

**VOLUME II: HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Agency Summary

Department of Health

Agency Mission

The Rhode Island Department of Health's (RIDOH) vision is that 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.

The Director of Health oversees the Department of Health. The Director of Operations oversees RIDOH's Central Management structure and the Director of Public Health oversees RIDOH's public health Divisions, centers, and programs.

Statutory History

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

Budget

Department of Health

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	24,363,346	24,359,081	28,468,354	27,658,211	30,284,399
Community Health and Equity	110,226,590	120,368,941	124,126,466	156,353,443	165,526,762
Environmental Health	14,412,553	14,184,934	18,213,199	19,493,357	19,566,006
Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner	14,386,294	16,101,934	15,827,184	15,663,659	19,877,692
Customer Services	16,453,226	18,281,331	20,157,076	23,567,085	22,625,588
Policy, Information and Communications	4,326,601	4,469,951	5,302,889	8,100,450	6,906,738
Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services	19,044,319	18,875,745	22,009,331	24,170,340	19,672,901
COVID-19	288,190,493	73,547,934	93,491,536	110,521,145	57,721,419
Total Expenditures	491,403,423	290,189,850	327,596,035	385,527,690	342,181,505
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	70,027,328	71,123,904	78,633,119	77,909,275	80,951,024
Contract Professional Services	202,191,579	62,800,739	33,278,199	45,855,598	30,048,574
Operating Supplies and Expenses	157,028,576	92,410,139	130,602,058	156,698,283	138,482,859
Assistance and Grants	60,776,439	56,485,634	53,752,112	67,439,305	50,798,469
Subtotal: Operating	490,023,923	282,820,416	296,265,488	347,902,461	300,280,926
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,379,500	7,241,209	31,330,547	37,625,229	41,900,579
Aid to Local Units of Government	0	128,226	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	1,379,500	7,369,435	31,330,547	37,625,229	41,900,579
Total Expenditures	491,403,423	290,189,850	327,596,035	385,527,690	342,181,505
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	248,140,610	33,548,890	35,655,172	34,558,400	37,353,947
Federal Funds	182,432,393	193,174,227	225,090,085	262,579,394	193,961,061
Restricted Receipts	60,406,433	62,899,711	66,450,778	88,380,907	106,844,735
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	423,988	567,023	400,000	8,989	4,021,762
Total Expenditures	491,403,423	290,189,850	327,596,035	385,527,690	342,181,505
FTE Authorization	530.4	543.4	574.4	575.6	572.6

Personnel Agency Summary

Department of Health

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	572.6	47,633,468	569.6	49,164,664
Unclassified	3.0	378,387	3.0	667,835
Subtotal	575.6	48,011,855	572.6	49,832,499
Transfer Out		(188,836)		(153,074)
Transfer In		18,644		356,437
Salaries Adjustment		23,136		277,877
Overtime		702,345		454,006
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		218,716		187,085
Turnover		(720,519)		(1,331,987)
Total Salaries		48,065,341		49,622,843
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		21,400		22,050
FICA		3,610,134		3,737,351
Health Benefits		7,845,650		8,978,704
Holiday		11,289		11,289
Payroll Accrual		275,146		281,949
Retiree Health		2,130,007		1,934,201
Retirement		14,089,646		14,426,669
Subtotal		27,983,272		29,392,213
Total Salaries and Benefits	575.6	76,048,613	572.6	79,015,056
Cost Per FTE Position		132,121		137,993
Statewide Benefit Assessment		1,860,662		1,935,968
Payroll Costs	575.6	77,909,275	572.6	80,951,024
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		33,912		33,912
Clerical and Temporary Services		15,415,184		11,675,245
Design and Engineering Services		1,431,311		780,346
Information Technology		5,204,388		4,409,360
Legal Services		311,500		199,000
Management & Consultant Services		3,223,508		1,398,618
Medical Services		3,584,888		2,452,914
Other Contracts		3,245,283		2,231,834
Training and Educational Services		12,041,279		5,734,739
University and College Services		1,364,345		1,132,606
Subtotal		45,855,598		30,048,574
Total Personnel	575.6	123,764,873	572.6	110,999,598

Personnel Agency Summary

Department of Health

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	216.0	25,289,193	214.0	26,473,620
Federal Funds	293.0	81,866,659	293.0	67,876,070
Restricted Receipts	66.6	16,609,021	65.6	16,649,908
Total All Funds	575.6	123,764,873	572.6	110,999,598

Program Summary

Department of Health

Central Management

Mission

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

Description

Central Management, also referred to as Operations, includes Management Operational Functions; the Office of Workforce Development and Engagement; the Office of Policy, Planning, and Strategy; the Health Equity Institute; and the Academic Institute. Central Management provides overall operations direction to the Department. This overall direction is guided by the Department's three leading priorities listed above.

Management operational functions include Finance, Legal Services, Information Technology, Capital Assets Management, and Human Resources functions. The Office of Workforce Development and Engagement includes Learning and Growth as well as Employee Relations, Wellness, and Recognition functions. The Office of Policy, Planning, and Strategy includes Health Regulations, Public Affairs and Legislation, and Academic Affairs and Accreditation functions.

The Health Equity Institute is dedicated to advancing health and racial equity in operations, programs, and policies in support of RIDOH's three leading priorities. The Academic Institute manages the integration of scholarly activities across RIDOH programs through academic collaborations. The Academic Institute is also responsible for RIDOH accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Statutory History

Authorization for Central Management 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	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Academic Center	26,099	32,017	20,000	300,741	276,179
Executive Functions	2,471,648	2,575,155	6,120,231	6,677,395	7,816,253
Health Equity Institute	5,043,176	4,342,925	5,614,540	5,208,626	4,826,006
Health Policy and Planning	(0)	0	0	0	0
Management Services	16,822,424	17,408,983	16,713,583	15,471,449	17,365,961
Total Expenditures	24,363,346	24,359,081	28,468,354	27,658,211	30,284,399
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	8,981,143	8,032,441	11,003,347	10,077,674	11,119,523
Contract Professional Services	5,842,704	5,523,139	4,671,158	5,001,131	4,188,445
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,267,055	7,622,873	9,458,671	7,815,497	8,492,503
Assistance and Grants	4,270,179	3,135,473	3,335,178	4,377,822	2,492,729
Subtotal: Operating	24,361,081	24,313,925	28,468,354	27,272,124	26,293,200
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,265	45,155	0	386,087	3,991,199
Subtotal: Other	2,265	45,155	0	386,087	3,991,199
Total Expenditures	24,363,346	24,359,081	28,468,354	27,658,211	30,284,399
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,212,498	3,025,230	3,845,945	3,425,655	3,569,508
Federal Funds	4,326,869	3,924,867	7,898,826	8,694,627	9,348,930
Restricted Receipts	16,823,980	17,408,983	16,723,583	15,537,929	17,365,961
Total Expenditures	24,363,346	24,359,081	28,468,354	27,658,211	30,284,399

