

Delaware Division of Corporations: 2022 Annual Report



A Message from the Secretary of State Jeffrey W. Bullock

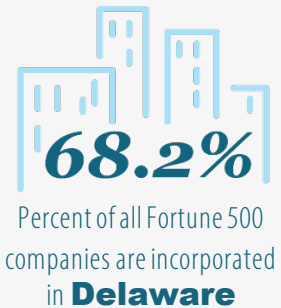
In the midst of economic uncertainty, one thing is for certain: Delaware's Corporate Franchise remains in good health. This is a testament of the work done by the Court of Chancery and our division staff to meet the ever-increasing needs of the corporate community.

In 2022, more than 313,650 entities were formed. Total business entities topped 1.9 million at year-end with an expectation that the First State will surpass the 2 million mark in 2023.

Consistent with past years, the First State continues to be the domicile of choice for

members of the Fortune 500 at nearly 68.2 percent.

Approximately 79 percent of all U.S. initial public offerings in the calendar year 2022 were registered in Delaware.



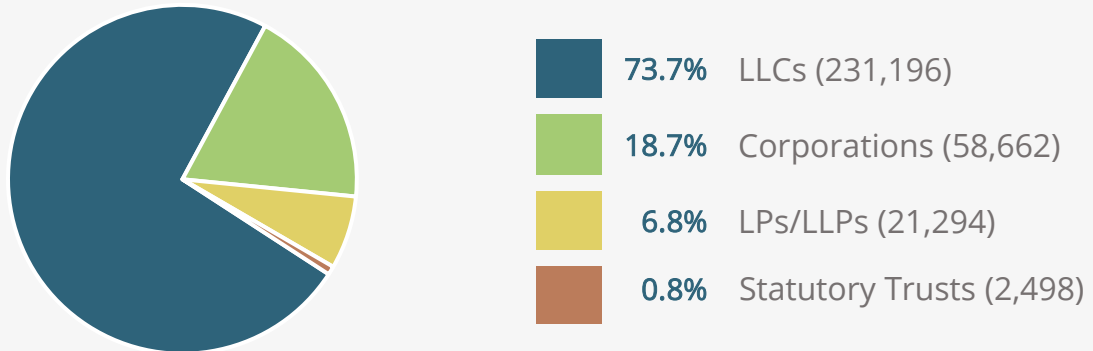
79 percent of U.S. based Initial
Public Offerings in 2022 chose
Delaware as their **corporate home**.



Business owners and investors have the discretion to select any jurisdiction as their legal home for their business entity. However, they consistently choose Delaware for **four main reasons**:

1. **Delaware's General Corporation** law is widely regarded as the most advanced and flexible business formation statute in the nation.
2. **The Court of Chancery is a unique, centuries-old business court** that has written most of the modern U.S. corporation case law. Their commitment to settling cases that come before them in an equitable manner is unrivaled.
3. Delaware's corporate and legal services community **has unparalleled expertise in the application of Delaware Corporate Law** and receives strong, bipartisan support from the Delaware General Assembly and our Governor for its efforts to continuously improve the State's laws.
4. The Delaware Division of Corporations offers **a wide array of services** to meet the needs of the corporate community while providing prompt, friendly, and professional service.

Total Business Entity Formations in 2022



2021

73.4% LLCs (247,003)

18.6% Corporations (62,510)

7.3% LPs/LLPs (24,588)

0.7% Statutory Trusts (2,306)

2020

72.3% LLCs (231,196)

20.7% Corporations (58,662)

6.2% LPs/LLPs (21,294)

0.8% Statutory Trusts (2,498)

Business Entity Formations CY 2020-2022 Totals

	2020 CY	2021 CY	2022 CY
LLCs	180,376	247,003	231,196
Corporations	51,747	62,510	58,662
LPs/LLPs	15,348	24,588	21,294
Statutory Trusts	1,956	2,306	2,498
Totals	249,427	336,407	313,650

To continue making Delaware the premiere destination to incorporate, it's important to ensure that our laws are optimal for engaging in ethical and profitable business.

Total Number of Entities in Delaware

	2020 CY	2021 CY	2022 CY
LLCs	1,109,736	1,291,911	1,403,986
Corporations	336,270	370,404	386,254
LPs/LLPs	117,430	137,188	148,970
Statutory Trusts	23,829	25,547	26,900
Total Business Entities	1,587,265	1,825,050	1,966,110

Division of Corporations General Fund Revenue

	2020 FY	2021 FY	2022 FY
Net Business Entity Taxes	1,302.8	1,467.8	1,723.1
Business Entity Fees	127.0	148.3	164.2
UCC Fees	25.6	26.7	31.0
Total General Fund Revenue	1,455.4	1,642.8	1,918.3

Total Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Transactions CY 2020 – 2022

	2020 CY	2021 CY	2022 CY
UCC 1	128,104	151,103	148,176
UCC 3	144,073	168,124	170,237
Searches	247,459	313,459	316,306
Total Transactions	519,636	632,686	634,719

In my **14 years as Secretary of State**, it has been my honor and privilege to be able to promote the great state of Delaware, domestically and abroad. You have my commitment to maintaining this long tradition of ensuring that the Division of Corporations works hard every day to meet the needs of our customers as well as provide them with the best experience possible.



Sincerely,
Jeffrey W. Bullock

Jeffrey W. Bullock serves as the 80th Secretary of State and oversees the nearly two dozen agencies, including the Division of Corporations.