

Dewey Beach Comprehensive Plan Update 2027

1. Introductions (15 min)
2. Recap of 6/10/26 meeting (10 minutes)
3. Demographic profile (10 min)
4. Community Survey(s) (30 min)
 - a. Review of previous community and visitors' surveys
 - b. Discussion: 2026 Survey
5. Open Discussion: Committee general views on strengths/weaknesses/opportunities (20 min)



INTRODUCTIONS

- Name, affiliation with the town
- One word that comes to mind when you think about Dewey Beach
- In one minutes, tell us you said yes to joining this committee and what you hope comes out of it



Recap of 6/10/26 meeting

- Comp plan 101
- Existing Dewey Beach CP goals & actions
- Public engagement



Any questions?

DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT

Population & Seasonal Pressures

- **Stable Year-Round Base, Limited Future Growth:** The permanent resident population has leveled off, dipping slightly from 353 in 2020 to 351 in 2024. The Delaware Population Consortium (DPC) projects a 34% increase to 472 year-round residents by 2050. These projections are somewhat dated (2024) and may not reflect current trends and redevelopment potential.
- **Seasonal Influx:** The true pressure on town infrastructure comes from seasonal visitors. While the year-round population is small, the town accommodates over 12,000 people through hotels and rentals. However, tracking these numbers remains challenging.

Changing Community Demographics

- **An Aging Population:** Dewey Beach is significantly older than its peers: 39.8% of residents are 65 or older, compared to 31.7% in Sussex County and 21.6% statewide. Conversely, youth (ages 0–19) make up only 6.3% of the population.
- **Increasing Homogeneity:** The town is becoming less racially diverse. White residents comprised 98.6% of the population in 2024 (up from 93.3% in 2010), while the Hispanic or Latino population dropped from 5.9% to just 0.9% over the same period.
- **Highly-Educated Enclave:** The share of residents holding graduate or professional degrees almost doubled from 22% in 2015 to 43.5% in 2024.
- **Planning Implication:** Future services may need to pivot toward senior needs (e.g., medical accessibility, pedestrian safety, senior-friendly recreation) rather than schools or childcare facilities.

Economic Affluence & Workforce Disconnect

- **Rising Wealth:** Median household income rebounded sharply to \$105,625 in 2024, outstripping Sussex County (\$85,258) and the state (\$87,534).
- **The Working-Age Poverty Paradox:** While senior poverty has plummeted to 2.9%, poverty among working-age adults (18–64) sits at a disproportionate 12.7% —higher than both county and state averages.
- **Planning Implication:** Local service, hospitality, and seasonal workers are heavily rent-burdened or priced out entirely. The town faces a severe and growing reliance on an in-commuting workforce.

Housing Stock & Market Realities

- **Shrinking Housing Supply:** In a stark contrast to surrounding Sussex County (which saw a 25.5% housing boom), Dewey Beach's total housing units actually decreased by 16.1% between 2020 and 2024 (dropping from 1,677 to 1,407 units).
- **The "Luxury Consolidation" Effect:** This loss of units suggests a highly profitable coastal market where older, smaller multi-family units or townhomes are being demolished and consolidated into massive, single-family luxury properties or midrise multifamily units.

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- **Loss of "Missing Middle":** Dewey Beach actually has a highly diverse housing stock compared to other beach towns, with 52.7% consisting of multi-family complexes. However, between 2020 and 2024, single-family attached units (duplexes/townhomes) decreased from 9.5% to 5.0%.
- **Built-Out Housing Stock:** Census data shows zero dwellings being constructed since 2020. Nearly two-thirds of the town's housing was built before 1981, heavily driven by a historic rebuilding boom following the destructive 1962 Nor'easter.
- **Vacancy for seasonal, recreational or occasional use:** The town has an 86.7% vacancy rate—the highest among Delaware's coastal communities—driven entirely by seasonal second-homes and short-term rentals.
- **Median Home Value:** Median home values owner-occupied units more than quadrupled since 2000, hitting \$961,300 in 2024.

