

**VOLUME II: HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Agency Summary

Department of Health

Agency Mission

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH)'s vision is: "All people in Rhode Island will have the opportunity to live safe and healthy lives in safe and healthy communities." Its mission is to: "Prevent disease and protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island."

Agency Description

RIDOH's vision and mission recognize that while the Department has made strides in achieving its population health goals, disparities persist, and for the first time in modern years, the current generation of children may have a shorter life expectancy than their parents. RIDOH has three leading priorities that frame its work:

1. Address the socioeconomic and environmental determinants of health;
2. Eliminate health disparities and promote health equity; and
3. Ensure access to quality health services for all Rhode Islanders, including the state's vulnerable populations.

RIDOH uses five public health strategies to drive success in accomplishing its leading priorities:

1. Promote healthy living through all stages of life;
2. Ensure access to safe food, water, and healthy environments in all communities;
3. Promote a comprehensive health system that a person can navigate, access, and afford;
4. Prevent, investigate, control, and eliminate health hazards and emergent threats; and
5. Analyze and communicate data to improve the public's health.

Statutory History

Authorization for the Department of Health is contained in various sections of R.I. General Laws § 23.

Budget

Department of Health

	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	19,631,306	24,363,346	33,489,971	33,792,479	25,576,516
Community Health and Equity	96,867,063	110,226,590	128,269,956	127,781,753	121,919,554
Environmental Health	13,148,989	14,412,553	15,604,923	16,882,836	18,213,199
Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner	13,016,007	14,386,294	14,136,617	16,488,288	15,719,184
Customer Services	13,982,355	16,453,226	18,593,161	21,643,502	19,942,909
Policy, Information and Communications	4,580,647	4,326,601	5,101,194	6,374,480	5,442,959
Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, & Emergency Medical Services	18,928,420	19,044,319	27,013,692	26,469,001	21,851,589
COVID-19	291,348,554	288,190,493	131,144,016	147,458,721	91,032,580
Total Expenditures	471,503,341	491,403,423	373,353,530	396,891,060	319,698,490
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	67,052,801	70,027,328	75,419,816	73,043,058	78,131,963
Contract Professional Services	225,576,488	202,191,579	84,206,677	91,118,877	28,828,155
Operating Supplies and Expenses	94,129,748	157,020,975	117,277,066	126,952,519	129,659,558
Assistance and Grants	79,285,056	60,776,439	61,167,734	69,780,944	51,748,267
Subtotal: Operating	466,044,093	490,016,322	338,071,293	360,895,398	288,367,943
Capital Purchases and Equipment	5,302,567	1,387,101	35,282,237	35,995,662	31,330,547
Operating Transfers	156,681	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	5,459,248	1,387,101	35,282,237	35,995,662	31,330,547
Total Expenditures	471,503,341	491,403,423	373,353,530	396,891,060	319,698,490
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	207,495,584	248,140,610	32,872,378	33,816,016	34,442,151
Federal Funds	217,978,570	182,432,393	266,107,628	285,418,444	221,318,646
Restricted Receipts	45,833,537	60,406,433	73,973,524	77,080,588	63,537,693
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	195,649	423,988	400,000	576,012	400,000
Total Expenditures	471,503,341	491,403,423	373,353,530	396,891,060	319,698,490
FTE Authorization	513.6	530.4	535.4	543.4	556.4

Personnel Agency Summary

Department of Health

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	539.4	43,995,995	552.4	47,318,487
Unclassified	4.0	235,618	4.0	557,629
Subtotal	543.4	44,231,613	556.4	47,876,116
Transfer Out		(550,061)		(438,354)
Transfer In		128,681		660,687
Overtime		2,413,680		801,278
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		284,712		141,637
Turnover		(621,741)		(805,517)
Total Salaries		45,886,884		48,235,847
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		610,814		0
FICA		3,365,011		3,595,275
Health Benefits		7,002,905		7,872,421
Holiday		10,594		10,594
Payroll Accrual		0		274,638
Retiree Health		1,937,351		2,140,187
Retirement		12,516,478		14,133,443
Subtotal		25,443,153		28,026,558
Total Salaries and Benefits	543.4	71,330,037	556.4	76,262,405
Cost Per FTE Position		131,266		137,064
Statewide Benefit Assessment		1,713,021		1,869,558
Payroll Costs	543.4	73,043,058	556.4	78,131,963
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		73,330		30,812
Clerical and Temporary Services		23,527,344		4,723,615
Design and Engineering Services		300,361		300,361
Information Technology		21,510,316		3,050,420
Legal Services		407,592		163,200
Management & Consultant Services		13,280,695		3,516,803
Medical Services		14,119,288		3,370,518
Other Contracts		4,619,568		2,845,197
Training and Educational Services		11,737,288		10,331,368
University and College Services		1,543,095		495,861
Subtotal		91,118,877		28,828,155
Total Personnel	543.4	164,161,935	556.4	106,960,118

Personnel Agency Summary

Department of Health

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	205.0	24,402,749	205.0	25,196,144
Federal Funds	276.8	117,328,810	289.8	66,242,136
Restricted Receipts	61.6	22,430,376	61.6	15,521,838
Total All Funds	543.4	164,161,935	556.4	106,960,118

Program Summary

Department of Health

Central Management

Mission

The primary mission of the Central Management program is to provide leadership, administrative, and programmatic oversight to the various programs and operations of the Department of Health.

Description

Central Management encompasses two subprograms, Executive Functions and Management Services.

The Executive Functions subprogram includes the Office of the Director, the RIDOH Academic Institute, and the Health Equity Institute. The Director and the leadership team provide overall direction to the Department, coordinate operations across program lines to carry out statutory mandates, provide legal services that support the enforcement of health laws and regulations, and provide community and legislative liaison services. This overall direction is guided by the Department's three leading priorities listed above.

Since establishing these strategic priorities, RIDOH has aligned its organizational structure and investments by creating the Health Equity Institute, the RIDOH Academic Institute, and enhanced evaluation of expenditures. The Health Equity Institute is strategically positioned within the Director of Health's Office, dedicated to advancing health and racial equity in operations, programs, and policies in support of RIDOH's three leading priorities. The RIDOH Academic Institute strengthens the integration of scholarly activities across RIDOH programs to achieve excellence in public health policy and practice through academic collaborations and a multidisciplinary approach to public health in Rhode Island. To achieve this, the RIDOH Academic Institute facilitates collaborations and opportunities for internal staff and external partners that focus on public health research and education as well as workforce development for public health and health professionals.

The Management Services subprogram provides administrative services and support for the department, including budget, finance, purchasing, human resources, and information systems.

Statutory History

Authorization for the Central Management program includes § 42-6-5, § 42-6-8, § 42-6-9, § 42-6-10, and various sections of Title 23, Chapter 1.

Budget

Department of Health

Central Management

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Academic Center	36,163	26,099	20,000	20,000	20,000
Executive Functions	2,794,308	2,471,648	2,099,110	3,626,144	6,120,231
Health Equity Institute	4,515,299	5,043,176	5,177,067	5,503,092	5,614,540
Management Services	12,285,536	16,822,424	26,193,794	24,643,243	13,821,745
Total Expenditures	19,631,306	24,363,346	33,489,971	33,792,479	25,576,516
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	7,528,179	8,981,143	10,198,610	10,327,069	11,003,347
Contract Professional Services	4,874,080	5,842,704	12,569,495	8,409,902	2,716,820
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,718,456	5,267,055	6,611,183	10,343,877	8,521,171
Assistance and Grants	2,429,294	4,270,179	4,110,683	4,711,631	3,335,178
Subtotal: Operating	19,550,009	24,361,081	33,489,971	33,792,479	25,576,516
Capital Purchases and Equipment	81,297	2,265	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	81,297	2,265	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	19,631,306	24,363,346	33,489,971	33,792,479	25,576,516
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,110,422	3,212,498	2,965,099	3,398,739	3,845,945
Federal Funds	4,235,509	4,326,869	4,322,005	5,806,628	7,898,826
Restricted Receipts	12,285,375	16,823,980	26,202,867	24,587,112	13,831,745
Total Expenditures	19,631,306	24,363,346	33,489,971	33,792,479	25,576,516

