

Loitering Laws in Delaware are Unconstitutional!

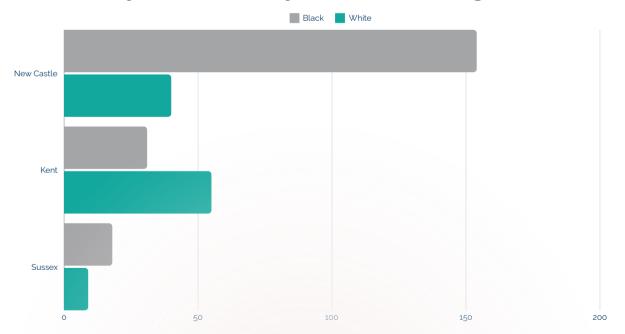
What is loitering?

Loitering is not the same as trespassing. Trespassing is sitting, standing, or laying down on private property while loitering is sitting, standing, or laying down in public space. Trespassing on PRIVATE property remains illegal when loitering laws are taken off the books.

What is the issue?

Arrest data by county and year shows a disproportionate number of African American individuals are charged with Title 11 violations for loitering. The current laws disproprortionally effect homeless individuals.

Arrests by Race and County in 2021 for loitering offenses



How can you help?

- Contact Sonya Starr, Policy Director at sonyastarr@housinalliancede.org to join the panhandling/loitering advocate list.
- Oppose panhandling and loitering ordinances in your municipality.