%	
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	-7.4%	-6.6%	-8.8%	-18.1%	-35.3%	-27.7%	
Credit Card/ATM	-28.2%	7.4%	-1.4%	0.8%	-23.4%	-5.7%	
Impersonation	-8.8%	-9.1%	4.3%	-45.9%	-53.2%	-48.1%	
Welfare Fraud	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Wire Fraud	1,233.3%	72.5%	42.0%	34.7%	4300.0%	151.4%	
Identity Theft	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Hacking/Computer Invasion	-14.3%	41.3%	-1.8%	24.7%	48.3%	39.3%	
Embezzlement	-1.8%	-10.8%	-4.7%	-29.6%	-41.2%	-36.3%	
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	-7.1%	-19.7%	17.1%	-25.5%	-34.9%	-26.6%	
Property Dest./Vandalism	-10.7%	-4.8%	-10.6%	-0.7%	-24.6%	-13.9%	
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	-64.3%	70.0%	-52.9%	-37.5%	-82.1%	-68.3%	
Incest	0.00%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	
Statutory Rape	-66.7%	88.9%	-52.9%	-37.5%	-81.5%	-67.2%	
Pornography/ Obscene Material	-6.3%	-22.2%	17.1%	-14.6%	-27.1%	-17.2%	
Gambling Offenses	50.0%	16.7%	85.7%	7.7%	250.0%	86.7%	
Prostitution	-10.8%	33.7%	-19.8%	-68.5%	-69.9%	-70.2%	
Prostitution	-23.7%	24.1%	-8.3%	-74.2%	-77.6%	-75.0%	
Promoting Prostitution	83.3%	-18.2%	-66.7%	-66.7%	-83.3%	-86.2%	
Purchasing Prostitution	27.3%	114.3%	-33.3%	-50.0%	-9.1%	-46.7%	
Bribery	200.0%	-50.0%	300.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	
Weapons Law Violations	-9.0%	-11.8%	5.3%	14.5%	-3.3%	8.7%	
Cruelty To Animals	95.1%	24.8%	25.5%	-23.3%	134.1%	11.0%	

Table 100: NCC Percentage Difference in Other Property and Social Offenses Received, 2016-20

New Castle County Other Propert			•		
New Castle County Population	560,147	564,193	564,568	562,694	558,863
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
Fraud	6.6	5.7	6.2	6.0	5.9
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.5
Credit Card/ATM	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Impersonation	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5
Welfare Fraud	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wire Fraud	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Identity Theft	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.5
Embezzlement	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6
Property Destruction/Vandalism	13.1	11.6	11.0	9.9	9.9
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Incest	<0.1	< 0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Statutory Rape	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pornography/ Obscene Material	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Gambling Offenses	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
					0.1
Prostitution	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Prostitution	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1
Promoting Prostitution	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	<0.1
Purchasing Prostitution	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Bribery	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.0
Weapons Law Violations	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.6
Cruelty To Animals	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.9

Table 101: NCC Other Property and Social Offenses: Crime Rates per 1,000 People, 2016 – 20
New Castle County Adult Arrests – C	Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Counterfeiting/Forgery	130	149	100	100	49		
Fraud	767	760	571	566	300		
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	369	339	221	191	129		
Credit Card/ATM	37	33	23	39	39		
Impersonation	351	376	320	327	127		
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	(
Wire Fraud	0	1	0	3	3		
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	(
Hacking/Computer Invasion	10	11	7	6	2		
Embezzlement	113	128	95	97	59		
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	234	219	179	199	180		
Property Destruction/Vandalism	324	282	326	388	392		
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	10	2	4	3			
Incest	0	1	0	0	(
Statutory Rape	10	1	4	3	4		
Pornography/Obscene Material	18	23	10	18	(
Gambling Offenses	0	7	0	4			
Prostitution	62	57	95	69	22		
Prostitution	51	39	54	49	15		
Promoting Prostitution	3	6	7	2	(
Purchasing Prostitution	8	12	34	18			
Bribery	0	0	1	3			
Weapons Law Violations	188	158	133	166	18		
Cruelty To Animals	30	20	13	19	14		

New Castle County Other Property and Social Offense Arrests

Table 102: New Castle County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020

New Castle County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Other Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	130	149	100	100	49			
Percent Male	62.3%	58.4%	70.0%	64.0%	69.4%			
Percent White	43.1%	32.9%	34.0%	42.0%	44.9%			
Percent Black	56.2%	66.4%	64.0%	56.0%	46.9%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.9%	8.7%	12.0%	12.0%	10.2%			
Fraud	767	760	571	566	300			
Percent Male	63.6%	65.8%	68.0%	65.2%	69.0%			
Percent White	50.7%	52.0%	44.0%	46.8%	50.3%			
Percent Black	48.1%	46.7%	55.5%	51.4%	47.3%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.6%	8.0%	8.4%	6.5%	6.3%			
Embezzlement	113	128	95	97	59			
Percent Male	53.1%	55.5%	49.5%	44.3%	62.7%			
Percent White	44.2%	45.3%	43.2%	41.2%	44.1%			
Percent Black	53.1%	53.9%	54.7%	58.8%	55.9%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.3%	6.3%	7.4%	5.2%	8.5%			
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	234	219	179	199	180			
Percent Male	86.3%	79.5%	84.4%	80.9%	90.6%			
Percent White	38.9%	37.0%	41.9%	30.7%	31.7%			
Percent Black	60.7%	63.0%	57.5%	69.3%	68.3%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.8%	7.3%	6.1%	5.0%	7.8%			
Property Destruction	324	282	326	388	392			
Percent Male	60.5%	71.6%	69.3%	62.1%	66.3%			
Percent White	44.8%	47.9%	39.0%	38.1%	40.8%			
Percent Black	53.7%	52.1%	59.8%	61.3%	58.7%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.4%	3.2%	5.5%	7.0%	6.9%			
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	10	2	4	3	2			
Percent Male	90.0%	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Percent White	20.0%	100.0%	25.0%	33.3%	0.0%			
Percent Black	80.0%	0.0%	75.0%	33.3%	100.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%			

Table 103: NCC Adult Arrests – Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, 16 – 20

New Castle County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Pornography	18	23	10	18	9		
Percent Male	94.4%	95.7%	100.0%	94.4%	100.0%		
Percent White	88.9%	78.3%	90.0%	66.7%	77.8%		
Percent Black	11.1%	17.4%	10.0%	33.3%	22.2%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	16.7%	4.3%	20.0%	5.6%	11.1%		
Gambling Offenses	0	7	0	4	6		
Percent Male	N/A	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	83.3%		
Percent White	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	16.7%		
Percent Black	N/A	85.7%	N/A	100.0%	83.3%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%		
Prostitution	62	57	95	69	22		
Percent Male	16.1%	43.9%	49.5%	43.5%	45.5%		
Percent White	61.3%	70.2%	66.3%	52.2%	90.9%		
Percent Black	27.4%	26.3%	30.5%	39.1%	9.1%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.8%	17.5%	10.5%	8.7%	4.5%		
Bribery	0	0	1	3	1		
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	0.0%	66.7%	100.0%		
Percent White	N/A	N/A	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Weapons Offenses	188	158	133	166	181		
Percent Male	91.5%	92.4%	93.2%	91.6%	90.6%		
Percent White	31.9%	22.8%	24.1%	28.9%	22.1%		
Percent Black	67.6%	77.2%	75.2%	70.5%	76.8%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.3%	2.5%	3.8%	9.6%	3.9%		

Table 104: NCC Adult Arrests – Social Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, 2016 – 2020

-	- Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	2	0	1		
Fraud	42	31	24	37	12		
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	8	6	4	7	4		
Credit Card/ATM	3	2	3	5	1		
Impersonation	30	22	17	25	7		
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0		
Wire Fraud	0	0	0	0	0		
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0		
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1	1	0	0	0		
Embezzlement	2	2	1	2	1		
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	99	59	42	64	80		
Property Destruction/Vandalism	106	70	60	74	73		
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	1	0	1	0	0		
Incest	0	0	0	0	0		
Statutory Rape	1	0	1	0	0		
Pornography/ Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	0		
Gambling Offenses	0	1	1	1	0		
Prostitution	0	0	1	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0	1	0	0		
Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
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Bribery	0	0	0	0	0		
Weapons Law Violations	52	47	45	37	48		
Cruelty To Animals	3	1	0	0	0		

Table 105: New Castle County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 20

New Castle County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property Orlenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity Other Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	2	0	1		
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	0.0%		
Percent White	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%		
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	100.0%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%		
Fraud	42	31	24	37	12		
Percent Male	71.4%	64.5%	79.2%	70.3%	75.0%		
Percent White	21.4%	22.6%	16.7%	18.9%	16.7%		
Percent Black	76.2%	77.4%	83.3%	81.1%	83.3%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	11.9%	9.7%	4.2%	2.7%	0.0%		
Embezzlement	2	2	1	2	1		
Percent Male	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%		
Percent White	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%		
Percent Black	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%	100.0%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	99	59	42	64	80		
Percent Male	83.8%	86.4%	85.7%	87.5%	93.8%		
Percent White	12.1%	22.0%	14.3%	1.6%	16.3%		
Percent Black	86.9%	78.0%	83.3%	98.4%	83.8%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	9.1%	10.2%	2.4%	1.6%	8.8%		
Property Destruction	106	70	60	74	73		
Percent Male	77.4%	85.7%	81.7%	74.3%	74.0%		
Percent White	23.6%	24.3%	26.7%	31.1%	30.1%		
Percent Black	76.4%	72.9%	73.3%	68.9%	68.5%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.6%	5.7%	11.7%	10.8%	8.2%		
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	1	0	1	0	0		
Percent Male	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent White	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent Black	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A		

Table 106: NCC Juvenile Arrests – Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

New Castle County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0		
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Gambling Offenses	0	1	1	1	0		
Percent Male	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	N/A		
Percent White	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	N/A		
Percent Black	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	N/A		
Prostitution	0	0	1	0	0		
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent White	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A		
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0		
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Weapons Offenses	52	81	45	37	48		
Percent Male	82.7%	88.9%	82.2%	91.9%	93.8%		
Percent White	21.2%	39.5%	26.7%	10.8%	10.4%		
Percent Black	78.8%	60.5%	68.9%	89.2%	89.6%		
Percent Hispanic/Latino	5.8%	16.0%	8.9%	0.0%	4.2%		

Table 107: NCC Juvenile Arrests – Social Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, 2016 – 20

Kent County Other Property and Social Offenses and Clearances

Overall, Other Property and Social Offenses in the county were 21.4% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. The three most commonly occurring crimes in this category—Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism, Fraud, and Weapon Law Violations— all decreased over 20% from 2016 to 2020. Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism decreased 22.7%, Fraud decreased 26.3%, and Weapon Law Violations decreased 24.0%. Some notable points:

- Weapons Law Violations had been decreasing since 2016 to a 2019 report period low but did see an increase in 2020.
- Property Destruction/Vandalism and Fraud Offenses are at report period lows.

