
Agency Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Agency Mission

In our mission to administer justice while maintaining our independence, we are duty bound to act with unflinching honor to serve and protect the ideals of democracy for the citizens of this State.

Agency Description

Rhode Island has a unified court system composed of six statewide courts. The Supreme Court is the court of last resort, the Superior Court is the court of general jurisdiction, and the Family, District, Traffic Tribunal, and Workers' Compensation Courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. The entire system in Rhode Island is state-funded with the exception of probate courts, which are the responsibility of cities and towns, and the municipal courts, which are local courts of limited jurisdiction. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the executive head of the Rhode Island Judiciary and has authority over the judicial budget. The Chief Justice appoints the State Court Administrator and an administrative staff to handle budgetary and general administrative functions. Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the State Court Administrator has control of judicial appropriations for all state courts, except those as provided otherwise by law. Each court has responsibility over its own operations and has a chief judge who appoints an administrator to handle internal court management.

Statutory History

The Judiciary is one of the three branches of government defined in the Rhode Island Constitution.

The powers and jurisdictions of the six courts are identified in R.I. General Laws § 8-1 - Supreme Court; § 8-2 - Superior Court; § 8-10 - Family Court; § 8-8 - District Court; § 28-30 - Workers' Compensation Court; and § 8-8.2 - Traffic Tribunal.

The budgetary and finance controls of the Judiciary are identified as follows:

RIGL § 8-15-4 - Appointment of Court Administrator and Assistants; § 35-3-1 - Budget Officer – General Powers and Duties; § 36-4-2.1 - Exemption from Merit System; § 36-4-16.4 - Salaries of Directors, Judges, and Workers' Compensation Judges; § 36-6-1 - Controller – Duties in General; and § 37-8-1 - State House – State Office Building – Courthouses.

Budget

Judiciary

	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Supreme Court	40,506,915	42,050,267	43,905,109	43,043,641	42,026,437
Superior Court	22,651,006	23,608,653	25,380,113	25,223,379	25,518,719
Family Court	23,619,952	24,633,979	25,935,545	26,172,728	26,690,643
District Court	13,130,936	13,253,875	13,955,597	13,955,597	14,121,858
Traffic Tribunal	8,401,233	8,582,370	9,218,475	9,218,475	8,982,592
Worker's Compensation Court	7,758,792	7,502,138	8,943,104	8,930,623	8,992,003
Judicial Tenure & Discipline	123,724	119,563	154,616	154,469	155,514
Total Expenditures	116,192,558	119,750,845	127,492,559	126,698,912	126,487,766
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	83,700,550	85,646,109	93,646,795	93,321,826	93,956,507
Contract Professional Services	1,972,156	2,407,561	2,532,003	2,442,096	2,740,803
Operating Supplies And Expenses	13,430,605	13,353,535	12,728,366	13,398,583	13,335,382
Assistance And Grants	10,728,303	10,608,412	10,738,683	10,847,824	11,134,435
Capital Purchases And Equipment	161,024	0	535,000	535,000	535,000
Subtotal: Operating	109,992,638	112,015,617	120,180,847	120,545,329	121,702,127
Capital Purchases And Equipment	6,199,920	7,735,229	7,311,712	6,153,583	4,785,639
Subtotal: Other	6,199,920	7,735,229	7,311,712	6,153,583	4,785,639
Total Expenditures	116,192,558	119,750,845	127,492,559	126,698,912	126,487,766
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	97,037,829	99,950,274	105,213,960	105,318,280	106,383,394
Federal Funds	3,222,742	3,055,635	3,144,740	3,470,252	3,494,140
Restricted Receipts	11,023,981	10,581,557	13,007,786	12,942,436	13,010,232
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	4,908,006	6,163,379	6,126,073	4,967,944	3,600,000
Total Expenditures	116,192,558	119,750,845	127,492,559	126,698,912	126,487,766
FTE Authorization	723.3	723.3	726.3	726.3	726.3

Personnel Agency Summary

Judiciary

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	3.0	207,704	3.0	211,774
Unclassified	723.3	60,041,012	723.3	61,023,482
Subtotal	726.3	60,248,716	726.3	61,235,256
Overtime (1.5)		311,672		311,672
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		906,814		906,814
Turnover		(2,479,138)		(3,515,649)
Total Salaries		58,988,064		58,938,093
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		0		350
FICA		4,334,153		4,408,885
Health Benefits		8,873,369		9,312,016
Payroll Accrual		328,545		328,954
Retiree Health		3,034,849		2,665,594
Retirement		15,480,486		16,022,352
Subtotal		32,051,402		32,738,151
Total Salaries and Benefits	726.3	91,039,466	726.3	91,676,244
Cost Per FTE Position		125,347		126,224
Statewide Benefit Assessment		2,282,360		2,280,263
Payroll Costs	726.3	93,321,826	726.3	93,956,507
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		23,300		23,300
Design and Engineering Services		115,500		115,500
Information Technology		576,903		675,610
Legal Services		413,000		413,000
Management & Consultant Services		80,000		80,000
Medical Services		16,000		16,000
Other Contracts		1,156,500		1,356,500
Training and Educational Services		60,893		60,893
Subtotal		2,442,096		2,740,803
Total Personnel	726.3	95,763,922	726.3	96,697,310
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	663.3	84,569,167	663.3	85,405,871
Federal Funds	6.0	2,264,507	6.0	2,288,395
Restricted Receipts	57.0	8,930,248	57.0	9,003,044
Total All Funds	726.3	95,763,922	726.3	96,697,310

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Timeliness of Misdemeanor Cases Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of misdemeanor cases disposed by the District Court within 60 days of filing. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 through 2019. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Wayward/Delinquent Cases Suitable for Non-Judicial Processing Diversion

The Family Court has a Juvenile Services Unit that processes cases of juvenile, first-time offenders who have committed less serious offenses to be handled outside of court with no arraignment. The figures below represent the percentage of cases suitable for non-judicial processing that were diverted within 90 days of filing. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 through 2019. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Wayward/Delinquent Cases Requiring Court Involvement

The figures below represent the percentage of cases requiring Family Court involvement that are adjudicated within 180 days of filing. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 through 2019. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Child Protection Cases Adjudicated

The figures below represent the percentage of child protection cases that are adjudicated by the Family Court within 180 days of filing. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 through 2019. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Divorce Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more cases than those filed, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of divorce cases. [Notes: Calendar year 2019 data is as of 8/31/19. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	99.00%	103.00%	96.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Timeliness of Verified Complaints Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of Judicial Tenure and Discipline cases closed during a fiscal year that were disposed within 90 days of docketing. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	78.00%	83.00%	82.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Felony Cases Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of felony cases disposed by the Superior Court within 180 days of arraignment. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 through 2019. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Assigned Civil Cases