Personnel

Department of Health

Central Management

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0137 A	8.0	816,670	8.0	838,455
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	4.0	323,826	4.0	355,612
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	0141 A	3.0	360,878	3.0	387,636
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS)	0141 A	2.0	195,162	2.0	260,456
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	2.0	162,028	2.0	166,022
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0148 A	2.0	345,947	2.0	360,181
CHIEF CLERK	0B16 A	0.0	11,703	0.0	0
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0133 A	1.0	80,457	1.0	85,834
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	2.0	140,487	2.0	146,405
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	2.0	203,630	1.0	91,479
CHIEF OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT- TRAINING & CONT QUAL IMPROV	0135 A	0.0	0	1.0	96,545
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC PLANNING- MONITORING AND EVALUATION	0143 A	1.0	117,397	0.0	0
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	90,825	1.0	93,096
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	0137 A	1.0	101,188	1.0	103,718
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0326 A	2.0	128,334	2.0	134,636
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	1.0	86,740	2.0	186,701
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0322 A	3.0	173,647	3.0	180,970
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	216,542	4.0	443,916
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0328 A	2.0	136,445	2.0	142,139
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	1.0	93,037	1.0	95,364
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0131 A	0.0	0	1.0	82,925
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	153,564	1.0	84,161
SENIOR ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST	0134 A	1.0	90,825	1.0	93,096
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	4.0	309,861	2.0	163,861
SUPERVISING ACCOUNTANT	0131 A	3.0	220,905	3.0	237,382
Subtotal Classified		50.0	4,560,098	50.0	4,830,590
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	0955KF	1.0	69,584	1.0	150,765
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	69,584	1.0	150,765
Subtotal		51.0	4,629,682	51.0	4,981,355
Transfer Out			(1,561,025)		(1,396,699)
Transfer In			2,504,209		3,162,974
Overtime			1,235,905		13,500

Personnel

Department of Health

Central Management

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		41,652		7,050
Turnover		(11,397)		(16,765)
Total Salaries		6,839,026		6,751,415
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		40,853		0
FICA		428,636		510,607
Health Benefits		940,157		1,129,251
Payroll Accrual		0		39,103
Retiree Health		249,424		304,605
Retirement		1,607,653		2,002,170
Subtotal		3,266,723		3,985,736
Total Salaries and Benefits	51.0	10,105,749	51.0	10,737,151
Cost Per FTE Position		198,152		210,532
Statewide Benefit Assessment		221,320		266,196
Payroll Costs	51.0	10,327,069	51.0	11,003,347
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		73,330		30,812
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,893,744		115,491
Information Technology		405,900		275,000
Legal Services		244,392		0
Management & Consultant Services		4,147,806		1,477,592
Medical Services		456,475		86,950
Other Contracts		640,279		183,200
Training and Educational Services		498,976		542,775
University and College Services		49,000		5,000
Subtotal		8,409,902		2,716,820
Total Personnel	51.0	18,736,971	51.0	13,720,167
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	3.0	658,677	2.0	692,976
Federal Funds	13.0	2,254,655	14.0	3,748,417
Restricted Receipts	35.0	15,823,639	35.0	9,278,774
Total All Funds	51.0	18,736,971	51.0	13,720,167

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Central Management

Percent of Survey Respondents That Have Made, or Intend to Make, Changes Within the Next 60 days to Policies or Practices to Support Compliance with CLAS Standards

According to the Office of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services, culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) is a way to improve the quality of services provided to all individuals, which will ultimately help reduce health disparities and achieve health equity. By tailoring services to an individual's culture and language preferences, health professionals can help bring about positive health outcomes for diverse populations. The provision of health services that are respectful of and responsive to the health beliefs, practices, and needs of diverse patients can help close the gap in health outcomes.

As such, the Health Equity Institute provides training and technical assistance to partners inside and outside of state government, including grantees and non-grantees, to support increased awareness of, and compliance with, CLAS standards. This includes regularly scheduled didactic training and one-on-one technical assistance sessions led by Institute experts. Training and technical assistance participants will be surveyed after receiving training or technical assistance to determine if they have made, or intend to make changes within the next 60 days, to policies and/or practices to support CLAS compliance in their organizations. [Note: This is a new performance measure. Historical targets and actuals are not available.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	--	50%	65%
Actual	--	--	--	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

Mission

The Division of Community Health and Equity (CHE) envisions that all Rhode Islanders will have the opportunity to achieve optimal health. The program strives to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity by addressing the racial, socioeconomic, and environmental determinants of health; planning and implementing public health activities using evidence-based and promising practices across the life course; and engaging communities as key partners in public health. CHE takes a lead role to prevent disease and protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island.

Description

CHE includes five Centers:

The Center for Chronic Care and Disease Management uses a systems approach to reduce the incidence, burden, and associated risk factors related to Alzheimer’s disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease and stroke to improve health outcomes.

The Center for Health Promotion uses evidence-based and promising public health practices to create social, policy, and physical environments that support healthy living through all stages of life for all Rhode Islanders. Areas of focus include tobacco control, violence and injury prevention, youth suicide prevention, and drug overdose prevention.

The Center for Perinatal and Early Childhood Health supports healthy birth outcomes, positive early childhood development and school readiness, and preparation for healthy, productive adulthood by providing and assuring mothers, children, and adolescents access to quality maternal and child health services.

The Center for Preventive Services uses evidence-based practices to improve the quality of preventive care by increasing access to at-risk populations, diminishing ethnic and racial health disparities, and enhancing community partnerships. Areas of focus include adolescent and school health, reproductive health, asthma, immunization, and oral health. The Center for Maternal and Child Health supports and promotes the health of all birthing parents, children, and families to reduce racial, environmental, and socioeconomic inequities and improve outcomes. Its focus is areas including women/maternal health, perinatal/infant health, child health, adolescent health, children with special healthcare needs, and social determinants of health.

Statutory History

Authorization for the Community Health and Equity Program is contained in various sections of Title 23 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Associate Director	75,885	1,224,679	6,584,964	5,310,141	5,340,600
Children's Preventative Hlt Sv	5,414	(6,108)	0	0	0
Chronic Care and Disease Management	8,214,234	8,480,297	9,481,567	10,470,328	9,230,283
Family, Youth & School Success	0	19	0	0	0
Health Promotion and Wellness	6,993,263	10,208,290	9,055,235	9,233,556	9,676,506
Office of the Medical Director	757,612	0	0	0	0
Perinatal and Early Childhood	25,454,598	26,346,073	31,500,069	30,677,945	28,007,293
Preventive Services and Community Practices	55,366,038	63,224,329	71,648,121	72,089,783	69,664,872
Women, Infans and Children	19	749,011	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	96,867,063	110,226,590	128,269,956	127,781,753	121,919,554
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	11,460,656	12,560,043	13,538,451	13,383,035	14,946,810
Contract Professional Services	6,265,913	6,385,238	12,660,438	8,231,301	7,239,327
Operating Supplies and Expenses	46,630,590	55,278,888	59,051,200	59,773,336	60,638,448
Assistance and Grants	32,483,367	35,962,399	42,977,867	46,340,481	39,059,969
Subtotal: Operating	96,840,526	110,186,568	128,227,956	127,728,153	121,884,554
Capital Purchases and Equipment	26,538	40,022	42,000	53,600	35,000
Subtotal: Other	26,538	40,022	42,000	53,600	35,000
Total Expenditures	96,867,063	110,226,590	128,269,956	127,781,753	121,919,554
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	639,754	644,749	1,588,431	1,588,515	658,409
Federal Funds	65,027,111	69,267,170	85,169,548	83,217,106	77,758,255
Restricted Receipts	31,200,198	40,314,671	41,511,977	42,976,132	43,502,890
Total Expenditures	96,867,063	110,226,590	128,269,956	127,781,753	121,919,554

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

Classified		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	1.0	54,267	1.0	57,433
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	0335 A	1.0	90,185	1.0	97,069
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING)	0141 A	1.0	133,309	1.0	137,991
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	9.0	708,148	9.0	736,823
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	139,042	1.0	148,245
CHF OFF OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	1.0	101,188	1.0	103,718
CHIEF CLERK	0B16 A	1.0	42,213	1.0	47,940
CHIEF DIVISION OF ORAL HEALTH	0145 A	1.0	141,378	1.0	144,913
CHIEF FIELD INVESTIGATOR (GENERAL)	0B24 A	2.0	132,403	2.0	137,612
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	75,245	1.0	77,042
CHIEF OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	1.0	101,188	1.0	103,718
CHIEF OFFICE OF WOMEN- INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)	0137 A	1.0	111,307	1.0	114,090
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	90,825	1.0	93,096
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	1.0	102,948	1.0	105,522
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0319 A	1.0	51,431	1.0	52,717
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	86,163	1.0	91,504
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0133 A	0.0	14,597	1.0	83,443
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	1.0	96,036	1.0	98,296
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	6.0	569,494	6.0	589,767
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0322 A	1.0	56,906	1.0	58,329
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0137 A	1.0	101,188	1.0	103,718
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	4.0	476,704	4.0	493,736
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- FAMILY HEALTH	0252 A	1.0	130,284	1.0	192,376
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	4.0	292,687	4.0	313,463
PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0324 A	1.0	67,391	1.0	69,077
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	9.0	807,371	11.0	985,393
PRINCIPAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST	0328 A	1.0	73,602	1.0	75,385
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	6.0	497,848	6.0	509,829
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0131 A	1.0	61,350	1.0	66,462
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	149,375	2.0	158,230
PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST	0327 A	1.0	68,622	1.0	70,338
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	3.8	313,779	5.8	463,452
SENIOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0322 A	1.0	56,906	1.0	58,329

