

**VOLUME IV: PUBLIC SAFETY,  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND  
TRANSPORTATION**

**JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT**

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## Agency Summary

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### Judiciary

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#### Agency Mission

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

#### Agency Description

Rhode Island has a unified court system composed of six statewide courts. The Supreme Court is the court of last resort, the Superior Court is the court of general jurisdiction, and the Family, District, Traffic Tribunal, and Workers' Compensation Courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. The entire system in Rhode Island is state-funded with the exception of probate courts, which are the responsibility of cities and towns, and the municipal courts, which are local courts of limited jurisdiction.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the executive head of the Rhode Island Judiciary and has authority over the judicial budget. The Chief Justice appoints the State Court Administrator and an administrative staff to handle budgetary and general administrative functions. Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the State Court Administrator has control of judicial appropriations for all state courts, except those as provided otherwise by law. Each court has responsibility over its own operations and has a chief judge who appoints an administrator to handle internal court management.

#### Statutory History

The Judiciary is one of the three branches of government defined in the Rhode Island Constitution. The powers and jurisdictions of the six courts are identified in R.I. General Laws § 8-1 - Supreme Court; § 8-2 - Superior Court; § 8-10 - Family Court; § 8-8 - District Court; § 28-30 - Workers' Compensation Court; and § 8-8.2 - Traffic Tribunal. The budgetary and finance controls of the Judiciary are identified as follows:

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

# Budget

## Judiciary

	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Supreme Court	46,577,987	48,041,646	50,708,346	55,178,299	52,683,551
Superior Court	25,663,572	26,817,016	28,660,998	29,847,148	30,541,228
Family Court	27,667,693	30,338,263	30,619,338	33,747,704	34,560,500
District Court	15,813,108	16,619,184	17,060,279	18,032,104	18,454,727
Traffic Tribunal	9,827,290	10,794,825	10,812,491	11,430,603	11,704,985
Worker's Compensation Court	9,002,185	9,333,974	9,931,788	10,425,994	11,090,756
Judicial Tenure & Discipline	153,552	147,606	174,997	182,227	188,686
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>134,705,385</b>	<b>142,092,514</b>	<b>147,968,237</b>	<b>158,844,079</b>	<b>159,224,433</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	100,885,111	105,748,973	110,828,068	119,748,530	125,973,201
Contract Professional Services	2,113,593	2,256,562	2,408,179	2,421,904	2,418,879
Operating Supplies and Expenses	14,206,374	16,096,232	16,473,572	16,325,783	11,675,896
Assistance and Grants	11,110,121	11,818,960	12,023,357	13,662,769	13,619,396
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>128,315,199</b>	<b>135,920,727</b>	<b>141,733,176</b>	<b>152,158,986</b>	<b>153,687,372</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	6,390,186	6,171,787	6,235,061	6,685,093	5,537,061
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>6,390,186</b>	<b>6,171,787</b>	<b>6,235,061</b>	<b>6,685,093</b>	<b>5,537,061</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>134,705,385</b>	<b>142,092,514</b>	<b>147,968,237</b>	<b>158,844,079</b>	<b>159,224,433</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	113,993,543	118,821,242	124,336,261	132,962,235	133,516,539
Federal Funds	3,528,236	5,014,517	4,417,956	6,071,460	6,294,895
Restricted Receipts	12,323,496	12,628,668	14,839,020	15,037,352	15,787,999
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	4,860,110	5,628,087	4,375,000	4,773,032	3,625,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>134,705,385</b>	<b>142,092,514</b>	<b>147,968,237</b>	<b>158,844,079</b>	<b>159,224,433</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>739.3</b>	<b>743.3</b>	<b>745.3</b>	<b>745.3</b>	<b>749.3</b>

# Personnel Agency Summary

## Judiciary

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	745.3	75,912,392	749.3	81,118,358
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>745.3</b>	<b>75,912,392</b>	<b>749.3</b>	<b>81,118,358</b>
Salaries Adjustment		61,492		0
Overtime		1,516,721		522,294
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		503,782		503,782
Turnover		(1,729,201)		(1,976,468)
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>76,265,186</b>		<b>80,167,966</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		305,159		99,600
FICA		5,415,589		5,741,181
Health Benefits		11,281,117		12,016,767
Payroll Accrual		423,837		450,950
Retiree Health		2,371,029		2,094,594
Retirement		21,533,811		23,105,582
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>41,330,542</b>		<b>43,508,674</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>745.3</b>	<b>117,595,728</b>	<b>749.3</b>	<b>123,676,640</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>157,783</b>		<b>165,056</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		2,152,802		2,296,561
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>745.3</b>	<b>119,748,530</b>	<b>749.3</b>	<b>125,973,201</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		20,800		21,000
Design and Engineering Services		95,500		95,500
Information Technology		681,778		681,778
Legal Services		413,000		413,000
Management & Consultant Services		75,000		75,000
Medical Services		20,433		17,208
Other Contracts		1,031,000		1,031,000
Training and Educational Services		84,393		84,393
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,421,904</b>		<b>2,418,879</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>745.3</b>	<b>122,170,434</b>	<b>749.3</b>	<b>128,392,080</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	661.0	108,322,142	664.0	113,525,663
Federal Funds	29.7	3,569,845	29.7	3,836,528
Restricted Receipts	54.6	10,278,447	55.6	11,029,889
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>745.3</b>	<b>122,170,434</b>	<b>749.3</b>	<b>128,392,080</b>

## **Program Summary**

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### **Judiciary**

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#### **Supreme Court**

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##### **Mission**

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

##### **Description**

The Supreme Court Program includes the budget for the Court as well as the Administrative Office of State Courts, and the State Law Library. The Court portion of the budget covers the justices, their secretarial and legal staff, the law clerk department, and the Supreme Court Clerk's Office. Through this portion of the budget the Supreme Court fulfills its role as the court of last resort. The Court also renders advisory opinions to the legislative and executive branches of government; issues writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, certiorari and certain other prerogative writs; and regulates the admission, registration and discipline of members of the Rhode Island Bar.

Administrative services include all budgetary, personnel and purchasing functions; technology services; facilities and operations, which includes the maintenance of courthouse and judicial buildings as well as security; programming for judicial education; the collection of court-ordered restitution, fines, fees and costs; judicial records center; and research and statistical analysis. The State Law Library is the only complete, public legal reference service in Rhode Island, and it operates under the Supreme Court. The Library has over 110,000 volumes and provides access to computer aided legal research. Other major activities of the Supreme Court include domestic violence training and monitoring, mandatory continuing legal education, appellate screening, alternative dispute resolution, disciplinary counsel, community outreach and public relations, and the interpreter program.

