## 2020 Annual Report Statistics

A Message from the Secretary of State - Jeffrey W. Bullock

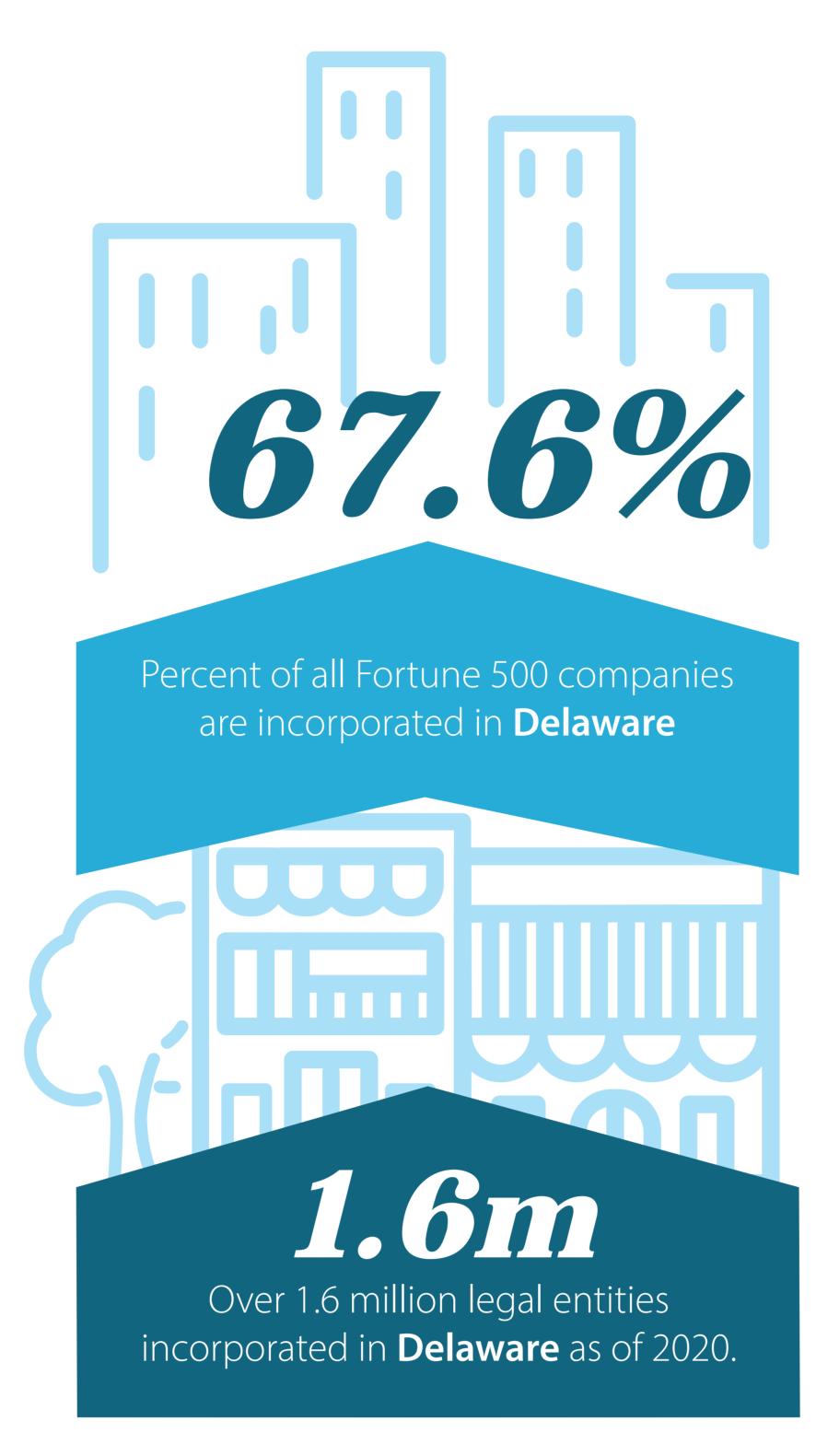
Despite the pandemic challenges facing government, businesses, and each of us, across the US and globally, Delaware's corporate franchise remained open for business like no other. We saw a year of unprecedented growth in 2020, adding 249,427 new business entities throughout the franchise. Total business entities topped 1.6 million at year end with over 8.72% growth in LLCs and 13.97% in the number of corporations. Consistent with past years, we continue to be the domicile of choice for members of the Fortune 500 at nearly 68%. Approximately 93% of all U.S. initial public offerings are entities registered with Delaware.

