2026

Handgun Qualified Purchaser Permit Report to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees

Delaware State Police

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State Bureau of Identification

Pursuant to 11 Del. C. § 1448D, the State Bureau of Identification (SBI) shall submit an annual report to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. The report shall include the number of handgun qualified purchaser permit applications received, permits issued, applications denied, hearings requested, permits revoked, instances in which law enforcement has taken action to remove handguns purchased with a handgun qualified purchaser permit that was subsequently revoked, and demographic data pertaining to the handgun qualified purchaser legislation for the preceding year. The following data was obtained by generating a statistical report through the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS).

The handgun qualified purchaser permit legislation went into effect on November 16, 2025. SBI began accepting applications for handgun qualified purchaser permits on October 28, 2025. Accordingly, the statistics below cover the period of January 1, 2026, through November 3, 2026.

Please note that the data presented below relates exclusively to handgun qualified purchaser permits and does not reflect the actual number of firearms sold or transferred. Additionally, individuals who possess a valid license to carry a concealed deadly weapon issued by the Superior Court pursuant to 11 Del. C. § 1441 are not required to apply for a handgun qualified purchaser permit.

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Permit to Purchase Data 2026

Year	Applications	Approvals	Denials	Hearings	Revocations	Removals
2026	1599	1558	30	3	10	0

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P2P Statistical Report 2026

	Delaware	
	P2P Statistics	
Handgun Qualified Purchaser Permits	**2025 (Nov-Dec)**	**2026 (Jan-Nov)**
Applications received	607	1599
Permits issued	600	1558
Applications denied	6	30
Hearings requested	0	3
Permits revoked	1	10
Cases in which law enforcement took action to remove a handgun purchased with a permit that was subsequently revoked	0	0

The Permit to Purchase Section of SBI is responsible for ensuring background checks are conducted for prospective handgun qualified purchaser permits, determining eligibility, issuing permits, and processing related denials, revocations challenges, and appeals.

During 2026, the SBI Permit to Purchase Section received 1,599 applications. Of those, 1,558 permits were issued, 30 applications were denied, and one application remained pending as of November 3, 2026. Additionally, 10 previously issued permits were revoked during the reporting period. Of the denied applications and revoked permits, three individuals requested hearings through the Justice of the Peace Court.

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Demographic Data of Approved Applicants

	Asian	Black	American Indian	Pacific Islander	White	Unknown	
Race	47	452	7	1	1057	4	

	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown	
Ethnicity	117	1443	8	

	U.S.	Other	
National Origin	1550	18	

	Male	Female	Unknown	Nonbinary			
Sex	1288	280	0	0			
Gender	1288	280	0	0			

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	21-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-79	80+
Age	174	398	362	257	214	146	16

Disabled	5

	Yes	No			
English Language Proficiency	1566	2			

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Demographic Data of Denial/Revocation Applicants

	Asian	Black	American Indian	Pacific Islander	White	Unknown	
Race	0	26	0	0	13	0	

	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown	
Ethnicity	2	37	0	

	U.S.	Other	
National Origin	37	2	

	Male	Female	Unknown	Nonbinary			
Sex	31	8	0	0			
Gender	31	8	0	0			

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	21-24	**25-34**	**35-44**	**45-54**	**55-64**	**65-79**	**80+**
Age	4	11	9	8	3	2	0

Disabled	2

	Yes	**No**	
English Language Proficiency	39	0	

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