Overall, almost 43% of all Other Property and Social Offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Many crimes within this category of offenses were cleared at rates well above 50%. However, two crimes with some of the lowest clearance rates, Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism and Fraud, account for almost 76% of the offenses in this category, suppressing the overall clearance rate. Almost all crimes in this category of offenses were cleared at rates comparable to or better than those for the previous four years.

Tables 108 – 116 and Figure 29 provide detailed information about Kent County Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 29.



Figure 29: Kent County Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 20

Kent County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 20						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
All Other Property and Social Offenses	4,736	4,467	4,001	4,058	3,723	
Percent Cleared	49.6%	51.7%	45.1%	46.9%	42.5%	
Counterfeiting/Forgery	128	162	128	117	93	
Percent Cleared	60.9%	55.6%	49.2%	53.8%	48.4%	
Fraud	1,544	1,440	1,242	1,263	1,138	
Percent Cleared	51.4%	55.2%	42.3%	44.9%	36.1%	
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	702	704	541	483	326	
Percent Cleared	54.6%	59.8%	51.9%	56.7%	50.0%	
Credit Card/ATM	288	233	177	201	171	
Percent Cleared	36.8%	37.8%	26.0%	38.8%	28.7%	
Impersonation	304	273	216	215	187	
Percent Cleared	84.9%	93.4%	83.8%	86.5%	87.2%	
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Wire Fraud	1	31	57	87	142	
Percent Cleared	0.0%	16.1%	1.8%	10.3%	9.2%	
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Hacking/Computer Invasion	249	199	251	277	312	
Percent Cleared	18.9%	13.1%	6.4%	7.2%	7.4%	
Embezzlement	61	58	44	51	19	
Percent Cleared	77.0%	70.7%	70.5%	76.5%	94.7%	
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	160	165	108	131	95	
Percent Cleared	88.1%	94.5%	81.5%	89.3%	85.3%	
Property Destruction/Vandalism	2,187	1,927	1,750	1,752	1,691	
Percent Cleared	37.9%	38.5%	38.4%	40.4%	38.4%	

Table 108: Kent County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses

Kent County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020 (Continued)							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	11	19	10	13	4		
Percent Cleared	81.8%	78.9%	70.0%	69.2%	50.0%		
Incest	0	1	0	0	0		
Percent Cleared	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Statutory Rape	11	18	10	13	4		
Percent Cleared	81.8%	77.8%	70.0%	69.2%	N/A		
Pornography/ Obscene Material	30	35	27	30	30		
Percent Cleared	63.3%	74.3%	63.0%	63.3%	53.3%		
Gambling Offenses	1	29	18	22	14		
Percent Cleared	100.0%	96.6%	100.0%	95.5%	92.9%		
Prostitution	9	7	5	9	4		
Percent Cleared	88.9%	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%		
Prostitution	6	4	3	5	0		
Percent Cleared	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	60.0%	N/A		
Promoting Prostitution	2	1	1	2	0		
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%	N/A		
Purchasing Prostitution	1	2	1	2	4		
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Bribery	1	0	1	1	1		
Percent Cleared	0.0%	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Weapons Law Violations	475	405	385	350	361		
Percent Cleared	82.3%	87.4%	83.6%	84.9%	84.5%		
Cruelty To Animals	129	220	283	319	273		
Percent Cleared	26.4%	25.0%	20.1%	17.6%	13.6%		

Table 108: Kent County... Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses (cont.)

Kent County Percentage Differ	_		-	-		
	16 – 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
All Other Property and Social Offenses	-5.7%	-10.4%	1.4%	-8.3%	-21.4%	-13.7%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	26.6%	-21.0%	-8.6%	-20.5%	-27.3%	-33.3%
Fraud	-6.7%	-13.8%	1.7%	-9.9%	-26.3%	-19.2%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	0.3%	-23.2%	-10.7%	-32.5%	-53.6%	-49.8%
Credit Card/ATM	-19.1%	-24.0%	13.6%	-14.9%	-40.6%	-26.5%
Impersonation	-10.2%	-20.9%	-0.5%	-13.0%	-38.5%	-29.3%
Welfare Fraud	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wire Fraud	3,000.0%	83.9%	52.6%	63.2%	14,100.0%	378.7%
Identity Theft	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hacking/Computer Invasion	-20.1%	26.1%	10.4%	12.6%	25.3%	33.9%
Embezzlement	-4.9%	-24.1%	15.9%	-62.7%	-68.9%	-65.0%
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	3.1%	-34.6%	21.3%	-27.5%	-40.6%	-34.2%
Property Destr./Vandalism	-11.9%	-9.2%	0.1%	-3.5%	-22.7%	-13.5%
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	72.7%	-47.4%	30.0%	-69.2%	-63.6%	-70.0%
Incest	100.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Statutory Rape	63.6%	-44.4%	30.0%	-69.2%	-63.6%	-69.2%
Pornography/ Obscene Material	16.7%	-22.9%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.2%
Gambling Offenses	2,800.0%	-37.9%	22.2%	-36.4%	1,300.0%	-12.5%
Prostitution	-22.2%	-28.6%	80.0%	-55.6%	-55.6%	-42.9%
Prostitution	-33.3%	-25.0%	66.7%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Promoting Prostitution	-50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Purchasing Prostitution	100.0%	-50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	300.0%	200.0%
Bribery	-100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Weapons Law Violations	-14.7%	-4.9%	-9.1%	3.1%	-24.0%	-14.4%
Cruelty To Animals	70.5%	28.6%	12.7%	-14.4%	111.6%	29.6%

Table 109: Kent County Percentage Difference in Other Property and Social Offenses Received

Kent County Other Property and Social Offenses: Crime Rates per 1,000 People								
Kent County Population	175,110	180,610	180,396	178,019	181,673			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5			
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Fraud	8.8	8.0	6.9	7.1	6.3			
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	4.0	3.9	3.0	2.7	1.8			
Credit Card/ATM	1.6	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.9			
Impersonation	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.0			
Welfare Fraud	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Wire Fraud	<0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8			
Identity Fraud	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7			
Embezzlement	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1			
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5			
Property Destruction/Vandalism	12.5	10.7	9.7	9.8	9.3			
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1			
Incest	0.0	<0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Statutory Rape	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1			
Pornography/ Obscene Material	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2			
Gambling Offenses	<0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1			
Prostitution	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1			
Prostitution	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.0			
Promoting Prostitution	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.0			
Purchasing Prostitution	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1			
Bribery	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1			
Weapons Law Violations	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0			
Cruelty To Animals	0.7	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.5			

Table 110: Kent County Other Property and Social Offenses: Crime Rates per 1,000 People

Table 111: Kent County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	60	73	56	55	26			
Fraud	393	424	275	294	230			
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	182	191	131	144	91			
Credit Card/ATM	29	32	15	11	15			
Impersonation	176	199	128	135	116			
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0			
Wire Fraud	0	0	0	2	7			
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0			
Hacking/Computer Invasion	6	2	1	2	1			
Embezzlement	37	36	28	28	18			
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	66	67	50	44	38			
Descrit Destruction (Mandalian	170	454	164	470	474			
Property Destruction/Vandalism	178	154	161	178	171			
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	8	5	8	5	2			
Incest	0	1	1	0	0			
Statutory Rape	8	4	7	5	2			
Pornography/ Obscene Material	7	9	7	7	1			
Gambling Offenses	1	11	4	13	1			
Prostitution	6	5	4	5	4			
Prostitution	3	1	2	3	0			
Promoting Prostitution	2	3	1	0	0			
Purchasing Prostitution	1	1	1	2	4			
Bribery	0	1	1	0	1			
Weapons Law Violations	58	46	55	54	52			
Cruelty To Animals	26	25	24	24	10			