Detailed Tables

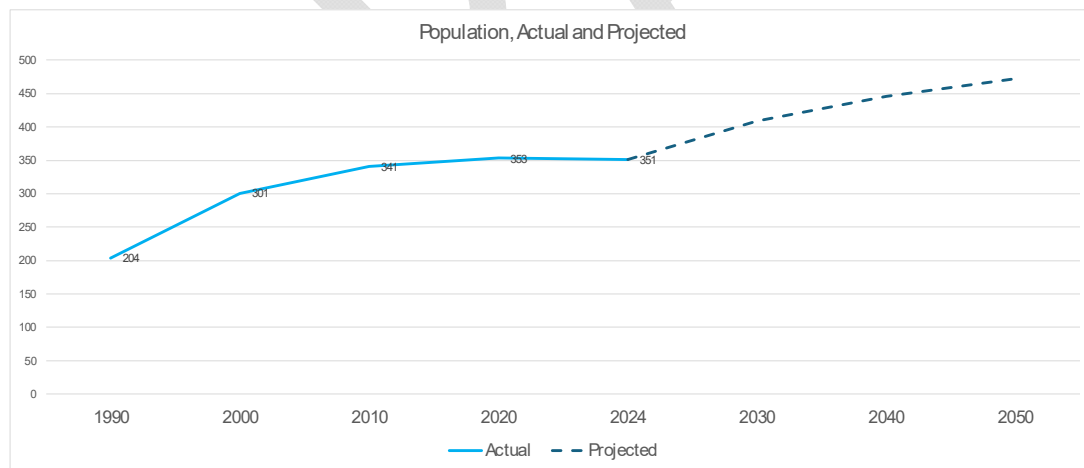
Population Change and Characteristics

Table 1. Population Change, 1990 to 2024

	Actual					DPC Projections		
Place	1990	2000	2010	2020	2024	2030	2040	2050
Dewey Beach	204	301 (+47.5%)	341 (+13.3%)	353 (-6.96%)	351 (-0.6%)	401	446	472
Sussex County	113,847	157,430 (+38.3%)	197,145 (+25.2%)	237,378 (+7.78%)	271,134 (14.2%)	291,491	327,931	369,545
Delaware	669,069	786,448 (+17.5%)	897,936 (+14.2%)	989,948 (+3.98%)	1,051,917 (+6.3%)	1,083,164	1,135,170	1,171,796

SOURCE: ACTUAL: 1990 - 2020, U.S. CENSUS; 2024: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY; PROJECTED: DELAWARE POPULATION CONSORTIUM, 2024

Figure 1. Dewey Beach Population, 1990 – 2050



SOURCE: ACTUAL: 1990 - 2020, U.S. CENSUS; 2024: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY; PROJECTED: DELAWARE POPULATION CONSORTIUM, 2024

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Seasonal Population

- State only has seasonal projections based on County
- In 2025, DPC estimates for Sussex County state that there were 106,016 seasonal visitors and 271,694 residents for a total of 377,710 residents
- 2018 comp plan:
 - “Based on residential rental data and hotel occupancies, the collective occupancy of the Town can accommodate more than 12,000 people, and some summer weekend days the number of people on the beach exceeds 30,000.”
 - Recommended developing a method to gather data from residents, also including those that are there seasonally.

Racial Composition

Tables X and X detail the racial composition of the Town of Dewey Beach as compared to Sussex County and the State of Delaware.

- Dewey Beach has a higher percentage of non-minority persons than Sussex County or the State of Delaware; this proportion has increased over time

Table X – Racial composition, 2010 vs 2024

Race	Dewey Beach 2010	Dewey Beach 2024	Sussex County 2010	Sussex County 2024	Delaware 2000	Delaware 2024
White	93.3	98.6	80.9	83	71.0	66.9
Black	3.5	0.6	14.0	11.5	22.9	24.2
Asian	0.3	0.6	1.3	1.5	1.1	4.8
Other	2.9	0.1	3.8	4.0	5.0	4.0

Source: 2024 figures from American Community Survey 5-year estimates

Table X – Hispanic or Latino Population (%), 1990-2024

	Dewey Beach	Sussex County	Delaware
2010	5.9	8.6	8.2
2015	2.4	9.2	8.7
2024	.9	12.1	11.7