Personnel

Department of Health

Central Management

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0137 A	8.0	811,830	8.0	839,563
ADMINISTRATOR MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	0140 A	1.0	65,734	1.0	108,084
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	4.0	378,311	5.0	446,456
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	0141 A	3.0	375,387	3.0	383,108
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS)	0141 A	2.0	260,477	2.0	266,194
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	2.0	166,023	2.0	166,022
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0148 A	2.0	354,517	2.0	360,181
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0133 A	1.0	85,868	1.0	89,625
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	2.0	146,414	2.0	149,645
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	3.0	312,228	2.0	207,436
CHIEF OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT- TRAINING & CONT QUAL IMPROV	0335 A	2.0	108,664	2.0	177,018
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC PLANNING- MONITORING AND EVALUATION	0143 A	1.0	122,097	0.0	0
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	53,145	1.0	86,654
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0326 A	2.0	144,627	2.0	146,916
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	3.0	263,430	1.0	89,112
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0322 A	4.0	201,886	4.0	217,407
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	233,002	2.0	233,002
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0328 A	3.0	204,311	3.0	211,862
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	1.0	86,130	0.0	0
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	1.0	74,741	1.0	83,152
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	3.0	190,132	3.0	249,864
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	131,105	2.0	160,614
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	2.0	156,730	1.0	83,661
SUPERVISING ACCOUNTANT	0131 A	3.0	227,109	3.0	235,628
Subtotal Classified		58.0	5,153,898	53.0	4,991,204
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	0955KF	1.0	33,503	1.0	150,765
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	33,503	1.0	150,765
Subtotal		59.0	5,187,401	54.0	5,141,969
Transfer Out			(1,562,527)		(1,065,141)
Transfer In			2,534,317		2,629,156
Salaries Adjustment			(162,387)		19,791

Personnel

Department of Health

Central Management

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime		61,000		40,500
Turnover		0		(12,512)
Total Salaries		6,057,804		6,753,763
Benefits				
FICA		470,629		510,017
Health Benefits		1,155,753		1,325,783
Payroll Accrual		35,948		38,796
Retiree Health		278,398		263,829
Retirement		1,835,857		1,962,843
Subtotal		3,776,585		4,101,268
Total Salaries and Benefits	59.0	9,834,389	54.0	10,855,031
Cost Per FTE Position		166,685		201,019
Statewide Benefit Assessment		243,285		264,492
Payroll Costs	59.0	10,077,674	54.0	11,119,523
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		33,912		33,912
Clerical and Temporary Services		2,281,473		2,523,628
Information Technology		379,558		373,558
Legal Services		225,000		112,500
Management & Consultant Services		905,895		212,750
Medical Services		95,574		105,600
Other Contracts		362,906		359,906
Training and Educational Services		709,277		461,591
University and College Services		7,536		5,000
Subtotal		5,001,131		4,188,445
Total Personnel	59.0	15,078,805	54.0	15,307,968
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	2.0	692,779	2.0	755,179
Federal Funds	17.0	4,771,743	12.0	5,183,522
Restricted Receipts	40.0	9,614,283	40.0	9,369,267
Total All Funds	59.0	15,078,805	54.0	15,307,968

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Central Management

Changes to Policies or Practices 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. The figures below represent the 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. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2023 and historical targets and actuals are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	50%	65%	80%
Actual	--	89%	80%	--	--

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 Division 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 in preventing 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, 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, adult cannabis, violence and injury, suicide, 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 CHE 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	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Associate Director	1,224,679	5,184,320	5,340,600	10,533,382	5,893,340
Children's Preventative Hlt Sv	(6,108)	0	0	0	0
Chronic Care and Disease Management	8,480,297	9,146,137	9,230,283	9,823,034	8,161,053
Health Disparities and Access	(0)	0	0	0	0
Health Promotion and Wellness	10,208,290	10,636,086	9,816,576	11,630,661	9,946,320
Office of the Medical Director	(0)	0	0	40,913	42,716
Perinatal and Early Childhood	26,346,073	32,152,939	30,052,888	35,614,690	36,641,480
Preventive Services and Community Practices	63,224,329	63,249,478	69,686,119	88,710,763	104,841,853
Women, Infans and Children	749,011	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	110,226,571	120,368,960	124,126,466	156,353,443	165,526,762
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	12,560,043	13,887,250	15,108,127	15,337,676	16,238,678
Contract Professional Services	6,385,238	7,436,898	7,276,077	9,963,726	6,797,982
Operating Supplies and Expenses	55,278,888	58,190,578	60,643,448	84,137,782	103,435,633
Assistance and Grants	35,962,399	40,813,250	41,063,814	46,880,377	39,007,836
Subtotal: Operating	110,186,568	120,327,977	124,091,466	156,319,561	165,480,129
Capital Purchases and Equipment	40,022	40,964	35,000	33,882	46,633
Subtotal: Other	40,022	40,964	35,000	33,882	46,633
Total Expenditures	110,226,590	120,368,941	124,126,466	156,353,443	165,526,762
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	644,749	652,522	1,577,479	800,445	1,151,326
Federal Funds	69,267,170	78,542,087	79,024,850	93,876,907	83,451,102
Restricted Receipts	40,314,671	41,174,332	43,524,137	61,676,091	80,924,334
Total Expenditures	110,226,590	120,368,941	124,126,466	156,353,443	165,526,762