Kent County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Other Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	60	73	56	55	26			
Percent Male	51.7%	58.9%	51.8%	76.4%	80.8%			
Percent White	50.0%	50.7%	58.9%	41.8%	38.5%			
Percent Black	48.3%	47.9%	41.1%	56.4%	57.7%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	1.7%	1.4%	7.1%	3.6%	7.7%			
Fraud	393	424	275	294	230			
Percent Male	64.4%	67.0%	66.2%	66.3%	66.5%			
Percent White	48.6%	46.7%	46.9%	49.0%	45.7%			
Percent Black	51.1%	53.1%	51.3%	50.3%	53.9%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.8%	2.6%	8.7%	3.7%	2.2%			
Embezzlement	37	36	28	28	18			
Percent Male	37.8%	44.4%	46.4%	39.3%	44.4%			
Percent White	56.8%	58.3%	64.3%	53.6%	72.2%			
Percent Black	43.2%	38.9%	35.7%	42.9%	27.8%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%			
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	66	67	50	44	38			
Percent Male	81.8%	88.1%	88.0%	84.1%	86.8%			
Percent White	28.8%	31.3%	42.0%	31.8%	31.6%			
Percent Black	71.2%	68.7%	56.0%	68.2%	68.4%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	3.0%	12.0%	6.8%	7.9%			
Property Destruction	178	154	161	178	171			
Percent Male	64.0%	74.0%	72.7%	71.3%	75.4%			
Percent White	33.7%	38.3%	44.1%	39.9%	42.1%			
Percent Black	65.7%	61.7%	55.9%	60.1%	57.9%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	2.8%	1.3%	1.9%	5.6%	2.9%			
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	8	5	8	5	2			
Percent Male	87.5%	60.0%	87.5%	100.0%	100.0%			
Percent White	37.5%	60.0%	62.5%	40.0%	0.0%			
Percent Black	62.5%	40.0%	37.5%	60.0%	50.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%			

Table 112: Kent County Adult Arrests – Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Kent County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Pornography	7	9	7	7	1			
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	85.7%	100.0%	100.0%			
Percent White	85.7%	77.8%	71.4%	71.4%	100.0%			
Percent Black	14.3%	22.2%	28.6%	28.6%	0.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Gambling Offenses	1	11	4	13	1			
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%	61.5%	100.0%			
Percent White	100.0%	36.4%	25.0%	15.4%	0.0%			
Percent Black	0.0%	63.6%	50.0%	84.6%	100.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	18.2%	50.0%	15.4%	0.0%			
Prostitution	6	5	4	5	4			
Percent Male	16.7%	60.0%	50.0%	40.0%	100.0%			
Percent White	33.3%	40.0%	50.0%	20.0%	75.0%			
Percent Black	16.7%	40.0%	25.0%	80.0%	25.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	16.7%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%			
Bribery	0	1	1	0	2			
Percent Male	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	100.0%			
Percent White	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	50.0%			
Percent Black	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	50.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%			
Weapons Offenses	58	46	55	54	52			
Percent Male	93.1%	93.5%	98.2%	94.4%	90.4%			
Percent White	34.5%	45.7%	40.0%	35.2%	44.2%			
Percent Black	65.5%	54.3%	60.0%	64.8%	55.8%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	3.4%	4.3%	3.6%	1.9%	0.0%			

Table 113: Kent County Adult Arrests – Social Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, 2016-20

Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Oth	-	-			
•	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	0	1	0	0
Fraud	14	13	8	15	5
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	3	6	3	7	1
Credit Card/ATM	1	1	0	1	1
Impersonation	10	6	5	7	3
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	2	0
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	15	11	17	16	8
Property Destruction/Vandalism	54	29	31	33	17
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	0	1	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	1	0	0	0
Pornography/ Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	1	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	33	20	27	11	4
Cruelty To Animals	0	0	0	0	0

Table 114: Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Other Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	0	1	0	(
Percent Male	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A				
Percent White	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A				
Percent Black	50.0%	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A				
Fraud	14	13	8	15	5				
Percent Male	64.3%	84.6%	12.5%	53.3%	100.0%				
Percent White	21.4%	7.7%	25.0%	33.3%	20.0%				
Percent Black	78.6%	92.3%	75.0%	60.0%	80.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Embezzlement	0	0	1	2	(
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	0.0%	50.0%	N/A				
Percent White	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	N/#				
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	N/A				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	N/#				
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	15	11	17	16	8				
Percent Male	80.0%	90.9%	94.1%	87.5%	100.0%				
Percent White	20.0%	18.2%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%				
Percent Black	80.0%	81.8%	88.2%	100.0%	100.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%				
Property Destruction	54	29	31	33	17				
Percent Male	81.5%	79.3%	80.6%	78.8%	100.0%				
Percent White	38.9%	34.5%	45.2%	33.3%	35.3%				
Percent Black	61.1%	62.1%	54.8%	66.7%	64.7%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	1.9%	0.0%	9.7%	0.0%	5.9%				
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	1	0	0	(
Percent Male	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/#				
Percent White	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Percent Black	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N//				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N//				

Table 115: Kent Cnty. Juvenile Arrests –Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0			
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	1	0			
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A			
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A			
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A			
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0			
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0			
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Weapons Offenses	33	20	27	11	4			
Percent Male	90.9%	90.0%	81.5%	100.0%	100.0%			
Percent White	48.5%	35.0%	25.9%	18.2%	25.0%			
Percent Black	51.5%	65.0%	74.1%	81.8%	75.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	5.0%	3.7%	9.1%	0.0%			

Table 116: Kent County Juvenile Arrests – Social Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, 16-20

Sussex County Other Property and Social Offenses and Clearances

Overall, the number of Other Property and Social Offenses in the county was almost 21% lower in 2020 when compared with 2016. The three most commonly occurring crimes in this category of offenses—Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism, Fraud, and Weapon Law Violations—all decreased. Property Destruction/Damage/Vandalism Offenses and Weapon Law Violations decreased 27.7% and 2.7%, respectively, since 2016. Fraud Offenses decreased 15.2% since 2016. Of special note:

• Stolen Property and Property Destruction Offenses are at the lowest of the five-year period after a steady decline.

Overall, less than 44% of all Other Property and Social Offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Many crimes within this category of offenses were cleared at rates well above 50%. However, the crimes with some of the lowest clearance rates – Fraud and Property Destruction – account for 77% of the crimes in this offense category, dropping the overall clearance rate. Most offenses in this category were cleared at rates comparable to the previous four years.

Tables 117 – 125 and Figure 30 provide detailed information about Sussex County Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Juvenile and Adult Arrests. Long-term trends since 2009 are also presented in Figure 30.



Figure 30: Sussex Cnty. Other Property and Social Offenses, Clearances, and Arrests, 2009 – 20

Sussex County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
All Other Property and Social Offenses	5,812	5,593	5,016	4,994	4,622			
Percent Cleared	47.3%	46.4%	44.7%	42.9%	43.3%			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	221	159	140	179	113			
Percent Cleared	57.9%	59.7%	55.0%	50.3%	53.1%			
Fraud	1,967	2,051	1,883	1,939	1,668			
Percent Cleared	48.6%	48.9%	41.1%	37.3%	32.2%			
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	984	870	731	682	520			
Percent Cleared	49.8%	52.5%	49.4%	48.8%	44.6%			
Credit Card/ATM	288	287	267	257	234			
Percent Cleared	34.0%	38.3%	31.8%	33.9%	33.8%			
Impersonation	386	383	341	279	209			
Percent Cleared	82.4%	94.0%	85.3%	89.6%	85.2%			
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0			
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Wire Fraud	0	97	128	240	265			
Percent Cleared	N/A	2.1%	2.3%	4.6%	7.5%			
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0			
Percent Cleared	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Hacking/Computer Invasion	309	414	416	481	440			
Percent Cleared	15.9%	17.9%	8.2%	8.9%	6.4%			
Embezzlement	67	73	62	53	33			
Percent Cleared	77.6%	79.5%	71.0%	81.1%	75.8%			
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	299	223	152	141	106			
Percent Cleared	83.3%	85.2%	87.5%	90.1%	90.6%			
Property Destruction/Vandalism	2,622	2,383	2,078	1,977	1,895			
Percent Cleared	37.1%	37.0%	41.0%	39.2%	46.7%			

Table 117: Sussex County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses

Sussex County Serious Offenses and Clearances – Other Property and Social Offenses (Continued)									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	14	15	8	14	9				
Percent Cleared	64.3%	33.3%	50.0%	50.0%	66.7%				
Incest	1	0	0	0	1				
Percent Cleared	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%				
Statutory Rape	13	15	8	14	8				
Percent Cleared	69.2%	33.3%	50.0%	50.0%	62.5%				
Pornography/ Obscene Material	36	27	23	35	39				
Percent Cleared	75.0%	44.4%	60.9%	57.1%	56.4%				
Gambling Offenses	1	0	10	1	2				
Percent Cleared	100.0%	N/A	40.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Prostitution	24	27	23	16	9				
Percent Cleared	91.7%	100.0%	95.7%	93.8%	100.0%				
Prostitution	13	10	10	6	5				
Percent Cleared	84.6%	100.0%	100.0%	83.3%	100.0%				
Promoting Prostitution	1	1	1	1	2				
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Purchasing Prostitution	10	16	12	9	2				
Percent Cleared	100.0%	100.0%	91.7%	100.0%	100.0%				
Bribery	0	1	2	0	0				
Percent Cleared	N/A	100.0%	50.0%	N/A	N/A				
Weapons Law Violations	377	363	323	330	367				
Percent Cleared	82.5%	84.0%	88.2%	90.6%	88.6%				
Cruelty To Animals	184	271	312	309	381				
Percent Cleared	10.3%	7.0%	10.9%	13.3%	8.7%				

Table 117: SC Serious Offenses and Clearances - Other Property and Social Offenses (cont.)