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	4.0	270,036	4.0	288,055
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	3.0	248,702	3.0	260,428
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	9.0	724,344	11.0	905,118
Subtotal Classified		84.8	7,238,462	91.8	8,092,657
Subtotal		84.8	7,238,462	91.8	8,092,657
Transfer Out			(776,456)		(804,775)
Transfer In			1,849,498		1,962,217
Overtime			0		(27)
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			4,135		4,135
Turnover			(8,590)		(9,072)
Total Salaries			8,307,049		9,245,135
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			125,505		0
FICA			645,187		706,189
Health Benefits			1,196,437		1,395,490
Payroll Accrual			0		53,657
Retiree Health			372,163		417,881
Retirement			2,408,567		2,763,273
Subtotal			4,747,859		5,336,490
Total Salaries and Benefits		84.8	13,054,908	91.8	14,581,625
Cost Per FTE Position			153,949		158,841
Statewide Benefit Assessment			328,127		365,185
Payroll Costs		84.8	13,383,035	91.8	14,946,810
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			1,164,462		924,933
Information Technology			1,350,556		1,307,229
Management & Consultant Services			83,250		81,250
Medical Services			180,449		141,100
Other Contracts			68,410		42,408
Training and Educational Services			4,708,827		4,251,546
University and College Services			675,347		490,861
Subtotal			8,231,301		7,239,327
Total Personnel		84.8	21,614,336	91.8	22,186,137

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	4.0	412,165	5.0	574,180
Federal Funds	79.8	18,157,498	85.8	18,471,893
Restricted Receipts	1.0	3,044,673	1.0	3,140,064
Total All Funds	84.8	21,614,336	91.8	22,186,137

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

Number of Naloxone Kits Distributed by Community Partners in High Burden Communities

Naloxone is a life-saving drug which can prevent deaths from overdose. It is a critical harm reduction tool to reduce overdose deaths and to engage people who use drugs. The availability of naloxone through community-based harm reduction programs enhances client engagement and referrals for addiction treatment. The performance indicator provides information on the number of naloxone kits distributed by community-based agencies, such as local harm reduction organizations and recovery centers, and through first responder leave behind programs. [Note: This is a new performance measure. Historical targets are not available.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	--	50,000	50,000
Actual	12,719	21,574	--	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Environmental Health

Mission

The Division of Environmental Health is responsible for licensure and regulatory activities related to environmental health and all activities related to healthy homes. The Division regulates and provides oversight of population-based activities related to safe food and potable water; healthy homes in the areas of lead, asbestos, and radon; and health and safety in the workplace.

Description

The Division of Environmental Health includes three Centers:

The Center for Food Protection operates licensure and inspection programs to assure that standards are met to protect and promote public health and prevent disease by assuring the safety and quality of the food supply. The Center also is responsible for ensuring the safety of water quality at all licensed Rhode Island beaches.

The Center for Drinking Water Quality ensures the quality of the State's drinking water supply. The Center is responsible for maintaining compliance with State and federal laws and regulations pertaining to drinking water quality and assuring the safety of public pools and spas through implementation of State laws and regulations.

The Center for Healthy Homes and Environment protects the health and safety of children, workers, and the general public by identifying and decreasing environmental hazards such as lead, radon, and asbestos and promoting safe work practices to avoid occupational hazards. The Center is responsible for the Climate Change Program that aims to prepare the State for the human health effects related to climate change and create a healthy, sustainable, and resilient future for all Rhode Islanders. The Center also includes the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program. The mission of this program is to translate environmental and public health data into meaningful information and increased knowledge and to apply that knowledge to improve community health. The Rhode Island Environmental Public Health Tracking Program is part of a nationwide network that provides information that allows people to understand and take action to prevent and control environmental hazards and related health effects.

Statutory History

Authorization for the Environmental Health program is contained in Titles 2, 21, 23, 31, 42, and 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Department of Health

Environmental Health

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Associate Director	281,066	355,530	546,541	720,331	469,705
Drinking Water Quality	5,682,540	4,006,103	4,560,012	5,269,535	6,291,571
Environ. Health Risk Assessmnt	612,752	920,031	808,779	197,975	0
Food Protection	3,232,168	5,195,072	5,458,762	5,229,048	5,703,286
Healthy Homes and Environment	3,340,463	3,935,817	4,230,829	5,465,947	5,748,637
Total Expenditures	13,148,989	14,412,553	15,604,923	16,882,836	18,213,199
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	9,897,197	10,510,104	11,331,868	11,124,125	12,106,191
Contract Professional Services	956,747	983,936	1,247,916	1,346,527	1,346,527
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,731,504	2,192,601	2,363,166	3,765,061	4,113,358
Assistance and Grants	345,945	610,471	542,000	546,000	546,000
Subtotal: Operating	12,931,393	14,297,112	15,484,950	16,781,713	18,112,076
Capital Purchases and Equipment	217,596	115,440	119,973	101,123	101,123
Subtotal: Other	217,596	115,440	119,973	101,123	101,123
Total Expenditures	13,148,989	14,412,553	15,604,923	16,882,836	18,213,199
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,304,284	5,722,310	6,088,320	6,053,769	6,042,901
Federal Funds	9,219,019	8,160,223	8,549,060	9,967,574	11,275,046
Restricted Receipts	625,686	530,019	967,543	861,493	895,252
Total Expenditures	13,148,989	14,412,553	15,604,923	16,882,836	18,213,199

Personnel

Department of Health

Environmental Health

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	2.0	123,491	2.0	128,734
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	5.0	363,354	5.0	408,469
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	92,781	1.0	141,957
CHIEF CLERK	0B16 A	2.0	93,808	2.0	98,726
CHIEF DATA OPERATIONS	0133 A	1.0	87,439	1.0	89,625
CHIEF DIVISION OF FOOD PROTECTION AND SANITATION	0139 A	1.0	121,886	1.0	124,864
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	75,413	1.0	77,212
CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0324 A	1.0	64,328	1.0	65,937
COMPLIANCE/EVALUATION STANDARDIZATION OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	82,164	1.0	84,161
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	84,084	1.0	89,080
DATA ANALYST II	0138 A	1.0	99,792	1.0	107,285
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER I	0329 A	1.0	36,490	1.0	70,945
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER II	0331 A	4.0	190,565	4.0	306,383
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER III	0334 A	1.0	102,663	1.0	105,230
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	0326 A	1.0	40,473	1.0	61,514
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IV	0337 A	0.0	12,234	0.0	0
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD INSPECTOR	0323 A	6.0	283,576	6.0	338,521
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0327 A	11.0	749,648	11.0	777,090
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICOLOGIST	0135 A	0.0	6,873	0.0	0
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	0326 A	4.0	249,553	4.0	268,695
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0118 A	1.0	43,846	1.0	47,822
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	2.0	142,486	2.0	182,722
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE I	0314 A	1.0	41,801	1.0	43,708
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE II	0316 A	3.0	143,893	3.0	147,486
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0327 A	5.0	341,738	5.0	356,361
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	215,292	2.0	225,809
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	1.0	89,729	1.0	91,826
PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	70,726	1.0	75,932
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICLGT	0139 A	1.0	108,272	1.0	110,979
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	0332 A	1.0	79,138	1.0	84,263
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	2.0	174,420	2.0	178,724
PRINCIPAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST	0328 A	1.0	74,867	1.0	76,740