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	1.0	57,439	1.0	59,233
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	0335 A	2.0	186,048	2.0	192,510
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING)	0141 A	1.0	137,992	1.0	137,991
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	10.0	814,404	10.0	831,430
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	150,570	1.0	150,572
CHIEF DIVISION OF ORAL HEALTH	0145 A	1.0	144,913	1.0	144,913
CHIEF FIELD INVESTIGATOR (GENERAL)	0B24 A	2.0	135,155	2.0	138,200
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	77,044	1.0	77,043
CHIEF OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	1.0	109,018	1.0	109,018
CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	1.0	103,718	1.0	103,718
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	2.0	165,823	2.0	193,028
CHIEF OFFICE OF WOMEN- INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)	0137 A	1.0	114,090	1.0	114,090
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	2.0	146,242	2.0	179,751
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	1.0	125,546	1.0	127,410
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0319 A	1.0	52,717	1.0	52,717
COMMUNITY RELATIONS LIAISON OFFICER	0332 A	1.0	48,722	1.0	79,361
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	91,504	1.0	91,504
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	2.0	169,149	2.0	180,667
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	7.0	680,750	8.0	777,994
HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT DIRECTOR	0136 A	1.0	57,177	1.0	93,225
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0322 A	1.0	58,329	1.0	58,329
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	5.0	610,793	5.0	610,789
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- FAMILY HEALTH	0252 A	1.0	185,336	1.0	191,021
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	5.0	405,333	5.0	415,249
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	1.0	85,691	1.0	88,757
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	8.0	691,925	8.0	728,839
PRINCIPAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST	0328 A	2.0	117,412	2.0	143,784
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	4.0	338,023	4.0	338,023
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	4.0	279,707	4.0	319,072
PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST	0327 A	1.0	70,338	1.0	70,338
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	4.0	234,388	4.0	288,678
SENIOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0322 A	1.0	58,329	1.0	58,329
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	6.0	414,085	6.0	428,198
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	4.0	311,017	4.0	350,469

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	13.0	996,595	13.0	1,065,781
Subtotal Classified		100.0	8,425,322	101.0	8,990,031
Subtotal		100.0	8,425,322	101.0	8,990,031
Transfer Out			(1,244,941)		(1,298,624)
Transfer In			2,301,864		2,315,739
Overtime			(27)		(27)
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			25,025		25,025
Turnover			0		(824)
Total Salaries			9,507,243		10,031,320
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			500		500
FICA			727,296		766,765
Health Benefits			1,407,758		1,645,627
Payroll Accrual			55,396		58,040
Retiree Health			428,584		394,284
Retirement			2,836,348		2,946,854
Subtotal			5,455,882		5,812,070
Total Salaries and Benefits		100.0	14,963,125	101.0	15,843,390
Cost Per FTE Position			149,631		156,865
Statewide Benefit Assessment			374,551		395,288
Payroll Costs		100.0	15,337,676	101.0	16,238,678
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			1,595,146		1,208,546
Information Technology			1,159,766		1,065,457
Management & Consultant Services			9,000		9,000
Medical Services			438,283		410,450
Other Contracts			477,612		245,612
Training and Educational Services			5,773,206		3,406,311
University and College Services			510,713		452,606
Subtotal			9,963,726		6,797,982
Total Personnel		100.0	25,301,402	101.0	23,036,660

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	2.0	365,976	2.0	368,736
Federal Funds	94.0	21,821,046	95.0	19,497,250
Restricted Receipts	4.0	3,114,380	4.0	3,170,674
Total All Funds	100.0	25,301,402	101.0	23,036,660

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

Naloxone Kits Distributed 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 figures below represent the 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: Due to reporting lag, only the first three quarters of CY 2023 are reported. This performance measure was established in FY 2023 and historical targets are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	35,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Actual	21,574	36,590	38,583	--	--

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 the 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 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 Division of Environmental Health 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	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Associate Director	355,530	256,887	469,705	535,227	552,218
Drinking Water Quality	4,006,103	4,468,060	6,291,571	8,435,292	7,286,648
Environ. Health Risk Assessmnt	920,031	116,253	0	0	0
Food Protection	5,195,072	5,228,838	5,703,286	5,146,166	5,052,856
Healthy Homes and Environment	3,935,817	4,114,897	5,748,637	5,376,672	6,674,284
Total Expenditures	14,412,553	14,184,934	18,213,199	19,493,357	19,566,006
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	10,510,104	10,532,862	12,106,191	11,199,461	11,603,760
Contract Professional Services	983,936	654,473	1,346,527	2,837,311	2,750,757
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,175,452	2,115,946	4,113,358	4,186,848	4,234,497
Assistance and Grants	610,471	740,235	546,000	956,180	795,751
Subtotal: Operating	14,279,963	14,043,516	18,112,076	19,179,800	19,384,765
Capital Purchases and Equipment	132,590	141,418	101,123	313,557	181,241
Subtotal: Other	132,590	141,418	101,123	313,557	181,241
Total Expenditures	14,412,553	14,184,934	18,213,199	19,493,357	19,566,006
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	5,722,310	5,430,667	6,042,901	5,771,677	7,155,472
Federal Funds	8,160,223	8,161,574	11,275,046	12,774,863	11,442,251
Restricted Receipts	530,019	592,692	895,252	946,817	968,283
Total Expenditures	14,412,553	14,184,934	18,213,199	19,493,357	19,566,006

Personnel

Department of Health

Environmental Health

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	2.0	121,726	2.0	123,536
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0319 A	1.0	48,491	1.0	49,584
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	6.0	464,507	6.0	491,144
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	154,121	1.0	160,466
CHIEF CLERK	0B16 A	1.0	50,646	1.0	51,216
CHIEF DATA OPERATIONS	0133 A	1.0	89,625	1.0	89,626
CHIEF DIVISION OF FOOD PROTECTION AND SANITATION	0139 A	1.0	103,767	1.0	108,759
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	53,145	1.0	86,654
CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0324 A	1.0	65,937	1.0	65,937
COMPLIANCE/EVALUATION STANDARDIZATION OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	84,161	1.0	84,161
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	2.0	158,204	2.0	172,874
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER I	0329 A	1.0	63,591	1.0	70,971
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER III	0336 A	2.0	147,911	3.0	274,061
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IV	0037 A	1.0	94,270	1.0	97,423
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IV	0339 A	0.0	0	1.0	101,280
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD INSPECTOR	0323 A	2.0	109,134	2.0	112,313
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0327 A	15.0	1,021,805	15.0	1,037,084
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICOLOGIST	0135 A	1.0	83,579	1.0	89,940
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST I	0328 A	4.0	279,624	4.0	289,862
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST II	0332 A	4.0	320,129	4.0	329,202
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST III	0334 A	3.0	250,594	3.0	259,331
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST IV	0336 A	1.0	98,324	1.0	101,593
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0118 A	1.0	34,595	1.0	47,833
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	0.0	16,340	0.0	0
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE II	0316 A	4.0	192,363	4.0	193,236
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0327 A	6.0	420,344	6.0	423,597
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	225,829	2.0	227,506
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	1.0	88,369	1.0	88,369
PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	75,932	1.0	75,932
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICLGT	0139 A	1.0	110,980	1.0	110,980
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	1.0	88,212	1.0	88,212
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	168,321	2.0	168,322
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	71,402	1.0	74,758

