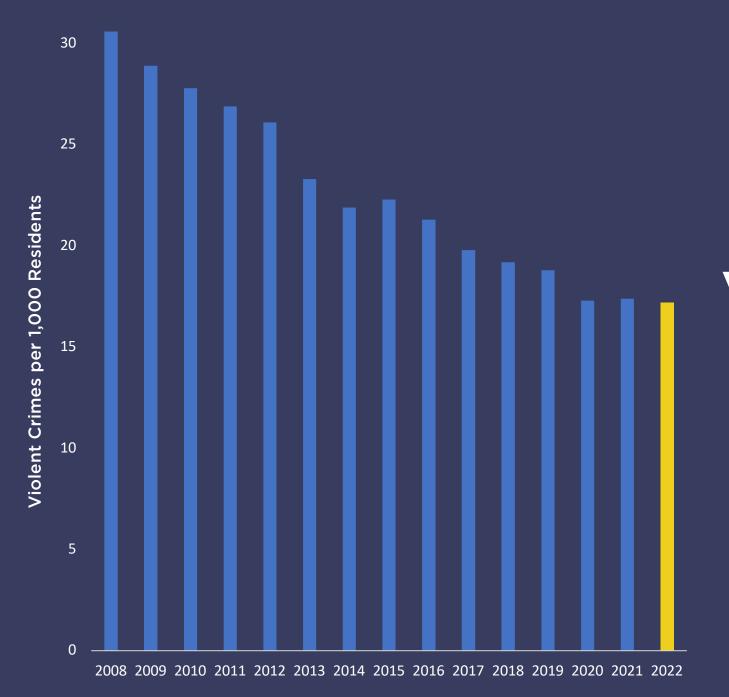
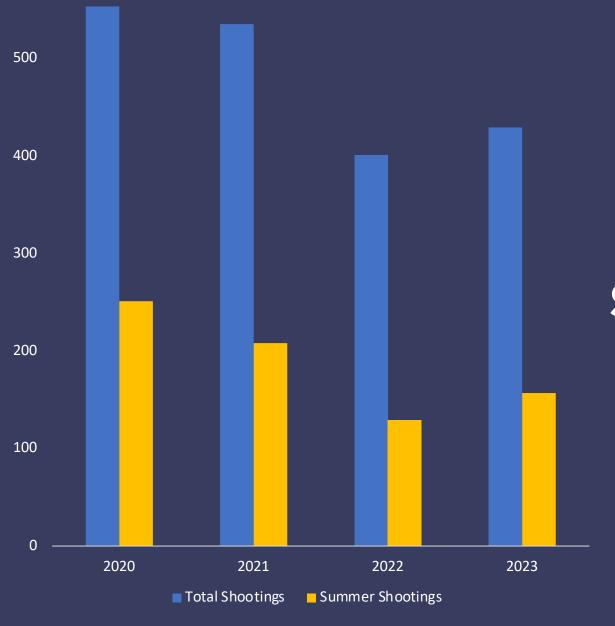


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Delaware has reached its lowest violent crime rate on record: a 40% drop since the State started tracking the statistic in 2008.

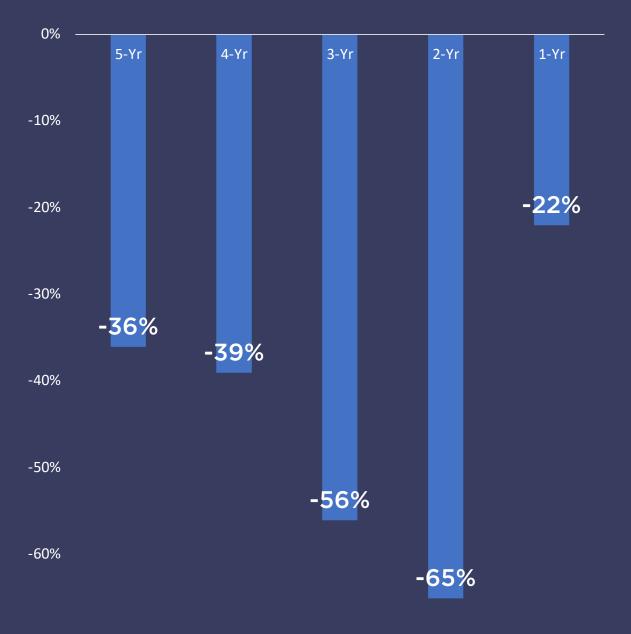


Since 2020:

Gun violence fell by over 20%.