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		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	158,537	2.0	168,321
SANITARIAN	0323 A	1.0	65,054	1.0	66,681
SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SPECIALIST	0326 A	1.0	65,601	1.0	67,603
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0330 A	6.0	471,134	6.0	483,578
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	0330 A	4.0	271,724	4.0	313,927
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	2.0	141,813	2.0	146,170
SENIOR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0330 A	2.0	161,414	2.0	165,452
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	1.0	85,843	1.0	87,840
SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0333 A	4.0	380,737	4.0	390,205
SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	0334 A	1.0	94,454	1.0	101,060
SUPERVISING INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0334 A	1.0	89,272	1.0	91,505
Subtotal Classified		91.0	6,472,406	91.0	7,049,142
Subtotal		91.0	6,472,406	91.0	7,049,142
Transfer Out			(8,662)		(8,878)
Transfer In			295,833		326,140
Overtime			103,280		99,001
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			68,250		68,250
Turnover			(130,086)		(154,269)
Total Salaries			6,801,021		7,379,386
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			109,132		0
FICA			521,029		556,939
Health Benefits			1,216,521		1,365,242
Payroll Accrual			0		41,861
Retiree Health			297,014		325,988
Retirement			1,917,539		2,151,899
Subtotal			4,061,235		4,441,929
Total Salaries and Benefits		91.0	10,862,256	91.0	11,821,315
Cost Per FTE Position			119,365		129,905
Statewide Benefit Assessment			261,869		284,876
Payroll Costs		91.0	11,124,125	91.0	12,106,191
Purchased Services					

Personnel

Department of Health

Environmental Health

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		67,296		67,296
Design and Engineering Services		300,361		300,361
Information Technology		490,850		490,850
Medical Services		313,520		313,520
Other Contracts		3,000		3,000
Training and Educational Services		171,500		171,500
Subtotal		1,346,527		1,346,527
Total Personnel	91.0	12,470,652	91.0	13,452,718
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	38.0	5,151,845	38.0	5,362,778
Federal Funds	48.0	6,650,819	48.0	7,403,656
Restricted Receipts	5.0	667,988	5.0	686,284
Total All Funds	91.0	12,470,652	91.0	13,452,718

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Environmental Health

Blood Lead Screening at 12 Months

The earlier children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLL) are identified, the earlier lead exposures can be identified and eliminated. Processing of lead screenings was disrupted by COVID-19. The department is working to return to standard lead screening processing timeliness. The figures below represent the proportion of Rhode Island children who have received at least one blood lead screening by 12 months. [Note: Calendar year 2022 data are not yet available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	80%	81%	73%	74%	75%
Actual	75%	73%	--	--	--

Proportion of Population Served by Public Water Systems in Full Compliance Based on a 5-Year Moving Average

The almost 500 public water systems in Rhode Island need to comply with a number of requirements in the Safe Drinking Water Act and Rhode Island statutes and regulations. These public water systems serve an average daily population between 25 and over 300,000. This measure shows the proportion of the population served by drinking water supplies that have not received any violations over the year, based on a 5-year moving average. Violations can be health-based such as exceedances of the nitrate maximum contaminant level, monitoring such as failure to sample for coliform bacteria, reporting such as failure to report sample results, public notice such as failure to inform the public of a violation, or treatment techniques such as failure to correct a significant deficiency. [Note: Calendar year 2022 data are not yet available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Actual	69%	76%	--	--	--

Reinspection Rate for Food Establishments with Unsatisfactory Findings

Critical violations are those linked to foodborne illness. They are designated as Priority or Priority Foundation on the inspection form and include items like food handlers not washing hands, temperature abuse of foods requiring refrigeration or hot holding, cross contamination, and employees working while ill. When critical violations are found, the inspection is coded unsatisfactory. If the follow up inspection has critical violations, it is marked continuing unsatisfactory. Depending on the specific hazards, the goal is to follow up on these inspections as soon as reasonable within 10 working days. The figures below represent the percentage of food establishments with unsatisfactory findings that were re-inspected in 10 or fewer days. [Note: Calendar year 2022 data are not yet available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	80%	80%	80%	80%
Actual	--	67%	--	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner

Mission

The Division of State Health Laboratories and Medical Examiners supports the Department's mission of "safe and healthy lives in safe and healthy communities" through scientific identification of pathogenic microorganisms, environmental contaminants, and other toxic substances that threaten the health and safety of Rhode Islanders; forensic examinations of crime scene evidence; and investigation of suspicious or unexpected deaths. The Division of State Health Laboratories and Medical Examiners mission is to provide accurate, timely, and effective laboratory services for public health, environmental protection, and forensic science purposes.

Description

Key program functions include early detection and identification of infectious diseases, identification and measurement of environmental contaminants, and the characterization of evidence collected at crime scenes. Services are provided to State and municipal agencies, healthcare providers, and individuals in support of public health and safety goals.

The Division of State Health Laboratories and Medical Examiners maintains a high level of preparedness to respond to a demand for services in case of an emergency and maintains rigorous quality control and quality assurance programs to allow for maintaining nationally recognized accreditations.

The Center for Biological Sciences supports cross-departmental programs concerned with the early detection, surveillance, and containment of infectious diseases by providing essential laboratory services. Expedient laboratory diagnosis of infectious diseases and timely detection of infectious disease outbreaks allows for preventative measures to be taken that reduce the risk of disease transmission. This Center is expanding the ability to provide pathogen genomic data across a number of programmatic needs including foodborne illness, respiratory pathogens, and emerging pathogen characterization.

The Center for Clinical Toxicology and Laboratory Support provides a variety of testing and support services. Clinical Toxicology capacity provides testing in support of overdose inquiries from the Medical Examiner, Statewide nonfatal overdose surveillance, childhood blood lead analysis, biomonitoring, chemical threat preparedness and response, and forensic breath analysis. Support services include specimen processing and triage for the Rhode Island State Health Laboratories.

The Center for Environmental Sciences provides testing services to monitor the safety of environmental resources vital to public health including public drinking water supplies, ambient air, and food supplies. New initiatives focus on rapid detection and genotyping of pathogens in wastewater to allow for real-time surveillance of pathogens of public health importance.

The Center for Forensic Sciences supports the criminal justice system through the accurate, thorough, and timely examination of evidence through the most scientifically advanced and technologically proficient investigative capabilities available. This Center also provides unbiased evaluation of evidence and courtroom testimony in support of litigation.

The Center for the Office of State Medical Examiners investigates all known or suspected homicides, suicides, accidents, sudden infant deaths, drug-related deaths, medically unattended or unexplained deaths, and deaths which may constitute the threat of an epidemic or in any way endanger public health.

Statutory History

The primary enabling legislation for the State Health Laboratories is RIGL 23-1-3, Maintenance of Laboratories. The primary enabling legislation for the Medical Examiners Center is RIGL 23-4, Office of State Medical Examiner.

Budget

Department of Health

Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Associate Director	5,076,676	2,600,196	2,362,710	3,298,109	2,608,854
Biological Sciences	1,687,345	2,626,599	2,541,848	2,854,477	2,845,572
Environmental Sciences	2,083,983	2,585,691	2,931,579	3,315,461	2,884,458
Forensic Sciences	2,050,763	3,043,323	3,221,885	3,382,070	3,379,470
State Medical Examiners	2,117,240	3,530,486	3,078,595	3,638,171	4,000,830
Total Expenditures	13,016,007	14,386,294	14,136,617	16,488,288	15,719,184
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	9,142,067	8,996,376	9,392,617	8,874,484	9,502,781
Contract Professional Services	884,124	1,699,614	1,040,979	2,054,234	1,810,716
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,541,336	3,126,472	3,060,419	3,756,065	3,684,870
Assistance and Grants	0	5,625	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	12,567,526	13,828,087	13,494,015	14,684,783	14,998,367
Capital Purchases and Equipment	448,481	558,208	642,602	1,803,505	720,817
Subtotal: Other	448,481	558,208	642,602	1,803,505	720,817
Total Expenditures	13,016,007	14,386,294	14,136,617	16,488,288	15,719,184
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	7,344,502	11,676,640	10,980,589	11,861,052	12,649,344
Federal Funds	5,475,856	2,285,666	2,756,028	4,051,224	2,669,840
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	195,649	423,988	400,000	576,012	400,000
Total Expenditures	13,016,007	14,386,294	14,136,617	16,488,288	15,719,184