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AGE

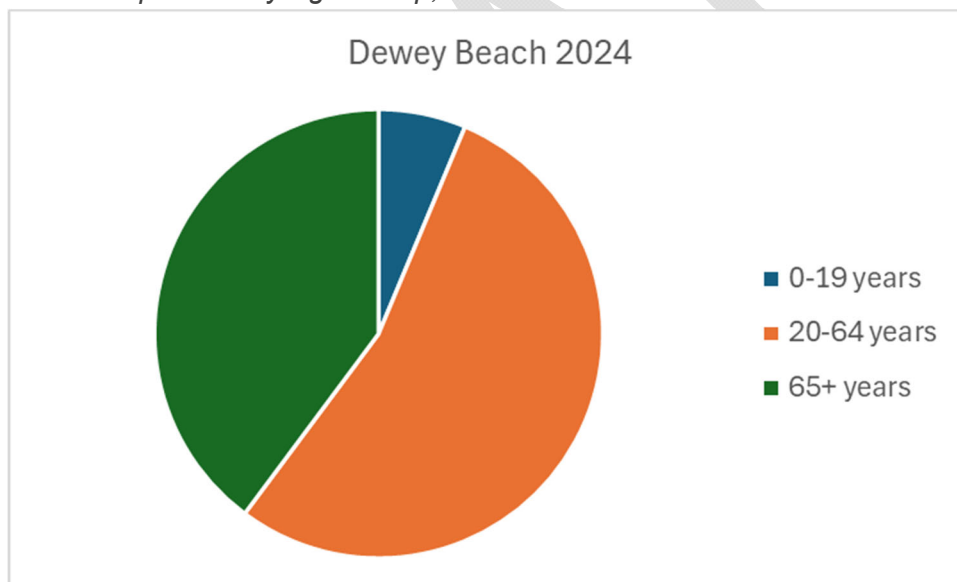
Tables X and X provide some basic information regarding the age of persons living in Dewey Beach, Sussex County, and the State of Delaware.

Table X – Age Groups (%) by Place, 2000-2020

Age Range	Dewey Beach 2000	Dewey Beach 2010	Dewey Beach 2024	Sussex County 2010	Sussex County 2024	Delaware 2010	Delaware 2024
0-19 years	8.3	12.0	6.3	22.5	19.5	26.0	23
20-64 years	63.5	60.7	53.9	56.7	48.7	59.5	55.3
65+ years	28.2	27.3	39.8	20.8	31.7	14.5	21.6

Source: 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure X – Population by Age Group, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Housing Characteristics." American Community Survey 2024, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles

- The Town's population is relatively older than the population of either Sussex County or the state. The proportion of Dewey Beach residents under the age of nineteen is less than a third that of the county and nearly one quarter that of the state. This suggests minimal needs for educational facilities, daycare services, and other child-related institutions.
- Dewey Beach's proportion of persons 65 years of age or over is substantially higher than in the County, and nearly double the proportion in the state.
- The proportional distribution of residents who are in their 60s, 70s, and 80s has increased by about 12%. Overall, the Town continues to display the characteristics of a relatively older community that can be expected to require services conducive to the needs of seniors.

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EDUCATION

Table X presents data regarding the educational attainment of persons over the age of 25 living in Dewey Beach, Sussex County, and Delaware.

Table X– Educational Attainment (%) by Place, 2000-2024

Highest Level Achieved	Dewey Beach 2000	Dewey Beach 2010	Dewey Beach 2015	Dewey Beach 2024	Sussex County 2010	Sussex County 2024	Delaware 2010	Delaware 2024
No High School	2.0	0.0	7.0	0.3	5.1	2.8	4.2	3.1
Some High School	0.0	5.0	1.3	.6	9.7	4.9	8.7	5.1
High School Diploma	19.4	14.1	9.7	7.6	37.4	30.9	32.2	29.0
Some College	19.0	18.7	13.2	9.8	19.0	18.0	19.8	18.7
Associate Degree	11.7	3.8	10.6	10.2	7.6	9.9	7.4	8.2
Bachelor's Degree	26.6	36.3	36.1	27.9	12.7	18.5	16.6	20.0
Graduate or Professional Degree	21.3	22.1	22	43.5	8.5	15	11.1	16.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