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		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SANITARIAN	0323 A	1.0	66,681	1.0	66,681
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0330 A	5.0	402,913	5.0	402,913
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	1.0	73,085	1.0	73,085
SENIOR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0330 A	2.0	165,452	2.0	165,452
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	1.0	87,840	1.0	87,840
SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0333 A	3.0	256,765	3.0	263,206
SUPERVISING INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0334 A	1.0	91,504	1.0	91,504
Subtotal Classified		86.0	6,500,218	88.0	6,896,443
Subtotal		86.0	6,500,218	88.0	6,896,443
Transfer Out			(16,761)		(18,362)
Transfer In			397,194		385,667
Overtime			99,001		99,001
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			27,704		0
Turnover			(171,000)		(337,244)
Total Salaries			6,836,356		7,025,505
Benefits					
FICA			515,412		531,126
Health Benefits			1,231,929		1,412,279
Payroll Accrual			39,199		40,278
Retiree Health			303,278		273,580
Retirement			2,008,244		2,046,715
Subtotal			4,098,062		4,303,978
Total Salaries and Benefits		86.0	10,934,418	88.0	11,329,483
Cost Per FTE Position			127,144		128,744
Statewide Benefit Assessment			265,043		274,277
Payroll Costs		86.0	11,199,461	88.0	11,603,760
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			519,935		1,010,070
Design and Engineering Services			1,331,311		780,346
Information Technology			424,100		364,100
Medical Services			87,000		87,000
Other Contracts			86,000		221,941
Training and Educational Services			388,965		287,300

Personnel

Department of Health

Environmental Health

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Subtotal		2,837,311		2,750,757
Total Personnel	86.0	14,036,772	88.0	14,354,517
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	36.0	4,910,908	36.0	5,524,788
Federal Funds	46.0	8,264,044	48.0	7,948,876
Restricted Receipts	4.0	861,820	4.0	880,853
Total All Funds	86.0	14,036,772	88.0	14,354,517

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.

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	81%	73%	74%	75%	76%
Actual	73%	77%	74%	--	--

Proportion of Population Served by Public Water Systems

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. The figures below represent the percent 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.

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Actual	76%	75%	78%	--	--

Food Establishment Reinspections Conducted

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 percent of food establishments that were reinspected.

[Note: Due to reporting lag, only the first three quarters of CY 2023 are reported.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Actual	67%	61%	60%	--	--

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 through the 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 Division of State Laboratories includes four Centers and the Office of State Medical Examiners:

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 preventive measures to be taken that reduce the risk of disease transmission. This Center is expanding the ability to provide pathogen genomic data across several programmatic areas 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 non-fatal 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 that 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	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Associate Director	2,600,196	3,681,038	2,608,854	2,008,504	6,148,195
Biological Sciences	2,626,599	2,626,202	2,845,572	2,674,717	2,642,985
Environmental Sciences	2,585,691	2,661,594	2,884,458	2,751,141	2,651,890
Forensic Sciences	3,043,323	3,312,959	3,487,470	3,829,655	4,164,350
State Medical Examiners	3,530,486	3,820,141	4,000,830	4,399,642	4,270,272
Total Expenditures	14,386,294	16,101,934	15,827,184	15,663,659	19,877,692
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	8,996,376	8,937,930	9,610,781	9,328,408	9,748,395
Contract Professional Services	1,699,614	2,000,278	1,810,716	1,879,554	1,525,831
Operating Supplies and Expenses	3,151,223	3,755,739	3,684,870	4,098,777	4,159,889
Subtotal: Operating	13,847,212	14,693,947	15,106,367	15,306,739	15,434,115
Capital Purchases and Equipment	533,457	1,413,612	720,817	356,920	4,443,577
Subtotal: Other	533,457	1,413,612	720,817	356,920	4,443,577
Total Expenditures	14,380,669	16,107,559	15,827,184	15,663,659	19,877,692
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	11,676,640	12,677,002	12,757,344	13,131,586	13,340,120
Federal Funds	2,285,666	2,857,909	2,669,840	2,523,084	2,515,810
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	423,988	567,023	400,000	8,989	4,021,762
Total Expenditures	14,386,294	16,101,934	15,827,184	15,663,659	19,877,692

Personnel

Department of Health

Health Laboratories and Medical Examiner

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0124 A	1.0	57,823	1.0	59,687
ADMINISTRATOR- OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	0141 A	1.0	118,251	1.0	123,983
ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST	0257 A	2.0	311,463	3.0	664,463
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	136,708	1.0	142,028
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH LABORATORIES)	0143 A	2.0	278,195	2.0	286,127
CHIEF FORENSIC SCIENCES	0139 A	1.0	131,302	1.0	116,458
CHIEF REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0139 A	1.0	87,818	1.0	103,371
CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY)	0327 A	5.0	332,296	5.0	344,363
CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0324 A	2.0	139,573	2.0	139,573
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0320 A	1.0	50,906	1.0	52,162
FORENSIC SCIENTIST	0327 A	8.0	505,144	8.0	556,038
INFORMATION AIDE	0315 A	1.0	47,174	1.0	47,174
INSPECTOR BREATH ANALYSIS	0324 A	1.0	62,797	1.0	62,797
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	1.0	61,567	0.0	0
LABORATORY ASSISTANT	0314 A	3.0	125,303	3.0	132,379
LABORATORY ASSISTANT	0316 A	1.0	44,309	1.0	44,309
MEDICOLEGAL CASE MANAGER (DOH)	0320 A	2.0	99,590	2.0	102,065
PRINCIPAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HLTH CHEM)	0332 A	2.0	186,150	2.0	186,150
PRINCIPAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HLTH MICR)	0332 A	3.0	259,349	3.0	263,579
PRINCIPAL FORENSIC SCIENTIST (TOXICOLOGY)	0332 A	1.0	79,245	1.0	81,986
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0330 A	2.0	152,892	2.0	156,361
PRINCIPAL REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0332 A	1.0	93,128	1.0	93,128
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES)	0335 A	1.0	115,975	1.0	115,975
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES)	0335 A	2.0	189,465	2.0	189,465
REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0327 A	6.0	410,157	6.0	419,599
SCENE INVESTIGATOR	0328 A	7.0	528,656	7.0	534,369
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBLIC HLTH CHEM)	0330 A	2.0	146,219	2.0	152,645
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBLIC HLTH MICR)	0330 A	3.0	233,732	3.0	236,357
SENIOR FORENSIC SCIENTIST	0330 A	6.0	474,063	6.0	481,889

