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Department of Justice FY25 Budget Request

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Del. violent crime rate dips to record low since tracking began in 2008

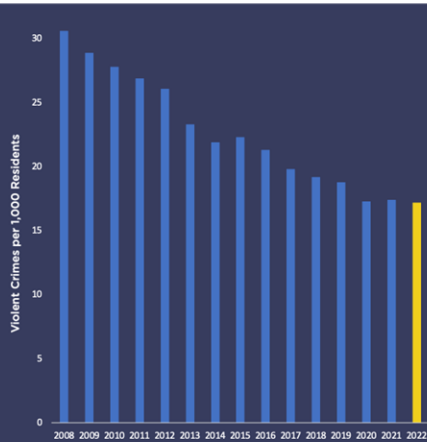
DAILY STATE NEWS

Statistics show drastic drop in Delaware's violent crime rate

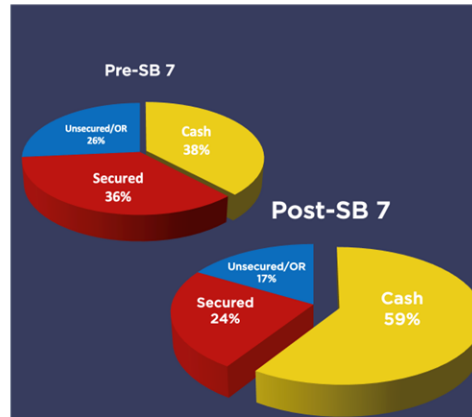
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Violent crime in Delaware continues to decrease

Delaware has posted its lowest violent crime rate on record. NBC10's Tim Furlong talks about



Delaware has reached its lowest violent crime rate on record: **a 40% drop** since the State started tracking the statistic in 2008.



After strengthening our bail laws, the proportion of gun offenses and other violent felonies that received secured or cash bail sharply increased. **The use of cash bail alone grew by 21 points — a 44% increase.**

Our People

- 533 employees
 - 251 attorneys
 - 73 paralegals
 - 60 administrative support staff
 - 36 victim service specialists & social workers
 - 37 investigators
 - 76 other staff positions

- 85% of GF spending is personnel (FY24)



DOJ Budget Request

Annually: DOJ brings in \$3 for every \$1 in our Budget

And since 2021: \$300,000,000+

FY25 GRB: \$54,689.7 GF
\$13,591.3 ASF

FY25 JFC Request: \$55,450.6 GF
\$13,591.3 ASF



Increase Senior Attorney Pay

Our objective is to attract and retain Delaware's best attorneys — but DAG and supervisors salaries are capped below that of our elected Attorney General.

Delaware doesn't do this with other professional staff (e.g. doctors).

