



Delaware Population Consortium Meeting

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

When: August 28th 2025; 10am

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Agenda:

1. Call-To-Order and Introductions
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 7/24/25
3. Review of 1st draft 2025 DPC projections - *Ed Ratledge*
4. Old Business
5. Open Comment
6. Adjournment

Next Meeting:



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

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

CALL-TO-ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Blevins at 10:03 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:

Samantha Bulkilvish, OSPC
Colton Phillips, DelDOT
Jennifer Miles, DHSS
Arthur Jenkins, DOL
Rachel Alfano, DSHA
Wendy Hudson, DSHS
Jamie Fenske, Kent County Government
Matthew Rogers, New Castle County Government
Kristen Krenzer, Town of Middletown
Nick Smith, Mayor of Clayton, President Delaware League of Local Governments
Bill West, Mayor of Georgetown, President Sussex County Association of Towns
Renee Bensley, City of Newark

Others in Attendance:

Anson Gock, DelDOT
Maridelle Dizon, DHSS
Lauren Dykes, City of Newark
Ed Ratledge, UD CADSR
Stacie Cochran-McNeal, US Census Bureau
Mudassar Malik

MEETING MINUTES

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 4/24/2025: 1st

Michael Petit de Mange, 2nd Matt Rogers. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

U.S. Census Updates – Stacie Cochran-McNeal

Stacie gave a presentation that discussed the 2020 Census Operational Plan released on 7/23/2025. The plan, *Baseline 1*, provides a snapshot of big-picture activities the Census Bureau will undertake to conduct the 2030 Census. These activities include establishing where to count, identifying all the addresses where people could live. The Census will count the population, encourage participation and response, as well as collect and process data for households and individuals in all living situations. They will research Census results, to understand their coverage and quality. They will use the Census results to prepare and provide Census data products. They will plan and design operations and follow disciplined program management practices to effectively prepare for and conduct the Census. They will manage and execute the planning, design, development, testing, security, and operational support for Information Technology solutions required to conduct the Census. They will provide services, staffing, workspace and environment needed to develop, test, secure, and conduct the Census. Links were provided to an Operational Plan Document and an Operational Plan Interactive Tool.

Stacie also provided American Community Survey (ACS) 2024 release dates. These include the one-year data release and supplemental estimates release in September and October 2025, followed by the five-year data release and Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) Files in December 2025 and January 2026. A link was provided to the ACS 2024 Data Release Schedule.

A list of upcoming webinars was shown. These include *Mastering the Art of Filtering in data.census.gov* on July 28, *Data.census.gov Q&A Webinar* on July 29, *Learn More About How to Access Key Housing Data* on July 31, and *Finance Statistics: Data for Businesses and Policymakers* on August 14.

Dan asked about the 2030 Census launch date, and Stacie replied it is coming soon.

Review of Recent Data Releases; 2024 Annual countywide estimates and 2020 to 2024 Migration Summary – Dan Blevins

Dan discussed new 2024 estimates of population growth by county involving natural increase and migration, based on a June 24 presentation at a policy forum. Graphs for the three Delaware counties showed annual population growth since 2021 mostly through migration, with little natural increase. Another graph showed most domestic migration in Delaware since 2021 has been in Sussex County. Another graph showed most international migration in Delaware since 2021 has been in New Castle County.

Graphs of total percent population growth by age showed high population growth in the age brackets 60 and older in all three counties, with the highest growth in younger age brackets up to 29 in Sussex County. Graphs of population changes by age bracket between 2010-2024 showed continuous growth in all age brackets in Sussex County, with positive average annual growth of the total population of all three counties.

Tables of net changes in household ownership by age group for ages 15 and above showed increases in all age brackets, except a decrease for ages 35-54 in New Castle County. Tables of net changes of household ownership by age group by planning district between 2009-2022 showed an overall increase for most planning districts. Tables of sources of income by household between 2006-2023 showed some planning districts having a lower percentage of households with income via earnings, as well as some districts having a higher percentage of households with retirement income.

Anson asked questions about domestic migration and the classification of UD international faculty and students. Dan responded with they would be included.

OLD BUSINESS AND OPEN COMMENT

Mudassar Malik mentioned the impacts of the mass migration of retirees to Delaware and pricing the labor force out of home ownership. Samantha mentioned she was interested to learn more about employment and the general decrease in labor force and provided a link to the Delaware State Housing Authority's Housing Needs Assessment. Ed Ratledge discussed 2023 births and deaths, mentioning the American Community Survey, demographic trends in Sussex County. Samantha mentioned workshops put on by the Census Bureau involving the ACS in the coming months.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Dan mentioned a conflict in September with the Delaware Safety Summit, and asked to reply to him if there were any conflicts with it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

ATTEST: _____

Daniel Blevins
Chair
Delaware Population Consortium

Upcoming Webinars

American Community Survey 1-year Estimates Prerelease Webinar

September 4th, 2025 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET

- <https://www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2025/2024-ac-s-1-year-estimates-prerelease.html>

Census Bureau to Release National 2024 Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage Statistics

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 at 10:00 am ET

- https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2025/2024-phi-webinar-announcement.html?utm_campaign=20250826pios1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Upcoming Webinars

Census Academy Upcoming Webinars

<https://www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/upcoming.html>

Census Academy Webinars:

Educator Exits and Graduate Entries

Tuesday, September 11 at 2:00 pm ET

- <https://www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2025/educator-exits-and-graduate-entries.html>

Made in America: A Data-Driven Look at U.S. Manufacturing Using Census Data

Thursday, September 17 at 1:30 – 2:45 pm ET

- <https://www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2025/manufacturing-using-census-data.html>

Census Data at Work: Your Gateway to Employment Data

Thursday, September 25 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET

- <https://www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2025/gateway-to-employment-data.html>

American Community Survey 2024 Release Dates

September 11, 2025	1-Year Data Release
October 16, 2025	1-Year Supplemental Estimates Release
December 11, 2025	5-Year Data Release
January 22, 2026	5-Year Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) Files

ACS 2024 Data Release Schedule

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/news/data-releases/2024/release-schedule.html>