During a specified time period, if the Superior Court is able to dispose more assigned civil cases than those added to the trial calendar, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of civil cases assigned to the trial calendar. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 through 2019. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Disposition Rate of Appeal Cases

During a specified time period, if the Supreme Court is able to dispose more cases than those docketed, the disposition rate will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of appeal cases. [Notes: Calendar year 2019 data is as of 8/31/19. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	102.00%	111.00%	93.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Summonses Disposed

The figures below represent the percentage of traffic summonses disposed by the Traffic Tribunal within 60 days. [Notes: Reports are unavailable for calendar years 2017 through 2019. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Actual	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Timeliness of Cases Disposed at Pretrial

The figures below represent the percentage of Workers' Compensation Court cases disposed at pretrial within 90 days of filing. [Notes: Calendar year 2019 data is as of 8/31/19. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	76.00%	85.00%	85.00%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Cases Disposed at Trial

The figures below represent the percentage of Workers' Compensation Court cases disposed at trial within 360 days of filing. [Notes: Calendar year 2019 data is as of 8/31/19. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Actual	96.00%	86.00%	85.00%	0.00%	

Program Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Supreme Court

Mission

Provide timely review of all decisions appealed from the lower courts. Provide overall administrative direction to the unified court system. Regulate the admission, registration, and discipline of attorneys to the Rhode Island Bar.

Description

The Supreme Court Program includes the budget for the Court as well as the Administrative Office of State Courts, and the State Law Library. The Court portion of the budget covers the justices, their secretarial and legal staff, the law clerk department, and the Supreme Court Clerk's Office. Through this portion of the budget the Supreme Court fulfills its role as the court of last resort. The Court also renders advisory opinions to the legislative and executive branches of government; issues writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, certiorari and certain other prerogative writs; and regulates the admission, registration and discipline of members of the Rhode Island Bar. Administrative services include all budgetary, personnel and purchasing functions; technology services; facilities and operations, which includes the maintenance of courthouse and judicial buildings as well as security; programming for judicial education; the collection of court-ordered restitution, fines, fees and costs; judicial records center; and research and statistical analysis. The State Law Library is the only complete, public legal reference service in Rhode Island, and it operates under the Supreme Court. The Library has over 110,000 volumes and provides access to computer aided legal research. Other major activities of the Supreme Court include domestic violence training and monitoring, mandatory continuing legal education, appellate screening, alternative dispute resolution, disciplinary counsel, community outreach and public relations, and the interpreter program.

Statutory History

The Supreme Court is the only constitutionally established court and is identified in Article X of the Rhode Island State Constitution. The organization, jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court are described in R.I. General Laws § 8-1 and the administrative authority of the court is established by RIGL § 8-15. Other statutes relating to the Supreme Court include RIGL § 8-3 through §8-7.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Defense of Indigents	4,080,725	4,553,798	4,403,487	4,668,421	4,985,432
Supreme Court Operations	36,426,190	37,496,469	39,501,622	38,375,220	37,041,005
Total Expenditures	40,506,915	42,050,267	43,905,109	43,043,641	42,026,437
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	19,941,978	19,997,912	21,965,119	21,946,758	21,877,665
Contract Professional Services	774,529	903,427	890,693	809,841	915,693
Operating Supplies and Expenses	9,182,443	9,020,887	8,675,501	8,966,434	8,993,804
Assistance And Grants	4,952,147	5,268,637	5,173,471	5,278,412	5,565,023
Capital Purchases And Equipment	159,324	0	500,000	500,000	500,000
Subtotal: Operating	35,010,421	35,190,863	37,204,784	37,501,445	37,852,185
Capital Purchases And Equipment	5,496,494	6,859,404	6,700,325	5,542,196	4,174,252
Subtotal: Other	5,496,494	6,859,404	6,700,325	5,542,196	4,174,252
Total Expenditures	40,506,915	42,050,267	43,905,109	43,043,641	42,026,437
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	32,598,752	33,035,614	34,041,578	34,306,512	34,676,085
Federal Funds	142,796	129,263	133,759	142,372	117,123
Restricted Receipts	2,857,361	2,722,012	3,603,699	3,626,813	3,633,229
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	4,908,006	6,163,379	6,126,073	4,967,944	3,600,000
Total Expenditures	40,506,915	42,050,267	43,905,109	43,043,641	42,026,437

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04416A	1.0	51,087	1.0	51,335
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	3.0	198,291	3.0	201,505
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	08822A	4.0	235,740	4.0	236,914
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	08824A	1.0	67,406	1.0	67,726
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	04415A	1.0	46,890	1.0	47,119
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	1.0	91,809	1.0	92,247
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	08834A	1.0	90,491	1.0	90,941
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	118,742	1.0	119,323
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	117,856	1.0	118,430
ASSISTANT BUILDING & GROUNDS OFFICER	00322A	5.0	295,976	5.0	301,453
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	6.0	710,242	6.0	713,736
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08831A	2.0	193,037	2.0	193,985
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PR	08842A	1.0	132,127	1.0	132,784
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	08846A	1.0	141,164	1.0	147,009
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FACILITIES, OPS & SECUR	08844A	1.0	165,471	1.0	166,267
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCE & BUDGET	08846A	1.0	169,065	1.0	169,902
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, JUDICIAL TECHNOLOGY	08846A	1.0	177,357	1.0	178,231
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	04422A	2.0	119,172	2.0	119,759
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	2.0	136,528	2.0	137,209
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8808JA	4.0	867,710	4.0	878,260
BAR ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08829A	1.0	74,935	1.0	75,308
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08823A	6.0	342,450	6.0	355,692
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08844A	1.0	163,271	1.0	164,083
CHIEF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT)	8809JA	1.0	248,804	1.0	250,042
CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	08835A	1.0	115,299	1.0	115,858
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK (JUD)	08838A	1.0	105,395	1.0	105,920
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04434A	1.0	91,863	1.0	92,320
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT	08844A	1.0	142,862	1.0	143,573
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	1.0	85,038	1.0	85,462
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	08817A	1.0	42,784	1.0	43,481
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	08827A	6.0	467,614	6.0	469,935
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	72,772	1.0	73,135