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		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0319 A	1.0	52,717	1.0	52,717
SENIOR REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0330 A	7.0	562,189	8.0	639,206
SENIOR SCENE INVESTIGATOR	0330 A	1.0	78,786	1.0	78,786
SUPERVISING CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PB HLTH CHM)	0334 A	1.0	92,611	1.0	93,804
SUPERVISING CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PB HLTH MIC)	0334 A	5.0	499,902	5.0	506,388
SUPERVISING MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATOR	0332 A	1.0	89,168	1.0	89,168
SUPERVISING REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENT	0334 A	3.0	313,348	3.0	313,348
SUPERVISOR BREATH ANALYSIS PROGRAM	0328 A	1.0	80,393	1.0	80,394
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (DRUG CHEMISTRY)	0334 A	1.0	105,864	1.0	105,864
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (TOXICOLOGY)	0334 A	1.0	88,762	1.0	93,237
SUPERVISOR OF LABORATORY CENTRAL SERVICES	0328 A	2.0	144,739	2.0	101,757
TOXICOLOGIST	0323 A	1.0	53,856	1.0	55,450
Subtotal Classified		95.0	7,621,585	96.0	8,098,599
Unclassified					
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	0965 F	1.0	137,748	1.0	309,934
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	137,748	1.0	309,934
Subtotal		96.0	7,759,333	97.0	8,408,533
Transfer Out			(1,907,224)		(1,893,578)
Transfer In			14,195		0
Overtime			100,639		100,639
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			3,000		3,000
Turnover			(232,726)		(648,119)
Total Salaries			5,737,217		5,970,475

Personnel

Department of Health

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	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		500		0
FICA		427,646		432,510
Health Benefits		956,116		1,096,929
Holiday		10,594		10,594
Payroll Accrual		32,921		34,229
Retiree Health		254,773		232,516
Retirement		1,685,996		1,738,033
Subtotal		3,368,546		3,544,811
Total Salaries and Benefits	96.0	9,105,763	97.0	9,515,286
Cost Per FTE Position		94,852		98,096
Statewide Benefit Assessment		222,645		233,109
Payroll Costs	96.0	9,328,408	97.0	9,748,395
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		128,207		135,000
Management & Consultant Services		125,000		125,000
Medical Services		1,606,945		1,250,831
Other Contracts		19,402		15,000
Subtotal		1,879,554		1,525,831
Total Personnel	96.0	11,207,962	97.0	11,274,226
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	84.0	9,645,861	84.0	9,768,993
Federal Funds	12.0	1,562,101	13.0	1,505,233
Total All Funds	96.0	11,207,962	97.0	11,274,226

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 wholistic 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. The figures below represent the percent of non-fatal overdose results reported within two weeks for specimens received by the Rhode Island State Health Laboratories.

[Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2023 and historical targets and actuals are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Actual	--	0%	2%	--	--

Non-Fatal Overdose Toxicology Submissions

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 wholistic 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. Timely and representative sample submission from non-fatal overdoses is critical to generating real-time data for actionable harm reduction strategies. These samples are mandated through RIDOH's regulations as part of the public health response for the opioid response. The figures below represent the percent of samples that are submitted to the Rhode Island State Health Laboratories for 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.

[Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2024 and historical targets and actuals are not available.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	45%	45%	60%
Actual	--	--	27%	--	--

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:

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, which accepts, reviews, and approves patient applications and renewals, is housed in the CPBL.

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

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	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Associate Director	2,898,672	3,072,141	3,918,511	6,560,848	5,494,126
Facilities Regulations	6,203,698	7,202,006	7,159,348	7,079,855	7,279,351
Health Professionals Regulations	4,393,920	4,091,910	4,631,553	4,743,109	4,966,451
Professional Boards & Commisions	162,775	1,384,306	1,800,236	2,412,442	1,654,112
Vital Records	2,794,160	2,530,969	2,647,428	2,770,831	3,231,548
Total Expenditures	16,453,226	18,281,331	20,157,076	23,567,085	22,625,588
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	11,547,885	12,435,824	12,372,382	13,206,997	13,766,613
Contract Professional Services	1,468,109	1,386,676	1,529,930	1,767,988	1,970,663
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,579,586	2,432,087	3,929,469	2,908,624	3,526,006
Assistance and Grants	824,250	2,005,988	2,261,273	5,679,100	3,358,284
Subtotal: Operating	16,419,830	18,260,575	20,093,054	23,562,709	22,621,566
Capital Purchases and Equipment	33,396	20,756	64,022	4,376	4,022
Subtotal: Other	33,396	20,756	64,022	4,376	4,022
Total Expenditures	16,453,226	18,281,331	20,157,076	23,567,085	22,625,588
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,021,847	8,264,053	8,216,978	8,296,565	8,969,365
Federal Funds	6,200,977	6,674,092	7,514,546	7,588,346	7,882,616
Restricted Receipts	2,230,402	3,343,186	4,425,552	7,682,174	5,773,607
Total Expenditures	16,453,226	18,281,331	20,157,076	23,567,085	22,625,588