Summer shootings fell by nearly 40%.

In total, there were 300 fewer shootings.

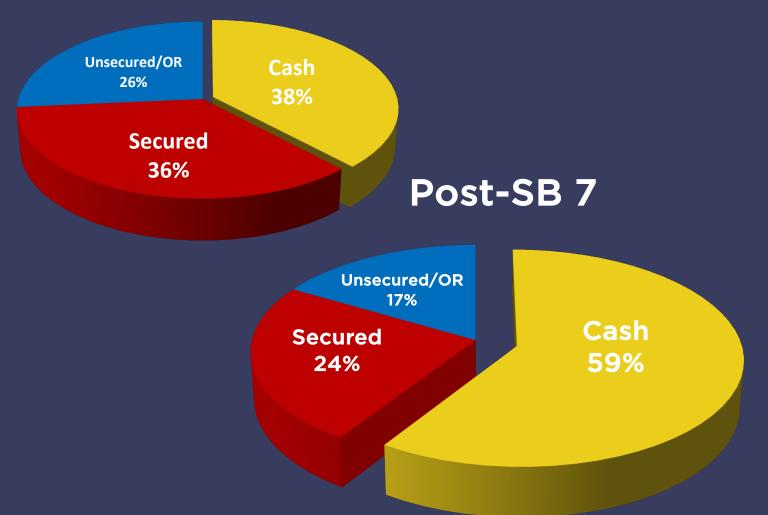


In Wilmington alone, murders are down 56% since the pandemic — a five-year low.

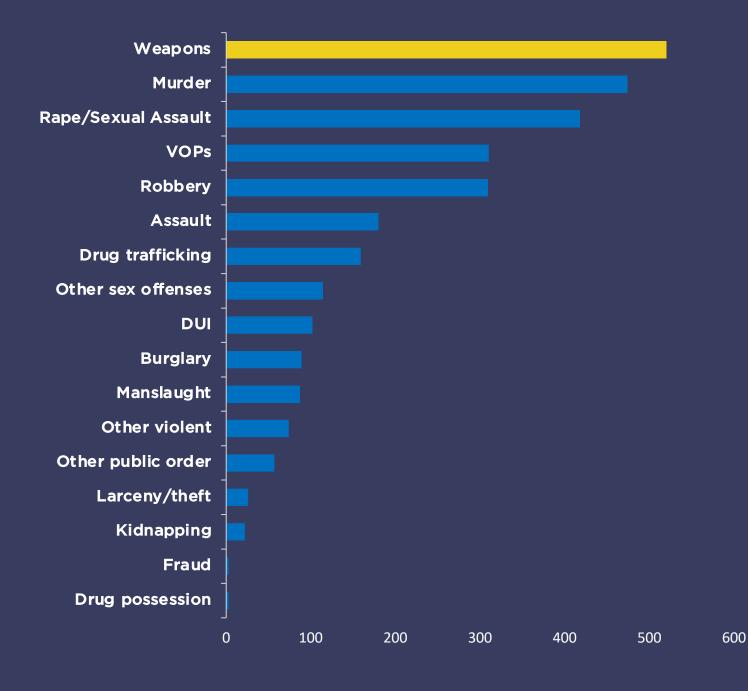
In Dover, shootings are down 23%.