- Dewey Beach residents have significantly more education than surrounding areas, the number of residents holding bachelor's and especially graduate/professional degrees, far exceed the population in Sussex County or the state as a whole.
- The number of residents holding advanced degrees almost doubled between 2015 and 2024, with 43.5% of Dewey residents holding graduate degrees in 2024. This growth in advanced degrees points to an evolving demographic profile, where Dewey Beach is increasingly attracting or retaining highly skilled residents, likely retirees.
- Lower levels of educational attainment have steadily declined, suggesting fewer workforce segments tied to lower-wage jobs are living locally and indicates a reliance on in-commuting workers for service and seasonal industries.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Table X– Change in Median Household Income, 2000-2024

Dewey Beach 2000	Dewey Beach 2010	Dewey Beach 2015	Dewey Beach 2024
\$79,471	\$71,667	\$66,875	\$105,625

2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table X – Median Household Income comparison

	Dewey Beach 2024	Sussex County 2024	Delaware 2024
Median Household Income	\$105,625	\$85,258	\$87,534

2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

- Dewey Beach is a high-income and increasingly affluent community, with median household income rising to over \$105,000 in 2024 after earlier declines, reflecting broader trends of higher-income households purchasing second homes and the growth of remote work enabling more affluent residents to live in coastal communities.
- The income gap between Dewey Beach and surrounding areas highlights potential equity and workforce challenges, as people working in the local economy may be less able to afford living in the town, reinforcing patterns of commuting and seasonal residency.
- Higher resident incomes in Dewey Beach support property maintenance and improvements, helping preserve the Town’s community character, while also making the Town attractive for economic development and giving residents and local officials influence over the businesses and services that are brought to the area.

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POVERTY

Poverty status is determined by the U.S. Census using specific poverty thresholds identified and refined each year by the federal government.

Table X – Poverty Status (%) by Age Group 2010-2024

Age Group	Dewey Beach 2010	Dewey Beach 2015	Dewey Beach 2024
All Ages	5.1	12	8.5
0-17 years	0.0	26.7	9.1
18-64 years	1.6	10.5	12.7
65+ years	7.1	11.7	2.9

Source: 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table X – Comparison of Poverty Status (%)

Age Group	Dewey Beach 2024	Sussex County 2024	Delaware 2024
All Ages	8.5	9.1	9.6
0-17 years	9.1	12.6	12.6
18-64 years	12.7	7.8	8.5
65+ years	2.9	9.3	9.8

Source: 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

- Overall poverty levels in Dewey Beach remain relatively low, especially compared to county and state averages
- Poverty is uneven across age groups, with the highest rates among working-age adults (18–64) in 2024, suggesting that those most likely to be part of the local workforce may face greater financial strain. This potentially indicates a disconnect between the town’s high cost of living and the wages of service, hospitality, and seasonal workers who support the local economy.
- Declines in senior poverty alongside variability in younger populations point to a shifting demographic, where wealthier retirees and second-home owners may be becoming a larger share of the population

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Total Housing Units

Table X – Total Housing Units, 1990-2024

Year	Dewey Beach	Sussex County	Delaware
1990	1,314 (--)	74,253 (+35.8%)	289,919 (+21.5%)
2000	1,356 (+3.2%)	93,070 (+25.3%)	343,072 (+18.3%)
2010	1,490 (+9.9%)	123,036 (+32.2%)	405,885 (+18.3%)
2015	1,532 (+2.8%)	127,680 (+3.7%)	414,416 (+2.1%)
2020	1,677 (+9.5%)		
2024	1,407 (-16.1%)	160,248 (+25.5%)	476,415 (+15%)

Sources: 1990 – 2010 U.S. Census Bureau and Dewey Beach Comprehensive Plan'; 2015, 2020, and 2024: American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates

- Dewey Beach reached a peak number of housing units with 1,677 in 2020 before dipping slightly over the last five years. Between 1990 and 2020, the town experienced single-digit percentage increases in housing stock before seeing an approximately 16% decrease between 2020 and 2024.
- The area adjacent to Dewey Beach in Sussex County continues to experience a boom in development. Between 2015 and 2024, Sussex County's housing supply grew by 25.5% to reach 160,248 units, and the state of Delaware as a whole added 15% more units. In contrast, Dewey Beach's total housing units shrank by 8.2% over that same nine-year period, dropping from 1,532 down to 1,407 units.
- The recent loss of housing units may signal a potential shift in the local housing landscape. In a highly desirable coastal market where property values are surging, a reduction in the sheer number of units often indicates the consolidation of smaller, older properties into larger, single-family luxury homes or into multifamily rentals.