##### **Statutory History**

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

# Budget

## Judiciary

### Supreme Court

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2025 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2025 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2026 Recommended</b>
Defense of Indigents	5,618,276	6,243,401	6,075,432	7,875,432	7,875,432
Supreme Court Operations	40,959,711	41,798,244	44,632,914	47,302,867	44,808,119
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>46,577,987</b>	<b>48,041,646</b>	<b>50,708,346</b>	<b>55,178,299</b>	<b>52,683,551</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	23,706,608	24,425,532	25,721,140	28,105,695	29,848,590
Contract Professional Services	922,955	943,069	936,861	992,361	992,561
Operating Supplies and Expenses	9,746,133	9,914,782	11,162,105	10,941,971	7,852,160
Assistance and Grants	6,355,741	6,966,264	7,077,332	8,877,332	8,877,332
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>40,731,437</b>	<b>42,249,648</b>	<b>44,897,438</b>	<b>48,917,359</b>	<b>47,570,643</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	5,846,549	5,791,998	5,810,908	6,260,940	5,112,908
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>5,846,549</b>	<b>5,791,998</b>	<b>5,810,908</b>	<b>6,260,940</b>	<b>5,112,908</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>46,577,987</b>	<b>48,041,646</b>	<b>50,708,346</b>	<b>55,178,299</b>	<b>52,683,551</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	38,180,937	39,661,730	42,027,690	45,984,225	44,540,913
Federal Funds	452,779	(230,493)	123,424	194,684	205,395
Restricted Receipts	3,084,160	2,982,322	4,182,232	4,226,358	4,312,243
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	4,860,110	5,628,087	4,375,000	4,773,032	3,625,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>46,577,987</b>	<b>48,041,646</b>	<b>50,708,346</b>	<b>55,178,299</b>	<b>52,683,551</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Supreme Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	8823 A	2.0	139,883	2.0	150,334
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	4418 A	1.0	60,897	1.0	65,327
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8835 A	6.0	658,589	6.0	706,779
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	8822 A	1.0	62,160	1.0	67,305
ASSISTANT BUILDING & GROUNDS OFFICER	0323 A	5.0	355,384	5.0	381,066
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	8839 A	1.0	129,546	1.0	137,970
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	8831 A	1.0	111,563	1.0	118,825
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PR	8842 A	1.0	148,324	1.0	160,206
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	8846 A	1.0	157,147	1.0	169,618
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FACILITIES, OPS & SECUR	8846 A	1.0	207,886	1.0	223,232
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCE & BUDGET	8848 A	1.0	213,106	1.0	230,451
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, JUDICIAL TECHNOLOGY	8846 A	1.0	182,926	1.0	196,917
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	4423 A	1.0	71,909	1.0	76,482
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	8827 A	2.0	154,171	2.0	167,047
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8808JA	4.0	1,000,231	4.0	1,055,844
BAR ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	1.0	98,602	1.0	104,963
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8823 A	8.0	540,231	8.0	561,849
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8827 A	1.0	89,414	1.0	95,342
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	8844 A	1.0	190,396	1.0	203,343
CHIEF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT)	8809JA	1.0	291,973	1.0	308,206
CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	8835 A	2.0	241,216	2.0	258,079
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK (JUD)	8838 A	1.0	119,833	1.0	129,895
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	8831 A	1.0	99,694	1.0	106,184
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	8818 A	1.0	62,821	1.0	67,729
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	4427 A	2.0	166,634	2.0	177,684
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	8827 A	5.0	430,809	5.0	459,378
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	8827 A	1.0	81,285	1.0	86,675
COURT INTERPRETER II (JUDICIAL)	4427 A	1.0	80,228	1.0	87,813
COURT INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	4424 A	0.0	0	1.0	66,335
COURT INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	4425 A	7.0	477,018	7.0	513,909
DATA ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	2.0	165,323	2.0	178,220
DEP DIR EMPLOYEE RELATIONS (JUD)	8842 A	1.0	166,300	1.0	179,370
DEP DIR,FAC,OPER & SEC (JUD)	8842 A	1.0	161,133	1.0	173,609
DEP DIR, FINANCE & BUDGET (JUD)	8842 A	2.0	296,333	2.0	321,227

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### Supreme Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
DEP DIR SECURITY & SAFETY (JUD)	8843 A	1.0	153,522	1.0	163,524
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, STATE COURTS	8849 A	1.0	208,427	1.0	222,036
DEPUTY DIRECTOR JTECH (JUD)	8841 A	1.0	122,740	1.0	127,672
DEPUTY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	8837 A	1.0	117,556	1.0	125,167
DIRECTOR, ACCESS TO JUSTICE (JUD)	8839 A	1.0	123,258	1.0	134,116
DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION/ EDUCATION PROGRAMS	8835 A	1.0	109,847	1.0	116,922
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	8840 A	2.0	301,299	2.0	322,389
DIVERSITY COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	8834 A	1.0	100,577	1.0	112,396
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER III (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	1.0	119,293	1.0	126,941
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER II (JUDICIAL)	8833 A	2.0	203,758	2.0	227,700
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	8836 A	3.0	361,112	3.0	384,235
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS OFFICER	0321 A	3.0	188,709	3.0	203,371
FUNCTIONAL COURT SPEC (JUD)	4426 A	1.0	70,004	1.0	75,402
GENERAL COUNSEL	8846 A	1.0	189,373	1.0	203,739
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	8823 A	17.0	1,156,998	17.0	1,204,962
LAW LIBRARIAN (JUDICIAL)	8839 A	1.0	156,032	1.0	166,141
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	0318 A	3.0	155,541	3.0	165,843
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	8824 A	0.8	71,507	0.8	75,978
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST	8835 A	1.0	115,340	1.0	122,768
NETWORK SPECIALIST (JUD)	8833 A	1.0	95,358	1.0	104,017
OFFICE MANAGER	4425 A	1.6	147,321	1.6	158,528
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	8819 A	2.0	112,070	2.0	120,452
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN II (JUD)	4424 A	1.0	64,855	1.0	69,668
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	8822 A	1.0	66,165	1.0	70,945
OPINION ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	8831 A	1.0	90,802	1.0	98,735
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8826 A	2.0	157,128	2.0	168,798
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	4426 A	1.0	85,330	1.0	91,155
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	1.0	81,452	1.0	87,011
PRINCIPAL COURT FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	4436 A	1.0	119,293	1.0	126,941
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK (SYSTEMS)	8827 A	3.0	246,027	3.0	264,891
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST	4428 A	1.0	93,036	1.0	99,199
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	8830 A	2.0	182,590	2.0	194,566
PROJECT COORDINATOR	4427 A	7.0	549,096	7.0	592,486