Personnel

Department of Health

Customer Services

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0321 A	2.0	112,631	2.0	114,934
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS)	0141 A	1.0	128,404	1.0	128,404
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	3.0	256,524	3.0	259,434
ASSISTANT RECORDS ANALYST	0319 A	2.0	118,165	2.0	118,165
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR COMPUTER OPERATIONS	0127 A	1.0	88,861	1.0	88,861
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	144,283	1.0	150,092
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0B26 A	1.0	82,786	1.0	82,786
CHIEF COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY SECTION (PHARMACY)	0335 A	1.0	94,786	1.0	94,786
CHIEF FIELD INSPECTOR (BOARD OF HAIRDRESSING)	0320 A	1.0	56,369	1.0	56,369
CHIEF HEALTH PROGRAM EVALUATOR	0137 A	5.0	498,143	5.0	501,592
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0132 A	1.0	86,160	1.0	86,160
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	73,703	1.0	73,703
CHIEF OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGULATION	0139 A	1.0	108,659	1.0	113,739
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	91,300	1.0	93,096
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	0327 A	2.0	148,711	2.0	151,958
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	1.0	100,672	1.0	102,309
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER	0326 A	1.0	66,940	1.0	67,602
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICOLOGIST	0135 A	1.0	116,710	1.0	116,710
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0118 A	2.0	86,941	2.0	95,937
GENEALOGICAL CLERK	0314 A	2.0	94,875	2.0	95,738
HEALTH FACILITY SURVEYOR	0323 A	2.0	114,536	2.0	116,124
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	0.0	4,707	0.0	0
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0135 A	1.0	114,936	1.0	114,936
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	1.0	90,560	1.0	94,336
HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT DIRECTOR	0136 A	1.0	100,139	1.0	100,139
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE II	0316 A	6.0	324,057	6.0	292,821
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	227,507	2.0	227,507
LABORATORY ASSISTANT	0314 A	1.0	45,672	1.0	46,061
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S AGENT	0320 A	1.0	31,238	1.0	50,514
MEDICOLEGAL ADMINISTRATOR	0132 A	1.0	90,468	1.0	90,468
NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	0920 A	12.0	1,098,049	12.0	1,115,629
PRINCIPAL HEALTH FACILITY SURVEYOR	0329 A	1.0	69,995	1.0	72,433
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0330 A	2.0	163,351	2.0	163,351

Personnel

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Customer Services

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
PRINCIPAL NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	0926 A	3.0	399,001	3.0	409,762
PROGRAM ANALYST	0322 A	1.0	53,822	1.0	55,279
PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST	0327 A	3.0	212,769	3.0	214,528
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	5.0	389,588	5.0	392,065
RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0330 A	3.0	200,313	3.0	239,107
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (GENERAL)	0330 A	1.0	74,667	1.0	78,462
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	5.0	369,968	5.0	369,968
SENIOR NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	0923 A	6.0	693,224	6.0	711,827
SENIOR RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0332 A	1.0	96,094	1.0	96,094
SENIOR RECONCILIATION CLERK	0316 A	1.0	56,743	1.0	56,743
STATE DIRECTOR OF NURSING REGISTRATION & NURSING EDUC	0137 A	1.0	103,718	1.0	103,718
SUPERVISING RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0334 A	1.0	92,440	1.0	93,803
Subtotal Classified		93.0	7,773,185	93.0	7,898,050
Unclassified					
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0966 F	1.0	207,136	1.0	207,136
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	207,136	1.0	207,136
Subtotal		94.0	7,980,321	94.0	8,105,186
Transfer Out			(381,033)		(354,739)
Transfer In			551,042		514,349
Salaries Adjustment			0		258,086
Overtime			66,210		75,232
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			8,000		8,000
Turnover			(171,731)		(247,767)
Total Salaries			8,052,809		8,358,347
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			3,600		5,250
FICA			608,067		632,491
Health Benefits			1,428,597		1,621,797
Holiday			225		225
Payroll Accrual			46,650		45,863
Retiree Health			361,000		329,284
Retirement			2,390,581		2,445,523
Subtotal			4,838,720		5,080,433

Personnel

Department of Health

Customer Services

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Salaries and Benefits	94.0	12,891,529	94.0	13,438,780
Cost Per FTE Position		137,144		142,966
Statewide Benefit Assessment		315,468		327,833
Payroll Costs	94.0	13,206,997	94.0	13,766,613
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		803,621		765,069
Information Technology		552,671		957,239
Legal Services		1,500		1,500
Medical Services		197,000		52,000
Other Contracts		184,363		193,355
Training and Educational Services		28,833		1,500
Subtotal		1,767,988		1,970,663
Total Personnel	94.0	14,974,985	94.0	15,737,276
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	52.0	7,150,549	52.0	7,514,380
Federal Funds	36.0	6,166,530	36.0	6,226,680
Restricted Receipts	6.0	1,657,906	6.0	1,996,216
Total All Funds	94.0	14,974,985	94.0	15,737,276

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Customer Services

Social Work License Issuance

RI has insufficient behavioral health workforce capacity, which includes a shortage of licensed social workers. To help address this issue, RIDOH has selected, as a key performance measure, the licensing of social workers as quickly as possible to ensure their rapid entry into the workforce. Timely license processing helps ensure that Clinical Social Workers (CSW) and Independent Clinical Social Workers (ICSW) are being licensed in a timely manner. Meeting that timeframe increases patient access to important mental health services. The figures below represent the proportion of CSW and ICSW licenses issued within three business days of receipt of the completed application, including the applicant's supporting educational and post-graduate clinical hours documentation.

[Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2024 and historical targets and actuals are not available.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	100%	100%	100%
Actual	--	--	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 four Centers:

The Center for Health Data and Analysis and Public Health Informatics 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 the analytic capacity to RIDOH Divisions, Centers, and programs, including the provision of data for RIDOH's Center for COVID-19 Epidemiology. Center activities inform and drive public health program and policy decisions.

The Center for Public Health Communication, which includes the Public Health Information Officer, 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 Planning 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 includes the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, which administers the State Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program.

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. Vital Records is accountable for collecting timely quality field-level data that will be analyzed and disseminated to many local, state, and federal agencies.

Statutory History

Authorization for the activities within the Division of Policy, Information, and Communications 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	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Associate Director	497,732	515,455	565,294	559,404	567,243
Center for Health Data Analysis	2,173,774	2,753,992	2,435,384	3,649,301	3,094,421
Health Systems Policy & Regulation	1,655,095	1,200,504	2,302,211	3,891,745	3,245,074
Total Expenditures	4,326,601	4,469,951	5,302,889	8,100,450	6,906,738
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,917,324	2,434,019	2,776,405	2,921,245	2,971,853
Contract Professional Services	453,647	727,968	770,638	1,259,353	1,077,967
Operating Supplies and Expenses	799,498	1,183,298	853,399	1,621,232	1,095,418
Assistance and Grants	1,153,056	119,556	899,947	2,295,520	1,760,000
Subtotal: Operating	4,323,525	4,464,841	5,300,389	8,097,350	6,905,238
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,077	5,109	2,500	3,100	1,500
Subtotal: Other	3,077	5,109	2,500	3,100	1,500
Total Expenditures	4,326,601	4,469,951	5,302,889	8,100,450	6,906,738
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	935,212	1,002,747	982,376	985,307	998,588
Federal Funds	2,884,029	3,086,686	3,438,259	4,577,247	4,095,600
Restricted Receipts	507,360	380,518	882,254	2,537,896	1,812,550
Total Expenditures	4,326,601	4,469,951	5,302,889	8,100,450	6,906,738