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, STATE COURTS	08847A	1.0	166,532	1.0	167,361
DEPUTY CLERK INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	04423A	3.0	180,733	3.0	182,861
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	2.0	97,999	2.0	99,750
DEPUTY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	08837A	1.0	119,480	1.0	120,054
DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION/ EDUCATION PROGRAMS	08835A	1.0	93,721	1.0	94,187
DIVERSITY COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	85,789	1.0	86,216
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	08829A	1.0	71,143	1.0	74,077
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR	08831A	1.0	92,231	1.0	92,674
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	04423A	1.0	61,586	1.0	61,892
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS OFFICER	00320A	1.0	55,211	1.0	55,485
GENERAL COUNSEL	08846A	1.0	142,153	1.0	147,009
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	20.0	1,153,764	20.0	1,191,568
LAW LIBRARIAN (JUDICIAL)	08836A	1.0	117,151	1.0	117,731
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	0J312A	4.0	156,145	4.0	159,724
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08823A	3.0	168,964	3.0	174,032
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST	04433A	1.0	88,453	1.0	88,893
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR (SC)	08830A	1.0	69,968	1.0	72,861
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	2.0	131,375	2.0	132,028
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	04421A	2.0	99,584	2.0	103,966
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	08821A	1.0	52,027	1.0	54,688
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	04425A	1.0	67,210	1.0	67,543
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08825A	1.0	63,003	1.0	64,311
PRINCIPAL COURT FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	04436A	1.0	109,843	1.0	110,381
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK (SYSTEMS)	08825A	1.0	70,391	1.0	70,742
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	2.0	169,348	2.0	170,189
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	04425A	1.0	64,041	1.0	64,359
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08825A	1.0	66,803	1.0	67,527
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	04430A	6.0	521,361	6.0	523,908
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	2.0	155,722	2.0	156,496
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	08835A	1.0	103,899	1.0	109,678
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	04418A	1.0	49,573	1.0	49,819
RECORDS CUSTODIAN-DOCUMENTS DIST.(STATE LIBRARY)	04418A	3.0	139,871	3.0	141,654

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
SECOND ASSISTANT LAW LIBRARIAN	04411A	0.8	44,182	0.8	44,402
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04421A	0.6	54,311	0.6	54,582
SENIOR DEVELOPER (JUDICIAL)	08835A	1.0	93,721	1.0	94,187
SENIOR FISCAL OFFICER	08827A	1.0	66,047	1.0	69,652
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	04423A	4.0	236,117	4.0	238,156
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	04423A	1.0	61,586	1.0	61,892
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST	08825A	4.0	244,248	4.0	252,485
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	04433A	4.0	383,264	4.0	388,167
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	2.0	173,528	2.0	174,387
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	3.0	226,961	3.0	229,689
SR CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUD)	08827A	1.0	64,094	1.0	67,043
STAFF ATTORNEY	08829A	4.3	403,388	4.3	406,510
STAFF ATTORNEY II	08730A	1.0	68,781	1.0	70,291
STAFF ATTORNEY II	08830A	3.0	247,209	3.0	248,437
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	08834A	1.0	107,297	1.0	107,814
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR	08850A	1.0	200,069	1.0	201,065
Subtotal Unclassified		164.7	13,539,125	164.7	13,721,367
Subtotal		164.7	13,539,125	164.7	13,721,367
Overtime (1.5)			256,212		256,212
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			202,300		202,300
Turnover			(204,966)		(542,173)
Total Salaries			13,792,671		13,637,706
Benefits					
FICA			1,002,892		1,018,386
Health Benefits			2,119,236		2,200,914
Payroll Accrual			77,300		76,595
Retiree Health			812,854		707,741
Retirement			3,614,875		3,715,495
Subtotal			7,627,157		7,719,131
Total Salaries and Benefits		164.7	21,419,828	164.7	21,356,837
Cost Per FTE Position			130,054		129,671
Statewide Benefit Assessment			526,930		520,828
Payroll Costs		164.7	21,946,758	164.7	21,877,665
Purchased Services					

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Supreme Court

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		11,300		11,300
Design and Engineering Services		42,000		42,000
Information Technology		522,648		628,500
Legal Services		38,000		38,000
Medical Services		4,000		4,000
Other Contracts		186,000		186,000
Training and Educational Services		5,893		5,893
Subtotal		809,841		915,693
Total Personnel	164.7	22,756,599	164.7	22,793,358
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	156.7	21,440,478	156.7	21,491,070
Federal Funds	1.0	142,336	1.0	117,087
Restricted Receipts	7.0	1,173,785	7.0	1,185,201
Total All Funds	164.7	22,756,599	164.7	22,793,358

Program Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Superior Court

Mission

Provide timely and fair adjudication of all cases within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court. Maintain a complete and accurate record for all cases that are filed with the Superior Court. Provide a written transcript of any proceeding or appeal.

Description

The program budget for Superior Court includes the operation of the Court itself, administrative services, and the operation of the clerks' offices. Superior Court has four locations: Providence/Bristol, Kent, Washington, and Newport Counties. It has jurisdiction over all felony cases and misdemeanor cases which have been appealed or waived from the District Court. The Court also hears all civil cases where the amount at issue exceeds \$10,000, equity cases wherein injunctive relief is sought, civil cases that are appealed from the District Court, and all probate and zoning appeals. The Superior Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the District Court in all other actions at law in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000 yet does not exceed \$10,000. The administrative office of the Court handles all case scheduling, supervises the court secretaries and stenographers, and provides other administrative services. Each Court location has a clerk's office which is responsible for maintaining the records of the court. This includes creating files for each case, filing all papers that are received, updating the record in each case to reflect court proceedings and the papers that have been filed, and maintaining and marking all exhibits of evidence. Other major programs include jury selection, court-annexed arbitration, court ordered restitution, and administration of jurors' fees and expenses. In FY 1995, a Gun Court was established to adjudicate offenses where guns are involved, and the planning process began for the Adult Drug Court. In FY 2002, the Adult Drug Court was established preceded by the FY 2001 establishment of the Business Calendar.

Statutory History

The Superior Court is a statutorily authorized court. The jurisdiction and sessions of the court, and the role and responsibilities of the clerks, secretaries and stenographers of the court are outlined in R.I. General Laws § 8-2 through § 8-7.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Jury Operations	1,507,891	1,456,268	1,764,155	1,942,416	1,958,005
Superior Court Operations	21,143,115	22,152,386	23,615,958	23,280,963	23,560,714
Total Expenditures	22,651,006	23,608,653	25,380,113	25,223,379	25,518,719
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	18,855,616	19,242,571	21,437,259	20,842,721	21,340,168
Contract Professional Services	384,634	452,380	539,000	514,145	707,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,163,620	1,493,263	1,250,433	1,713,092	1,318,130
Assistance And Grants	2,083,466	1,835,737	1,914,294	1,914,294	1,914,294
Subtotal: Operating	22,487,336	23,023,951	25,140,986	24,984,252	25,279,592
Capital Purchases And Equipment	163,670	584,703	239,127	239,127	239,127
Subtotal: Other	163,670	584,703	239,127	239,127	239,127
Total Expenditures	22,651,006	23,608,653	25,380,113	25,223,379	25,518,719
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	22,227,278	23,212,052	24,945,630	24,785,163	25,084,814
Federal Funds	75,900	39,194	33,500	113,216	108,905
Restricted Receipts	347,828	357,407	400,983	325,000	325,000
Total Expenditures	22,651,006	23,608,653	25,380,113	25,223,379	25,518,719