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### Supreme Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	3.0	285,730	3.0	305,361
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	4430 A	6.0	579,577	6.0	621,026
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	4419 A	3.0	178,799	3.0	192,107
RECORDS CUSTODIAN-DOCUMENTS DIST.(STATE LIBRARY)	4419 A	2.0	123,814	2.0	132,779
SECOND ASSISTANT LAW LIBRARIAN	4418 A	0.6	60,920	0.6	64,955
SENIOR DEVELOPER (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	1.0	113,613	1.0	120,896
SENIOR LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8825 A	1.0	72,656	1.0	77,519
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	4424 A	1.0	64,855	1.0	69,668
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST	8826 A	1.0	70,004	1.0	75,402
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK	4419 A	1.0	74,467	1.0	79,483
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	8838 A	1.0	117,309	1.0	128,024
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4433 A	3.0	302,168	3.0	324,172
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	8829 A	1.0	96,645	1.0	102,968
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	5.0	452,474	6.0	565,278
SR CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUD)	8827 A	1.0	81,285	1.0	86,675
STAFF ATTORNEY	8829 A	0.4	77,073	0.4	80,170
STAFF ATTORNEY II	8830 A	4.0	410,829	4.0	437,773
STAFF ATTORNEY III	8832 A	1.0	98,602	1.0	104,963
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	8834 A	2.0	212,142	2.0	225,874
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR	8851 A	1.0	201,807	1.0	215,955
SUPERVISOR OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES	4429 A	1.0	90,483	1.0	98,899
SUPREME COURT CLERK	8844 A	1.0	149,595	1.0	161,770
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>177.4</b>	<b>17,443,228</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>18,787,624</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>177.4</b>	<b>17,443,228</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>18,787,624</b>
Overtime			714,448		453,065
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			46,600		46,600
Turnover			(497,475)		(490,122)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>17,706,801</b>		<b>18,797,167</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Supreme Court

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		21,684		0
FICA		1,271,179		1,355,872
Health Benefits		2,644,552		2,804,760
Payroll Accrual		98,405		105,908
Retiree Health		622,638		556,216
Retirement		5,248,925		5,697,970
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9,907,383</b>		<b>10,520,726</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>177.4</b>	<b>27,614,184</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>29,317,893</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>155,661</b>		<b>163,422</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		491,511		530,697
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>177.4</b>	<b>28,105,695</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>29,848,590</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		12,800		13,000
Design and Engineering Services		42,000		42,000
Information Technology		614,668		614,668
Legal Services		38,000		38,000
Medical Services		4,000		4,000
Other Contracts		221,500		221,500
Training and Educational Services		59,393		59,393
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>992,361</b>		<b>992,561</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>177.4</b>	<b>29,098,056</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>30,841,151</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	170.4	27,802,161	172.4	29,448,660
Federal Funds	1.0	194,640	1.0	205,351
Restricted Receipts	6.0	1,101,255	6.0	1,187,140
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>177.4</b>	<b>29,098,056</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>30,841,151</b>

## Performance Measures

### Judiciary

#### Supreme Court

##### Disposition Rate of Appeal Cases

During a specified time period, if the Supreme Court is able to dispose more cases than those docketed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of appeal cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	105%	102%	96%	--	--

##### Timeliness of Appellate Cases Disposed

The figures below represent the percent of Supreme Court cases disposed within 24 months of filing. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
<b>Actual</b>	82%	92%	90%	--	--

##### Age of Active Pending Appellate Cases

The figures below represent the percent of pending Supreme Court cases that have been pending for less than 24 months of filing. Measuring the time cases are pending is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
<b>Actual</b>	90%	91%	89%	--	--

## **Program Summary**

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### **Judiciary**

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#### **Superior Court**

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##### **Mission**

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

##### **Description**

The program budget for Superior Court includes the operation of the Court itself, administrative services, and the operation of the clerks' offices. Superior Court has four locations: Providence/Bristol, Kent, Washington, and Newport Counties. It has jurisdiction over all felony cases and misdemeanor cases which have been appealed or waived from the District Court. The Court also hears all civil cases where the amount at issue exceeds \$10,000, equity cases wherein injunctive relief is sought, civil cases that are appealed from the District Court, and all probate and zoning appeals.

The Superior Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the District Court in all other actions at law in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000 yet does not exceed \$10,000. The administrative office of the Court handles all case scheduling, supervises the court secretaries and stenographers, and provides other administrative services. Each Court location has a clerk's office which is responsible for maintaining the records of the court. This includes creating files for each case, filing all papers that are received, updating the record in each case to reflect court proceedings and the papers that have been filed, and maintaining and marking all exhibits of evidence.

Other major programs include jury selection, court-annexed arbitration, court ordered restitution, and administration of jurors' fees and expenses. In FY 1995, a Gun Court was established to adjudicate offenses where guns are involved, and the planning process began for the Adult Drug Court. In FY 2002, the Adult Drug Court was established preceded by the FY 2001 establishment of the Business Calendar.

##### **Statutory History**

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

# Budget

## Judiciary

### Superior Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
Jury Operations	1,698,106	1,917,471	1,979,300	2,118,466	2,179,873
Superior Court Operations	23,965,465	24,899,545	26,681,698	27,728,682	28,361,355
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>25,663,572</b>	<b>26,817,016</b>	<b>28,660,998</b>	<b>29,847,148</b>	<b>30,541,228</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	22,277,073	23,593,871	25,145,692	26,397,212	27,927,773
Contract Professional Services	294,454	319,042	507,000	422,000	422,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,511,087	1,519,817	1,572,867	1,765,458	928,977
Assistance and Grants	1,337,553	1,273,137	1,302,852	1,129,891	1,129,891
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>25,420,166</b>	<b>26,705,866</b>	<b>28,528,411</b>	<b>29,714,561</b>	<b>30,408,641</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	243,405	111,149	132,587	132,587	132,587
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>243,405</b>	<b>111,149</b>	<b>132,587</b>	<b>132,587</b>	<b>132,587</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>25,663,572</b>	<b>26,817,016</b>	<b>28,660,998</b>	<b>29,847,148</b>	<b>30,541,228</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	25,386,740	26,504,551	27,995,998	29,522,148	30,216,228
Federal Funds	39,681	92	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	237,150	312,372	665,000	325,000	325,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>25,663,572</b>	<b>26,817,016</b>	<b>28,660,998</b>	<b>29,847,148</b>	<b>30,541,228</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Superior Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8829 A	1.0	101,038	1.0	107,648
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8846 A	1.0	199,251	1.0	214,271
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8834 A	1.0	106,071	1.0	112,937
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8835 A	1.0	115,340	1.0	122,768
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	4423 A	3.0	212,828	3.0	229,075
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4425 A	2.0	151,393	2.0	163,270
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	8825 A	1.0	74,537	1.0	79,800
ADMINISTRATOR- ARBITRATION PROGRAM	8839 A	1.0	129,546	1.0	137,970
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8843 A	1.0	161,199	1.0	171,700
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	8822 A	1.0	72,781	1.0	78,039
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	8834 A	1.0	106,071	1.0	112,937
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	4418 A	1.0	51,042	1.0	53,093
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	4419 A	3.0	177,777	3.0	189,932
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	8827 A	3.0	242,178	3.0	258,264
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	8827 A	1.0	80,726	1.0	86,088
ASSOCIATE JURY COMMISSIONER	8833 A	1.0	107,396	1.0	114,400
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	21.0	4,779,945	21.0	5,008,718
CLERK (KENT COUNTY)	8835 A	1.0	109,847	1.0	116,922
CLERK (NEWPORT COUNTY)	8834 A	1.0	111,375	1.0	118,584
CLERK (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)	8839 A	1.0	142,501	1.0	151,767
CLERK (WASHINGTON COUNTY)	8834 A	1.0	106,071	1.0	112,937
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	8831 A	1.0	111,563	1.0	118,825
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	4427 A	1.0	71,365	1.0	74,233
COURT REPORTER	0127 A	21.0	1,775,253	21.0	1,890,582
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	4418 A	1.0	51,042	1.0	53,093
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	4419 A	2.0	110,694	2.0	118,502
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	4421 A	1.0	66,932	1.0	72,232
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	8834 A	1.0	116,679	1.0	124,231
DEPUTY CLERK I	4425 A	30.0	2,330,337	30.0	2,497,664
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4420 A	0.4	53,954	0.4	56,122
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4421 A	8.6	557,371	8.6	599,408
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4425 A	1.0	70,534	1.0	75,632
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	0120 A	9.0	524,631	9.0	564,924
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	8824 A	1.0	71,507	1.0	75,978
GENERAL CHIEF CLERK	8838 A	1.0	149,364	1.0	160,016
GENERAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	211,489	1.0	223,249