Sussex County Percentage	e Differenc	e in Other	Property a	nd Social (Offenses Re	ceived
	16 – 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19 - 20	16 - 20	Average 16-19 vs 20
All Other Property and Social Offenses	-3.8%	-10.3%	-0.4%	-7.4%	-20.5%	-13.7%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	-28.1%	-12.0%	27.9%	-36.9%	-48.9%	-35.3%
Fraud	4.3%	-8.2%	3.0%	-14.0%	-15.2%	-14.9%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	-11.6%	-16.0%	-6.7%	-23.8%	-47.2%	-36.3%
Credit Card/ATM	-0.4%	-7.0%	-3.7%	-8.9%	-18.8%	-14.8%
Impersonation	-0.8%	-11.0%	-18.2%	-25.1%	-45.9%	-39.8%
Welfare Fraud	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wire Fraud	970.0%	32.0%	87.5%	10.4%	26,500%	128.0%
Identity Theft	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hacking/Computer Invasion	34.0%	0.5%	15.6%	-8.5%	42.4%	8.6%
Embezzlement	9.0%	-15.1%	-14.5%	-37.7%	-50.7%	-48.2%
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	-25.4%	-31.8%	-7.2%	-24.8%	-64.5%	-48.0%
Property Destruction/Vandalism	-9.1%	-12.8%	-4.9%	-4.1%	-27.7%	-16.3%
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	7.1%	-46.7%	75.0%	-35.7%	-35.7%	-29.4%
Incest	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	300.0%
Statutory Rape	15.4%	-46.7%	75.0%	-42.9%	-38.5%	-36.0%
Pornography/Obsc. Material	-25.0%	-14.8%	52.2%	11.4%	8.3%	28.9%
Gambling Offenses	-100.0%	1000.0 %	-90.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-33.3%
Prostitution	12.5%	-14.8%	-30.4%	-43.8%	-62.5%	-60.0%
Prostitution	-23.1%	0.0%	-40.0%	-16.7%	-61.5%	-48.7%
Promoting Prostitution	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Purchasing Prostitution	60.0%	-25.0%	-25.0%	-77.8%	-80.0%	-83.0%
Bribery	0.0%	100.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Weapons Law Violations	-3.7%	-11.0%	2.2%	11.2%	-2.7%	5.4%
Cruelty To Animals	47.3%	15.1%	-1.0%	23.3%	107.1%	41.6%

Table 118: Sussex County Percentage Difference in Other Property and Social Offenses Received

Sussex County Other Property and S				-	•
Sussex County Population	218,820	223,010	229,087	231,619	239,384
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.5
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Fraud	9.0	9.2	8.2	8.4	7.0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	4.5	3.9	3.2	2.9	2.2
Credit Card/ATM	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Impersonation	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	0.9
Welfare Fraud	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wire Fraud	0.0	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.1
Identity Fraud	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.8
Embezzlement	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4
Property Destruction/Vandalism	12.0	10.7	9.1	8.5	7.9
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1
Incest	<0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<0.1
Statutory Rape	0.1	0.1	<0.1	0.1	<0.1
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Pornography/ Obscene Material	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Gambling Offenses	<0.1	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Prostitution	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1
Prostitution	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Promoting Prostitution	< 0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Purchasing Prostitution	<0.1	0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Bribery	0.0	<0.1	<0.1	0.0	0.0
Weapons Law Violations	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	1 -
weapons Law Violations	1./	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.5
Cruelty To Animals	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.6

Table 119: Sussex County Other Property and Social Offenses: Crime Rates per 1,000 People

Sussex County Other Property and Social Offense Arrests

Table 120: Sussex County Adult Arrests – C Sussex County Adult Arrest				-	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Counterfeiting/Forgery	92	61	45	64	47
Fraud	516	566	439	377	276
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	249	224	174	147	108
Credit Card/ATM	12	13	14	12	16
Impersonation	249	321	241	211	145
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	1	0	4	6
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	6	7	10	3	1
Embezzlement	41	53	38	32	15
	41	55	50	52	15
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	48	41	35	50	45
Property Destruction/Vandalism	183	164	175	151	181
Nonforcible Sex Offenses	7	9	4	7	3
Incest	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	7	9	4	7	3
Pornography/ Obscene Material	14	8	5	5	4
Gambling Offenses	0	0	4	0	2
Prostitution	21	19	21	8	5
Prostitution	6	5	8	1	1
Promoting Prostitution	4	0	1	1	2
Purchasing Prostitution	11	14	12	6	2
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	49	51	56	47	60
Cruelty To Animals	10	7	12	10	10

Table 120: Sussex County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Other Property Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Counterfeiting/Forgery	92	61	45	64	47				
Percent Male	56.5%	60.7%	57.8%	71.9%	61.7%				
Percent White	70.7%	72.1%	66.7%	60.9%	42.6%				
Percent Black	29.3%	27.9%	33.3%	39.1%	57.4%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.6%	8.2%	6.7%	4.7%	8.5%				
Fraud	516	566	439	377	276				
Percent Male	64.0%	62.4%	61.0%	62.6%	68.1%				
Percent White	63.8%	64.5%	61.0%	61.0%	62.7%				
Percent Black	35.3%	35.5%	38.7%	37.7%	36.2%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.2%	6.2%	9.1%	7.7%	6.2%				
Embezzlement	41	53	38	32	15				
Percent Male	46.3%	39.6%	44.7%	28.1%	20.0%				
Percent White	78.0%	81.1%	65.8%	78.1%	73.3%				
Percent Black	22.0%	18.9%	31.6%	21.9%	26.7%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	7.3%	0.0%	2.6%	6.3%	6.7%				
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	48	41	35	50	45				
Percent Male	81.3%	85.4%	88.6%	90.0%	82.2%				
Percent White	41.7%	46.3%	45.7%	26.0%	37.8%				
Percent Black	58.3%	53.7%	54.3%	74.0%	62.2%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	4.9%	5.7%	18.0%	6.7%				
Property Destruction	183	164	175	151	181				
Percent Male	75.4%	78.0%	73.1%	74.8%	69.6%				
Percent White	65.6%	57.3%	64.6%	50.3%	53.6%				
Percent Black	33.9%	41.5%	35.4%	48.3%	46.4%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	4.9%	4.9%	5.7%	6.0%	5.5%				
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	7	9	4	7	3				
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Percent White	85.7%	55.6%	50.0%	85.7%	66.7%				
Percent Black	14.3%	44.4%	50.0%	14.3%	33.3%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	42.9%	22.2%	25.0%	28.6%	33.3%				

Table 121: Sussex Cnty. Adult Arrests – Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Sussex County Adult Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Pornography	14	8	5	5	4				
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	75.0%				
Percent White	64.3%	75.0%	100.0%	80.0%	50.0%				
Percent Black	28.6%	25.0%	0.0%	20.0%	50.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Gambling Offenses	0	0	4	0	2				
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	100.0%				
Percent White	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A	0.0%				
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A	100.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	50.0%	N/A	0.0%				
Prostitution	21	19	21	8	5				
Percent Male	66.7%	73.7%	85.7%	75.0%	80.0%				
Percent White	66.7%	78.9%	85.7%	75.0%	60.0%				
Percent Black	33.3%	21.1%	14.3%	25.0%	40.0%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	33.3%	36.8%	57.1%	25.0%	20.0%				
Bribery	0	0	0	0	3				
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.7%				
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33.3%				
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.7%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%				
Weapons Offenses	49	51	56	47	59				
Percent Male	98.0%	96.1%	98.2%	97.9%	88.1%				
Percent White	71.4%	70.6%	66.1%	68.1%	57.6%				
Percent Black	28.6%	27.5%	32.1%	31.9%	42.4%				
Percent Hispanic/Latino	6.1%	2.0%	5.4%	0.0%	5.1%				

Table 122: Sussex County Adult Arrests–Social Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, 16 - 20

Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – O	Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	1	1	0		
Fraud	15	15	17	8	10		
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con Games	2	6	6	4	2		
Credit Card/ATM	3	0	0	1	2		
Impersonation	10	9	11	3	5		
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0		
Wire Fraud	0	0	0	0	1		
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0		
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0		
Embezzlement	0	2	0	2	1		
Stolen Property (sell, receive, possess)	5	6	3	1	3		
Property Destruction/Vandalism	48	56	23	33	37		
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Nonforcible Sex Offenses	2	0	0	0	0		
Incest	0	0	0	0	0		
Statutory Rape	2	0	0	0	0		
Pornography/ Obscene Material	1	1	0	0	1		
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	1	0		
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0		
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0		
Weapons Law Violations	16	14	11	12	4		
Cruelty To Animals	0	0	0	1	2		

Table 123: Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020

Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Other Property Offenses 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	1	1	0			
Percent Male	0.0%	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	N/A			
Percent White	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	100.0%	N/A			
Percent Black	100.0%	N/A	100.0%	0.0%	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	100.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	N/A			
Fraud	15	15	17	8	10			
Percent Male	73.3%	73.3%	76.5%	62.5%	50.0%			
Percent White	66.7%	60.0%	35.3%	62.5%	80.0%			
Percent Black	33.3%	40.0%	64.7%	37.5%	10.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	20.0%	6.7%	5.9%	25.0%	20.0%			
Embezzlement	0	2	0	2	1			
Percent Male	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	100.0%			
Percent White	N/A	50.0%	N/A	50.0%	100.0%			
Percent Black	N/A	50.0%	N/A	50.0%	0.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%			
Stolen Property (buy, receive, possess)	5	6	3	1	3			
Percent Male	100.0%	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%			
Percent White	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Percent Black	100.0%	16.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Property Destruction	48	56	23	33	37			
Percent Male	89.6%	91.1%	87.0%	78.8%	81.1%			
Percent White	64.6%	60.7%	43.5%	36.4%	56.8%			
Percent Black	35.4%	39.3%	47.8%	57.6%	43.2%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	8.3%	5.4%	8.7%	3.0%	2.7%			
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	2	0	0	0	0			
Percent Male	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent White	50.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Black	50.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			

Table 124: Sussex...Juvenile Arrests – Other Property Offenses, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Sussex County Juvenile Arrests – Other Property and Social Offenses: Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Pornography	1	1	0	0	1			
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	0.0%			
Percent White	0.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	0.0%			
Percent Black	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A	100.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A	0.0%			
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	1	0			
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A			
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A			
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	N/A			
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0			
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0			
Percent Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Weapons Offenses	16	14	11	12	4			
Percent Male	100.0%	100.0%	81.8%	91.7%	100.0%			
Percent White	62.5%	78.6%	45.5%	58.3%	50.0%			
Percent Black	37.5%	21.4%	54.5%	41.7%	50.0%			
Percent Hispanic/Latino	18.8%	42.9%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%			

Table 125: Sussex...Juvenile Arrests – Social Offenses, 2016 – 2020, by Gender, Race, Ethnicity

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY STAFFING AND OFFICERS KILLED AND ASSAULTED, 2016 – 2020

This final section of the *Crime in Delaware* report examines the staffing trends among Delaware's police agencies and violent crimes committed against law enforcement officers.

