

# DELAWARE WOMEN

## STATUS REPORT



**WOMEN'S  
ADVANCEMENT  
& ADVOCACY**



# Safety

The issue of gender-based violence encompasses acts or threats of physical and or mental harm including domestic abuse or violence, sexual assault, homicide, trafficking, harassment, or coercion in either the public or private sector. Gender-based violence is primarily directed toward women and is detrimental to victims' physical and mental well-being. It also creates disproportionate negative impacts on women's ability to achieve economic security or prosper to their fullest potential. Policies that seek to help victims of gender-based violence and greater gender and racial diversity in fields meant to maximize the safety of all Delaware residents can significantly help create awareness and initiatives to decrease gender-based violence, while providing equal opportunity in these important fields.

## Domestic Violence in Delaware, Fiscal Year 2023

**22,232**

combined criminal and non-criminal domestic violence incidents reported in Delaware.

**10,496**

reported criminal domestic violence incidents.

**3,529**

calls were received by the Domestic Violence Hotlines statewide.

**3,741**

Protection from Abuse Orders were filed in Delaware's Family Court, of which **39% resulted in an order being issued.**

**1,913**

calls to the Domestic Violence Hotline in **New Castle County**

**1,616**

calls to the Domestic Violence Hotline in **Kent and Sussex Counties.**

**2,374**

criminal domestic violence incidents resulted in physical injury to the victim, and **74% of the victims were female.**

**496**

Individuals were sheltered by emergency housing due to domestic violence statewide including **260 women and 236 children.** **An additional 119 women and 129 children were provided with emergency hotel stays.**

*Source: Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Annual Report, 2023*

**In 2022, there were five deaths related to intimate partner violence, including four victims, of which two of which were women.**

*Source: Delaware Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Fatal Incident Review Team Report, 2023*

## Delaware Women and Rape and Sexual Assaults Offenses

Geography	Rape by force	Rape by force-attempted	Forcible Fondling	Human Trafficking
<b>Delaware</b>	229	7	317	10
<b>New Castle</b>	129	5	145	5
<b>Kent</b>	70	1	94	4
<b>Sussex</b>	30	1	78	1

*Source: Delaware Statistical Analysis Center, "Crime in Delaware," 2023.*

## Reported Campus Sexual Assault in Delaware, 2023

College/University	# of rape cases	# of nonconsensual genital contact cases	# of nonconsensual physical/sexual contact
<b>University of Delaware</b>	8	3	8
<b>Delaware Technical Community College</b>	4	1	2
<b>Goldey-Beacom College</b>	1	0	2
<b>Delaware State University</b>	0	1	3
<b>Wilmington University</b>	0	0	0

*Source: Delaware Department of Justice, Campus Sexual Assault in Delaware Annual Report, 2023.*

## Delaware Women and Incarceration, 2023

Delaware’s Bureau of Prisons operates one Level V facility that houses women that have been convicted of a crime and are serving a sentence, as well as those that are not yet sentenced but waiting for the outcome of their case. In 2023, the Baylor Women’s Correctional Institute had 256 residents in their facility, representing 6% of Delaware’s incarcerated population. The number of women under supervision by the Department of Corrections through Probation and Parole, Home Confinement, or Pretrial Services totaled 1,967 (20% of those populations).

### Women Working in the Delaware Department of Corrections

**20%** of Correctional Officers

**43%** of Probation Officers

**71%** of Support Staff

*Source: Delaware Department of Corrections. Annual Report, 2023*

### Women in the Delaware Judiciary, 2023

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*Source: The Delaware Judiciary Annual Report, “One Vision, One Branch,” 2023*



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