Personnel

Department of Health

Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0124 A	1.0	54,677	1.0	57,817
ADMINISTRATOR- OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	0141 A	2.0	255,524	2.0	269,985
ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST	0254 A	2.0	210,595	2.0	315,335
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	117,845	1.0	141,957
CHIEF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBL. HLTH. MICR.)	0139 A	1.0	108,272	1.0	110,979
CHIEF FORENSIC SCIENCES	0139 A	1.0	132,439	1.0	135,688
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	1.0	107,393	1.0	110,049
CHIEF REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0139 A	1.0	119,099	1.0	122,077
CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY)	0327 A	5.0	323,419	5.0	342,121
CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0324 A	2.0	136,202	2.0	139,573
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0327 A	1.0	62,156	1.0	65,811
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0118 A	1.0	46,018	1.0	48,190
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0320 A	1.0	48,465	1.0	50,901
FORENSIC SCIENTIST	0327 A	7.0	461,580	7.0	488,282
INFORMATION AIDE	0315 A	1.0	46,023	1.0	47,174
INSPECTOR BREATH ANALYSIS	0324 A	1.0	61,265	1.0	62,797
LABORATORY ASSISTANT	0314 A	3.0	145,222	3.0	135,491
MEDICOLEGAL CASE MANAGER (DOH)	0320 A	1.0	48,514	1.0	50,946
PRINCIPAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HLTH CHEM)	0332 A	1.0	98,796	1.0	101,228
PRINCIPAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HLTH MICR)	0332 A	4.0	333,915	4.0	350,185
PRINCIPAL FORENSIC SCIENTIST (SEROLOGY)	0332 A	1.0	85,151	1.0	87,222
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0330 A	2.0	146,707	2.0	152,882
PRINCIPAL REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0332 A	1.0	90,953	1.0	93,128
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES)	0335 A	1.0	113,199	1.0	115,975
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES)	0335 A	1.0	99,512	1.0	101,940
REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0327 A	6.0	398,592	6.0	416,054
SCENE INVESTIGATOR	0328 A	7.0	521,027	7.0	536,279
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBLIC HLTH CHEM)	0330 A	1.0	72,172	1.0	77,349
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBLIC HLTH MICR)	0330 A	4.0	306,879	4.0	315,144

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		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR FORENSIC SCIENTIST	0330 A	6.0	471,003	6.0	485,398
SENIOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0319 A	1.0	51,431	1.0	52,717
SENIOR REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0330 A	8.0	626,645	8.0	644,443
SENIOR SCENE INVESTIGATOR	0330 A	1.0	76,864	1.0	78,786
SUPERVISING CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PB HLTH CHM)	0334 A	1.0	62,135	1.0	85,354
SUPERVISING CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PB HLTH MIC)	0334 A	4.0	406,501	4.0	416,320
SUPERVISING MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATOR	0332 A	1.0	86,994	1.0	89,168
SUPERVISING REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENT	0334 A	3.0	305,815	3.0	313,348
SUPERVISOR BREATH ANALYSIS PROGRAM	0328 A	1.0	78,432	1.0	80,393
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (DRUG CHEMISTRY)	0334 A	1.0	100,879	1.0	103,334
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (SEROLOGY)	0334 A	1.0	102,996	1.0	105,451
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (TOXICOLOGY)	0334 A	1.0	91,572	1.0	93,804
SUPERVISOR OF LABORATORY CENTRAL SERVICES	0328 A	2.0	136,780	2.0	144,727
TOXICOLOGIST	0323 A	1.0	57,316	1.0	60,618
Subtotal Classified		94.0	7,406,974	94.0	7,796,420
Unclassified					
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	0965 F	1.0	0	1.0	149,227
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	0	1.0	149,227
Subtotal		95.0	7,406,974	95.0	7,945,647
Transfer Out			(1,777,767)		(1,849,209)
Overtime			123,639		116,139
Turnover			(306,180)		(370,484)
Total Salaries			5,446,666		5,842,093

Personnel

Department of Health

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	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		88,755		0
FICA		410,720		422,661
Health Benefits		924,033		993,874
Holiday		10,594		10,594
Payroll Accrual		0		33,187
Retiree Health		238,473		258,809
Retirement		1,544,989		1,715,389
Subtotal		3,217,564		3,434,514
Total Salaries and Benefits	95.0	8,664,230	95.0	9,276,607
Cost Per FTE Position		91,202		97,648
Statewide Benefit Assessment		210,254		226,174
Payroll Costs	95.0	8,874,484	95.0	9,502,781
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		64,821		47,321
Management & Consultant Services		125,000		125,000
Medical Services		1,864,413		1,638,395
Subtotal		2,054,234		1,810,716
Total Personnel	95.0	10,928,718	95.0	11,313,497
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	64.0	9,237,741	64.0	9,599,725
Federal Funds	31.0	1,690,977	31.0	1,713,772
Total All Funds	95.0	10,928,718	95.0	11,313,497

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner

Non-Fatal Overdose Reporting Timeliness

Specimens from non-fatal overdose cases are submitted to the Rhode Island State Health Laboratories to measure current trends in substance abuse resulting in hospitalization. This data is used in addition to testing of seized drugs and forensic toxicology to provide a holistic view of opiate and other drug abuse. This data is important for measuring the impact of opiate abuse mitigation efforts and to identify emerging drug use patterns. This performance metric tracks the percentage of non-fatal overdose results reported within two weeks for specimens received by the Rhode Island State Health Laboratories. [Note: This is a new performance measure. Historical targets and actuals are not available.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	90%	90%	90%
Actual	--	--	--	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Customer Services

Mission

The Division of Customer Services assures minimum standards for the provision of healthcare services are met. The division licenses, investigates, and disciplines healthcare professionals, healthcare facilities, and health-related facilities. Complaints from all sources are investigated and, if substantiated, compliance action is initiated.

Description

The Division of Customer Services encompasses three Centers and the Rhode Island Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP):

The Center for Professional Licensing, Boards, and Commissions (CPBL) is responsible for The Division of Customer Services encompasses three Centers and the Rhode Island Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP):

The Center for Professional Licensing, Boards, and Commissions (CPBL) is responsible for licensing healthcare professionals and administrative oversight of health professionals, Boards, and Commissions. CPBL maintains an integrated license and verification system, processes license applications and renewals, and replies to customer inquiries regarding the licensing process. CPBL also participates in the regulatory and legislative revision processes for health professional licensing issues and the administrative management and oversight of Departmental Boards and Commissions to ensure the highest quality healthcare for Rhode Islanders. RIDOH's Medical Marijuana Program is housed in the CPBL.

The Center for Vital Records is responsible for the administration, statutory compliance, and regulatory promulgation of Rhode Island's vital records system of births, marriages, and deaths, including fetal deaths.

The Center for Health Facilities Regulation (CHFR) is responsible for ensuring that State-licensed and federally certified Medicare and Medicaid healthcare facilities are in compliance with the applicable health, safety, and quality standards and regulations outlined in State and federal law. CHFR maintains an agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the State Medicaid Office to conduct Medicare and Medicaid certification surveys and investigations for participating healthcare facilities and providers. Also within the Center for Health Facilities Regulation is the Radiological Health Program (Radiation Control Program), whose mission is to license radiation equipment and radioactive materials and protect Rhode Islanders from excessive exposure to radiation by helping to ensure the safe use of radiation equipment and radioactive materials. The Radiological Health Program works closely with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Rhode Island PDMP collects data for controlled substance prescriptions (Schedules II - V, or opioid antagonists) in a centralized database. These data can then be used by prescribers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients.

Statutory History

Authorization for the Division of Customer Services is contained in the various sections of Titles 4, 5, 16, 21, 23, and 42.