Full Time Law Enforcement Officers and Civilian Employees

The number of law enforcement officers and civilians employed in Delaware police departments and agencies totaled 2,750 and 1,091 in 2020. The law enforcement officer total reflects an increase of 20% between 2016 and 2020. The civilian employee total reflects an increase of 2% from 2016 to 2020.

In 2020, municipalities employed just over half of Delaware's officers and 24% of the civilian law enforcement employees. The Delaware State Police was the next largest employer of officers and civilians, followed by other agencies, such as the Capitol Police, Delaware River and Bay Authority, the State Fire Marshal, and enforcement units of various state agencies. The Delaware Attorney General's Office (see Table 126) employed the remaining officers and civilians. A full list of employee counts by jurisdiction and employee type is located in Table 143 at the end of this section.

Delaware Law Enforcement Agency Employees by Agency and Employee Type										
Agency Type	20	16	20	17	20	18	20	19	20	20
	Officer	Civilian								
Delaware State Police	724	242	734	235	732	232	733	234	741	236
City/Town	1,188	290	1,192	319	1,200	205	1,237	247	1,226	211
Special Agency*	336	140	356	152	345	172	366	172	739	201
Attorney General's Office	35	395	43	424	39	384	39	392	44	443
Total	2,283	1,067	2,325	1,130	2,316	993	2,375	1,045	2,750	1,091

Table 126: Delaware Law Enforcement Agency Employees by Agency and Employee Type

*The large increase in Officer staffing from 2019 to 2020 is mainly attributed to the Amtrak Transportation agency reporting using a different method.

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in Delaware

Assault-related offenses committed against law enforcement officers were down 4% from 2016.

Assault-related offenses committed against police officers in 2020 (398) were the lowest in the five-year period. This is a decrease from a report period high in 2019.

Almost all offenses, 96%, had been cleared before the end of 2020. Assaults continue to be cleared at rates around 95%. Figure 31 shows the trends in assaults against officers since 2009.

No officers were killed in 2020 and just over 17% of assaults resulted in injuries.

There were 12 attempted homicides of police officers in 2020. There were a record 24 attempted homicides of police officers in 2017. The majority of those (18) were attributed to a stand-off with a subject, who fired weapons at responding police officers after killing an officer. 2020 also saw a high number of attempted homicides, 5 are attributed to a single manhunt where the suspect fired at officers, 3 are attributed to a suspect driving a vehicle towards a group of officers and two more were for a suspect opening fire a group of officers.

Most assault-related offenses occurred while responding to disturbances, attempting an arrest, handling prisoners, and traffic pursuits, and most often involved single-officer vehicles. Responding to a disturbance, attempting an arrest and handling prisoners accounted for roughly 60-70% of assaults against officers during the 2016 through 2020 period. Traffic stops were associated with an additional 5-10% of assaults during that period.

Guns and bladed instruments were used infrequently during assaults on officers. From 2016 to 2020, 69-85% of all assaults involved the use of hands/fists/feet as a weapon.

2020 total assaults do not match those totals in other tables due to one assault being labeled as "Conspiracy to Commit" which may not be counted in all tables.

Tables 127 – 130 and Figures 31 – 33 provide details about assaults against Delaware officers.

Violent Offenses Against Delaware Law Enforcement Officers, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Officers Assaulted	414	407	425	448	398		
Officers Killed	0	2	0	0	0		
Attempted Homicides on Officers	1	24	0	1	12		
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	18.8%	17.4%	16.7%	20.5%	17.1%		
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	97.1%	93.6%	93.4%	94.4%	95.7%		

Table 127: Violent Offenses Committed Against Delaware Law Enforcement Officers, 2016 – 20



Figure 31: Assaults Against Law Enforcement Officers, 2009 – 2020







Figure 33: Assaults Against Officers by Type of Activity 2016 – 2020

Table 128: Violent Offenses Against Delaware Law Enforcement Officers by Type of Activity

Assaults by Type of Activity							
Delaware Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Delaware Officers Assaulted	414	407	425	448	397		
Type of Activity							
Responding to Disturbance	23.9%	20.6%	23.1%	18.3%	24.7%		
Attempting Other Arrest	31.6%	26.5%	28.0%	22.8%	24.9%		
Handling/Transporting Prisoners	12.3%	17.0%	17.4%	19.0%	14.6%		
Traffic Pursuit and Stops	9.9%	9.1%	8.5%	8.5%	10.3%		
Investigating Suspicious Person	4.1%	5.4%	4.9%	2.9%	4.0%		
Person who was Mentally Deranged	2.4%	3.2%	5.2%	11.6%	4.3%		
Civil Disorder	1.0%	2.5%	1.2%	3.3%	3.5%		
Burglaries in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	0.7%	1.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%		
Robberies in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	1.3%	0.8%		
Ambush	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%		
All Others	13.8%	13.8%	10.8%	11.8%	12.8%		

Assaults by Type of Weapon Delaware Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Delaware Officers Assaulted	414	407	425	448	397	
Type of Weapon						
Hand, Fist, and/or Feet	85.0%	72.0%	79.1%	72.8%	69.0%	
Firearm	1.7%	6.6%	2.1%	3.6%	3.8%	
Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	0.7%	1.7%	0.7%	1.8%	1.3%	
Other Dangerous Weapon	12.6%	19.7%	18.1%	21.9%	25.9%	

Table 129: Violent Offenses Against Delaware Law Enforcement Officers by Type of Weapon

Table 130: Violent Offenses Against Delaware Law Enforcement Officers by Type of Assignment

Assaults by Type of Assignment Delaware Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Delaware Officers Assaulted	414	407	425	448	398		
Type of Assignment							
Two Man Vehicle	16.9%	9.6%	9.4%	8.0%	6.3%		
One Man Vehicle	58.2%	60.7%	59.1%	66.1%	75.4%		
One Man Vehicle Assisted	6.8%	6.1%	8.5%	6.9%	5.8%		
Detective or Special Assignment	5.1%	8.8%	10.1%	5.6%	5.8%		
Detective or Special Assignment Assisted	4.6%	5.4%	5.4%	5.1%	3.3%		
Other	4.6%	5.9%	3.5%	2.9%	1.5%		
Other Assisted	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	5.4%	2.0%		

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in New Castle County

Assault-related offenses committed against law enforcement officers in the county have increased from 2016 totals. Assault-related offenses committed against officers in the county were 10% higher in 2020 when compared to 2016, but year-to-year trends have been mixed. Trends in assaults against officers in the county since 2009 can be seen in Figure 31.

Almost all assault-related offenses (94%) had been cleared before the end of 2020. Assaults against officers in the county continue to be cleared at very high rates.

No officers were killed in 2020 and 17% of assaults on officers resulted in injuries. There were no attempted homicides on officers in 2019, but 23 attempted homicides on officers in 2017. This was a record number. The majority of those, 18, were attributed to a stand-off with a subject, who fired weapons at responding police officers after he shot and killed an officer. There was also a high number in 2020 (9), 5 are attributed to a manhunt and 3 are another event a suspect drove a vehicle towards a group of officers.

Most assault-related offenses occurred while responding to disturbances, attempting an arrest, and handling prisoners, and most often involved single-officer vehicles. Responding to a disturbance, attempting an arrest, and handling prisoners accounted for over 60% of assaults against officers in the county during the 2016 through 2020 period.

Guns and bladed instruments were used infrequently during assaults on officers in the county and decreased from a high in 2017. From 2016 through 2020, on average 74% of all assaults against officers in the county involved the use of hands, fists, or feet as a weapon, with a high of 83% in 2016. On average, just over 6% of assaults were committed using a firearm or cutting instrument from 2016 to 2020.

Tables 131 – 134 provide more detail about assaults against officers in the county.