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	0335 A	1.0	115,932	1.0	115,932
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING)	0141 A	1.0	145,839	1.0	145,839
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	176,506	1.0	176,506
CHIEF HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	0137 A	1.0	117,072	1.0	117,072
CHIEF OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	2.0	210,639	1.0	105,319
CHIEF OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	0129 A	1.0	71,843	1.0	75,315
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC PLANNING- MONITORING AND EVALUATION	0143 A	1.0	150,200	1.0	156,912
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	4.0	338,755	3.0	268,757
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0319 A	4.0	203,456	4.0	205,683
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	89,133	1.0	93,474
DATA ANALYST II	0138 A	2.0	194,095	2.0	198,572
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	2.0	191,873	2.0	191,872
HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0324 A	1.0	35,273	1.0	57,319
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	226,623	1.0	104,704
MANAGER OF DIGITAL IMAGING AND OTHER SERVICES	0328 A	1.0	79,105	1.0	80,394
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	3.0	226,561	3.0	236,090
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	5.0	490,578	5.0	494,736
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	4.0	348,459	4.0	355,341
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	1.0	91,082	1.0	91,081
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	85,954	1.0	85,954
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	3.0	234,198	3.0	243,680
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	75,932	1.0	75,932
SENIOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0322 A	1.0	58,329	1.0	58,329
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	7.0	511,763	7.0	518,954
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	5.0	451,354	5.0	447,718
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	7.0	550,964	7.0	570,712
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	0323 A	1.0	73,341	1.0	73,341
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	0312 A	1.0	44,088	1.0	44,088
SUPERVISING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SPECIALIST	0332 A	1.0	79,746	1.0	83,450
SYSTEMS ANALYST	0324 A	1.0	57,699	1.0	59,505
WEB DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	0135 A	1.6	160,845	1.6	160,845
Subtotal Classified		68.6	5,887,237	65.6	5,693,426

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified				
Subtotal	68.6	5,887,237	65.6	5,693,426
Transfer Out		(4,165,062)		(3,909,877)
Transfer In		15,393		16,078
Salaries Adjustment		183,571		0
Overtime		1,897		1,872
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		25,025		25,025
Turnover		(112,062)		(42,524)
Total Salaries		1,835,999		1,784,000
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		12,800		12,300
FICA		126,263		136,044
Health Benefits		314,761		374,936
Holiday		470		470
Payroll Accrual		9,486		10,195
Retiree Health		73,475		69,328
Retirement		483,784		515,073
Subtotal		1,021,039		1,118,346
Total Salaries and Benefits	68.6	2,857,038	65.6	2,902,346
Cost Per FTE Position		41,648		44,243
Statewide Benefit Assessment		64,207		69,507
Payroll Costs	68.6	2,921,245	65.6	2,971,853
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		215,316		195,585
Information Technology		52,400		33,400
Legal Services		85,000		85,000
Management & Consultant Services		707,139		564,484
Other Contracts		340		340
Training and Educational Services		199,158		199,158
Subtotal		1,259,353		1,077,967
Total Personnel	68.6	4,180,598	65.6	4,049,820

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	28.0	923,648	26.0	919,855
Federal Funds	28.0	1,896,318	28.0	1,897,067
Restricted Receipts	12.6	1,360,632	11.6	1,232,898
Total All Funds	68.6	4,180,598	65.6	4,049,820

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 the utilization of emergency medical services ensure that fewer overdoses result in a fatality. Through adequate promotion of prevention strategies, our goal is to reduce the number of accidental fatal drug overdoses that occur in Rhode Island. The figures below represent the number of individuals who died from an accidental fatal drug overdose as reported by the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

[Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2024 and historical targets are not available. RIDOH has confirmed cases for January-June 2023. Cases for the second half of CY 2023 are still under review. As a result, the number of cases for CY 2023 is still pending, and RIDOH anticipates that, once all cases are closed, the number will likely increase to over 400.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	417	401	384
Actual	435	434	296	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and 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 and controlling person-to-person spread of infectious diseases.

Description

The Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services includes:

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 diseases 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 Preparedness and Response (CEPR) 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.

Statutory History

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

Budget

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services

Expenditures by Sub Program	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Acute Infectious Diseases	7,221,608	6,761,835	7,262,248	10,842,085	6,158,263
Emergency Medical Services	1,364,960	1,333,514	1,632,273	1,446,241	1,531,223
Emergency Preparedness and Response	7,339,414	7,965,050	8,699,186	8,263,349	8,361,232
HIV, Hep, STDs and TB	3,118,337	2,815,346	4,415,624	3,618,665	3,622,183
Total Expenditures	19,044,319	18,875,745	22,009,331	24,170,340	19,672,901
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	9,255,135	10,262,748	10,769,569	10,837,213	10,982,440
Contract Professional Services	1,000,601	1,193,229	1,616,402	1,334,446	1,305,172
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,728,004	4,774,729	6,336,144	6,008,827	4,847,075
Assistance and Grants	3,526,310	1,867,960	2,880,131	2,565,669	2,398,929
Subtotal: Operating	18,510,049	18,098,666	21,602,246	20,746,155	19,533,616
Capital Purchases and Equipment	534,270	777,079	407,085	3,424,185	139,285
Subtotal: Other	534,270	777,079	407,085	3,424,185	139,285
Total Expenditures	19,044,319	18,875,745	22,009,331	24,170,340	19,672,901
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,975,883	2,200,146	2,232,149	2,147,165	2,169,568
Federal Funds	17,068,437	16,675,599	19,777,182	22,023,175	17,503,333
Total Expenditures	19,044,319	18,875,745	22,009,331	24,170,340	19,672,901

