



Delaware Population Consortium Meeting

**Where: Room 133 Haslet Armory, 122 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Dover DE 19901**

When: July 24th 2025; 10am

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Agenda:

1. Call-To-Order and Introductions
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 4/24/25
3. U.S. Census Updates – Stacie Cochran-McNeal
4. Review of recent data releases:
 - 2024 Annual countywide estimates
 - 2020 to 2024 Migration Summary
5. Old Business
6. Open Comment
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: August 28th



Delaware Population Consortium Meeting
Hybrid Format Meeting In-Person and via Teams
April 24, 2025

The meeting was held on Thursday April 24, 2025; in Haslet Armory Room 133 and virtually using Teams.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Blevins at 10:01 AM.

The following persons were present:

Officers:

Daniel Blevins, Chair, WILMAPCO
Michael Petit de Mange, Vice-Chair, Dover/Kent MPO
Owen Robatino, Secretary, New Castle County Government

Voting Members:

Adrian Peoples, DOE
Arthur Jenkins, DOL
Rachel Alfano, DSHA
Jennifer Miles, DHSS
Matthew Rogers, New Castle County Government
Philip Birk, City of Wilmington
Renee Bensley, City of Newark
Dawn Melson-Williams, City of Dover
Kristen Krenzer, Town of Middletown
Bill West, Sussex County Association of Towns
Nick Smith, Delaware League of Local Governments

Others in Attendance:

David Edgell, OSPC
Rose Zappacosta, OSPC
Anson Gock, DelDOT
Stephanie Johnson, DelDOT
Lauren DeVore, Sussex County Government
Abdulrasheed Dawodu, City of Wilmington
Ed Ratledge, UD CADSR

CALL-TO-ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

With recent changes in DPC membership, Dan Blevins had the attendees introduce themselves. He said he had received a note from Keith Hall, indicating Salisbury-Wicomico MPO will not seek continued membership with DPC due to changes in their urbanized area. Consequently DPC goes from 19 agencies down to 18, but still needs ten agency representatives for a meeting quorum on voting items.

MEETING MINUTES

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/16/2025: 1st Michael Petit de Mange, 2nd Renee Bensley, Adrian Peoples abstaining. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Current DPC Products and Distribution Methods, Member Responsibilities, 2025 “Spotlight” Topics Discussion

As an orientation and refresher, Dan presented slides that summarize the work of DPC. The Consortium annually releases a set of demographic projections with a long-term horizon of 30 years, currently going out to the year 2050. The projections are in the public domain and are widely disseminated to users of demographic data. We are now between ten-year censuses, and are considering moving the projections out to 2060.

Producing new demographic projections depends heavily on timely release of recent data by various agencies. Informational/topical meetings are typically held between April and July, with a first draft of demographic projections released around August, then a second draft around September, followed by an annual meeting to adopt final projections around October.

One slide listed current DPC products that involve projections, as well as special tabulations including American Community Survey county-wide demographic information and Delaware traffic analysis zone population projections. In the last few years DPC has added discussions of “Spotlight” topics involving guest speakers, as well as small area projections development and travel demand model development.

Dan asked the meeting to provide their thoughts about potential new Spotlight topics, making available more Census analysis, reducing possible overlap with efforts of the Delaware State Data Center, and making DPC products better, more interesting, and “consumable” for elected officials and managers. Rose Zappacosta said OSPC and the State Data Center are available to answer questions about demographic data. Dan also said a representative of the Census has been attending DPC meetings and can provide information.

Adrian asked about DPC map products and suggested classifying demographic data by school district. Dan replied that some such work involving student locations has recently been done. David Edgell mentioned modeling work on future land use change that OSPC has been doing with DelDOT and DNREC. They have questions about the household projections compared with housing unit projections and building permits, and suggest further study. Michael pointed out that DPC works with adopted control total projections, which may not keep pace with development activity and result in data discrepancies.

OLD BUSINESS AND OPEN COMMENT

Rose mentioned an interesting article on demographics from the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. She also mentioned the Delaware State Data Center mailing list, as a way to learn more about Census tools and abilities. Michael mentioned that DPC is established in Delaware Code Title 29 Chapter 91, which states the purpose, composition, and tasks of DPC. This code requires that the State and its political subdivisions use adopted DPC projections for planning purposes.

FUTURE 2025 MEETING DATES

Dan said OSPC will send out invites to future meetings as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

ATTEST: _____

Daniel Blevins
Chair
Delaware Population Consortium