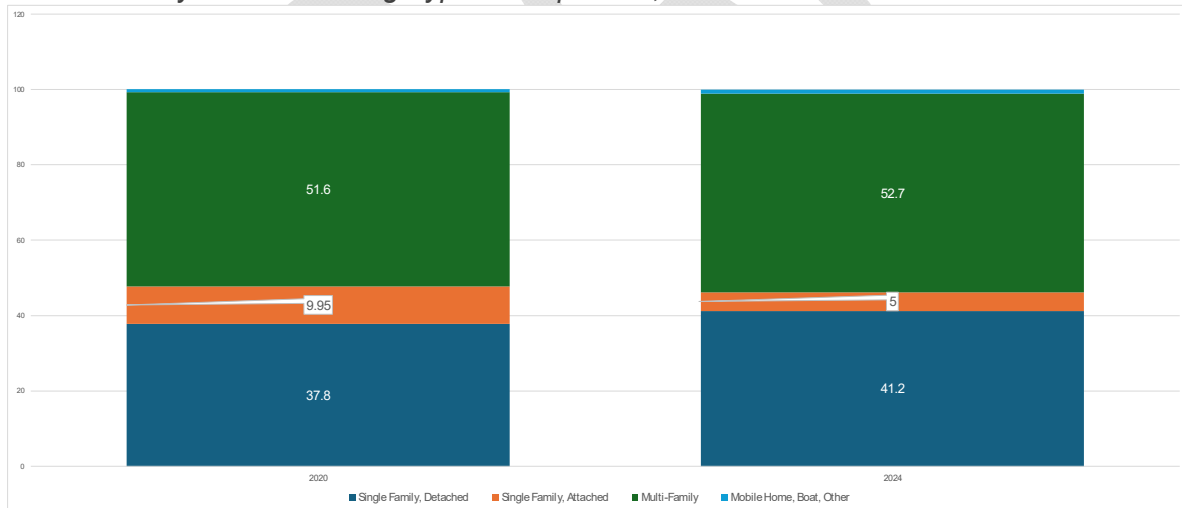
Housing Types

Table X – Housing Types, (%) by area, 2024

Housing Type	Dewey Beach 2020	Dewey Beach 2024	Sussex County 2024	Delaware 2024
Total units	1,677	1,407	160,248	476,415
Single Family, Detached	37.8	41.2	66.0	59.7
Single Family, Attached	9.95	5.0	9.2	15.1
Multi-Family	51.6	52.7	12.3	17.8
Mobile Home, Boat, Other	0.7	1.1	12.5	7.3

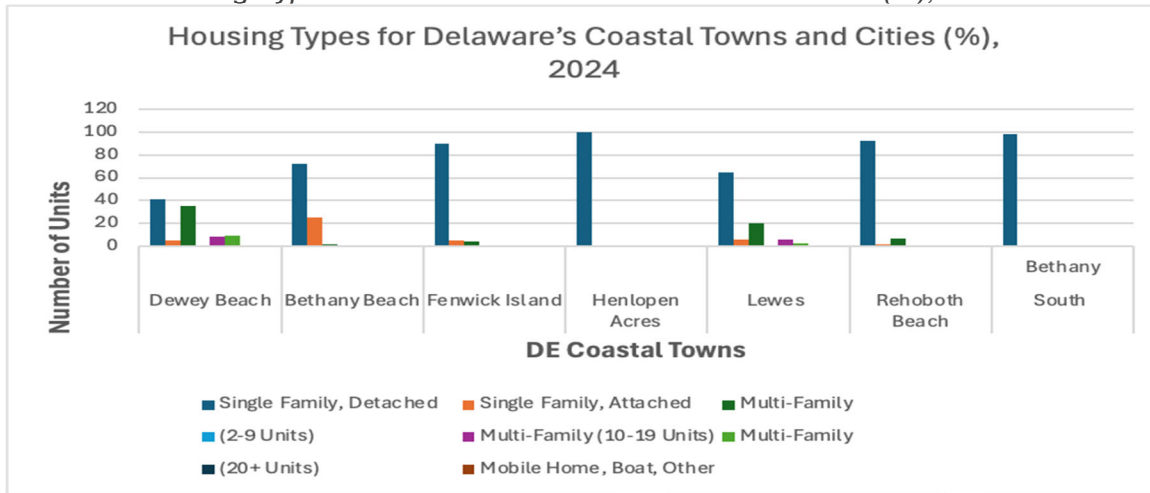
U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Housing Characteristics." 2020 and 2024 American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP04

