Delaware Development Trends

Summary of Selected Data

Development Applications

Total Number of Residential Units in Development Applications, 2021 to 2025

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percent
New Castle	1,450	668	1,119	2,931	5,239	**11,407**	44%
Kent	421	273	1,909	2,329	974	**5,906**	21%
Sussex	3,822	7,676	4,021	2,281	2,767	**20,567**	36%
Total	**5,693**	**8,617**	**7,049**	**7,541**	**8,980**	**37,880**	100%

Total Non-Residential Square Footage in Development Applications, 2021 to 2025

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percent
New Castle	4,371,990	8,296,163	5,779,713	2,629,444	10,598,424	**31,675,734**	82%
Kent	580,341	795,304	619,718	953,037	624,458	**3,572,858**	9%
Sussex	660,585	834,572	658,380	928,736	468,333	**3,550,606**	9%
Total	**5,612,916**	**9,926,039**	**7,057,811**	**4,511,217**	**11,691,215**	**38,799,198**	100%

Development Applications

Total Number of Residential Units by State Strategy Level in Development Applications, 2021 to 2025

County	Level 1 & 2	Level 3	Level 4	% in growth zones	% outside of growth zones
New Castle	8,203	2,757	447	96%	3.9%
Kent	5,124	687	95	98%	1.6%
Sussex	15,570	1,110	3,887	81%	18.9%

Total Non-Residential Square Footage by State Strategy Level in Development Applications, 2021 to 2025

County	Level 1 & 2	Level 3	Level 4	% in growth zones	% outside of growth zones
New Castle	30,263,475	716,908	695,351	98%	2.2%
Kent	3,391,808	-	181,049	95%	5.1%
Sussex	3,431,049	79,197	40,360	99%	1.1%

Building Permits

Total Number of Residential Units in Building Permits, 2021 to 2025

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percent
New Castle	2,221	1,439	1,622	1,776	2,217	**9,275**	24%
Kent	1,008	1,104	965	1,071	1,133	**5,281**	14%
Sussex	5,526	4,772	4,562	5,080	4,207	**23,877**	62%
Total	**8,485**	**7,315**	**7,149**	**7,927**	**7,557**	**38,433**	100%

Total Non-Residential Square Footage in Building Permits, 2021 to 2025

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percent
New Castle	2,492,406	5,544,504	2,930,140	2,002,304	2,797,877	**13,767,231**	56%
Kent	1,094,134	338,700	683,159	739,230	1,908,150	**4,763,373**	19%
Sussex	1,103,092	1,049,261	1,162,073	1,077,468	1,618,710	**6,010,604**	24%
Total	**4,689,632**	**4,932,465**	**4,775,372**	**3,819,002**	**6,324,737**	**24,541,208**	100%

Building Permits

Total Number of Residential Units by State Strategy Level in Building Permits, 2021 to 2025

County	Level 1 & 2	Level 3	Level 4	% in growth zones	% outside of growth zones
New Castle	8,650	244	377	96%	4%
Kent	4,137	238	906	83%	17%
Sussex	17,070	1,615	5,192	78%	22%

Total Non-Residential Square Footage by State Strategy Level in Building Permits, 2021 to 2025

County	Level 1 & 2	Level 3	Level 4	% in growth zones	% outside of growth zones
New Castle	13,059,319	513,160	194,752	99%	1%
Kent	4,135,035	184,649	443,689	91%	9%
Sussex	4,944,633	231,514	834,457	86%	14%