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 2022-2026

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
State Portion	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
New Castle	$6,433,159	$ 6,726,686	$ 7,230,603	$ 8,075,500	$ 8,407,968
Kent	$2,394,294	$ 2,314,428	$ 2,441,586	$ 2,693,568	$ 2,809,386
Sussex	$5,086,141	$ 5,207,127	$ 6,356,266	$ 6,317,586	$ 7,058,266
Total	$13,913,594	$ 14,248,241	$ 16,028,455	$ 17,086,654	$ 18,275,620

Source: Delaware Office of Management and Budget

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 2022-2026

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total Employees*	992	1,000	1,055	1,070	1,088
GF Budget (thousands)**	$135,628.9	$141,274.0	$152,963.4	$166,128.1	$199,855.4

Source: Delaware Office of Management and Budget
* Includes both troopers and civilian staff
** State Police budget reported is General Fund only.