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
PROJECT COORDINATOR	04426A	1.0	74,749	1.0	75,121
PROJECT COORDINATOR	08826A	1.0	61,070	1.0	61,374
Subtotal Classified		2.0	135,819	2.0	136,495
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	00316A	1.0	41,726	1.0	42,424
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04415A	1.0	41,701	1.0	41,909
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	1.0	46,938	1.0	47,172
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08829A	2.0	177,984	2.0	178,851
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	169,494	1.0	170,331
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK/TRAINING OFFICER	08833A	1.0	91,605	1.0	92,061
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08834A	1.0	79,849	1.0	81,597
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08835A	1.0	95,444	1.0	98,896
ADMINISTRATOR- ARBITRATION PROGRAM	08839A	1.0	110,506	1.0	111,056
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	08821A	1.0	60,200	1.0	60,499
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	08834A	1.0	90,491	1.0	90,941
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04418A	1.0	42,478	1.0	43,967
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (OUT COUNTIES)	04423A	1.0	47,891	1.0	48,998
ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	04423A	1.0	54,654	1.0	57,144
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	3.0	183,440	3.0	189,261
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08826A	1.0	66,599	1.0	66,931
ASSOCIATE JURY COMMISSIONER	08833A	1.0	91,605	1.0	92,061
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	08805F	3.0	509,100	3.0	511,632
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	18.0	3,477,964	18.0	3,528,396
CLERK (KENT COUNTY)	08834A	1.0	90,491	1.0	90,941
CLERK (NEWPORT COUNTY)	08832A	1.0	82,487	1.0	86,778
CLERK (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)	08839A	1.0	136,447	1.0	137,107
CLERK (WASHINGTON COUNTY)	08832A	1.0	78,559	1.0	82,646
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	08831A	1.0	95,162	1.0	95,636
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	08817A	1.0	42,784	1.0	43,481
COURT REPORTER	00127A	27.0	1,962,940	27.0	1,978,044
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	1.0	99,540	1.0	100,035
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	30.0	1,802,356	30.0	1,878,751
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	11.0	500,315	11.0	513,090
DEPUTY CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04420A	1.0	44,595	1.0	46,081
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	2.0	95,624	2.0	96,713

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	04419A	1.0	43,673	1.0	45,044
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08823A	1.0	53,281	1.0	55,248
GENERAL CHIEF CLERK	08838A	1.0	115,935	1.0	116,512
GENERAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	180,312	1.0	183,822
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00314A	2.0	79,886	2.0	81,086
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	12.0	455,315	12.0	465,393
JURY COMMISSIONER	08837A	1.0	100,289	1.0	100,788
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	3.0	535,762	3.0	543,513
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	04424A	1.0	68,607	1.0	68,948
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	08823A	2.0	110,606	2.0	112,941
OFFICE COORDINATOR/CLERK (JUD)	04428A	1.0	69,018	1.0	69,361
POLICY AIDE	04418A	3.0	134,606	3.0	135,811
POLICY ASSOCIATE	08833A	1.0	97,245	1.0	97,728
PRESIDING JUSTICE (SUPERIOR COURT)	8807JA	1.0	224,003	1.0	225,118
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	04425A	1.0	64,041	1.0	64,359
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	1.0	72,369	1.0	72,725
PRODUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	04420A	1.0	50,976	1.0	51,230
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	3.0	233,584	3.0	234,744
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04421A	2.0	120,645	2.0	123,138
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	08717A	1.0	42,784	1.0	43,481
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04426A	1.0	57,538	1.0	60,319
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	08822A	0.7	49,270	0.7	50,268
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08829A	1.0	88,049	1.0	88,487
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	189,759	1.0	190,704
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08826A	2.0	155,505	2.0	156,277
Subtotal Unclassified		164.7	13,904,027	164.7	14,140,475
Subtotal		166.7	14,039,846	166.7	14,276,970
Transfer Out			(38,931)		(39,124)
Overtime (1.5)			19,916		19,916
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			67,200		67,200
Turnover			(813,289)		(818,793)
Total Salaries			13,274,742		13,506,169

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Superior Court

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		0		175
FICA		974,434		993,329
Health Benefits		1,972,027		2,091,660
Payroll Accrual		72,217		73,689
Retiree Health		589,423		530,491
Retirement		3,438,088		3,613,765
Subtotal		7,046,189		7,303,109
Total Salaries and Benefits	166.7	20,320,931	166.7	20,809,278
Cost Per FTE Position		121,901		124,831
Statewide Benefit Assessment		521,790		530,890
Payroll Costs	166.7	20,842,721	166.7	21,340,168
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,000		7,000
Design and Engineering Services		28,000		28,000
Information Technology		7,145		0
Legal Services		325,000		325,000
Medical Services		12,000		12,000
Other Contracts		135,000		335,000
Subtotal		514,145		707,000
Total Personnel	166.7	21,356,866	166.7	22,047,168
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	165.7	20,938,650	165.7	21,633,263
Federal Funds	1.0	93,216	1.0	88,905
Restricted Receipts	0.0	325,000	0.0	325,000
Total All Funds	166.7	21,356,866	166.7	22,047,168

Program Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Family Court

Mission

Adjudicate the cases within the jurisdiction of the Family Court in a timely and fair manner. Provide assistance to families involved in litigation before the court.

Description

The program budget for Family Court includes the operation of the Court itself, the administrative office of the Court, the clerks' offices, and the operation of several ancillary programs, including juvenile intake services, the Family Services Unit, the Collections Unit and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Unit. The Family Court handles all criminal cases involving juveniles; juvenile status offenses, such as truancy and disobedience; all cases where parents have been charged with neglect, abandonment or abuse of their children; and other miscellaneous cases involving children, such as child marriages and paternity issues. The Court also hears all divorces and issues stemming from a divorce, such as orders for child support and temporary allowances. The Court has offices in Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties. There are clerks' offices in each of these locations, and the office staff is responsible for preparing all court calendars and maintaining records of the Court. All papers are filed with the clerk's office, and this office sets up a file for each case and maintains an up-to-date record of court proceedings and the papers that have been filed. Because of the special nature of the Family Court, it provides a variety of services to families. For example, the Family Services Unit provides alcohol and drug screens and supervises visitation, in addition to providing investigative services to the court. The Child Support Collections Unit handles the collection and disbursement of child support payments. Specialty courts include the Juvenile Drug Court, the Family Treatment Drug Court, the Domestic Violence Court, the Truancy Court, and the Mental Health Court Clinic.