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in New Castle County, 2016 – 20							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Officers Assaulted	214	233	222	247	236		
Officers Killed	0	2	0	0	0		
Attempted Homicides on Officers	0	23	0	0	9		
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	16.8%	17.6%	15.3%	18.6%	17.4%		
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	96.3%	90.1%	91.9%	93.9%	94.1%		

Table 131: Violent Offenses Committed Against Officers in New Castle County, 2016 – 2020

Assaults by Type of Activity							
Law Enforcement Officers in New Castle County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Officers Assaulted	214	233	222	247	235		
Type of Activity							
Responding to Disturbance	27.6%	18.5%	26.1%	19.8%	29.4%		
Attempting Other Arrest	29.0%	27.5%	27.9%	22.3%	25.1%		
Handling/Transporting Prisoners	10.7%	17.6%	15.3%	14.2%	14.0%		
Traffic Pursuit and Stops	10.7%	7.7%	5.0%	8.9%	5.1%		
Investigating Suspicious Person	4.7%	7.3%	6.3%	4.0%	4.7%		
Person who was Mentally Deranged	3.3%	3.0%	5.9%	13.0%	4.3%		
Civil Disorder	0.9%	2.6%	1.8%	4.9%	3.4%		
Burglaries in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	0.0%	1.3%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%		
Robberies in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	0.0%	1.3%	0.5%	0.4%	1.3%		
Ambush	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%		
All Others	13.1%	13.3%	9.9%	11.7%	12.8%		

Table 132: Violent Offenses Against Officers in New Castle County by Type of Activity, 16 – 20

Table 155. Violent Onenses Against Oncers in New Castle County by Type of Weapon, 16 – 20						
Assaults by Type of Weapon						
Law Enforcement Officers in New Cast	le County	Killed and	Assaulted	, 2016 – 20	020	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Officers Assaulted	214	233	222	247	235	
Type of Weapon						
Hand, Fist, and/or Feet	83.2%	64.8%	81.5%	72.4%	69.4%	
Firearm	1.4%	9.9%	1.8%	4.5%	4.7%	
Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	0.9%	3.0%	0.9%	2.4%	1.7%	
Other Dangerous Weapon			l I	21.1%	24.3%	

Table 133: Violent Offenses Against Officers in New Castle County by Type of Weapon, 16 – 20

Assaults by Type of Assignment Law Enforcement Officers in New Castle County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Officers Assaulted	214	233	222	247	236		
Type of Assignment							
Two Man Vehicle	23.8%	12.4%	12.6%	12.1%	6.4%		
One Man Vehicle	57.9%	54.1%	56.3%	61.1%	75.4%		
One Man Vehicle Assisted	4.2%	7.3%	9.0%	7.3%	5.5%		
Detective or Special Assignment	4.2%	10.7%	8.6%	6.1%	5.9%		
Detective or Special Assignment Assisted	4.2%	7.3%	8.1%	6.1%	3.8%		
Other	1.9%	5.6%	2.3%	2.4%	0.8%		
Other Assisted	3.7%	2.6%	3.2%	4.9%	2.1%		

Table 134: Violent Offenses Against Officers in New Castle County by Type of Assignment
Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in Kent County

Assault-related offenses committed against law enforcement officers have decreased to a five-year low. Assault-related offenses committed against officers were 31% lower in 2020 when compared to 2016. Trends in assaults against officers in the county since 2009 can be seen in Figure 31.

Almost all assault related offenses had been cleared by the end of 2020. Assaults against officers in the county continue to be cleared at rates at 95% or higher.

No officers in the county were killed in 2020 but 6% of assault-related offenses resulted in injuries. No officers were killed in the line of duty during the 2016 through 2020 period. The percentage of assault-related offenses that resulted in injury is at the lowest point of the five-year period.

Most assault-related offenses occurred while responding to disturbances, attempting an arrest, and handling prisoners, and most often involved single-officer vehicles. Responding to a disturbance, attempting an arrest, and handling prisoners generally accounted for roughly 60-70% of assaults against officers in the county during the 2016 through 2020 period. In 2020, Traffic Stops/Pursuits accounted for a much higher percentage than previous years, 23% compared to 8-14%. This is also more than double the state average for 2020 (10%).

Guns and bladed instruments were used infrequently during assaults on officers in the county. During the period 2016 through 2020, an average of 73% of assaults against officers were done with hands, fists, or feet as weapons. Assaults during this period that involved the use of a firearm, or a cutting instrument accounted for an average of just over 3% of the total offenses.

Tables 135 – 138 provide more detail about assaults against officers in Kent County.

Law Enforcement Officers in Kent County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 20										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020					
Officers Assaulted	77	82	103	99	53					
Officers Killed	0	0	0	0	0					
Attempted Homicides on Officers	1	1	0	1	2					
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	22.1%	23.2%	17.5%	18.2%	5.7%					
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	98.7%	100.0%	97.1%	94.9%	96.2%					

Table 135: Violent Offenses Committed Against Officers in Kent County, 2016 – 2020

	Assaults by Type of Activity									
Law Enforcement Officers in Kent County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 202020162017201820192										
Officers Assaulted	77	82	103	99	2020 53					
Type of Activity	<u> </u>			<u> </u>						
Responding to Disturbance	27.3%	24.4%	15.5%	18.2%	9.4%					
Attempting Other Arrest	24.7%	18.3%	32.0%	22.2%	24.5%					
Handling/Transporting Prisoners	7.8%	13.4%	18.4%	27.3%	7.5%					
Traffic Pursuit and Stops	9.1%	12.2%	13.6%	8.1%	22.6%					
Investigating Suspicious Person	5.2%	4.9%	2.9%	1.0%	5.7%					
Person who was Mentally Deranged	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%	8.1%	1.9%					
Civil Disorder	1.3%	2.4%	1.0%	1.0%	9.4%					
Burglaries in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%					
Robberies in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%					
Ambush	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%					
All Others	19.5%	18.3%	12.6%	10.1%	18.9%					

Table 136: Violent Offenses Against Officers in Kent County by Type of Activity, 2016 – 20

Table 137: Violent Offenses Against Officers in Kent County by Type of Weapon, 2016 – 20

Assaults by Type of Weapon Law Enforcement Officers in Kent County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020										
2016 2017 2018 2019 2020										
Officers Assaulted	77	82	103	99	53					
Type of Weapon										
Hand, Fist, and/or Feet	83.1%	82.9%	68.9%	68.4%	62.3%					
Firearm	5.2%	1.2%	1.0%	3.1%	5.7%					
Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%					
Other Dangerous Weapon	11.7%	15.9%	30.1%	29.6%	30.2%					

Assaults by Type of Assignment Law Enforcement Officers in Kent County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Officers Assaulted	77	82	103	99	53				
Type of Assignment									
Two Man Vehicle	6.5%	4.9%	4.9%	3.0%	11.3%				
One Man Vehicle	58.4%	70.7%	56.3%	73.7%	81.1%				
One Man Vehicle Assisted	9.1%	3.7%	7.8%	6.1%	3.8%				
Detective or Special Assignment	9.1%	9.8%	18.4%	4.0%	3.8%				
Detective or Special Assignment Assisted	9.1%	1.2%	4.9%	2.0%	0.0%				
Other	2.6%	2.4%	1.0%	2.0%	0.0%				
Other Assisted	5.2%	7.3%	6.8%	9.1%	0.0%				

Table 138: Violent Offenses Against Officers in Kent County by Type of Assignment, 2016 – 20

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in Sussex County

Assault-related offenses committed against law enforcement officers in the county in 2020 was the second highest of the report period. This was a decrease of 11% increase from 2016 but have been climbing from a low in 2017. Trends in assaults against officers in the county since 2009 can be seen in Figure 31.

The majority of assault-related offenses (99) had been cleared before the end of 2020. Assaults against officers in the county continue to be cleared at rates around 95-100%.

No officers in the county were killed in 2020 but assaults on officers resulted in 22% of assaults resulting in injury. No officers were killed in the line of duty in the 2016 through 2020 period. While the number of assaults against officers is similar to recent years, the percentage resulting in injury fluctuates. There was one attempted homicide of an officer in 2020

Most assault-related offenses occurred while responding to disturbances, attempting an arrest, and handling prisoners, and most often involved single-officer vehicles. Responding to a disturbance, attempting an arrest, and handling prisoners generally accounted for 60-70% of assaults against officers in the county during the 2016 through 2020 period. Like Kent County, Traffic Stops/Pursuits in Sussex County accounted for a higher percentage of injuries than the state average.

Guns and bladed instruments were used infrequently during assaults on officers in the county. During the period 2016 through 2020, an average of 81% of assaults against officers involved the use of hands, fists, or feet as a weapon. Assaults during this period that involved the use of a firearm, or cutting instrument were very infrequent, averaging just under 3% from 2016 to 2020.

Tables 139 – 142 provide more detail about assaults against officers in Sussex County.

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Law Enforcement Officers in Su	ssex County	<pre>/ Killed and</pre>	Assaulted,	, 2016 – 20	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Officers Assaulted	123	92	100	102	109
Officers Killed	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Homicides on Officers	0	0	0	0	1
Assaults Resulting in Officer Injury	20.3%	12.0%	19.0%	27.5%	22.0%
Assault-related Offenses Cleared	97.6%	96.7%	93.0%	95.1%	99.1%

Table 139: Violent Offenses Committed Against Officers in Sussex County, 2016 – 2020

Assaults by Type of Activity Law Enforcement Officers in Sussex County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Officers Activity	123	92	100	102	109				
Type of Assignment									
Responding to Disturbance	15.4%	22.8%	24.0%	14.7%	22.0%				
Attempting Other Arrest	40.7%	31.5%	24.0%	24.5%	24.8%				
Handling/Transporting Prisoners	17.9%	18.5%	21.0%	22.5%	19.3%				
Traffic Pursuit and Stops	8.9%	9.8%	11.0%	7.8%	15.6%				
Investigating Suspicious Person	2.4%	1.1%	4.0%	2.0%	1.8%				
Person who was Mentally Deranged	0.0%	3.3%	5.0%	11.8%	5.5%				
Civil Disorder	0.8%	2.2%	0.0%	2.0%	0.9%				
Burglaries in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Robberies in Progress/Pursuing Suspects	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%				
Ambush	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
All Others	11.4%	10.9%	11.0%	13.7%	10.1%				

Table 140: Violent Offenses Against Officers in Sussex County by Type of Activity, 2016 – 20

Table 141: Violent Offenses Against Officers in Sussex County by Type of Weapon, 2016 – 20

Assaults by Type of Weapon Law Enforcement Officers in Sussex County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020										
	2016 2017 2018 2019 20									
Officers Assaulted	123	92	100	102	109					
Type of Weapon										
Hand, Fist, and/or Feet	89.4%	80.4%	84.0%	79.4%	71.6%					
Firearm	0.0%	3.3%	4.0%	2.0%	0.9%					
Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	0.8%	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	0.0%					
Other Dangerous Weapon	9.8%	16.3%	11.0%	16.7%	27.5%					