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### Superior Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	4418 A	7.0	360,514	7.0	380,403
JURY COMMISSIONER	8837 A	1.0	117,556	1.0	125,167
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	3.0	597,629	3.0	627,960
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	8824 A	1.0	61,449	1.0	63,918
MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST	8824 A	1.0	71,507	1.0	75,978
OFFICE COORDINATOR/CLERK (JUD)	4428 A	1.0	99,252	1.0	105,835
OFFICE COORDINATOR/CLERK (JUD)	8828 A	1.0	99,914	1.0	106,497
POLICY ASSOCIATE	8833 A	1.0	120,181	1.0	128,019
PRESIDING JUSTICE (SUPERIOR COURT)	8807JA	1.0	262,868	1.0	277,486
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4426 A	1.0	75,767	1.0	81,838
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	1.0	77,573	1.0	82,868
PRINCIPAL PROJECTS MANAGER	8831 A	2.0	193,127	2.0	206,185
PRODUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	4421 A	1.0	62,380	1.0	65,535
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	4420 A	1.0	57,931	1.0	62,436
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	8819 A	1.0	52,415	1.0	54,521
PROJECT COORDINATOR	4427 A	2.0	185,670	2.0	198,002
PROJECT COORDINATOR	8827 A	1.0	80,726	1.0	86,088
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	2.0	190,603	2.0	205,441
SECR. TO DEPUTY GENERAL TREASURER	0120 A	1.0	61,245	1.0	66,712
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	4422 A	1.0	66,165	1.0	70,945
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4427 A	1.0	88,122	1.0	93,752
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	8822 A	0.7	57,377	0.7	59,683
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	2.0	195,487	2.0	208,275
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	222,393	1.0	231,289
SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR	8827 A	1.0	85,349	1.0	91,009
SR CT FUNC SUPT SPEC (JUD)	8832 A	1.0	98,602	1.0	104,963
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>165.7</b>	<b>17,253,430</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>18,306,616</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>165.7</b>	<b>17,253,430</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>18,306,616</b>
Overtime			238,922		35,367
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			96,880		96,880
Turnover			(595,204)		(503,136)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>16,994,028</b>		<b>17,935,727</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Superior Court

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		43,903		19,200
FICA		1,187,398		1,264,873
Health Benefits		2,647,437		2,849,025
Payroll Accrual		93,515		99,753
Retiree Health		453,902		403,997
Retirement		4,493,438		4,838,404
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8,919,593</b>		<b>9,475,252</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>25,913,621</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>27,410,979</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>156,389</b>		<b>165,425</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		483,591		516,794
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>26,397,212</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>27,927,773</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,000		7,000
Design and Engineering Services		18,000		18,000
Legal Services		325,000		325,000
Medical Services		12,000		12,000
Other Contracts		60,000		60,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>422,000</b>		<b>422,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>26,819,212</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>28,349,773</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	165.7	26,494,212	165.7	28,024,773
Restricted Receipts	0.0	325,000	0.0	325,000
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>26,819,212</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>28,349,773</b>



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## Performance Measures

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### Judiciary

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#### Superior Court

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##### Disposition Rate of Criminal Cases (SC)

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During a specified time period, if the Superior Court is able to dispose more criminal cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of criminal cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts.[Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	91%	104%	96%	--	--

## **Program Summary**

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### **Judiciary**

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### **Family Court**

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#### **Mission**

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

#### **Description**

The program budget for Family Court includes the operation of the Court itself, the administrative office of the Court, the clerks' offices, and the operation of several ancillary programs, including juvenile intake services, the Family Services Unit, the Collections Unit and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Unit. The Family Court handles all criminal cases involving juveniles; juvenile status offenses, such as truancy and disobedience; all cases where parents have been charged with neglect, abandonment or abuse of their children; and other miscellaneous cases involving children, such as child marriages and paternity issues. The Court also hears all divorces and issues stemming from a divorce, such as orders for child support and temporary allowances. The Court has offices in Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties.

There are clerks' offices in each of these locations, and the office staff is responsible for preparing all court calendars and maintaining records of the Court. All papers are filed with the clerk's office, and this office sets up a file for each case and maintains an up-to-date record of court proceedings and the papers that have been filed. Because of the special nature of the Family Court, it provides a variety of services to families. For example, the Family Services Unit provides alcohol and drug screens and supervises visitation, in addition to providing investigative services to the court. The Child Support Collections Unit handles the collection and disbursement of child support payments. Specialty courts include the Juvenile Drug Court, the Family Treatment Drug Court, the Domestic Violence Court, the Truancy Court, and the Mental Health Court Clinic.