-70%



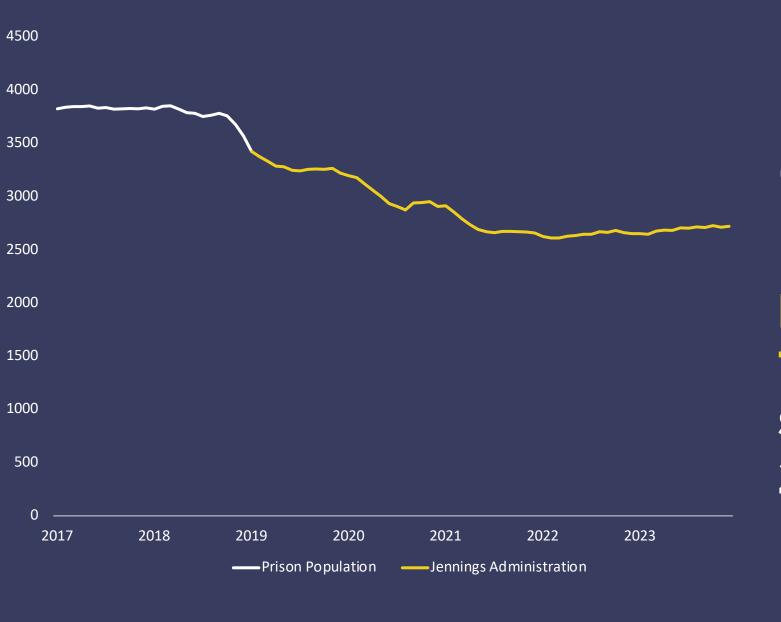


After strengthening our bail laws, the proportion of gun offenses and other violent felonies that received secured or cash bail sharply increased. The use of cash bail alone grew by 21 points — a 44% increase.

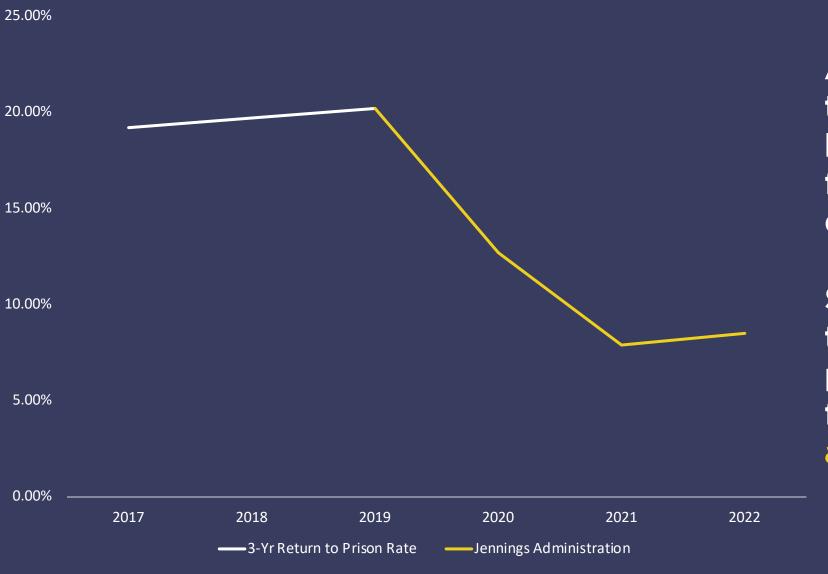


The most common lead charge for a sentenced inmate in Delaware is a gun offense (18%).

The least common is simple drug possession (<0.1%).

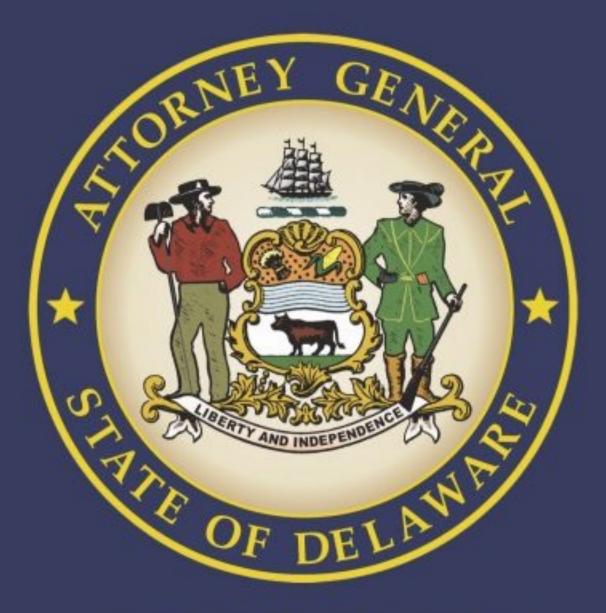


Despite the drop in violent crime, **Delaware's inmate** population has fallen by 24% since December 2018.



At the same time, the recidivism rate has fallen sharply for the first time in a decade.

Since 2019, the three-year return to prison rate has fallen by 12 points — a 60% decrease.



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