Figure X – Dewey Beach Housing Types Comparison, 2020 to 2024



- Compared to Sussex County and the state, Dewey Beach has a much larger percentage of multifamily units and conversely a smaller share of single family detached houses.
- Between 2020 and 2024, the numbers of both single family detached units and multifamily units both grew, while the single family attached units, those often described as “missing middle” (duplex and townhouse) shrank.

Table X – Housing Types for Delaware’s Coastal Towns and Cities (%), 2024



- Dewey Beach features a more diverse distribution of housing types than the other coastal Delaware towns, with a greater percentage of multi-family complexes.
- Among its coastal peers, Dewey Beach possesses the lowest concentration of single-family detached homes. At just 41.2%, it stands in stark contrast to nearly every other neighboring beach town, where single-family detached homes heavily dominate the landscape.

Age of Housing Stock

Table X – Age of Housing Stock (%) by Decade, 2024

Period Built	Dewey Beach	Sussex County	Delaware
2020 and after	0	12.2	6.0
2010-2019	8.9	19.7	12.3
2000-2009	17.1	19.3	14.4
1980-1999	34.7	25.2	25.5
1960 to 1979	27	13.3	20.7
1940-1959	9.5	5.9	13.1
Before 1939	2.9	4.4	8.1

U.S. Census Bureau. "Physical Housing Characteristics for Occupied Housing Units." 2024 *American Community Survey*, ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables

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- A significant portion of Dewey Beach's housing stock reflects historical building surges, with almost two-thirds of the housing constructed before the town was incorporated in 1981. Specifically, 27% of the current housing stock was built between 1960 and 1979. This concentration represents the town's most significant housing boom, triggered heavily by the need to rebuild following the devastating 1962 Nor'easter that destroyed much of the area's prior housing.
- In contrast to other coastal towns, modern residential construction in Dewey Beach has essentially slowed to a halt. The town is almost entirely built out. As a result, none of the town's housing stock was built in 2020 or later, and only 8.9% was constructed between 2010 and 2019. Meanwhile, Sussex County experienced massive growth during these same periods, with 12.2% of its housing built in 2020 or after, and another 19.7% built between 2010 and 2019.

Occupancy and Use

Table X – Occupancy Status for Delaware's Coastal Towns and Cities, 2024

Housing Tenure	Dewey Beach	Bethany Beach	Fenwick Island	Henlopen Acres	Lewes	Rehoboth Beach	South Bethany
Total Housing	1,407	2,605	733	232	3,085	3,140	1,348
Total Occupied Units	188	461	205	94	1,672	806	340
Total Vacant Number (%)	1,219 (86.7)	2,144 (82.3)	528 (72.0)	138 (59.5)	1,413 (45.8)	2,334 (74.3)	1,008 (74.8)
Vacant for Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	1,143	2,055	510	134	981	2,203	981

U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Housing Characteristics." American Community Survey 2024, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles,

- Of all the beach towns, Dewey Beach exhibits the highest proportion of vacant homes, the vast majority (93.7%) of which are used for seasonal, recreational or occasional use.
- Corresponding to the high vacancy numbers, Dewey Beach maintains a small footprint of permanent, full-time households and operates with one of the smallest cores of year-round residents relative to its total housing stock.
- It is important to note that in a coastal real estate context, "vacancy" does not imply abandonment. The U.S. Census Bureau classifies homes held for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use as vacant. The ratio of vacant to occupied units indicates that Dewey Beach's housing market is dominated by second homes, investment properties, and short-term vacation rentals, reflecting a housing supply that is highly leveraged for summer tourism

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Median Housing Value

These tables show 2000, 2015, and 2024 data regarding the value of housing in and around Dewey Beach. The median housing value of owner-occupied units in Dewey Beach is 961,300