#### **Statutory History**

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

# Budget

## Judiciary

### Family Court

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2025 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2025 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2026 Recommended</b>
Operations	27,667,693	30,338,263	30,619,338	33,747,704	34,560,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>27,667,693</b>	<b>30,338,263</b>	<b>30,619,338</b>	<b>33,747,704</b>	<b>34,560,500</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	24,562,003	25,825,994	27,152,639	29,338,709	30,628,263
Contract Professional Services	347,931	345,510	377,500	382,500	382,500
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,255,140	2,729,631	1,677,028	2,570,824	2,094,066
Assistance and Grants	1,395,169	1,323,810	1,282,721	1,326,221	1,326,221
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>27,560,243</b>	<b>30,224,945</b>	<b>30,489,888</b>	<b>33,618,254</b>	<b>34,431,050</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	107,450	113,318	129,450	129,450	129,450
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>107,450</b>	<b>113,318</b>	<b>129,450</b>	<b>129,450</b>	<b>129,450</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>27,667,693</b>	<b>30,338,263</b>	<b>30,619,338</b>	<b>33,747,704</b>	<b>34,560,500</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	25,032,601	25,706,595	26,940,842	28,510,697	29,167,951
Federal Funds	2,635,092	4,631,668	3,678,496	5,237,007	5,392,549
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>27,667,693</b>	<b>30,338,263</b>	<b>30,619,338</b>	<b>33,747,704</b>	<b>34,560,500</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Family Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	J321 A	1.0	63,650	1.0	68,792
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	8818 A	0.6	51,847	0.6	55,281
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	J321 A	1.0	73,197	1.0	79,111
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8846 A	1.0	204,968	1.0	220,314
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	J327 A	1.0	77,033	1.0	83,702
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8834 A	1.0	111,375	1.0	118,584
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8835 A	1.0	108,732	1.0	115,933
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	8843 A	1.0	177,780	1.0	189,282
ASSISTANT INTAKE SUPERVISOR (FAMILY COURT)	8828 A	4.0	337,876	4.0	360,288
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	11.0	2,484,263	11.0	2,618,522
CASA COORDINATOR	5723 A	1.0	67,205	1.0	72,425
CHIEF JUDGE- FAMILY COURT	8807JA	1.0	262,868	1.0	277,486
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER (JUD)	J324 A	1.0	61,449	1.0	63,918
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER (JUD)	J325 A	3.0	217,043	3.0	234,300
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	8830 A	1.0	81,479	1.0	87,837
COURT REPORTER	0127 A	15.0	1,286,048	15.0	1,364,105
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR (JUDICIAL)	J318 A	1.0	51,847	1.0	55,280
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	8834 A	1.0	106,493	1.0	115,049
DEPUTY CLERK I	J325 A	28.0	2,102,443	28.0	2,267,660
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	8834 A	2.0	246,150	2.0	261,944
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ COMMUNICATIONS	8841 A	1.0	161,509	1.0	173,317
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	8840 A	2.0	325,517	2.0	348,284
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	0120 A	11.0	665,605	11.0	720,900
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	1.0	95,860	1.0	102,147
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	1.0	124,974	1.0	132,986
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	8836 A	4.0	510,856	4.0	543,266
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT	J318 A	20.0	1,101,118	20.0	1,171,073
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	10.0	2,042,576	10.0	2,149,188
MAGISTRATE OF THE FAMILY COURT	8803JA	1.0	222,393	1.0	231,289
MEDIATION COUNSELOR II (JUDICIAL)	J325 A	5.0	406,161	5.0	437,205
OPERATIONS CLERK (JUDICIAL)	J318 A	1.0	51,847	1.0	55,281
PARALEGAL (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	1.0	70,004	1.0	75,402
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	3.0	234,792	3.0	251,717
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST	5728 A	1.0	92,916	1.0	99,079

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## Judiciary

### Family Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	1.0	98,602	1.0	104,963
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	1.0	80,099	1.0	83,319
PROJECT SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	J322 A	1.0	60,214	1.0	64,555
PSYCHOLOGIST (JUD)	8841 A	2.0	268,072	2.0	290,035
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	J318 A	2.0	112,428	2.0	121,130
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	4425 A	2.0	141,871	2.0	152,232
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	5725 A	4.0	294,069	4.0	317,605
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	J323 A	3.0	193,294	3.0	209,076
SR MANAGER-CALENDAR SERVICES (JUD)	J334 A	1.0	124,659	1.0	133,121
STAFF ATTORNEY V (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	15.0	1,720,640	15.0	1,859,800
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	J327 A	1.0	83,715	1.0	89,749
SUPERVISING COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	3.0	263,577	3.0	280,821
SUPERVISORY CLERK	J327 A	7.0	593,409	7.0	636,707
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	J323 A	1.0	75,177	1.0	80,610
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>182.6</b>	<b>18,389,700</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>19,624,670</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>182.6</b>	<b>18,389,700</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>19,624,670</b>
Salaries Adjustment			61,492		0
Overtime			252,614		7,345
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			281,321		281,321
Turnover			(336,139)		(484,666)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>18,648,988</b>		<b>19,428,670</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Contract Stipends			64,500		36,400
FICA			1,332,312		1,404,146
Health Benefits			2,707,094		2,863,599
Payroll Accrual			103,764		109,668
Retiree Health			613,357		536,742
Retirement			5,344,440		5,693,285
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>10,165,467</b>		<b>10,643,840</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>182.6</b>	<b>28,814,455</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>30,072,510</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>			<b>157,801</b>		<b>164,691</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment			524,254		555,753
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>182.6</b>	<b>29,338,709</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>30,628,263</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Design and Engineering Services			28,000		28,000

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## Personnel

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### Judiciary

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### Family Court

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	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Management & Consultant Services		75,000		75,000
Other Contracts		254,500		254,500
Training and Educational Services		25,000		25,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>382,500</b>		<b>382,500</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>29,721,209</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>31,010,763</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	154.9	26,512,751	154.9	27,646,888
Federal Funds	27.7	3,208,458	27.7	3,363,875
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>29,721,209</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>31,010,763</b>

# Performance Measures

## Judiciary

### Family Court

#### Disposition Rate of W/D/V Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more wayward/delinquent/violation cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of wayward/delinquent/violation cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	80%	89%	101%	--	--

#### Disposition Rate of Child Protection Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more child protection cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of child protection cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	116%	110%	123%	--	--

#### Disposition Rate of Domestic Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more domestic cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of domestic cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	123%	118%	105%	--	--

## **Program Summary**

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### **Judiciary**

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#### **District Court**

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##### **Mission**

To adjudicate the cases within the jurisdiction of the District Court in a timely and fair manner, and to maintain a complete and accurate record for every case.

##### **Description**

The District Court consists of a Chief Judge, an Administrative Judge, associate judges and two magistrates. The program budget for the District Court includes the cost of operation for the Court itself and the operation of the Clerk's Offices and the District Court Pre-Trial Services Unit. The District Court has two specialty courts, the Veterans Treatment Court and a Mental Health Treatment Court.

The District Court has initial jurisdiction on all misdemeanor cases from arraignment through trial. The District Court also handles initial arraignments on felony cases which includes the setting of bail and monitoring the defendants on bail until their formal arraignment in Superior Court. By statute, Pretrial services monitors all domestic felony cases. The District Court hears initial bail hearings in certain felonies including Capital Offenses.

The District Court has jurisdiction of all civil cases where the amount in controversy is less than \$5,000. The District Court also has concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court over all matters in which the amount in dispute is greater than \$5,000 but less than \$10,000 and small claims filings where the amount in dispute is less than \$5,000. All Domestic Civil Restraining Orders where parties are not related by blood or marriage; eviction actions and all landlord tenant restraining orders. The District Court also holds hearings on Civil Commitments pursuant to RIGL 40.1-5-8 et al. These hearings are scheduled at various mental health facilities.