Statutory History

The Family Court is authorized by statute. The composition and jurisdiction of the Family Court is identified in R.I. General Laws § 8-10.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Operations	23,619,952	24,633,979	25,935,545	26,172,728	26,690,643
Total Expenditures	23,619,952	24,633,979	25,935,545	26,172,728	26,690,643
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	20,073,778	21,016,507	22,446,859	22,759,855	23,013,410
Contract Professional Services	403,852	473,304	489,500	507,500	507,500
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,465,481	1,690,141	1,337,533	1,239,520	1,503,880
Assistance And Grants	1,428,780	1,347,825	1,425,603	1,429,803	1,429,803
Capital Purchases And Equipment	0	0	35,000	35,000	35,000
Subtotal: Operating	23,371,891	24,527,776	25,734,495	25,971,678	26,489,593
Capital Purchases And Equipment	248,061	106,202	201,050	201,050	201,050
Subtotal: Other	248,061	106,202	201,050	201,050	201,050
Total Expenditures	23,619,952	24,633,979	25,935,545	26,172,728	26,690,643
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	20,755,261	21,746,800	22,958,064	22,958,064	23,422,531
Federal Funds	2,864,691	2,887,179	2,977,481	3,214,664	3,268,112
Total Expenditures	23,619,952	24,633,979	25,935,545	26,172,728	26,690,643

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	0J320A	1.0	49,438	1.0	51,282
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	08815A	0.7	44,703	0.7	44,926
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08814A	1.0	37,064	1.0	42,990
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0J320A	2.0	116,831	2.0	118,901
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8806JA	1.0	207,360	1.0	211,397
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	174,564	1.0	175,420
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	0J320A	1.0	60,469	1.0	60,770
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	08834A	1.0	95,016	1.0	95,488
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	0J324A	2.0	112,808	2.0	117,000
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	08843A	1.0	151,824	1.0	152,574
ASSISTANT INTAKE SUPERVISOR (FAMILY COURT)	08828A	6.0	446,231	6.0	451,546
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	10.0	1,875,424	10.0	1,903,573
CASA COORDINATOR	05722A	1.0	52,059	1.0	53,946
CHIEF JUDGE- FAMILY COURT	8807JA	1.0	224,003	1.0	225,118
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	72,772	1.0	73,135
COURT LIAISON (JUDICIAL)	0J313A	1.0	39,088	1.0	39,679
COURT REPORTER	00127A	15.0	1,137,662	15.0	1,143,311
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	112,429	1.0	112,969
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	08834A	4.0	410,210	4.0	413,556
DEPUTY CLERK I	0J324A	25.0	1,537,763	25.0	1,607,600
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	08834A	2.0	210,318	2.0	211,352
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ COMMUNICATIONS	08841A	1.0	138,037	1.0	138,698
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	08840A	2.0	277,561	2.0	278,926
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	00119A	9.0	477,625	9.0	482,841
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	81,754	1.0	82,160
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	08836A	1.0	99,660	1.0	104,956
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	08836A	1.0	101,792	1.0	102,298
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR	08831A	1.0	80,989	1.0	81,392
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EXECUTIVE ADMINSTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08831A	1.0	97,187	1.0	97,670
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	08823A	1.0	61,938	1.0	62,246
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	0J314A	20.0	891,328	20.0	905,956
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	8.0	1,396,557	8.0	1,420,054
MAGISTRATE OF THE FAMILY COURT	08803F	1.0	159,111	1.0	159,902
MEDIATION COUNSELOR II (JUDICIAL)	0J324A	5.0	331,334	5.0	337,127

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	0J302A	1.0	34,208	1.0	34,838
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	08825A	1.0	63,992	1.0	64,311
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST	05728A	1.0	73,887	1.0	77,552
PRINCIPAL PLANNING & PROGRAM SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	05728A	1.0	76,421	1.0	76,800
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	0J319A	1.0	45,008	1.0	45,845
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	89,540	1.0	89,985
PSYCHOLOGIST (JUD)	08841A	1.0	116,800	1.0	121,325
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	08717A	1.0	42,784	1.0	43,481
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	0J317A	1.0	52,274	1.0	52,535
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	127,230	1.0	127,860
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	05724A	5.0	300,458	5.0	309,320
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	0J322A	4.0	217,155	4.0	221,560
SR MANAGER-CALENDAR SERVICES (JUD)	0J328A	1.0	85,226	1.0	85,651
STAFF ATTORNEY III	00832A	1.0	74,211	1.0	75,841
STAFF ATTORNEY III	08832A	10.0	879,496	10.0	890,684
STAFF ATTORNEY V (JUDICIAL)	08836A	4.0	436,892	4.0	439,042
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	0J326A	1.0	73,693	1.0	74,059
SUPERVISING COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	08829A	2.0	137,159	2.0	145,374
SUPERVISORY CLERK	0J326A	3.0	217,761	3.0	228,904
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	0J322A	1.0	62,271	1.0	62,581
Subtotal Unclassified		172.7	14,569,375	172.7	14,828,307
Subtotal		172.7	14,569,375	172.7	14,828,307
Transfer In			38,931		39,124
Overtime (1.5)			12,996		12,996
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			462,574		462,574
Turnover			(592,800)		(811,874)
Total Salaries			14,491,076		14,531,127

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Family Court

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		0		175
FICA		1,069,027		1,091,615
Health Benefits		2,030,163		2,156,250
Payroll Accrual		81,341		81,777
Retiree Health		801,958		708,346
Retirement		3,726,809		3,883,072
Subtotal		7,709,298		7,921,235
Total Salaries and Benefits	172.7	22,200,374	172.7	22,452,362
Cost Per FTE Position		128,549		130,008
Statewide Benefit Assessment		559,481		561,048
Payroll Costs	172.7	22,759,855	172.7	23,013,410
Purchased Services				
Design and Engineering Services		38,000		38,000
Management & Consultant Services		80,000		80,000
Other Contracts		334,500		334,500
Training and Educational Services		55,000		55,000
Subtotal		507,500		507,500
Total Personnel	172.7	23,267,355	172.7	23,520,910
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	168.7	21,238,400	168.7	21,438,507
Federal Funds	4.0	2,028,955	4.0	2,082,403
Total All Funds	172.7	23,267,355	172.7	23,520,910

Program Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

District Court

Mission

Adjudicate the cases within the jurisdiction of the District Court in a timely and fair manner. Maintain a complete and accurate record for every case.