Assaults by Type of Assignment Law Enforcement Officers in Sussex County Killed and Assaulted, 2016 – 2020									
2016 2017 2018 2019 20									
Officers Assaulted	123	92	100	102	109				
Type of Assignment									
Two Man Vehicle	11.4%	6.5%	7.0%	2.9%	3.7%				
One Man Vehicle	58.5%	68.5%	68.0%	70.6%	72.5%				
One Man Vehicle Assisted	9.8%	5.4%	8.0%	6.9%	7.3%				
Detective or Special Assignment	4.1%	3.3%	5.0%	5.9%	6.4%				
Detective or Special Assignment Assisted	2.4%	4.3%	0.0%	5.9%	3.7%				
Other	10.6%	9.8%	9.0%	4.9%	3.7%				
Other Assisted	3.3%	2.2%	3.0%	2.9%	2.8%				

Table 142: Violent Offenses Against Officers in Sussex County by Type of Assignment, 16 – 20

Agency	County		16		17		18		19		20
		Officers	Civilians								
Delaware State Police	Kent	271	174	265	150	269	147	260	155	275	166
(DSP)	New Castle	265	37	268	53	270	53	271	49	264	37
	Sussex	188	31	201	32	193	32	202	30	202	33
Delaware State Police	Totals	724	242	734	235	732	232	733	234	741	236
Bethany	Sussex	9	2	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1
Bethel	Sussex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blades	Sussex	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0
Bowers Beach	Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bridgeville	Sussex	5	3	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0
Camden	Kent	8	1	8	1	7	1	9	0	9	1
Cheswold	Kent	3	0	4	0	5	0	5	0	4	0
Clayton	Kent	9	1	0	0	8	1	9	1	9	1
Dagsboro	Sussex	4	0	3	0	4	0	4	0	3	0
Delaware City	New Castle	4	1	4	1	3	1	4	1	3	1
Delmar	Sussex	12	1	13	1	13	1	13	1	12	1
Dewey Beach	Sussex	8	2	8	2	9	2	8	2	9	2
Dover	Kent	105	31	98	41	101	32	99	31	92	31
Ellendale	Sussex	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Elsmere	New Castle	12	1	9	4	11	1	12	1	11	1
Felton	Kent	4	0	3	0	4	0	4	0	3	0
Fenwick Island	Sussex	6	0	6	1	7	1	7	1	7	0
Frankford	Sussex	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frederica	Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Georgetown	Sussex	18	2	20	5	19	4	19	4	21	2
Greenwood	Sussex	4	1	3	2	3	1	3	1	3	1
Harrington	Kent	12	1	13	1	13	1	13	1	10	1
Kenton	Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

 Table 143: Delaware Law Enforcement Agency Staffing: By Jurisdiction/Agency and Employee Type, 2016 – 2020

 *This data is self-reported by the respective agency. The SAC has not verified this data. It is used to give context to law enforcement staffing levels in Delaware.

Crime in Delaware, 2016 – 2020

Agency	County	20	16	20	17	20	18	20	19	20	20
		Officers	Civilians								
Laurel	Sussex	15	1	17	1	16	1	19	1	18	1
Lewes	Sussex	12	1	13	1	13	1	13	1	11	1
Middletown	New Castle	31	4	32	6	33	6	34	8	38	7
Milford	Kent/Sussex	30	10	30	11	30	11	36	12	35	13
Millsboro	Sussex	12	1	15	1	16	1	16	2	16	2
Milton	Sussex	8	0	8	1	8	1	7	1	8	1
New Castle County Police	New Castle	367	116	379	122	377	40	387	76	393	41
New Castle City	New Castle	16	1	17	1	17	1	15	1	17	1
Newark	New Castle	71	17	70	18	70	18	71	18	73	17
Newport	New Castle	9	1	8	1	6	0	7	0	6	0
Ocean View	Sussex	9	1	9	1	11	1	11	1	11	1
Rehoboth Beach	Sussex	17	10	17	11	17	12	17	12	18	11
Seaford	Sussex	22	13	25	11	27	11	26	7	28	7
Selbyville	Sussex	6	1	6	1	8	1	9	1	8	1
Smyrna	Kent	22	7	23	7	23	7	25	7	25	8
South Bethany	Sussex	7	1	7	1	4	0	5	0	6	0
Viola	Kent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington	New Castle	302	58	300	64	292	46	306	54	293	56
Wyoming	Kent	4	0	3	0	4	0	3	0	3	0
City/Town Totals:	•	1,188	290	1,192	319	1,200	205	1,237	247	1,226	211
Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement	All Counties	17	2	17	2	14	2	16	2	13	1
DNREC-Environmental Crimes Unit	All Counties	9	1	10	2	9	2	8	3	13	1
Amtrak Police*	New Castle	18	0	18	7	28	31	29	27	403	59

Table 143: Delaware Law Enforcement Agency Staffing: By Jurisdiction/Agency and Employee Type (continued)

*The large increase in staffing for Amtrak Police is due to a change in their reporting methods.

Agency	County	20	16	20	17	20	18	20	19	2020	
		Officers	Civilians								
DHSS Animal Welfare	All Counties	14	5	22	11	16	0	20	10	22	7
Capitol Police	All Counties	64	24	67	25	66	23	66	18	68	21
Dover Fire Marshall	Kent	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4
Delaware State Univ.	Kent	15	24	15	24	14	23	13	22	12	23
Delaware River and Bay Authority	NC/ Sussex	51	11	60	11	55	10	60	10	58	10
US Drug Enforcement Administration	New Castle	24	9	23	5	21	3	23	3	23	4
State Fire Marshall	All Counties	17	30	19	29	20	32	18	30	20	30
DNREC-Fish & Wildlife Enforcement	All Counties	26	6	26	4	26	9	28	7	28	6
DSP Drug Diversion Unit	All Counties			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DNREC-Parks and Rec	All Counties	20	0	18	0	21	0	22	1	21	1
University of Delaware	NC/Sussex	49	26	50	25	46	28	54	31	49	29
Wilmington Fire Marshall	New Castle	12	0	11	5	9	6	9	5	9	5
Special Police Organiza	tion Totals	336	140	356	152	345	172	366	172	739	201
Officer and Civilian Totals	5	2,248	672	2,282	706	2,277	609	2,336	653	2,706	648
Attorney General's (AG)	Kent	7	65	10	72	9	67	10	71	11	76
Office	New Castle	27	279	31	296	28	265	28	267	31	304
	Sussex	1	51	2	56	2	52	1	54	2	63
Attorney General's Offi	ce Totals	35	395	43	424	39	384	39	392	44	443
Overall Totals		2,283	1,067	2,325	1,130	2,316	993	2,375	1,045	2,750	1,091

Table 143: Delaware Law Enforcement Agency Staffing: By Jurisdiction/Agency and Employee Type (continued)

TECHNICAL APPENDIX

Detailed Explanation of Clearance Rates

In crime analysis, criminal offenses are considered to be 'solved' through either an arrest or through an alternative means when a suspect(s) has been identified but an arrest cannot be made. When an offense is solved in this way, it is considered to have been 'cleared' for crime reporting purposes. The federal definition of *clearance rate* is the percentage of offenses received that are 'solved' through an arrest or by exceptional means. An offense is 'cleared by arrest' for crime reporting purposes when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of the offense, and turned over to a court for prosecution.

In certain situations, an offender cannot be arrested and formally charged. When this happens, the offense can be cleared by *exceptional means*. This type of clearance can be made if the following four conditions are met:

- the offender can be identified.
- there is enough evidence to support an arrest, make a charge, and turn the offender over to a court for prosecution.
- the offender's exact location is known so that the suspect could be taken into custody immediately.
- there are circumstances outside the control of law enforcement that prohibits the agency from arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender.

Examples of exceptional clearances include, but are not limited to:

- the death of the offender
- confession of the offender under circumstances where prosecution is not possible (e.g., a death bed confession, a confession made while serving a life sentence in another jurisdiction and extradition for trial is not possible)
- the refusal of a victim to cooperate with the prosecution after the offender has been identified
- denial of extradition (e.g., because the offender committed a crime in another jurisdiction and is being prosecuted for that offense)
- The handling of minor juvenile offenses outside of juvenile court as a matter of publicly accepted police policy.

Clearances involving only persons under 18 years of age

When a juvenile offender is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities, the FBI considers the incident in question to be cleared by arrest, even though a physical arrest may not have occurred. When clearances involve juvenile and adult offenders, those incidents are classified by the FBI as clearances for crimes committed by adults. Since clearance percentages for crimes involving juvenile offenders only include clearances where an adult was not also involved, juvenile clearance figures should be interpreted with caution—they do not present a definitive picture of juvenile involvement in crime.

Some Factors that Affect Clearance Rates

Single versus Multiple Offenses: In some situations, an offender may commit multiple criminal offenses, either in a single incident of crime or over several incidents. In other situations, two or more people may commit a single offense during a single criminal incident. These situations each work differently with respect to clearances. In the first example, the arrest or identification of that person can clear multiple offenses, while in the second example, the arrest or identification of several persons would only clear one offense.

The Nature of Some Types of Crime: Violent Criminal Offenses (Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault) often undergo a more intensive investigative effort than crimes against property. Also, victims and/or witnesses often identify the perpetrators. Property crimes such as theft from a motor vehicle or vandalism often occur in the absence of witnesses, making it more difficult to identify suspects. Consequently, Violent Offenses tend to have higher clearance rates than Property Offenses. Drug/Narcotic offenses clear at high rates because of the nature of those crimes and how they come to the attention of law enforcement agencies.