Additionally, the District Court has jurisdiction over various administrative appeals from certain cities and towns as well as various town ordinances.

The Court has four locations, in Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties, with a clerk's office at each location. The clerks' offices maintain all records for the Court. As with other courts, all papers are filed in the clerk's office. The office creates a file for every case and maintains an up to date record of what has happened in the case.

##### **Statutory History**

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



# Budget

## Judiciary

### District Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
Operations	15,813,108	16,619,184	17,060,279	18,032,104	18,454,727
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,813,108</b>	<b>16,619,184</b>	<b>17,060,279</b>	<b>18,032,104</b>	<b>18,454,727</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	13,699,706	14,219,329	14,877,111	16,504,413	17,118,424
Contract Professional Services	165,871	277,684	121,208	159,433	156,208
Operating Supplies and Expenses	650,652	770,721	626,666	(35,909)	(180,699)
Assistance and Grants	1,230,589	1,287,966	1,367,790	1,336,663	1,293,290
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>15,746,819</b>	<b>16,555,699</b>	<b>16,992,775</b>	<b>17,964,600</b>	<b>18,387,223</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	66,289	63,485	67,504	67,504	67,504
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>66,289</b>	<b>63,485</b>	<b>67,504</b>	<b>67,504</b>	<b>67,504</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,813,108</b>	<b>16,619,184</b>	<b>17,060,279</b>	<b>18,032,104</b>	<b>18,454,727</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	15,412,424	16,005,935	16,384,243	17,332,335	17,697,776
Federal Funds	400,684	613,249	616,036	639,769	696,951
Restricted Receipts	0	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,813,108</b>	<b>16,619,184</b>	<b>17,060,279</b>	<b>18,032,104</b>	<b>18,454,727</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### District Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMIN CLERK-DISTRICT COURT (JU	8846 A	1.0	172,157	1.0	185,217
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	4429 A	1.0	96,645	1.0	102,968
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (DISTRICT COURT)	4433 A	2.0	242,920	2.0	258,761
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	236,799	1.0	249,966
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8835 A	1.0	96,270	1.0	100,139
ADMINISTRATOR - DISTRICT COURT (JUD)	8843 A	1.0	180,389	1.0	192,141
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	4437 A	1.0	115,452	1.0	126,105
ASSISTANT CLERK	4419 A	7.0	405,045	7.0	434,382
ASSISTANT HEAD CLERK (JUD)	4431 A	2.0	214,852	2.0	229,054
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	4423 A	6.0	399,904	6.0	432,453
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	8827 A	9.0	718,866	9.0	770,784
ASSOCIATE JUDGE- DISTRICT COURT	8810JA	13.0	2,798,331	13.0	2,946,749
CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT	8807JA	1.0	260,913	1.0	271,350
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4434 A	1.0	127,391	1.0	135,458
CLERK/MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	185,328	1.0	192,741
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUDICIAL)	4428 A	1.0	84,469	1.0	90,072
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUDICIAL)	8828 A	1.0	84,469	1.0	90,072
COURT ROOM MONITORING CLK (JUD)	4420 A	8.0	489,846	8.0	525,550
DEPUTY ADMIN MANAGER (JUD)	4434 A	1.0	115,485	1.0	123,176
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	4427 A	3.0	240,261	3.0	257,262
DEPUTY CLERK I	4425 A	15.0	1,170,637	15.0	1,257,973
DIR PRE-TRIAL SVS UNIT-D C	8840 A	1.0	120,734	1.0	131,752
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	4418 A	4.0	207,388	4.0	221,124
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	4419 A	1.0	56,035	1.0	60,226
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	224,063	1.0	236,519
OPERATIONS MANAGER (JUD)	8831 A	1.0	86,084	1.0	92,808
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	2.0	197,204	2.0	209,926
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	4430 A	1.0	89,671	1.0	97,908
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	4419 A	1.0	58,959	1.0	63,228
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4427 A	6.0	532,396	6.0	567,382
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	1.0	87,859	1.0	93,607
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	4427 A	5.0	458,018	5.0	487,910
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>101.0</b>	<b>10,554,840</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>11,234,763</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>101.0</b>	<b>10,554,840</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>11,234,763</b>
Overtime			146,890		14,768

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### District Court

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		73,581		73,581
Turnover		(161,406)		(306,495)
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>10,613,905</b>		<b>11,016,617</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		85,693		12,800
FICA		748,697		782,644
Health Benefits		1,507,288		1,615,977
Payroll Accrual		58,718		61,582
Retiree Health		287,975		249,806
Retirement		2,900,689		3,062,037
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>5,589,060</b>		<b>5,784,846</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>16,202,965</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>16,801,463</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>160,425</b>		<b>166,351</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		301,448		316,961
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>16,504,413</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>17,118,424</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Medical Services		4,433		1,208
Other Contracts		155,000		155,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>159,433</b>		<b>156,208</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>16,663,846</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>17,274,632</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	100.0	16,497,099	100.0	17,007,330
Federal Funds	1.0	166,747	1.0	267,302
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>16,663,846</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>17,274,632</b>

# Performance Measures

## Judiciary

### District Court

#### Disposition Rate of Civil Cases (DC)

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more civil cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of civil cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	108%	91%	98%	--	--

#### Disposition Rate of Small Claims Cases

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more small claims cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of small claims cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	73%	68%	109%	--	--

#### Disposition Rate of Criminal Cases (DC)

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more criminal cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of criminal cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	115%	96%	94%	--	--

## **Program Summary**

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### **Judiciary**

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#### **Traffic Tribunal**

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##### **Mission**

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

##### **Description**

The Traffic Tribunal was created July 1, 1999. It is the successor to the Administrative Adjudication Court. It consists of associate judges and magistrates. It is under the supervision of the Chief Magistrate, who is the administrative head of the Traffic Tribunal with the power to make rules for regulating practice, procedure and business within the Traffic Tribunal. The Traffic Tribunal hears and determines civil traffic violations. It has exclusive jurisdiction over certain offenses and concurrent jurisdiction with the Municipal Courts over others.

The Traffic Tribunal hears certain administrative appeals for the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Appeals Panel of the Traffic Tribunal hears appeals from the Traffic Tribunal and the Municipal Courts. The Traffic Tribunal does not hear those offenses committed in places within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, or criminal motor vehicle offenses such as driving so as to endanger resulting in death and driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs, which state law specifies will be heard under the jurisdiction of other courts. In 2013 the Traffic Tribunal received exclusive jurisdiction over civil offenses related to possession of marijuana violations of one ounce (1 oz.) or less. The Traffic Tribunal currently sits at its main courthouse in the John O. Pastore Center, 670 New London Avenue in Cranston; Traffic Tribunal also sits in Wakefield.