Budget

Department of Health

Customer Services

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Associate Director	3,860,112	2,898,672	3,252,723	5,754,398	3,918,511
Facilities Regulations	5,230,367	6,203,698	6,626,889	6,959,317	6,945,181
Health Professionals Regulations	3,078,869	4,393,920	4,644,136	3,868,177	4,631,553
Professional Boards & Commissions	0	162,775	1,858,772	1,857,080	1,800,236
Vital Records	1,813,007	2,794,160	2,210,641	3,204,530	2,647,428
Total Expenditures	13,982,355	16,453,226	18,593,161	21,643,502	19,942,909
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	10,767,191	11,547,885	12,440,881	11,503,914	12,158,215
Contract Professional Services	1,043,024	1,468,109	1,384,868	2,884,588	1,529,930
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,157,309	2,579,586	4,277,687	4,629,588	3,929,469
Assistance and Grants	0	824,250	425,984	2,565,000	2,261,273
Subtotal: Operating	13,967,524	16,419,830	18,529,420	21,583,090	19,878,887
Capital Purchases and Equipment	14,831	33,396	63,741	60,412	64,022
Subtotal: Other	14,831	33,396	63,741	60,412	64,022
Total Expenditures	13,982,355	16,453,226	18,593,161	21,643,502	19,942,909
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	5,441,026	8,021,847	8,198,687	7,887,717	8,109,896
Federal Funds	7,400,182	6,200,977	6,369,584	7,282,574	7,407,461
Restricted Receipts	1,141,146	2,230,402	4,024,890	6,473,211	4,425,552
Total Expenditures	13,982,355	16,453,226	18,593,161	21,643,502	19,942,909

Personnel

Department of Health

Customer Services

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0321 A	2.0	105,016	2.0	110,945
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS)	0141 A	1.0	125,272	1.0	128,404
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	2.0	174,375	2.0	178,569
ASSISTANT RECORDS ANALYST	0319 A	2.0	115,306	2.0	118,166
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR COMPUTER OPERATIONS	0127 A	1.0	86,789	1.0	88,858
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	135,220	1.0	149,921
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0B26 A	1.0	80,769	1.0	82,786
CHIEF COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY SECTION (PHARMACY)	0335 A	1.0	90,533	1.0	94,786
CHIEF FIELD INSPECTOR (BOARD OF HAIRDRESSING)	0320 A	1.0	51,084	1.0	54,382
CHIEF HEALTH PROGRAM EVALUATOR	0137 A	4.0	408,588	4.0	420,057
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0132 A	1.0	80,608	1.0	86,160
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	2.0	140,031	2.0	147,120
CHIEF OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGULATION	0139 A	1.0	102,158	1.0	108,645
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	84,927	1.0	91,282
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	0327 A	3.0	214,028	3.0	221,340
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	1.0	64,035	1.0	86,818
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER	0326 A	1.0	62,892	1.0	67,591
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICOLOGIST	0135 A	1.0	113,884	1.0	116,710
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0118 A	1.0	46,018	1.0	48,190
GENEALOGICAL CLERK	0314 A	1.0	49,432	1.0	50,668
HEALTH FACILITY SURVEYOR	0323 A	1.0	52,503	1.0	53,798
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	1.0	104,061	1.0	106,642
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0135 A	1.0	82,374	1.0	114,936
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	1.0	85,519	1.0	90,662
HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT DIRECTOR	0136 A	1.0	97,697	1.0	100,139
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE I	0314 A	1.0	41,801	1.0	43,708
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE II	0316 A	7.0	339,052	7.0	350,228
IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0322 A	1.0	51,584	1.0	54,282
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	221,958	2.0	227,508
MEDICOLEGAL ADMINISTRATOR	0132 A	1.0	88,262	1.0	90,468
NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	0920 A	17.0	1,439,553	17.0	1,547,317
PRINCIPAL HEALTH FACILITY SURVEYOR	0329 A	1.0	74,080	1.0	75,932

Personnel

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		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0330 A	2.0	159,507	2.0	163,351
PRINCIPAL NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	0926 A	3.0	348,569	3.0	357,244
PROGRAM ANALYST	0322 A	1.0	51,042	1.0	53,817
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0131 A	1.0	39,672	1.0	77,220
PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST	0327 A	3.0	204,844	3.0	212,755
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	4.0	314,230	5.0	395,439
RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0330 A	2.0	161,415	2.0	165,452
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBLIC HLTH MICR)	0330 A	0.0	12,655	0.0	0
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	5.0	357,496	5.0	369,967
SENIOR NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	0923 A	3.0	288,835	3.0	296,035
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	1.0	39,298	1.0	76,425
SENIOR RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0332 A	1.0	93,816	1.0	96,094
SENIOR RECONCILIATION CLERK	0316 A	1.0	55,359	1.0	56,743
STATE DIRECTOR OF NURSING REGISTRATION & NURSING EDUC	0137 A	1.0	101,188	1.0	103,718
SUPERVISING RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0334 A	1.0	86,192	1.0	92,424
Subtotal Classified		93.0	7,323,527	94.0	7,823,702
Unclassified					
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0966 F	1.0	139,904	1.0	207,136
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	139,904	1.0	207,136
Subtotal		94.0	7,463,431	95.0	8,030,838
Transfer Out			(811,426)		(794,189)
Transfer In			485,641		356,069
Overtime			2,210		2,210
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			13,103		13,103
Turnover			(130,632)		(201,489)
Total Salaries			7,022,327		7,406,542

Personnel

Department of Health

Customer Services

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		96,024		0
FICA		544,385		563,000
Health Benefits		1,219,227		1,308,246
Payroll Accrual		0		42,973
Retiree Health		314,503		334,677
Retirement		2,030,159		2,210,303
Subtotal		4,204,298		4,459,199
Total Salaries and Benefits	94.0	11,226,625	95.0	11,865,741
Cost Per FTE Position		119,432		124,903
Statewide Benefit Assessment		277,289		292,474
Payroll Costs	94.0	11,503,914	95.0	12,158,215
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		531,425		418,013
Information Technology		1,051,667		386,041
Legal Services		3,200		3,200
Management & Consultant Services		1,017,341		635,872
Medical Services		52,000		52,000
Other Contracts		168,370		32,929
Training and Educational Services		60,585		1,875
Subtotal		2,884,588		1,529,930
Total Personnel	94.0	14,388,502	95.0	13,688,145
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	59.0	6,546,275	59.0	6,498,534
Federal Funds	26.0	5,685,081	26.0	5,646,230
Restricted Receipts	9.0	2,157,146	10.0	1,543,381
Total All Funds	94.0	14,388,502	95.0	13,688,145

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Customer Services

Medical Marijuana License Issuance

Timely license processing helps ensure that patients in the medical marijuana program are being licensed in the timeframe allowable by statute and regulation. Meeting that timeframe allows patients in the medical marijuana program the quickest access to the medication. The figures below represent the proportion of medical marijuana licenses issued within the statutory timeframe (i.e., 35 days from receipt of application). [Note: Calendar year 2022 data are not yet available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	100%	100%	--	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

Mission

The Division of Policy, Information, and Communications is responsible for the acquisition and use of clear, accurate, and appropriate data to inform public health policy as well as the provision of high-quality, timely, and accurate health information to the public so they can understand health risks and make healthy and safe choices. The Division is also responsible for regulating the introduction of new health services and major medical equipment into the healthcare delivery system and regulating changes in ownership and control of the licensed facilities that form the healthcare delivery system in Rhode Island.

Description

The Division of Policy, Information, and Communications is comprised of three Centers:

The Center for Health Data and Analysis is responsible for the acquisition, provision, and use of clear, accurate, and appropriate data and analyses. The Center manages health datasets and systems and provides analytic capacity to RIDOH programs. Center activities inform and drive public health program and policy decisions.

The Center for Public Health Communication provides high-quality, timely, and accurate health information to the public so they can understand health risks and make healthy and safe choices.

The Center for Health Systems Policy and Regulations is responsible for preventing unnecessary duplication in the healthcare system, including medical services, facilities, and equipment. The Center reviews applications for licensure, changes in ownership and control of healthcare facilities, and hospital conversions. The Center oversees promulgation of all Department regulations and includes the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, which administers the State Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program.

Statutory History

Authorization for the activities within the Policy, Information, and Communication program is contained within the various sections of Title 23 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Associate Director	394,918	497,732	450,922	623,267	565,294
Center for Health Data Analysis	2,730,399	2,173,774	2,369,988	2,600,445	2,575,454
Health Systems Policy & Regulation	1,455,331	1,655,095	2,280,284	3,150,768	2,302,211
Total Expenditures	4,580,647	4,326,601	5,101,194	6,374,480	5,442,959
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	2,572,881	1,917,324	2,474,641	2,403,503	2,916,475
Contract Professional Services	297,644	453,647	582,897	794,991	770,638
Operating Supplies and Expenses	484,689	799,498	861,009	2,329,366	853,399
Assistance and Grants	1,225,433	1,153,056	1,180,147	842,570	899,947
Subtotal: Operating	4,580,647	4,323,525	5,098,694	6,370,430	5,440,459
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	3,077	2,500	4,050	2,500
Subtotal: Other	0	3,077	2,500	4,050	2,500
Total Expenditures	4,580,647	4,326,601	5,101,194	6,374,480	5,442,959
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	882,682	935,212	958,580	1,013,351	982,376
Federal Funds	3,116,833	2,884,029	2,876,367	3,178,489	3,578,329
Restricted Receipts	581,133	507,360	1,266,247	2,182,640	882,254
Total Expenditures	4,580,647	4,326,601	5,101,194	6,374,480	5,442,959