Table X – Median Housing Value, 2000-2024

	Dewey Beach	Sussex County	Delaware
2000	\$215,200	\$99,700	\$122,000
2015	\$632,800	\$228,500	\$231,500
2024	\$961,300	\$382,600	\$352,000
% increase 2015-2024	51.9	67.4	52.3

U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Housing Characteristics." American Community Survey 2024, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles

- The 2024 median housing value for owner-occupied units in Dewey Beach is \$961,300. This is more than two-and-a-half times the median value in Sussex County (\$382,600) and the state of Delaware (\$352,000). This disparity points to a split housing market, separating the exceptionally high-value coastal areas from the rest of the county and state
- Despite the gap in overall property values, Dewey Beach's percentage growth rate over the last decade mirrors broader regional trends. Between 2015 and 2024, Dewey Beach experienced a 52% increase in its median housing value, mirroring the 52% growth rate across Delaware during the same period
- Over a longer timeline, the scale of value appreciation in Dewey Beach is evident. In 2000, the median value in Dewey Beach was \$215,200. Over 24 years, that median more than quadrupled to nearly one million dollars.

Table X – Median Housing Value for Delaware's Coastal Towns and Cities, 2000-2024

Year	Dewey Beach	Bethany Beach	Fenwick Island	Henlopen Acres	Lewes	Rehoboth Beach	South Bethany
2000	\$215,200	\$184,000	\$283,300	\$558,800	\$243,500	\$296,000	\$242,600
2015	\$632,800	\$483,500	\$728,500	\$1,775,000	\$477,300	\$826,500	\$685,300
2024	\$961,000	\$720,900	\$1,390,000	\$2,000,000+	\$826,100	\$1,490,000	\$955,200
% Change 2015-2024	51.9	49.1	90.8		73	80.3	39.4

U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Housing Characteristics." American Community Survey 2024, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data

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Profiles

- Despite closing in on a million-dollar median, Dewey Beach's 2024 median value of \$961,000 remains lower than several nearby coastal towns. For example, 2024 median values in Rehoboth Beach reached \$1,490,000, Fenwick Island hit \$1,390,000, and Henlopen Acres exceeded \$2,000,000.
- While Dewey Beach's 52% increase in housing value from 2015 to 2024 is substantial, it trails behind the percentage growth seen in several other Delaware coastal towns. During that same 2015 to 2024 window, Fenwick Island saw a 90.8% increase, Rehoboth Beach saw an 80.3% increase, and Lewes experienced a 73% increase.

Dewey Beach 2018 Community Survey & Visitors Survey Questions

Question 1: Compared to five years ago, Dewey Beach's **image** is (Much better, Somewhat better, No different, Somewhat worse, Much worse).

Question 2: Compared to five years ago, Dewey Beach is a more **family-oriented town**. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 3: Dewey Beach offers a **vibrant and respectful environment** for all age groups. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 4: Among the following issues or characteristics, please indicate the top five that you believe are the most positive about Dewey Beach? (Please rank them from 1 to 5...)

- Family-oriented atmosphere
- Accessibility of ocean beach
- Dog-friendly beach
- Nighttime entertainment
- Walking access to restaurant, eateries, and other food establishments
- Safe and secure nighttime environment
- Clean and safe beach
- Quality and number of rental accommodations
- Quality and number of restaurants
- Party atmosphere
- Accessibility to bay
- Active and busy summer season but quiet offseason

Question 5: Please indicate which of the following you think are the top five most in need of improvement or change during the next five years? (Please rank them from 1 to 5...)

- Family-oriented atmosphere
- Accessibility of ocean beach
- Dog-friendly beach
- Nighttime entertainment
- Walking access to restaurant, eateries, and other food establishments
- Safe and secure nighttime environment
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Question 6: Dewey Beach should strive to **become a more year-round town**. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 7: Dewey Beach should continue efforts to **expand "shoulder season"** (Spring and Fall) activities. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 8: I feel safe when **walking or biking along Route 1** in Dewey Beach. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 9: Protection against **sea-level rise and other climate changes** should be a high priority for the town. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 10: The town should **develop a long-term plan for adaptation** to the effects of sea level rise. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 11: The town does a good job of **balancing the needs of residents and other property owners, businesses, and visitors**. (Strongly agree - disagree)

Question 12: Ensuring the **future financial sustainability** of the town requires a greater contribution from: (Check ALL that apply)

- Property owners
- Commercial Business owners
- Visitors
- None of the above

Demographics

Question 13: To help us better understand your opinions about the future of Dewey Beach, we would like to know a little more about your investment in the town. Are you: (A residential property owner, A time share owner, A commercial business owner only, etc.)

