Choose Delaware

Location

Delaware's central location on the Mid-Atlantic coast provides global access and the most business-friendly environment in the United States. For growth or expansion, Delaware is where the world chooses to do business.

In the United States, businesses are formed and regulated at the state level, so the first step in starting up operations in the U.S. is to choose where to locate your business. Delaware is the ideal location and remains committed to being the best place in the United States to start and grow a business. Delaware has the highest concentration of Fortune 500 companies – over 68% are incorporated there – of any U.S. state. With no sales, inventory or value-added taxes. Delaware ranks #2 nationally for overall corporate tax favorability according to a 2021 analysis conducted by KPMG and the Tax Foundation.

Location

Delaware's unparalleled centralized location offers proximity to major airports, an international port, one of the busiest Amtrak hubs and convenient driving distance to other major cities, making it easily accessible by air, sea, rail and air. Delaware is the midpoint between New York and Washington – making it less than 150 miles (241 kilometers) from NYC, D.C., Philadelphia and Baltimore and placing it at the center of the largest consumer market in the United States. Northern Delaware is part of the nation's 8th-largest metropolitan area, and over 52 million people live within a 250-mile radius.

Talent & Workforce

Nationally, Delaware has the 5th-highest concentration of employed Ph.D.s in health, science and engineering. More than 36.5% of Delawareans hold a bachelor's or advanced degree, and Delaware boasts a nationally respected research university, one of the nation's top historically Black universities, a coding school, and many nationally ranked collegiate programs. Nearby, Delaware offers easy access to an additional 100 universities, medical schools, liberal arts colleges and lvy League institutions. Delaware's own workforce programs produce the exact talent needed by companies now and secure future growth with vocational and career programs that start at the middle school level.



Key Facts



With the highest concentration of chemists and chemical engineers of any state and the 5th highest concentration in the U.S. of employed Ph.Ds in health, science and engineering, it's no surprise that established firms and startups choose Delaware.

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Delaware attracts top-level, diverse talent from around the world and has more than 100 colleges and universities within two hours.



With its robust network of technical education, Delaware offers workforce-feeding college, vocational training, trade and certificate programs.

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Delaware boasts top-notch healthcare facilities, and its largest health system, ChristianaCare, ranks in the top 1% of all U.S. hospitals, according to Healthgrades.



Family-friendly beaches, 17 state parks and more than 150 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails are among Delaware's most popular attractions.



Delaware's central location provides easy access to amenities in Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York and Washington, D.C.







"Many reasons contributed to choosing the Newark, Delaware, site, among which is the proximity to major universities on the East Coast, the availability of land, the proximity to major chemical partners and the support of the Delaware government."

- Serban Cantacuzene Air Liquide



"It's a challenge to find the right workforce, but we found all of the people we needed in Delaware. To invest in Delaware was one of the best things we could do.

– Thomas Schneider Uzin

Location Strengths

- O Center of largest consumer market in the United States
- O More than 52 million people within 250 miles
- One of the most cost-effective locations along I-95 corridor between Washington, D.C., and Boston
- O Close to major airports with international and domestic cargo capabilities
- Major international port just 65 miles to the **Atlantic Ocean**
- Rail freight services throughout the state
- Passenger rail hub
- **Competitive labor costs**
- Refundable R&D Tax Credit
- Accessible leaders and elected officials



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Global Delaware Innovation Program

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In partnership with CSC, Delaware Prosperity Partnership's **Global Innovation Program helps connect businesses** incorporating in Delaware with the agencies and personnel necessary to complete the process. It also acquaints businesses that are exploring their options with the advantages that incorporating in Delaware would offer them. As one of the premier providers of business, legal, tax and digital brand services, CSC helps establish, grow and maintain small-to-medium sized businesses. Its incorporate. com division provides a wide range of business services, allowing companies to form entities, acquire proper business licenses, file annual reports, assign CSC as a registered agent and access entity-management platforms online. An additional benefit of the program is offered by The Mill. The co-working space headquartered in Wilmington offers Global Innovation participants a discounted rate on turnkey access for flexible workspaces, conference rooms, phone-answering and mail services, furniture and printers.

About DPP

Delaware Prosperity Partnership leads Delaware's economic development efforts to attract, grow and retain businesses; to build a stronger entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem; and to support private employers in identifying, recruiting and developing talent.

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