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	0335 A	1.0	113,276	1.0	115,934
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING)	0141 A	1.0	138,594	1.0	145,839
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	92,780	1.0	141,958
CHIEF HEALTH PROGRAM EVALUATOR	0137 A	1.0	108,272	1.0	108,272
CHIEF HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	0137 A	1.0	114,289	1.0	117,072
CHIEF OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	2.0	202,377	2.0	207,436
CHIEF OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	0129 A	1.0	67,618	1.0	71,833
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC PLANNING- MONITORING AND EVALUATION	0143 A	1.0	137,016	1.0	140,358
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	3.0	249,208	3.0	288,598
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0319 A	3.0	149,948	3.0	154,791
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	81,247	1.0	86,231
DATA ANALYST II	0138 A	1.0	94,584	1.0	96,890
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	1.0	105,050	1.0	105,050
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	2.0	183,190	2.0	191,873
HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0324 A	0.0	0	1.0	57,300
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	1.0	122,796	1.0	125,774
MANAGER OF DIGITAL IMAGING AND OTHER SERVICES	0328 A	1.0	73,811	1.0	79,091
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	2.0	145,061	2.0	153,922
PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0324 A	2.0	123,134	2.0	128,202
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	2.0	197,090	2.0	206,224
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	4.0	337,378	4.0	351,286
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	1.0	88,960	1.0	91,086
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	83,857	1.0	85,954
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0131 A	1.0	75,050	2.0	156,842
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	149,565	2.0	158,425
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	74,080	1.0	75,932
SENIOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0322 A	1.0	56,906	1.0	58,329
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	4.0	298,318	4.0	305,717
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	7.0	599,281	7.0	629,593
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	7.0	555,518	6.0	495,793
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	0323 A	1.0	71,566	1.0	73,341
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	0312 A	1.0	43,012	1.0	44,088

Personnel

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		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SUPERVISING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SPECIALIST	0332 A	2.0	157,980	2.0	164,657
SYSTEMS ANALYST	0324 A	1.0	54,538	1.0	57,693
WEB DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	0135 A	1.6	190,680	1.6	195,390
Subtotal Classified		63.6	5,336,030	64.6	5,666,774
Unclassified					
PLANNING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	0320 A	1.0	26,130	1.0	50,501
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	26,130	1.0	50,501
Subtotal		64.6	5,362,160	65.6	5,717,275
Transfer Out			(3,933,005)		(4,015,172)
Transfer In			49,905		85,993
Turnover			(16,804)		(19,142)
Total Salaries			1,462,256		1,768,954
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			19,925		0
FICA			113,388		135,328
Health Benefits			263,471		326,909
Payroll Accrual			0		10,267
Retiree Health			65,510		79,960
Retirement			421,198		525,181
Subtotal			883,492		1,077,645
Total Salaries and Benefits		64.6	2,345,748	65.6	2,846,599
Cost Per FTE Position			36,312		43,393
Statewide Benefit Assessment			57,755		69,876
Payroll Costs		64.6	2,403,503	65.6	2,916,475
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			102,255		78,952
Information Technology			25,000		25,000
Legal Services			160,000		160,000
Management & Consultant Services			300,000		300,000
Other Contracts			339		0
Training and Educational Services			207,397		206,686
Subtotal			794,991		770,638
Total Personnel		64.6	3,198,494	65.6	3,687,113

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	26.0	900,953	26.0	935,966
Federal Funds	27.0	1,560,611	29.0	1,877,812
Restricted Receipts	11.6	736,930	10.6	873,335
Total All Funds	64.6	3,198,494	65.6	3,687,113

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

Opioid Overdose Fatalities

Over the past 20 years, overdose deaths have been increasing nationally and particularly in Rhode Island. To address this epidemic, RIDOH, in collaboration with state and community partners, has implemented a comprehensive portfolio of interventions to prevent drug-related harms in Rhode Island. Adequate access to naloxone, education in proper harm reduction practices, and removing barriers to utilization of emergency medical services ensures that fewer overdoses result in a fatality. Utilizing counts of non-fatal opioid overdoses reported to the health department from the 48-hour reporting system from individuals who present to the hospital and fatal overdoses from the office of the state medical examiner, we can estimate the proportion of overdoses that result in a fatality. Through adequate promotion of prevention strategies, our goal is to reduce the percent of overdoses that result in a fatality in Rhode Island. [Note: This is a new performance measure and historical targets are not available. Calendar year 2022 data are not yet available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	18%	17%	17%
Actual	18.8%	19.3%	--	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, & Emergency Medical Services

Mission

The Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services is responsible for creating and promoting a state of readiness and prompt response to protect the health of Rhode Islanders during catastrophic events, large-scale disasters, and other types of emergencies; controlling person-to-person spread of infectious diseases; and licensing, regulating, and oversight of emergency medical services.

Description

The Division for Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services includes the following Centers:

The Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response coordinates emergency preparedness and response activities, including planning, education, assessment, and support services among public health providers, private medical providers, public safety agencies, and government officials.

The Center for Acute Infectious Disease Epidemiology is responsible for the detection, control, and prevention of infectious diseases of public health significance. The Center conducts surveillance and investigates a wide array of reportable diseases; collects, analyzes, and distributes information about infectious diseases; and investigates and responds to disease cases and outbreaks to minimize the impact of infectious disease on the health and economy of the state.

The Center for HIV, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Epidemiology conducts surveillance, disease investigations, and contact tracing for HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis to ensure all potential contacts are screened and treated. The Center oversees efforts to prevent and control Hepatitis C infection, including the community-based needle exchange program.

The Center for Emergency Medical Services licenses, regulates, and provides oversight for EMS practitioners, EMS ambulance services, ambulances, and EMS training programs.

Statutory History

Authorization for the activities within the Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Services is contained within the various sections of Title 23 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, & Emergency Medical Services

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Acute Infectious Diseases	6,892,351	7,221,608	12,230,325	11,490,124	7,123,435
Emergency Medical Services	1,170,085	1,364,960	1,552,375	2,057,168	1,632,273
Emergency Preparedness and Response	8,326,612	7,339,414	9,385,655	8,696,609	8,699,186
HIV, Hep, STDs & TB	2,539,372	3,118,337	3,845,337	4,225,100	4,396,695
Total Expenditures	18,928,420	19,044,319	27,013,692	26,469,001	21,851,589
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	7,194,998	9,255,135	8,803,022	10,175,903	10,611,827
Contract Professional Services	1,137,379	1,000,601	3,302,943	2,457,402	1,616,402
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,120,630	4,728,004	6,798,746	6,538,892	6,336,144
Assistance and Grants	3,433,999	3,526,310	3,707,560	3,602,585	2,880,131
Subtotal: Operating	15,887,006	18,510,049	22,612,271	22,774,782	21,444,504
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,041,414	534,270	4,401,421	3,694,219	407,085
Subtotal: Other	3,041,414	534,270	4,401,421	3,694,219	407,085
Total Expenditures	18,928,420	19,044,319	27,013,692	26,469,001	21,851,589
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,747,468	1,975,883	2,092,672	2,012,873	2,153,280
Federal Funds	17,180,951	17,068,437	24,921,020	24,456,128	19,698,309
Total Expenditures	18,928,420	19,044,319	27,013,692	26,469,001	21,851,589

Personnel

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, & Emergency Medical Services

		FY 2023		FY 2024	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0319 A	1.0	43,263	1.0	49,123
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	2.0	160,070	4.0	320,705
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	164,903	1.0	168,943
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	62,278	1.0	68,748
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	1.0	106,359	1.0	108,889
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	2.0	205,897	2.0	211,044
CONSULTANT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	0926 A	6.0	687,170	6.0	705,555
DATA CONTROL CLERK	0315 A	1.0	46,023	1.0	47,174
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST I	0324 A	10.0	584,915	10.0	601,263
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST II	0327 A	4.0	275,730	4.0	284,904
FIELD TECHNICIAN (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)	0323 A	2.0	110,904	2.0	116,100
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	3.0	271,168	3.0	277,732
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	3.0	334,420	4.0	398,592
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	4.0	456,587	4.0	467,823
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- DISEASE CONTROL	0252 A	1.0	232,913	1.0	238,551
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- FAMILY HEALTH	0252 A	1.0	165,719	1.0	189,230
PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0324 A	1.0	89,998	1.0	89,998
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	1.0	99,513	1.0	101,940
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	1.0	108,982	1.0	108,981
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	111,760	1.0	85,540
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0131 A	0.0	0	1.0	77,220
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	7.0	587,814	7.0	571,497
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	80,199	1.0	82,143
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	4.0	347,025	4.0	358,770
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	2.0	170,944	2.0	170,944
SUPERVISING DISEASE CONTROL REPRESENTATIVE	0329 A	1.0	74,080	1.0	75,932
TRAINING COORDINATOR (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)	0331 A	1.0	79,864	1.0	81,861
Subtotal Classified		63.0	5,658,498	67.0	6,059,202
Subtotal		63.0	5,658,498	67.0	6,059,202
Transfer Out			(970,228)		(999,980)
Transfer In			1,583,996		1,501,623
Overtime			21,815		21,815