Description

The District Court consists of a chief judge, an administrative judge and associate judges. The court is also served by two magistrates. The program budget for the District Court includes the cost of operation for the Court itself and the operation of the clerk's offices. The District Court handles all misdemeanor cases, all civil cases where the amount in dispute is under \$5,000, trespass and ejection cases between landlords and tenants, and all small claims, which includes certain civil cases where the amount in dispute is under \$2,500. The District Court also has concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court over all matters in which the amount in dispute is greater than \$5,000 but less than \$10,000. The District Court handles most felony bail hearings in capital and other serious cases. The District Court also holds hearings on commitments under the mental health and drug abuse laws and handles certain agency appeals. The Court has four locations, in Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties, with a clerk's office at each location. The clerks' offices maintain all the records for the Court. As with the other courts, all papers are filed in the clerk's office. The office creates a file for every case and maintains an up-to-date record on what has happened in the case. In addition, the Pretrial Services Unit was established in FY 2002 to provide pre-arraignment and post-arraignment services to defendants.

Statutory History

The District Court is a statutorily authorized court. The powers and jurisdiction of the Court are defined in R.I. General Laws § 8-8.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

District Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Operations	13,130,936	13,253,875	13,955,597	13,955,597	14,121,858
Total Expenditures	13,130,936	13,253,875	13,955,597	13,955,597	14,121,858
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	11,195,329	11,573,768	12,156,539	12,124,062	12,257,349
Contract Professional Services	144,007	202,603	214,000	184,000	184,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	412,759	210,635	244,274	306,751	339,725
Assistance And Grants	1,286,358	1,203,381	1,264,186	1,264,186	1,264,186
Subtotal: Operating	13,038,453	13,190,387	13,878,999	13,878,999	14,045,260
Capital Purchases And Equipment	92,483	63,488	76,598	76,598	76,598
Subtotal: Other	92,483	63,488	76,598	76,598	76,598
Total Expenditures	13,130,936	13,253,875	13,955,597	13,955,597	14,121,858
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	12,931,581	13,253,875	13,895,597	13,895,597	14,061,858
Federal Funds	139,355	0	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Expenditures	13,130,936	13,253,875	13,955,597	13,955,597	14,121,858

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

District Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	1.0	79,126	1.0	79,520
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK	08826A	1.0	66,599	1.0	66,931
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	08846A	1.0	160,909	1.0	161,710
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (DISTRICT COURT)	04433A	2.0	200,072	2.0	201,068
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	202,388	1.0	203,395
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	04437A	1.0	102,151	1.0	102,660
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	100,289	1.0	100,788
ASSISTANT CLERK	04418A	10.0	444,063	10.0	458,972
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	08839A	1.0	129,845	1.0	130,491
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	08826A	7.0	440,243	7.0	455,891
ASSOCIATE JUDGE- DISTRICT COURT	8810JA	12.0	2,167,084	12.0	2,204,289
CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT	8807JA	1.0	211,543	1.0	215,662
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04434A	1.0	105,557	1.0	106,068
CLERK/MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	188,508	1.0	192,178
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	04426A	3.0	179,100	3.0	183,340
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	23.0	1,422,041	23.0	1,447,894
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	08832A	1.0	84,124	1.0	84,543
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00314A	1.0	39,943	1.0	40,543
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	12.0	459,629	12.0	473,124
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	190,932	1.0	191,882
OFFICE MANAGER	04424A	1.0	58,389	1.0	58,679
OPERATIONS MANAGER (JUD)	08828A	2.0	144,040	2.0	144,756
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	04430A	1.0	86,578	1.0	86,998
RECORDS AIDE (JUDICIARY)	04414A	2.0	75,536	2.0	77,534
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	04426A	7.0	503,137	7.0	505,639
Subtotal Unclassified		95.0	7,841,826	95.0	7,974,555
Subtotal		95.0	7,841,826	95.0	7,974,555
Overtime (1.5)			12,557		12,557
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			39,600		39,600
Turnover			(291,429)		(394,517)
Total Salaries			7,602,554		7,632,195

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

District Court

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		555,583		565,673
Health Benefits		1,220,889		1,281,050
Payroll Accrual		42,729		42,969
Retiree Health		330,674		291,149
Retirement		2,080,622		2,152,217
Subtotal		4,230,497		4,333,058
Total Salaries and Benefits	95.0	11,833,051	95.0	11,965,253
Cost Per FTE Position		124,558		125,950
Statewide Benefit Assessment		291,011		292,096
Payroll Costs	95.0	12,124,062	95.0	12,257,349
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		4,000		4,000
Other Contracts		180,000		180,000
Subtotal		184,000		184,000
Total Personnel	95.0	12,308,062	95.0	12,441,349
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	95.0	12,308,062	95.0	12,441,349
Total All Funds	95.0	12,308,062	95.0	12,441,349

Program Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Traffic Tribunal

Mission

Adjudicate the cases within the jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal in a timely and fair manner. Maintain a complete and accurate record for every case.

Description

The Traffic Tribunal was created July 1, 1999. It is the successor to the Administrative Adjudication Court. It consists of associate judges and magistrates. It is under the supervision of the Chief Magistrate, who is the administrative head of the Traffic Tribunal with the power to make rules for regulating practice, procedure and business within the Traffic Tribunal. The Traffic Tribunal hears and determines civil traffic violations. It has exclusive jurisdiction over certain offenses and concurrent jurisdiction with the Municipal Courts over others. The Traffic Tribunal hears certain administrative appeals for the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Appeals Panel of the Traffic Tribunal hears appeals from the Traffic Tribunal and the Municipal Courts. The Traffic Tribunal does not hear those offenses committed in places within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, or criminal motor vehicle offenses such as driving so as to endanger resulting in death and driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs, which state law specifies will be heard under the jurisdiction of other courts. In 2013 the Traffic Tribunal received exclusive jurisdiction over civil offenses related to possession of marijuana violations of one ounce (1 oz.) or less. The Traffic Tribunal currently sits at its main courthouse in the John O. Pastore Center, 670 New London Avenue in Cranston; Traffic Tribunal also sits in Wakefield.

