

Public Safety

Paramedic Program

The State currently provides 30 percent of the funding that the counties use to provide their jurisdictions with paramedic service. This percentage remained consistent with the 30 percent in the most recent budget process.

Table A.6 State paramedic program funding, fiscal years 2020-2024

	FY 2020*	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
State Portion	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
New Castle	\$5,771,365	\$6,039,077	\$6,433,159	\$6,726,686	\$7,230,603
Kent	\$1,869,254	\$2,126,370	\$2,394,294	\$2,314,428	\$2,441,586
Sussex	\$4,670,529	\$5,099,873	\$5,086,141	\$5,207,127	\$6,356,266
Total	\$12,311,148	\$13,265,320	\$13,913,594	\$14,248,241	\$16,028,455

Source: Delaware Office of Management and Budget

* For FY 2020, \$12,387,266 was appropriated for paramedic program operations, however, only \$12,311,148 was actually distributed.

State Police

The Delaware State Police (DSP) provides statewide public safety services. The agency assists all local and county police agencies with specialized police and investigative services. The agency has the primary responsibility for enforcing traffic laws on Delaware’s major roadways. In addition, the DSP is the agency responsible for providing police protection for residents of unincorporated Kent and Sussex Counties, as well as for small towns that lack municipal police departments.

Table A.7 State police personnel and budget, fiscal years 2020-2024

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Employees*	985	986	992	1000	1055
GF Budget** (thousands)	\$123,391.9	\$132,604.20	\$135,628.9	\$141,274.0	\$152,963.4

Source: Delaware Office of Management and Budget

* Includes both troopers and civilian staff

** State Police budget reported is General Fund only.