FBI NIBRS CRIME DEFINITIONS

Criminal Offense	Definition
Arson	The willful and malicious burning of a dwelling, motor vehicle, or other
	personal property, with or without the intent to defraud.
Assault Offenses	
Aggravated	An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a
	weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious
	severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of
	teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.
Simple	An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the
	offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or
	aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth,
	possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.
Bribery	The offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value (i.e., a bribe,
·	gratuity, or kickback) to sway the judgment or action of a person in a
	position of trust or influence.
Burglary/Breaking and	The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to
Entering	commit a felony or a theft. Burglary: The unlawful entry (or attempted entry)
	into a building or structure to commit a crime.
Counterfeiting or	The altering, copying, or imitation of something, without authority or right,
Forgery	with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy or thing altered or
- /	imitated as that which is original or genuine; or the selling, buying or
	possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with the intent to deceive
	or defraud.
Destruction, Damage, or	To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real
Vandalism of Property	or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having
	custody or control of it.
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of
	certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their
	preparation and/or use.
Drug Equipment	The unlawful manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, or transportation of
Violation	equipment or devices utilized in preparing and/or using drugs or narcotics.
Embezzlement	The unlawful misappropriation by an offender to his/her own use or purpose
	of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care,
	custody, or control.
Extortion or Blackmail	To unlawfully obtain money, property, or any other thing of value, either
	tangible or intangible, through the use or threat of force, misuse of
	authority, threat of criminal prosecution, threat of destruction of reputation
	or social standing, or through other coercive means.
Fraud Offenses	
False Pretense,	The intentional misrepresentation of existing fact or condition, or the use of
Curindle Confidence	some other deceptive scheme or device, to obtain money, goods, or other
Swindle, Confidence	
Game	things of value.

Criminal Offense	Definition
Credit Card/ ATM	The unlawful use of a credit (or debit) card or automatic teller machine for
Fraud	fraudulent purposes. This offense does not apply to the theft of a
	credit/debit card but rather its fraudulent use.
Impersonation	Falsely representing one's identity or position and acting in the character or
	position thus unlawfully assumed, to deceive others and thereby gain a profit
	or advantage, enjoy some right or privilege, or subject another person or
	entity to an expense, charge, or liability which would not have otherwise
	been incurred.
Welfare Fraud	The use of deceitful statements, practices or devices to unlawfully obtain
	welfare benefits.
Wire Fraud	The use of an electric or electronic communications facility to intentionally
	transmit a false and/or deceptive message in furtherance of a fraudulent
	activity.
Identity Theft	Wrongfully obtaining and using another person's personal data (e.g., name,
	date of birth, Social Security number, driver's license number, credit card
	number)
Hacking/Computer	Wrongfully gaining access to another person's or institution's computer
Invasion	software, hardware, or networks without authorized permissions or security
	clearances
Gambling Offenses	To unlawfully bet or wager money or something else of value; assist,
	promote, or operate a game of chance for money or some other stake;
	possess or transmit wagering information; manufacture, sell, purchase,
	possess, or transport gambling equipment, devices, or goods; or tamper with
	the outcome of a sporting event or contest to gain a gambling advantage.
Gambling Equipment	To unlawfully manufacture, sell, buy, possess, or transport equipment,
Violations	devices, and/or goods used for gambling purposes. Such equipment is also
	known as "gambling paraphernalia".
Operating/	To unlawfully operate, promote, or assist in the operation of a game of
Promoting/ Assisting	chance, lottery, or other gambling activity.
Sports Tampering	To unlawfully alter, meddle in, or otherwise interfere with a sporting contest
	or event for the purpose of gaining a gambling advantage. This offense
	includes engaging in bribery for gambling purposes.
Other	Betting/Wagering: To unlawfully stake money or something else of value on
	the happening of an uncertain event or on the ascertainment of a fact in
	dispute.
Homicide Offenses	
Criminal Homicide	This includes Murder – the willful, non-negligent killing of one human being
	by another – and Negligent Manslaughter (including Vehicular Homicide).
Justifiable Homicide	The killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in
	the line of duty; or the killing, during the commission of a serious criminal
	offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual.
Kidnapping or Abduction	The unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against
	his/her will, or of a minor without the consent of his/her custodial parent(s)
	or legal guardian. This offense includes not only kidnapping and abduction,
	but hostage situations as well.

Definition	
The inducement of a person to perform a commercial sex act, or labor, or	
services, through force, fraud, or coercion. Human trafficking has also	
occurred if a juvenile has been induced or enticed (regardless of force, fraud,	
or coercion) to perform a commercial sex act.	
Inducing a person by force, fraud, or coercion to participate in commercial	
sex acts, or if a juvenile is induced to perform such act(s).	
Obtaining a person(s) through recruitment, harboring, transportation, or	
provision, and subjecting such persons by force, fraud, or coercion into	
voluntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery (not to include	
commercial sex acts)	
The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the	
possession, or constructive possession, of another person.	
The theft of articles from another person's physical possession by stealth	
where the victim usually does not become immediately aware of the theft.	
The grabbing or snatching of a purse, handbag, etc., from the physical	
possession of another person.	
The theft, by someone other than an employee of the victim, of goods or	
merchandise exposed for sale.	
The theft of articles from a motor vehicle, whether locked or unlocked.	
The theft of any part or accessory affixed to the interior or exterior of a	
motor vehicle in a manner which would make the item an attachment of the	
vehicle or necessary for its operation.	
A theft from within a building which is either open to the general public or	
where the offender has legal access.	
A theft from a machine or device which is operated or activated by the use of	
coins.	
All thefts which do not fit any of the definitions of the specific subcategories	
of Larceny/Theft listed above.	
The theft (or attempted theft) of a motor vehicle by person(s) without lawful	
access to the vehicle.	
The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, publishing,	
sale, purchase, or possession of sexually explicit material, e.g., literature,	
photographs, etc.	
To unlawfully engage in sexual relations for profit. This offense includes	
prostitution by both males and females.	
To solicit customers or transport persons for prostitution purposes; to own,	
manage, or operate a dwelling or other establishment for the purpose of	
providing a place where prostitution is performed; or to otherwise assist or	
promote prostitution.	
promote prostitution.	

Criminal Offense	Definition	
Sex Offenses, Forcible	Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.	
Forcible Rape	The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth).	
Forcible Sodomy	Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.	
Sexual Assault with an Object	To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. An "object" or "instrument" is anything used by the offender other than the offender's genitalia.	
Forcible Fondling	The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of this/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.	
Sex Offenses, Non- Forcible	Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.	
Incest	Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.	
Statutory Rape	Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.	
Stolen Property Offenses	Receiving, buying, selling, possessing, concealing, or transporting any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken, as by burglary, embezzlement, fraud, larceny, robbery, etc.	
Weapon Law Violations	The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons. Includes violations such as the manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; using, manufacturing, etc. silencers; and furnishing deadly weapons to minors.	
Cruelty To Animals	Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, tormenting, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment	

Criminal Offense	Definition
All Other Offenses	All crimes which are not Group-A offenses and not included in one of the specifically named Group B crime categories listed above. Offenses of general applicability (i.e., any offense prefixed by "accessory before/after the
	fact", "aiding and abetting", "attempt to commit", "conspiracy to commit", "facilitation of", "solicitation to commit", "threat to commit", or any other prefix identifying it as other than the substantive offense) are included in this category, if the substantive offense is within Group A.

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FOR GROUP "A" OFFENSES

Group "A" Offenses	National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Code
Arson	2001–2009; 2099
Assault Offenses	
Aggravated Assault	1301–1312; 1314–1315; 1321-1323
Simple Assault	1313
Intimidation	1316; 5215–5216
Bribery	5101–5113; 5199
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2201–2205; 2207; 2299
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2501–2507; 2509; 2510; 2589; 2599
Property	2901–2906; 2999
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	
Drug/Narcotic Offenses/Violations	
Drug/Narcotic	3501–3505; 3510–3513; 3520–3523; 3530–3533; 3540
	-3543; 3560-3564; 3570-3573; 3580-3583; 3599
Drug Equipment Violations	3550
Embezzlement	2701–2705; 2799
Extortion/Blackmail	2101–2105; 2199
Fraud Offenses	
False Pretenses/Swindle/Con	2601–2603; 2607; 2699
Credit Card/ATM Machine	2605
Impersonation	2604
Welfare Fraud	2609
Wire Fraud	2608
Identity Theft	None
Hacking/Computer Invasion	None
Gambling-related Offenses	
Operating/Promoting/Assisting	3901–3902; 3904–3905; 3907; 3915–3916; 3918; 3920–
Gambling	3921
Gambling Equipment Violations	3908–3914
Sports Tampering	3919
Homicide Offenses	
Murder/Manslaughter	0901–0908; 0911–0912
Negligent Manslaughter	0910
Human Trafficking	
Commercial Sex Acts	6411
Involuntary Servitude	6411
Kidnapping/Abduction	1001–1009; 1099
Larceny/Theft	

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Group "A" Offenses	National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Code
Pocket-picking	2301
Purse-snatching	2302
Shoplifting	2303
Theft from Building	2308; 2311
Theft From Coin Operated	2307
Machine	
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	2305
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or	2304; 2407
Accessories	
All Other Larceny	2306; 2309–2310; 2312–2316; 2410
Motor Vehicle Theft	2401-2405; 2408; 2412; 2499
Pornography/Obscene Material	3700–3706; 3799
Prostitution Offenses	
Prostitution	4003–4004
Promoting Prostitution	4001–4002; 4006; 4007-4009; 4099
Purchasing Prostitution	4005
Robbery	1201–1211; 1299
Sex Offenses-Forcible	
Forcible -Rape	1101–1103
Forcible Sodomy	1104–1115
Sexual Assault with an Object	None
Forcible Fondling	3601 (Child)
Sex Offenses-Non-Forcible	
Incest	3604; 3607
Statutory Rape	1116
Stolen Property Offenses	2801–2805; 2899
Weapon Law Violations	5201–5214; 5299
Cruelty to Animals	None