Personnel

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0319 A	1.0	49,088	1.0	50,213
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING)	0141 A	1.0	111,975	1.0	117,695
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	4.0	287,292	4.0	319,445
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	168,942	1.0	168,942
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	68,846	1.0	71,973
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	1.0	108,890	2.0	205,403
CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY)	0327 A	1.0	40,484	1.0	65,835
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	2.0	243,553	2.0	247,227
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0319 A	2.0	105,434	2.0	105,434
CONSULTANT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	0926 A	6.0	805,178	6.0	817,155
DATA CONTROL CLERK	0315 A	2.0	77,099	2.0	85,649
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST I	0324 A	7.0	413,192	7.0	427,160
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST II	0327 A	3.0	207,365	3.0	214,480
FIELD TECHNICIAN (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)	0323 A	2.0	115,994	2.0	117,640
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	4.0	348,585	4.0	360,103
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0135 A	1.0	113,630	1.0	113,630
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	1.0	104,012	1.0	89,585
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	5.0	565,763	5.0	565,763
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- DISEASE CONTROL	0252 A	1.0	184,187	1.0	192,434
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- FAMILY HEALTH	0252 A	1.0	194,491	1.0	200,290
PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0324 A	1.0	80,978	1.0	80,978
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	2.0	188,288	2.0	188,288
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	85,540	1.0	85,540
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	8.0	615,328	8.0	645,029
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	2.0	158,075	2.0	158,075
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	1.0	66,304	1.0	68,584
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	4.0	350,858	4.0	356,986
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	3.0	235,975	3.0	241,171
TRAINING COORDINATOR (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)	0331 A	1.0	81,861	1.0	81,861
Subtotal Classified		70.0	6,177,207	71.0	6,442,568
Subtotal		70.0	6,177,207	71.0	6,442,568
Transfer Out			(1,215,225)		(1,094,214)

Personnel

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services

	FY 2024		FY 2025	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Transfer In		1,702,228		1,417,710
Overtime		21,815		21,815
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		129,962		126,035
Turnover		(33,000)		(42,997)
Total Salaries		6,782,987		6,870,917
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		4,000		4,000
FICA		515,005		520,810
Health Benefits		955,576		1,045,403
Payroll Accrual		38,601		38,815
Retiree Health		299,366		264,466
Retirement		1,980,811		1,973,753
Subtotal		3,793,359		3,847,247
Total Salaries and Benefits	70.0	10,576,346	71.0	10,718,164
Cost Per FTE Position		151,091		150,960
Statewide Benefit Assessment		260,867		264,276
Payroll Costs	70.0	10,837,213	71.0	10,982,440
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		314,833		394,560
Design and Engineering Services		100,000		0
Information Technology		107,000		107,000
Medical Services		156,033		147,033
Other Contracts		152,700		152,700
Training and Educational Services		503,880		503,879
Subtotal		1,334,446		1,305,172
Total Personnel	70.0	12,171,659	71.0	12,287,612
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	12.0	1,599,472	12.0	1,621,689
Federal Funds	58.0	10,572,187	59.0	10,665,923
Total All Funds	70.0	12,171,659	71.0	12,287,612

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and 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: Calendar year 2023 data are preliminary and may change as new case investigations are completed.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	45	40	36	32	60
Actual	69	66	68	--	--

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 2023 data is preliminary and may change as cases are completed.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	95%	90%	87%	--	--

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 connects Rhode Islanders with the services and supports needed to prevent, detect, and treat COVID-19; encourages all Rhode Islanders to stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations; monitors and responds to the spread of COVID-19 in Rhode Island communities; advises Rhode Islanders and special populations on the best mitigation practices based on current community levels; and maintains covid.ri.gov with the latest guidance and resources.

Statutory History

N/A

Budget

Department of Health

COVID-19

Expenditures by Sub Program	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Communications	3,437,887	1,198,931	135,580	531,531	107,189
Community Mitigation & Prevention	37,976,140	3,560,106	6,369,683	5,357,742	4,330,365
Contact Tracing/Case Investigation	48,699,493	17,876,747	1,213,724	6,735,627	3,710,518
Data Analytics, Tech & Modeling	24,861,638	23,900,191	4,228,531	8,233,659	6,284,077
Other Support Services	17,411,993	15,666,041	74,107,970	77,931,139	37,808,170
Supplies	3,872,267	2,497,383	7,064,083	9,596,240	4,620,490
Testing	151,931,075	8,848,536	371,965	2,135,207	860,610
Total Expenditures	288,190,493	73,547,934	93,491,536	110,521,145	57,721,419
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	6,259,319	4,600,829	4,886,317	5,000,601	4,519,762
Contract Professional Services	184,357,731	43,878,078	14,256,751	21,812,089	10,431,757
Operating Supplies and Expenses	83,048,871	12,334,889	41,582,699	45,920,696	8,691,838
Assistance and Grants	14,424,150	7,808,797	2,765,769	4,684,637	984,940
Subtotal: Operating	288,090,070	68,622,593	63,491,536	77,418,023	24,628,297
Capital Purchases and Equipment	100,423	4,797,115	30,000,000	33,103,122	33,093,122
Aid to Local Units of Government	(0)	128,226	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	100,423	4,925,341	30,000,000	33,103,122	33,093,122
Total Expenditures	288,190,493	73,547,934	93,491,536	110,521,145	57,721,419
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	215,951,472	296,522	0	0	0
Federal Funds	72,239,022	73,251,413	93,491,536	110,521,145	57,721,419
Total Expenditures	288,190,493	73,547,934	93,491,536	110,521,145	57,721,419

Personnel

Department of Health

COVID-19

		FY 2024		FY 2025	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY)	0327 A	1.0	40,484	1.0	65,834
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	1.0	54,332	1.0	88,509
Subtotal Classified		2.0	94,816	2.0	154,343
Subtotal		2.0	94,816	2.0	154,343
Transfer In			2,806,348		2,559,199
Salaries Adjustment			1,952		0
Overtime			351,810		114,974
Total Salaries			3,254,926		2,828,516
Benefits					
FICA			219,816		207,588
Health Benefits			395,160		455,950
Payroll Accrual			16,945		15,733
Retiree Health			131,133		106,914
Retirement			868,025		797,875
Subtotal			1,631,079		1,584,060
Total Salaries and Benefits		2.0	4,886,005	2.0	4,412,576
Cost Per FTE Position			2,443,003		2,206,288
Statewide Benefit Assessment			114,596		107,186
Payroll Costs		2.0	5,000,601	2.0	4,519,762
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			9,556,653		5,442,787
Information Technology			2,528,893		1,508,606
Management & Consultant Services			1,476,474		487,384
Medical Services			1,004,053		400,000
Other Contracts			1,961,960		1,042,980
Training and Educational Services			4,437,960		875,000
University and College Services			846,096		675,000
Subtotal			21,812,089		10,431,757
Total Personnel		2.0	26,812,690	2.0	14,951,519
Distribution by Source of Funds					
Federal Funds		2.0	26,812,690	2.0	14,951,519
Total All Funds		2.0	26,812,690	2.0	14,951,519

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.

[Note: CY 2023 data is preliminary and will likely increase as more reports are received throughout January]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	593	563	535
Actual	611	624	239	--	--