Question 14: I own: (One residential property or time share in Dewey Beach, More than one residential property or time share in Dewey Beach).

Question 15: I have owned property in Dewey Beach for: (Less than five years, Five to ten years, More than ten years).

Question 16: Do you rent any of the properties you own in Dewey Beach? (Check ALL that apply):

- Rent short-term during the Summer
- Rent short-term during the Spring and Fall
- Rent for the full Summer season
- Rent year-round
- Do not rent any property

Question 17: Do you plan to make any changes to your property or the way you use your property within the next five years? (Check ALL that apply)

Question 18: My property is a: (Check ALL that apply)

- Single family house
- Unit in a condo or other multi-family building

Question 19: My property is located (Check ALL that apply for your properties)

- On the bay side of Route 1
- On the ocean side of Route 1
- North of Houston Street (Sea Esta Motel)
- South of Houston Street (Sea Esta Motel)

Question 20: I am a (Full-time resident of Dewey Beach, Part-time or seasonal resident, Non-resident).

Question 21: How much time do you spend in Dewey Beach on average during the course of one year?

- Less than two weeks
- Two weeks to less than one month
- One month to three months
- Three months to six months
- Six month to 9 months
- 9 to 12 months

Question 22: What is your age?

- 18-20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 61-70
- 71 or older

Question 23: If you have additional comments, please include them in the space provided below.

Dewey Beach Visitors Survey 2018- Questions only

- Question 1: Do you or does someone in your family own property in Dewey Beach?
 - Yes
 - No
- Question 2: How long is your current or most recent stay in Dewey Beach?
 - One day or evening
 - Weekend or a few consecutive days
 - One week
 - Two weeks
 - More than two weeks
- Question 3: Did you stay or are you staying in a
 - Hotel or motel?
 - Condominium?
 - House?
 - No overnight stay
- Question 4: How many people stayed with you in the same accommodations?
 - None
 - One
 - Two or three
 - Four to six
 - Seven or more
- Question 5: How many children were in your party (age 17 or younger)
 - None
 - One or two
 - More than two
- Question 6: Among the following issues or characteristics, please indicate the top five that you believe are the most positive about Dewey Beach. (Please rank them from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most positive.)
 - *Options to rank:*
 - Clean and safe beach
 - Quality and number of rental accommodations
 - Quality and number of restaurants
 - Party atmosphere
 - Family-oriented atmosphere

- Accessibility of ocean beach
 - Accessibility of bay
 - Walking access to restaurants, eateries, and other food establishments
 - Safe and secure nighttime environment
 - Nighttime entertainment
 - Dog-friendly beach
 - Active and busy summer season but quiet offseason
- Question 7: Please indicate which of the following you think are the top five most in need of improvement or change during the next five years. (Please rank them from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most in need of improvement.)
 - *Options to rank:*
 - Summer activities for children
 - Family-oriented activities
 - Beach safety
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Availability of family-oriented restaurants.
 - More year-round restaurants
 - Summer season noise
 - Fewer special events (town or business-sponsored)
 - More special events (town or business-sponsored)
 - Stricter control of inappropriate behavior (public drunkenness, profanity, etc.)
 - Public safety (general feeling of safe environment)
 - Public transportation options
 - Availability of public restrooms
 - Shopping and convenience outlets in town
- Question 8: Do you plan to return to Dewey Beach for another stay?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not sure
- Question 9: What is your age?
 - 18 to 20
 - 21 to 30
 - 31 to 40
 - 41 to 50
 - 51 to 60

- 61 to 70
 - 71 or older
- Question 10: If you have additional comments about Dewey Beach, please include them in the space below.
 - *(Open-ended / blank space response)*

Next Steps

- ☐ Next meeting: August 12th
 - ☐ Draft Survey(s)
 - ☐ Public Workshop Open House Prep
 - ☐ Base mapping
 - ☐ Plan Frameworks



Questions?