Statutory changes adopted by the Delaware General Assembly in 2020 consisted of relatively minor revisions to promote consistency and provide additional clarity with respect to business entity division. In keeping with longstanding tradition, the revisions were recommended by a panel of experts in Delaware corporate law and jurisprudence and acted on by the Legislature in a process largely free of political influence.

In Washington, after many years of advocating for a federal solution for a nationwide beneficial ownership policy, we now have what will provide law enforcement access to entity ownership information for the purpose of combating illicit financial activity. We continue to believe that a federal mechanism for the collection of this information is superior to a state-by-state structure that would inevitably prove inconsistent. I am excited and look forward to continue this work by leading my fellow Secretaries of State through our National Association's Business Services Committee and engaging with the Treasury in developing common sense regulations.

2021 is proving to be a year of recovery across many business sectors throughout our great state. I am proud to say that the Division of Corporations has maintained an outstanding level of service during the public health crisis. The strength of our franchise is, in part, dependent upon the excellent customer service of our Division of Corporations team, and I commend them for upholding the highest standards in the most challenging of circumstances.



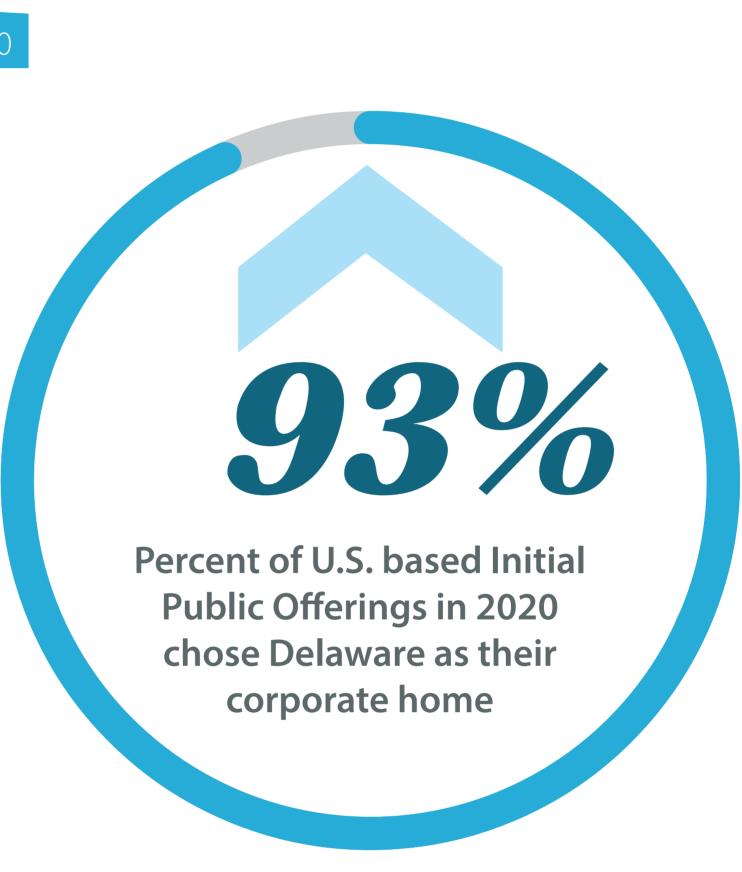


249,427

Business Entity Formations in 2020

5.796

Total General Fund Revenue growth for FY 2020



## Division of Corporations General Fund Revenue

	2018 FY	2019 FY	2020 FY
Net Business Entity Taxes	1,161.8	1,228.2	1,302.8
Business Entity Fees	119.0	123.0	127
UCC Fees	23.4	25.2	25.6
Total Revenue	1,304.2	1,376.4	1,455.4

## Total Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Transactions CY 2018-2020

	2018 CY	2019 CY	2020 CY
UCC 1	129,128	133,187	128,104
UCC 3	144,369	147,419	144,073
Searches	239,478	249,263	247,459
Total Number of Transactions	512,975	529,869	519,636

## Business Entity Formations CY 2018-2020

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	2018 CY	2019 CY	2020 CY				
LLCs	157,142	165,910	180,376				
LPs/LLPs	12,432	13,513	15,348				
Corporations	44,669	45,405	51,747				
Statutory Trusts	1,762	1,761	1,956				
Totals	216,005	226,589	249,427				