##### **Statutory History**

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

# Budget

## Judiciary

### Traffic Tribunal

<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2025 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2025 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2026 Recommended</b>
Operations	9,827,290	10,794,825	10,812,491	11,430,603	11,704,985
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,827,290</b>	<b>10,794,825</b>	<b>10,812,491</b>	<b>11,430,603</b>	<b>11,704,985</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	8,891,050	9,622,084	9,560,381	10,522,904	10,922,604
Contract Professional Services	297,776	292,672	310,000	310,000	310,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	331,398	394,369	434,823	90,412	(34,906)
Assistance and Grants	242,794	419,510	444,388	444,388	444,388
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>9,763,019</b>	<b>10,728,634</b>	<b>10,749,592</b>	<b>11,367,704</b>	<b>11,642,086</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	64,271	66,191	62,899	62,899	62,899
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>64,271</b>	<b>66,191</b>	<b>62,899</b>	<b>62,899</b>	<b>62,899</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,827,290</b>	<b>10,794,825</b>	<b>10,812,491</b>	<b>11,430,603</b>	<b>11,704,985</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	9,827,290	10,794,825	10,812,491	11,430,603	11,704,985
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,827,290</b>	<b>10,794,825</b>	<b>10,812,491</b>	<b>11,430,603</b>	<b>11,704,985</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Traffic Tribunal

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I	4429 A	5.0	478,236	5.0	508,987
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	4427 A	2.0	174,846	2.0	188,385
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	8846 A	1.0	158,251	1.0	170,766
ADMINISTRATIVE MAGISTRATE (JUDICIAL)	8811JA	1.0	222,215	1.0	234,571
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	8839 A	1.0	153,760	1.0	163,658
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	4423 A	7.0	526,689	7.0	561,329
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	8805JA	1.0	237,192	1.0	246,680
CLERK/TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (JUDICIAL)	8838 A	1.0	142,506	1.0	152,932
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUDICIAL)	8827 A	1.0	95,510	1.0	101,843
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	4419 A	7.0	415,362	7.0	445,619
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	4421 A	8.0	552,125	8.0	593,826
DEPUTY CLERK I	4424 A	1.0	61,449	2.0	130,253
DEPUTY CLERK I	4425 A	3.0	254,923	3.0	272,685
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4421 A	1.0	63,745	1.0	68,792
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	4418 A	8.0	435,146	8.0	463,425
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL	8803JA	7.0	1,432,010	7.0	1,501,209
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4426 A	2.0	166,915	2.0	179,208
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	8830 A	1.0	107,271	1.0	114,307
SECURITY OFFICER	4421 A	9.0	569,001	9.0	610,965
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	8838 A	1.0	123,918	1.0	132,984
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	8829 A	1.0	101,038	1.0	107,648
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>69.0</b>	<b>6,472,108</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>6,950,072</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>69.0</b>	<b>6,472,108</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>6,950,072</b>
Overtime			105,895		8,809
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			1,200		1,200
Turnover			(56,967)		(189,227)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>6,522,236</b>		<b>6,770,854</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
Contract Stipends			52,979		14,000
FICA			467,668		491,985
Health Benefits			972,438		1,039,050
Payroll Accrual			37,513		39,387
Retiree Health			252,808		219,770
Retirement			2,031,189		2,151,463
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>3,814,595</b>		<b>3,955,655</b>

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# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Traffic Tribunal

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	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>10,336,831</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>10,726,509</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>149,809</b>		<b>153,236</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		186,073		196,095
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>10,522,904</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>10,922,604</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Other Contracts		310,000		310,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>310,000</b>		<b>310,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>10,832,904</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>11,232,604</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	69.0	10,832,904	70.0	11,232,604
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>10,832,904</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>11,232,604</b>

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## Performance Measures

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### Judiciary

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#### Traffic Tribunal

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##### Disposition Rate of RITT Summonses

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During a specified time period, if the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT) is able to dispose more cases/summonses than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of RITT cases/summonses. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	104%	101%	98%	--	--

## **Program Summary**

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### **Judiciary**

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#### **Worker's Compensation Court**

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##### **Mission**

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

##### **Description**

The Workers' Compensation Court is a member of the unified judicial system and has the same authority and power to subpoena and to cite and punish for civil contempt as exists in the Superior Court. It hears and decides all controversies as they pertain to Workers' Compensation in an efficient, effective, and economical manner. Presently, it has nine judges and one chief judge as well as support staff which includes administrators, hearing reporters, and clerical staff. It is supported from the Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund. Upon the filing of a petition for benefits arising out of a work-related injury case, a case file is set up and notices are sent to all parties. Before proceeding to a full evidentiary hearing, a judge conducts a pretrial conference, with a view of expediting the case and reducing the issues in dispute to a minimum. If the matter cannot be resolved informally the judge must enter a pretrial order as to the right of the employee to receive benefits (approximately 70 percent of all litigation is concluded at this point).

Those cases not resolved at pretrial are heard by the same judge for trial. At the trial, a judge will hear all questions. The judge will then decide the merits of the controversy pursuant to the law and a fair preponderance of the evidence. From this decision a decree is entered. At this stage either party may appeal to the Appellate Division. The Appellate Division consists of three judges assigned by the Chief Judge, none of whom is the Trial Judge. The Appellate Division judges review the transcript and the record of the case along with the appellant's reasons for appeal and memoranda of law. The Appellate Division then decides the matter and a final decree of the Appellate Division is entered. If either party is aggrieved by the decision of the Appellate Division, they may petition the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. Upon petition, the Supreme Court may review any decree of the Workers' Compensation Court.

##### **Statutory History**

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

# Budget

## Judiciary

### Worker's Compensation Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Enacted Budget	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Recommended
Operations	9,002,185	9,333,974	9,931,788	10,425,994	11,090,756
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,002,185</b>	<b>9,333,974</b>	<b>9,931,788</b>	<b>10,425,994</b>	<b>11,090,756</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	7,609,608	7,920,820	8,228,814	8,726,582	9,392,139
Contract Professional Services	72,020	75,023	125,610	125,610	125,610
Operating Supplies and Expenses	710,061	764,211	997,377	993,815	993,020
Assistance and Grants	548,274	548,274	548,274	548,274	548,274
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>8,939,964</b>	<b>9,308,328</b>	<b>9,900,075</b>	<b>10,394,281</b>	<b>11,059,043</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	62,221	25,646	31,713	31,713	31,713
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>62,221</b>	<b>25,646</b>	<b>31,713</b>	<b>31,713</b>	<b>31,713</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,002,185</b>	<b>9,333,974</b>	<b>9,931,788</b>	<b>10,425,994</b>	<b>11,090,756</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
Restricted Receipts	9,002,185	9,333,974	9,931,788	10,425,994	11,090,756
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,002,185</b>	<b>9,333,974</b>	<b>9,931,788</b>	<b>10,425,994</b>	<b>11,090,756</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Worker's Compensation Court

