

District Snapshot

Standardized Political Intelligence for the Modern Campaign

Delaware House District 42

2024 RESULT

R+9.6

DISTRICT LEAN

R+2.0

Incumbent running 7.6 margin pts ahead of district baseline

Report Details

Report Date:	July 2026
State:	Delaware
Chamber:	State House
District:	42
Data Vintage:	2016-2024 Election Returns ACS 2019-2023 Census 2020
Methodology:	Block-weighted areal interpolation via TIGER 2020

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Delaware House District 42 – John Doe (R, Incumbent)

2024 general election

Race at a Glance

DISTRICT'S NATURAL LEAN

R +2.0

how the district usually votes

2024 RESULT

R +9.6

Doe's actual margin

PERSONAL EDGE

~8 pts

Doe vs. a generic Republican

TREND

Narrowing

edge has shrunk 4 of last 4 cycles

How these figures are built

SCOVİ 2024 (statewide constitutional offices): 49.0% D → District's Natural Lean R +2.0

SLVI 2024 (the State House race itself): 45.2% D → 2024 Result R +9.6

SCOVİ is the State Constitutional Office Voting Index; SLVI is the State Legislative Voting Index. Personal Edge (~8 pts) is the gap between them (SLVI minus SCOVİ = 3.8 points) - how far Doe runs ahead of a generic Republican - and Trend is whether that gap narrows or widens across the five cycles. The 2024 Result is the State House margin you know from this race; the Natural Lean is the district's underlying partisanship once the incumbent's personal vote is removed, which is why the two differ.

John Doe holds a seat that already leans Republican. The 2024 result (R +9.6) runs about 8 points ahead of the district's underlying lean - a personal edge that leaves with the incumbent.

Voter Registration

DEMOCRATIC

10,164

43.1%

REPUBLICAN

5,743

24.3%

OTHER / NP

7,688

32.6%

TOTAL

23,595

registered

Democrats hold a 4,421-registrant edge, and the roll is trending toward the Democrats at about 119 net registrants a year - a forward signal the vote history alone does not show.

What this means for your campaign

- An open seat here stays Republican-favored - the personal edge leaves with Doe, and the underlying lean does not.
- Republican strength concentrates in 42-09 (70% Republican). 4 of 13 precincts are true tossups; the rest lean solidly Democratic.
- The cost to win a single vote here has risen since 2018 (\$5.48 to \$8.46) - this seat keeps getting more competitive, not less.

Do this next

Running as the Democrat

Turn out 42-05 first, then work 42-13 and 42-10 - your best mix of favorable numbers and size.

Running as the Republican

Protect 42-09, 42-01, and 42-11 first - your strongest ground to hold.

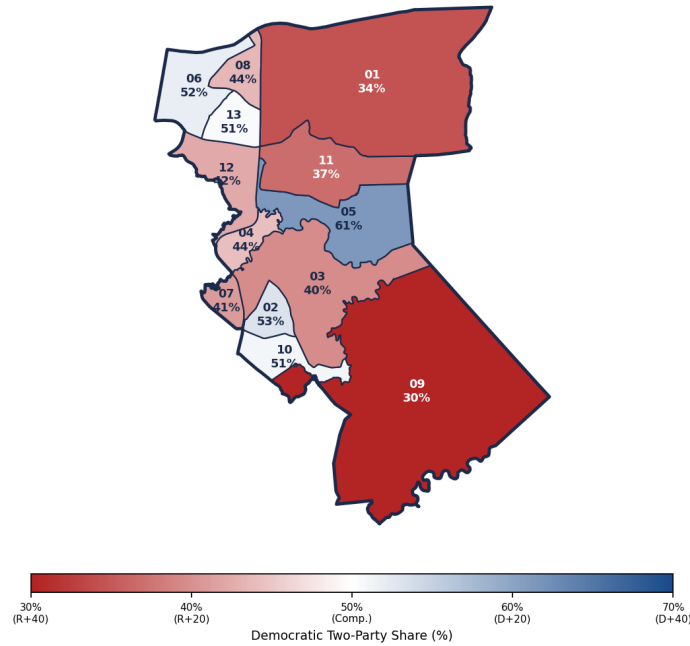
Full precinct tables, five-cycle trend, and methodology are in the standard 16-page District Intelligence Brief.

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Where the Votes Are – HD 42

2024 precinct partisan lean - Democratic two-party share



Color shows each precinct's 2024 Democratic two-party share, from strongest Republican (red) through competitive (white) to strongest Democratic (blue). Each precinct is labeled with its number and D share.

Your Target List

Ranked by where your side's votes are strongest

If you're the Democrat

Precinct	2024	Share of total vote	What to do
42-05	61% D	6.6%	Turn out + persuade
42-02	53% D	8.5%	Persuade
42-06	52% D	3.9%	Persuade
42-10	51% D	9.5%	Persuade
42-13	51% D	14.1%	Persuade

If you're the Republican

Precinct	2024	Share of total vote	What to do
42-09	70% R	1.9%	Turn out your voters
42-01	66% R	8.8%	Turn out your voters
42-11	63% R	10.2%	Turn out your voters
42-03	60% R	12.5%	Turn out your voters
42-07	59% R	0.3%	Turn out + persuade
42-12	58% R	12.8%	Turn out + persuade

What these labels mean

Turn out your voters — already on your side - make sure they actually vote.

Persuade — genuinely up for grabs - win them with your message.

Turn out + persuade — a mix - turn out your own supporters and work the persuadables.

“Share” = this precinct's portion of all votes cast in the district in 2024 - a measure of size, not lean. Top precincts shown; full ranked lists are in the standard brief.