

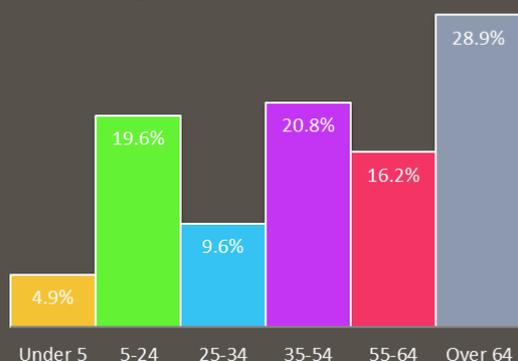
Sussex County Statistics

By the Numbers

Population, 2020:	234,000
Ten Year Population Growth:	22.6%
Median household income:	\$64,000
Median home value:	\$256,800
Median home property taxes:	\$700
Poverty Rate:	3.1%
Sales Tax:	0%

Age Demographics

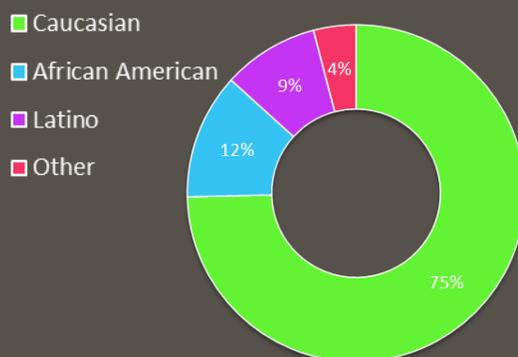
Median age: 50.6



Family Type

Married-couple family	54%
Family, no wife present	1%
Family, no husband present	3%
Householder alone	36%
Cohabiting Couple Household	6%

Racial Demographics



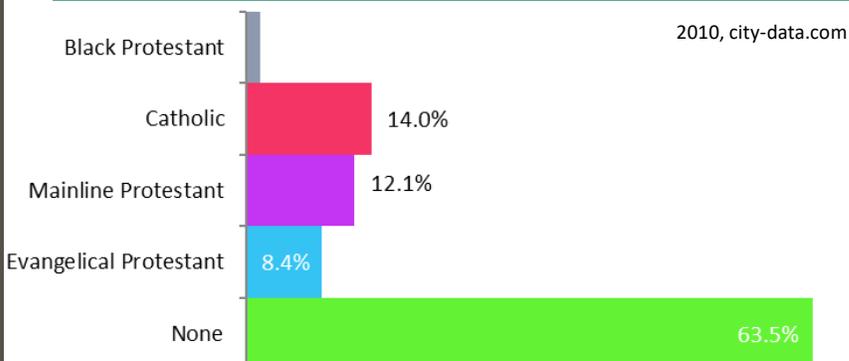
The town of Milford, Delaware, is a hub for much of the county's growth. "Best Places to Live" gives the area a 7.4/10 on its "Comfort Index." It is a great place to live and raise a family. It has a quaint central core for the population of 12,000, but most of the recent growth for the hub is located along the highways radiating from the core. In these corridors are found typical suburban developments, stores, banks, offices, and fast-food chains. What Milford does not have is a Christ-centered, outreach-oriented, Reformed and Presbyterian Church. The closest one is 20 miles and 30 minutes away.



Additionally, in 2019 cataclysmic change came to the area when Bayhealth opened a 242 bed, \$300,000,000 regional medical campus just outside of town and began the renovation of its old in-town hospital for use as a nursing home. The new hospital is a regional teaching hospital that provides every imaginable form of health care. This monumental investment in what was once a sleepy, out-of-the-way place, has brought every kind of health care professional and medical support staff. It is also drawing non-medical businesses of every type and the workers to staff them.

These people, uprooted for the most part from communities far away, will need places where they can be nurtured in faith and worship according to the dictates of their consciences. The unbelievers among the transplants deserve a strong outwardly focused gospel witness in their midst. Heritage Presbytery and Faith Presbyterian, Wilmington, Delaware, are committed to seeing a PCA church planted that will meet these needs.

Sussex County Religious Preferences





Highlights

About two hours from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington DC

Fifteen minute drive to the beach

45% of county is dedicated to agriculture

#1 county in the US in the production of broiler chickens

Local beach tourism provides 15,000 jobs and \$2 billion in revenue

Beaches, wildlife sanctuaries, marshes, rivers, and parks near Milford provide for great exploring and recreation

County is drawing significant numbers of Latinos from South and Central America and many younger retirees from the major population centers of the east coast who are seeking a slower pace of life, reasonably priced housing, low taxes, and proximity to coastal amenities

Mispillion River runs through Milford

Weather

Average July temperature is 86

Average January temperature is 27

45 inches of rain in a typical year, but less than 12 inches of snow

Education

(population over age 25)

88% High School Grad or higher

28% Bachelor's Degree or higher

Candidate Qualifications

- At least seven years of pastoral experience
- Proven track record in evangelism and discipleship formation
- Entrepreneurial and willing to lead a scratch church plant
- Comfortable meeting and interacting with medical professionals and white-collar retirees

Support

- \$150,000 to jumpstart the fundraising process
- Faith and Heritage Presbytery would provide 35% of support
- Nurture, advice, and counsel from our network of past and current church planters and godly ruling elders

Imagine

A winsome and gospel-centered church plant in Milford centered on evangelism, discipleship and a heart to see its community flourish

A missional church plant partnering with other PCA churches to see new churches planted in surrounding communities

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Most Common Occupations