Personnel

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, & Emergency Medical Services

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		77,723		44,799
Turnover		(18,052)		(34,296)
Total Salaries		6,353,752		6,593,163
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		104,745		0
FICA		489,984		496,280
Health Benefits		879,450		973,143
Payroll Accrual		0		37,918
Retiree Health		281,394		296,204
Retirement		1,817,925		1,957,010
Subtotal		3,573,498		3,760,555
Total Salaries and Benefits	63.0	9,927,250	67.0	10,353,718
Cost Per FTE Position		157,575		154,533
Statewide Benefit Assessment		248,653		258,109
Payroll Costs	63.0	10,175,903	67.0	10,611,827
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		385,307		385,307
Information Technology		707,200		113,200
Management & Consultant Services		222,000		0
Medical Services		159,500		134,500
Other Contracts		301,700		301,700
Training and Educational Services		681,695		681,695
Subtotal		2,457,402		1,616,402
Total Personnel	63.0	12,633,305	67.0	12,228,229
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	11.0	1,495,093	11.0	1,531,985
Federal Funds	52.0	11,138,212	56.0	10,696,244
Total All Funds	63.0	12,633,305	67.0	12,228,229

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, & Emergency Medical Services

Newly Diagnosed HIV Cases

Reductions in new diagnoses may point to decreases in disease transmission as a result of increased condom use and PrEP, as well as greater engagement in care, which are pillars of the HIV Prevention Program. New diagnoses also indicate success in finding previously undiagnosed cases and ensuring that individuals are aware of their status. The figures below represent the number of new cases of HIV diagnosed in Rhode Island on an annual basis. [Note: Data for 2022 are preliminary.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	51	45	40	36	32
Actual	51	69	66	--	--

Timely Rabies Vaccination Referral

Timely post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) with rabies vaccine after a high-risk animal bite is 100 percent effective in preventing human rabies which is a uniformly fatal disease in humans. The rabies surveillance and prevention program handles about 3,000 reports of animal to human exposure annually, assesses risk, and case manages individuals to obtain timely vaccinations. The figures below represent the proportion of eligible high-risk cases that are referred for vaccination within five days of receipt of the report. [Note: Calendar year 2022 data is partial, through 9/30/22. This data is subject to change when complete calendar year data are available.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	95.85%	94.93%	89.76%	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

COVID-19

Mission

The COVID-19 Unit is responsible for the public health aspects of Rhode Island's COVID-19 response: providing and reinforcing public health guidance appropriate to each stage of the pandemic, tracking and minimizing the spread of the disease, and promoting equity throughout the response.

Description

The COVID-19 Unit, in collaboration with other Divisions and Centers within RIDOH and other State agencies, fulfills this mission through the following teams:

The Epidemiological Operations Team conducts case investigation and contact tracing, manages the RIDOH COVID-19 hotline, and supports quarantine and isolation needs.

The Testing Team supports statewide COVID-19 testing for symptomatic individuals, asymptomatic individuals, and specific populations (e.g., congregate care settings, K-12 settings).

The Community Mitigation Team provides the most up-to-date public health recommendations and guidance for limiting the spread of COVID-19.

The Vaccination Team is responsible for the planning and administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

The Treatment Team works with partners to assure treatment capacity exists for those who need it.

The Community Outreach and Reinforcement Program reinforces public health guidance through outreach, mask distribution, education, and technical assistance.

The Healthcare Coordination and Response Team prepares for, and responds to, surge scenarios related to COVID-19 in conjunction with healthcare partners.

The High-Density Communities Team provides support to high-density communities in Rhode Island, including Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls, and ensures equity is considered in each aspect of the COVID-19 response.

The Data Analytics Team tracks and analyzes data related to COVID-19, including tests, cases, treatment, hospitalizations, and deaths. This team also develops predictive models that allow the state to plan based on disease forecasts.

The Communications Team ensures delivery of critical messaging across a variety of audiences and media platforms so that Rhode Islanders are equipped with the information they need to make appropriate health decisions.

Statutory History

N/A

Budget

Department of Health

COVID-19

Expenditures by Sub Program	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Enacted Budget	2023 Revised Budget	2024 Recommended
Communications	5,585,049	3,437,887	786,165	2,348,374	135,580
Community Mitigation & Prevention	31,065,762	37,976,140	6,770,183	8,388,897	6,369,683
Contact Tracing/Case Investigation	46,464,850	48,699,493	19,151,658	20,360,328	1,213,724
Data Analytics, Tech & Modeling	18,076,935	24,861,638	22,072,131	29,579,168	4,228,531
Other Support Services	25,442,155	17,411,993	46,016,729	48,522,989	71,649,014
Supplies	5,023,061	3,872,267	6,976,438	7,936,545	7,064,083
Testing	159,690,743	151,931,075	29,370,712	30,322,420	371,965
Total Expenditures	291,348,554	288,190,493	131,144,016	147,458,721	91,032,580
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	8,489,634	6,259,319	7,239,726	5,251,025	4,886,317
Contract Professional Services	210,117,577	184,357,731	51,417,141	64,939,932	11,797,795
Operating Supplies and Expenses	31,745,234	83,048,871	34,253,656	35,816,334	41,582,699
Assistance and Grants	39,367,018	14,424,150	8,223,493	11,172,677	2,765,769
Subtotal: Operating	289,719,462	288,090,070	101,134,016	117,179,968	61,032,580
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,472,412	100,423	30,010,000	30,278,753	30,000,000
Operating Transfers	156,681	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	1,629,092	100,423	30,010,000	30,278,753	30,000,000
Total Expenditures	291,348,554	288,190,493	131,144,016	147,458,721	91,032,580
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	185,025,445	215,951,472	0	0	0
Federal Funds	106,323,109	72,239,022	131,144,016	147,458,721	91,032,580
Total Expenditures	291,348,554	288,190,493	131,144,016	147,458,721	91,032,580

Personnel

Department of Health

COVID-19

	FY 2023		FY 2024	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Transfer In		2,648,107		2,696,219
Overtime		926,831		548,640
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		79,849		4,300
Total Salaries		3,654,787		3,249,159
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		25,875		0
FICA		211,682		204,271
Health Benefits		363,609		380,266
Payroll Accrual		0		15,672
Retiree Health		118,870		122,063
Retirement		768,448		808,218
Subtotal		1,488,484		1,530,490
Total Salaries and Benefits	0.0	5,143,271	0.0	4,779,649
Cost Per FTE Position		0		
Statewide Benefit Assessment		107,754		106,668
Payroll Costs	0.0	5,251,025	0.0	4,886,317
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		19,318,034		2,686,302
Information Technology		17,479,143		453,100
Management & Consultant Services		7,385,298		897,089
Medical Services		11,092,931		1,004,053
Other Contracts		3,437,470		2,281,960
Training and Educational Services		5,408,308		4,475,291
University and College Services		818,748		0
Subtotal		64,939,932		11,797,795
Total Personnel	0.0	70,190,957	0.0	16,684,112
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Federal Funds	0.0	70,190,957	0.0	16,684,112
Total All Funds	0.0	70,190,957	0.0	16,684,112

Performance Measures

Department of Health

COVID-19

New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions per 100,000 Population

COVID-19 will continue to circulate in Rhode Island's communities, so we must minimize the severe impact that this virus has on the health of our state's residents. We must also prevent this virus from overwhelming our hospitals and healthcare systems. Vaccinations and therapeutics are effective tools at our disposal help protect the public from severe illness which lead to hospitalizations. The figures below represent the rate of the total number of patients (Rhode Island residents) admitted with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 to an adult or pediatric inpatient bed each day during the calendar year per 100,000 population in a Rhode Island hospital. All rates were calculated using the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 ACS 5-year estimates for Rhode Island. Actual rates for 2020 and 2021 were calculated using data extracted on September 13, 2022.

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Target	--	--	516	465	418
Actual	582	611	--	--	--