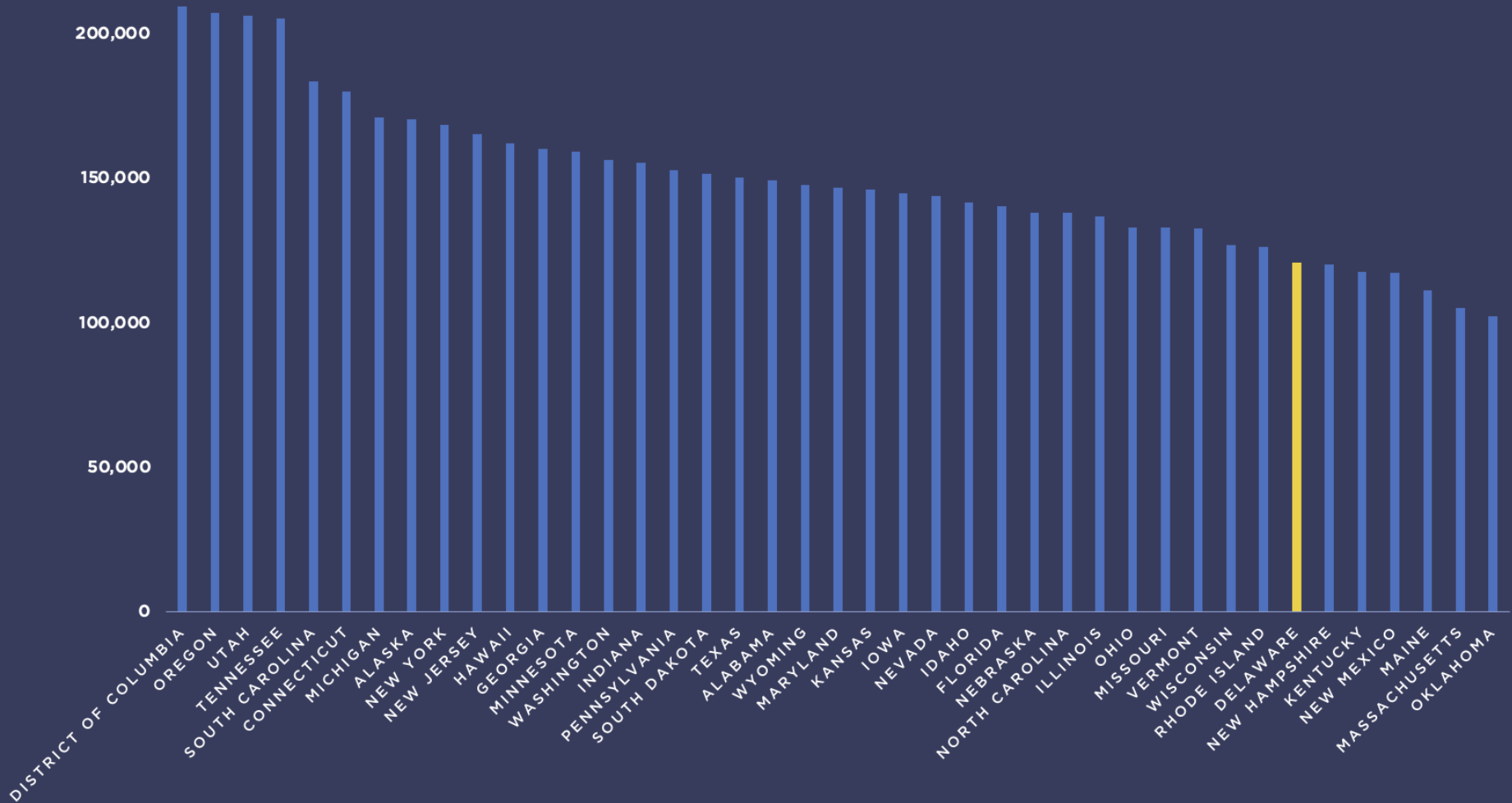
Most other states pay their highest-level attorneys more than the AG.

FY25 Request: \$2,480.3 GF



Only Six States Pay Senior Attorneys Less than Delaware

MAXIMUM ATTORNEY SALARY



Victim Service Specialists (8 total)

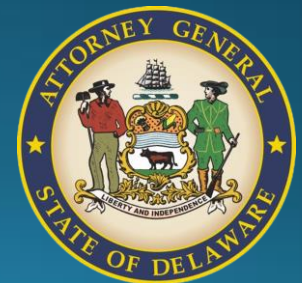
Victim Service Specialists:

- Provide expert-level trauma-informed care;
- Help victims connect with services and navigate the criminal justice system; and
- Build trust with the prosecution team.

We are requesting additional VSS workers in each county to provide comprehensive, trauma-informed care.

FY25 Request: 2.0 FTE, \$166.8 GF VOCA Grant

6.0 FTE, \$500.52 GF Criminal & Family Divisions



Victim Service Specialists Back Pay

Paralegals, admins, and social workers were reclassified into higher pay grades in 2020 — but implementation of raises was phased in over a period of months.

Others received back pay for the delay between reclassification and implementation.

Years later, social workers are still waiting.

FY25 Request: \$330.9 ASF



General

- Personnel Contingencies - \$2,981.6 GF
- Lease Escalator - \$19.8 GF
- Transcription Services - \$100.0 GF
- eStar - \$14.0 GF

Position Annualizations

- Special Investigator/Family DAG V - \$45.4 GF



Passthrough Requests

- Critical part of domestic violence services in Delaware
- People's Place II (K&S) – 3 shelters, hotline, victim counseling, counseling to children, treatment for offenders
- Child, Inc. (NCC) – shelter, hotline, victim counseling, counseling to children, treatment for offenders

■ <u>FY25 Request:</u>	People's Place -	\$889,616
	Child Inc. -	\$848,736