Statutory History

The powers and jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal are defined in R.I. General Laws § 8-8.2. The 1999 session of the General Assembly passed Senate Bill S932 entitled the Rhode Island Traffic Safety and Accountability Act of 1999. This act abolished the Administrative Adjudication Court effective July 1, 1999 and created the Traffic Tribunal.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Operations	8,401,233	8,582,370	9,218,475	9,218,475	8,982,592
Total Expenditures	8,401,233	8,582,370	9,218,475	9,218,475	8,982,592
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	7,410,465	7,620,933	8,173,929	8,241,821	7,998,881
Contract Professional Services	197,022	250,385	260,000	250,000	250,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	352,096	375,140	447,728	389,836	396,893
Assistance And Grants	301,038	273,919	273,919	273,919	273,919
Subtotal: Operating	8,260,621	8,520,376	9,155,576	9,155,576	8,919,693
Capital Purchases And Equipment	140,612	61,994	62,899	62,899	62,899
Subtotal: Other	140,612	61,994	62,899	62,899	62,899
Total Expenditures	8,401,233	8,582,370	9,218,475	9,218,475	8,982,592
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,401,233	8,582,370	9,218,475	9,218,475	8,982,592
Total Expenditures	8,401,233	8,582,370	9,218,475	9,218,475	8,982,592

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I	04429A	1.0	87,142	1.0	87,571
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	04427A	6.0	413,172	6.0	419,529
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	08846A	1.0	153,595	1.0	154,359
ADMINISTRATIVE MAGISTRATE (JUDICIAL)	8811JA	1.0	176,989	1.0	180,524
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	00839A	1.0	95,169	1.0	98,017
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	8805JA	1.0	201,054	1.0	204,968
CLERK/TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (JUDICIAL)	08838A	1.0	115,332	1.0	115,906
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	04427A	2.6	198,767	2.6	209,291
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	08827A	1.0	81,436	1.0	81,841
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	04418A	7.0	345,519	7.0	352,237
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	04420A	3.0	169,921	3.0	170,765
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	00312A	1.0	38,227	1.0	38,816
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	1.0	49,764	1.0	50,921
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	8.0	404,674	8.0	418,288
DEPUTY CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	04420A	1.0	42,419	1.0	43,287
FISCAL OFFICER (JUDICIAL)	04420A	1.0	50,976	1.0	51,230
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00314A	1.0	40,344	1.0	41,337
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	04414A	16.6	686,324	16.6	695,377
JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION COURT	8803JA	2.0	383,948	2.0	385,848
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL	8803JA	4.0	709,770	4.0	720,920
POLICY ASSOCIATE (JUDICIAL)	08834A	1.0	79,849	1.0	81,597
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	04425A	2.0	134,055	2.0	137,616
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	08830A	1.0	91,487	1.0	91,941
SECURITY OFFICER	04419A	7.0	326,608	7.0	330,047
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK I	04418A	1.0	49,573	1.0	49,819
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04416A	1.0	44,374	1.0	44,596
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	08838A	1.0	103,451	1.0	109,309
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	08829A	1.0	86,175	1.0	86,604
Subtotal Unclassified		76.2	5,360,114	76.2	5,452,561
Subtotal		76.2	5,360,114	76.2	5,452,561
Overtime (1.5)			7,491		7,491
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			117,140		117,140
Turnover			(472,471)		(782,328)
Total Salaries			5,012,274		4,794,864

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		391,177		394,599
Health Benefits		900,095		935,959
Payroll Accrual		28,734		27,535
Retiree Health		299,499		251,497
Retirement		1,416,978		1,409,950
Subtotal		3,036,483		3,019,540
Total Salaries and Benefits	76.2	8,048,757	76.2	7,814,404
Cost Per FTE Position		105,627		102,551
Statewide Benefit Assessment		193,064		184,477
Payroll Costs	76.2	8,241,821	76.2	7,998,881
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		250,000		250,000
Subtotal		250,000		250,000
Total Personnel	76.2	8,491,821	76.2	8,248,881
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	76.2	8,491,821	76.2	8,248,881
Total All Funds	76.2	8,491,821	76.2	8,248,881

Program Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Worker's Compensation Court

Mission

Hear all disputes regarding workers' compensation claims. Decide all controversies efficiently, effectively, and economically.

Description

The Workers' Compensation Court is a member of the unified judicial system and has the same authority and power to subpoena and to cite and punish for civil contempt as exists in the Superior Court. It hears and decides all controversies as they pertain to Workers' Compensation in an efficient, effective, and economical manner. Presently, it has nine judges and one chief judge as well as support staff which includes administrators, hearing reporters, and clerical staff. It is supported from the Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund. Upon the filing of a petition for benefits arising out of a work-related injury case, a case file is set up and notices are sent to all parties. Before proceeding to a full evidentiary hearing, a judge conducts a pretrial conference, with a view of expediting the case and reducing the issues in dispute to a minimum. If the matter cannot be resolved informally the judge must enter a pretrial order as to the right of the employee to receive benefits (approximately 70 percent of all litigation is concluded at this point). Those cases not resolved at pretrial are heard by the same judge for trial. At the trial, a judge will hear all questions. The judge will then decide the merits of the controversy pursuant to the law and a fair preponderance of the evidence. From this decision a decree is entered. At this stage either party may appeal to the Appellate Division. The Appellate Division consists of three judges assigned by the Chief Judge, none of whom is the Trial Judge. The Appellate Division judges review the transcript and the record of the case along with the appellant's reasons for appeal and memoranda of law. The Appellate Division then decides the matter and a final decree of the Appellate Division is entered. If either party is aggrieved by the decision of the Appellate Division, they may petition the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. Upon petition, the Supreme Court may review any decree of the Workers' Compensation Court.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 28-29 through § 28-38 includes provisions relating to the Workers' Compensation Court.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Operations	7,758,792	7,502,138	8,943,104	8,930,623	8,992,003
Total Expenditures	7,758,792	7,502,138	8,943,104	8,930,623	8,992,003
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	6,109,262	6,077,064	7,345,134	7,284,853	7,346,233
Contract Professional Services	62,404	125,463	108,810	146,610	146,610
Operating Supplies and Expenses	850,312	561,261	770,237	780,237	780,237
Assistance And Grants	676,514	678,912	687,210	687,210	687,210
Capital Purchases And Equipment	1,700	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	7,700,192	7,442,700	8,911,391	8,898,910	8,960,290
Capital Purchases And Equipment	58,600	59,438	31,713	31,713	31,713
Subtotal: Other	58,600	59,438	31,713	31,713	31,713
Total Expenditures	7,758,792	7,502,138	8,943,104	8,930,623	8,992,003
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
Restricted Receipts	7,758,792	7,502,138	8,943,104	8,930,623	8,992,003
Total Expenditures	7,758,792	7,502,138	8,943,104	8,930,623	8,992,003