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	4429 A	2.0	192,970	2.0	205,328
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES	0327 A	1.0	94,469	2.0	177,608
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	218,269	1.0	230,404
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	8846 A	1.0	180,765	1.0	194,478
ADMINISTRATOR- WORKERS' COMPENSATION	8843 A	1.0	153,522	1.0	163,524
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	8837 A	1.0	141,888	1.0	150,831
CHIEF JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8807JA	1.0	245,932	1.0	259,606
COURT REPORTER	0327 A	6.0	547,874	6.0	582,972
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION	8837 A	1.0	127,781	1.0	135,772
DEPUTY CLERK I	0325 A	12.0	869,355	12.0	937,071
DPTY ADMSTR MEDCL ADVSRY BD(JU	8837 A	1.0	117,556	1.0	125,167
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0327 A	1.0	26,338	1.0	101,117
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	0336 A	0.0	94,208	0.0	0
JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8810JA	8.0	1,694,968	8.0	1,785,622
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	8823 A	3.0	206,127	3.0	214,371
MED ADVISORY BD COORDINATOR	4423 A	1.0	64,450	1.0	69,792
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	8840 A	1.0	135,807	1.0	145,393
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATOR	4423 A	1.0	64,513	1.0	69,893
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	4426 A	1.0	77,573	1.0	82,868
PROJECT COORDINATOR	0327 A	1.0	92,541	1.0	99,149
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	1.0	110,026	1.0	117,212
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	0327 A	1.0	79,729	1.0	85,475
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY (JUD)	8827 A	0.6	81,285	0.6	86,675
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIARY)	8829 A	1.0	84,827	1.0	91,937
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>48.6</b>	<b>5,702,773</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>6,112,265</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>48.6</b>	<b>5,702,773</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>6,112,265</b>
Overtime			56,377		2,940
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			4,200		4,200
Turnover			(82,010)		0
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>5,681,340</b>		<b>6,119,405</b>

# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Worker's Compensation Court

	FY 2025		FY 2026	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Benefits</b>				
Contract Stipends		36,400		17,200
FICA		400,968		434,047
Health Benefits		792,520		854,805
Payroll Accrual		31,358		34,070
Retiree Health		136,554		124,829
Retirement		1,484,310		1,630,408
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,882,110</b>		<b>3,095,359</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>8,563,450</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>9,214,764</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>176,203</b>		<b>185,782</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		163,132		177,375
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>8,726,582</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>9,392,139</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,000		1,000
Design and Engineering Services		7,500		7,500
Information Technology		67,110		67,110
Legal Services		20,000		20,000
Other Contracts		30,000		30,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>125,610</b>		<b>125,610</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>8,852,192</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>9,517,749</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
Restricted Receipts	48.6	8,852,192	49.6	9,517,749
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>8,852,192</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>9,517,749</b>

## Performance Measures

### Judiciary

#### Worker's Compensation Court

##### Timeliness of WCC Cases Disposed at Pretrial

The figures below represent the percent of Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) cases disposed at pretrial within 90 days of filing. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
<b>Actual</b>	86%	85%	84%	--	--

##### Timeliness of WCC Cases Disposed at Trial

The figures below represent the percent of Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) cases disposed at trial within 360 days of filing. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
<b>Actual</b>	81%	84%	84%	--	--

##### Disposition Rate of WCC Cases

During a specified time period, if the Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) is able to dispose more cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of WCC cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2024 data is as of 7/31/24.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Target</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Actual</b>	98%	98%	100%	--	--

## **Program Summary**

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### **Judiciary**

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#### **Judicial Tenure & Discipline**

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##### **Mission**

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

##### **Description**

The Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline, a program of the Rhode Island Judiciary, is responsible for conducting investigations of judges suspected of or charged with misconduct. The commission, upon receiving from any person a verified statement, not unfounded or frivolous, alleging facts indicating that a Justice of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the Family Court, the District Court, the Workers' Compensation Court, the Traffic Tribunal and the Probate Court judges or magistrates and judicial officers appointed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws is guilty of a serious violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Ethics, or of a willful and persistent failure to perform his/her duties, or disabling substance abuse, or conduct that brings the judicial office into serious disrepute, or that such a judge has a physical or mental disability that seriously interferes and will continue to interfere with the performance of his/her duties, shall make a preliminary investigation to determine whether formal proceedings shall be instituted, and a hearing held.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, make such a preliminary investigation, without receiving a verified statement, to determine whether formal proceedings shall be instituted, and a hearing held. When formal proceedings are ordered, the justice is given formal notice of the charges and of the time fixed for a public hearing. The justice is required to appear at the hearing, may be represented by counsel, offer evidence and otherwise participate in said hearing. Recommendation concerning the disciplining of any justice shall be made in a report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is required to grant a review if requested by said justice. After the hearing, the Supreme Court may affirm, modify or reject the Commission's recommendation(s).

##### **Statutory History**

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

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# Budget

## Judiciary

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### Judicial Tenure & Discipline

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<b>Expenditures by Sub Program</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2025 Enacted Budget</b>	<b>2025 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2026 Recommended</b>
Operations	153,552	147,606	174,997	182,227	188,686
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>153,552</b>	<b>147,606</b>	<b>174,997</b>	<b>182,227</b>	<b>188,686</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	139,063	141,343	142,291	153,015	135,408
Contract Professional Services	12,586	3,563	30,000	30,000	30,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,903	2,700	2,706	(788)	23,278
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>153,552</b>	<b>147,606</b>	<b>174,997</b>	<b>182,227</b>	<b>188,686</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>153,552</b>	<b>147,606</b>	<b>174,997</b>	<b>182,227</b>	<b>188,686</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	153,552	147,606	174,997	182,227	188,686
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>153,552</b>	<b>147,606</b>	<b>174,997</b>	<b>182,227</b>	<b>188,686</b>



# Personnel

## Judiciary

### Judicial Tenure & Discipline

		FY 2025		FY 2026	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Unclassified</b>					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRPERSON	8829 A	1.0	96,313	1.0	102,348
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>96,313</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>102,348</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>96,313</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>102,348</b>
Overtime			1,575		0
Turnover			0		(2,822)
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>97,888</b>		<b>99,526</b>
<b>Benefits</b>					
FICA			7,367		7,614
Health Benefits			9,788		(10,449)
Payroll Accrual			564		582
Retiree Health			3,795		3,234
Retirement			30,820		32,015
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>52,334</b>		<b>32,996</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>150,222</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>132,522</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>			<b>150,222</b>		<b>132,522</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment			2,793		2,886
<b>Payroll Costs</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>153,015</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>135,408</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>					
Legal Services			30,000		30,000
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>30,000</b>		<b>30,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>183,015</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>165,408</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue		1.0	183,015	1.0	165,408
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>183,015</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>165,408</b>