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

		FY 2020		FY 2021	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
PROJECT COORDINATOR	0J326A	1.0	71,885	1.0	75,279
Subtotal Classified		1.0	71,885	1.0	75,279
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	04429A	1.0	71,611	1.0	74,567
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES	00327A	1.0	76,485	1.0	76,865
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	224,003	1.0	225,118
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	08846A	1.0	153,595	1.0	154,359
ADMINISTRATOR- WORKERS' COMPENSATION	08841A	1.0	120,724	1.0	121,325
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	08837A	1.0	121,600	1.0	122,186
CHIEF JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8807JA	1.0	195,876	1.0	199,788
COURT REPORTER	00327A	5.0	398,507	5.0	400,445
COURT REPORTER	05727A	2.0	122,558	2.0	125,202
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION	08837A	1.0	120,347	1.0	120,946
DEPUTY CLERK I	00324A	1.0	56,472	1.0	58,609
DEPUTY CLERK I	04424A	1.0	49,764	1.0	50,921
DEPUTY CLERK I	0J324A	9.0	532,127	9.0	555,977
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	04420A	0.4	42,419	0.4	43,287
DPTY ADMSTR MEDCL ADVSRY BD(JU	08837A	1.0	109,650	1.0	110,174
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	00336A	1.0	111,211	1.0	111,765
JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8810JA	8.0	1,378,196	8.0	1,404,018
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	08823A	3.0	176,967	3.0	177,846
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	08840A	1.0	115,615	1.0	116,190
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATOR	04422A	2.0	93,916	2.0	97,588
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	0J321A	1.0	53,246	1.0	54,918
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	04425A	2.0	118,468	2.0	119,051
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	08830A	1.0	93,905	1.0	94,370
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	00326A	1.0	76,618	1.0	76,995
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY (JUD)	08823A	0.6	58,989	0.6	59,282
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIARY)	08829A	1.0	74,994	1.0	75,352
Subtotal Unclassified		49.0	4,747,863	49.0	4,827,144
Subtotal		50.0	4,819,748	50.0	4,902,423
Overtime (1.5)			2,500		2,500
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			18,000		18,000
Turnover			(104,183)		(165,964)

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

	FY 2020		FY 2021	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Salaries		4,736,065		4,756,959
Benefits				
FICA		335,021		339,233
Health Benefits		624,451		639,498
Payroll Accrual		25,765		25,926
Retiree Health		195,209		171,728
Retirement		1,181,366		1,225,088
Subtotal		2,361,812		2,401,473
Total Salaries and Benefits	50.0	7,097,877	50.0	7,158,432
Cost Per FTE Position		141,958		143,169
Statewide Benefit Assessment		186,976		187,801
Payroll Costs	50.0	7,284,853	50.0	7,346,233
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,000		1,000
Design and Engineering Services		7,500		7,500
Information Technology		47,110		47,110
Legal Services		20,000		20,000
Other Contracts		71,000		71,000
Subtotal		146,610		146,610
Total Personnel	50.0	7,431,463	50.0	7,492,843
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Restricted Receipts	50.0	7,431,463	50.0	7,492,843
Total All Funds	50.0	7,431,463	50.0	7,492,843

Program Summary

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

Mission

Ensure the integrity of the Rhode Island Court System. Investigate reasonable allegations of wrongdoing by Rhode Island judges. Recommend, when appropriate, sanctions to be imposed against Rhode Island judges.

Description

The Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline, a program of the Rhode Island Judiciary, is responsible for conducting investigations of judges suspected of or charged with misconduct. The commission, upon receiving from any person a verified statement, not unfounded or frivolous, alleging facts indicating that a Justice of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the Family Court, the District Court, the Workers' Compensation Court, the Traffic Tribunal and the Probate Court judges or magistrates and judicial officers appointed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws is guilty of a serious violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Ethics, or of a willful and persistent failure to perform his/her duties, or disabling substance abuse, or conduct that brings the judicial office into serious disrepute, or that such a judge has a physical or mental disability that seriously interferes and will continue to interfere with the performance of his/her duties, shall make a preliminary investigation to determine whether formal proceedings shall be instituted and a hearing held. The Commission may, on its own initiative, make such a preliminary investigation, without receiving a verified statement, to determine whether formal proceedings shall be instituted, and a hearing held. When formal proceedings are ordered, the justice is given formal notice of the charges and of the time fixed for a public hearing. The justice is required to appear at the hearing, may be represented by counsel, offer evidence and otherwise participate in said hearing. Recommendation concerning the disciplining of any justice shall be made in a report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is required to grant a review if requested by said justice. After the hearing, the Supreme Court may affirm, modify or reject the Commission's recommendation(s).

Statutory History

The Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline was established in 1974 under Rhode Island Public Law 1972, Ch. 136, Section 1 for the purpose of conducting investigations upon the filing of a verified complaint or upon its own initiative of the conduct of judges of the Supreme, Superior, Family and District Courts. Subsequent enactments in P.L.1983, Ch. 26 and P.L. 1990, Ch. 332, Article 1, sec. 13 and P.L. 1991, Ch. 132, sec. 2 as well as P.L. 1991, Ch. 205, sec. 2 and P.L. 1996, Ch. 312 enlarged the jurisdiction to include the Workers' Compensation Court, the Traffic Tribunal as well as all judges of Probate Courts in any city or town in the State of Rhode Island. P.L. 2007, Ch. 178 altered the composition of the Commission.

Budget

Agency: Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

Expenditures by Sub Program	2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 Enacted Budget	2020 Revised Budget	2021 Recommended
Operations	123,724	119,563	154,616	154,469	155,514
Total Expenditures	123,724	119,563	154,616	154,469	155,514
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	114,122	117,355	121,956	121,756	122,801
Contract Professional Services	5,708	0	30,000	30,000	30,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	3,894	2,208	2,660	2,713	2,713
Subtotal: Operating	123,724	119,563	154,616	154,469	155,514
Total Expenditures	123,724	119,563	154,616	154,469	155,514
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	123,724	119,563	154,616	154,469	155,514
Total Expenditures	123,724	119,563	154,616	154,469	155,514

Personnel

Agency: Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

	FY 2020		FY 2021		
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRPERSON	08829A	1.0	78,682	1.0	79,073
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	78,682	1.0	79,073
Subtotal		1.0	78,682	1.0	79,073
Total Salaries			78,682		79,073
Benefits					
FICA			6,019		6,050
Health Benefits			6,508		6,685
Payroll Accrual			459		463
Retiree Health			5,232		4,642
Retirement			21,748		22,765
Subtotal			39,966		40,605
Total Salaries and Benefits		1.0	118,648	1.0	119,678
Cost Per FTE Position			118,648		119,678
Statewide Benefit Assessment			3,108		3,123
Payroll Costs		1.0	121,756	1.0	122,801
Purchased Services					
Legal Services			30,000		30,000
Subtotal			30,000		30,000
Total Personnel		1.0	151,756	1.0	152,801
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		1.0	151,756	1.0	152,801
Total All Funds		1.0	151,756	1.0	152,801