

**VOLUME III: EDUCATION**

**RHODE ISLAND ATOMIC ENERGY  
COMMISSION**

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## **Agency Summary**

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### **Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission**

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#### **Agency Mission**

The mission of this agency is to provide nuclear and radiation science and engineering technical and irradiation services to the public, and regional education, research, industry and government institutions.

#### **Agency Description**

The Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center (RINSC) is located at the University of Rhode Island, Bay Campus, in Narragansett. The RINSC operates a 2-MWth research reactor and provides laboratories and classrooms for research and educational programs for the University of Rhode Island (URI) and other colleges and universities in Rhode Island and throughout New England. The RINSC has been operated on a daily basis without incident since 1962 providing medical, biological, environmental, and materials research, offering educational programs and supporting commercial activities benefiting the citizens of Rhode Island. Much of the research and educational activities are funded by grants from federal agencies bringing the benefits of the activities to the state while minimizing the burden on the taxpayers of Rhode Island. In addition, the staff administers the radiation safety program for the University of Rhode Island under an agreement with the University, providing partial financial support for three staff members.

#### **Statutory History**

The Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission was established in 1958 by R.I. General Laws § 42-27 for the purpose of advising the governor and general assembly on matters relating to atomic energy and to construct and operate a nuclear reactor in the state.

# Budget

## Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>					
Central Management	1,485,127	1,608,027	1,714,495	1,693,277	1,726,858
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,485,127</b>	<b>1,608,027</b>	<b>1,714,495</b>	<b>1,693,277</b>	<b>1,726,858</b>
<b>Expenditures by Object</b>					
Salary and Benefits	1,214,949	1,298,361	1,399,109	1,364,011	1,395,111
Contract Professional Services	0	42,565	0	57,966	50,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	270,178	262,075	237,350	243,264	253,711
<b>Subtotal: Operating</b>	<b>1,485,127</b>	<b>1,603,000</b>	<b>1,636,459</b>	<b>1,665,241</b>	<b>1,698,822</b>
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	5,027	78,036	28,036	28,036
<b>Subtotal: Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,027</b>	<b>78,036</b>	<b>28,036</b>	<b>28,036</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,485,127</b>	<b>1,608,027</b>	<b>1,714,495</b>	<b>1,693,277</b>	<b>1,726,858</b>
<b>Expenditures by Source of Funds</b>					
General Revenue	1,119,280	1,187,147	1,278,282	1,282,191	1,316,004
Federal Funds	0	63,200	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	18,646	(980)	25,036	25,036	25,036
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	347,200	358,660	411,177	386,050	385,818
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,485,127</b>	<b>1,608,027</b>	<b>1,714,495</b>	<b>1,693,277</b>	<b>1,726,858</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>

## Personnel Agency Summary

### Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	7.6	830,152	7.6	855,904
Unclassified	1.0	55,928	1.0	57,606
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>886,080</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>913,510</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>		<b>886,080</b>		<b>913,510</b>
<b>Benefits</b>				
FICA		66,977		69,400
Health Benefits		68,203		72,875
Payroll Accrual		5,164		5,269
Retiree Health		28,799		28,136
Retirement		283,090		278,517
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>452,233</b>		<b>454,197</b>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,338,313</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,367,707</b>
<b>Cost Per FTE Position</b>		<b>155,618</b>		<b>159,036</b>
Statewide Benefit Assessment		25,698		27,404
<b>Payroll Costs</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,364,011</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,395,111</b>
<b>Purchased Services</b>				
Other Contracts		57,966		50,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>57,966</b>		<b>50,000</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,421,977</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,445,111</b>
<b>Distribution by Source of Funds</b>				
General Revenue	8.6	1,125,602	8.6	1,151,598
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	296,375	0.0	293,513
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,421,977</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1,445,111</b>

# Personnel

## Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

### Central Management

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
<b>Classified</b>					
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS NUCLEAR SCI. CNTR.	0139 A	1.0	136,244	1.0	140,243
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR RADIATION & REACTOR SAFETY	0139 A	1.0	121,189	1.0	124,824
DIRECTOR RI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION	0150 A	1.0	189,123	1.0	194,797
HEALTH PHYSICIST	0130 A	1.0	87,030	1.0	89,642
PRINCIPAL REACTOR OPERATOR	0128 A	1.0	79,736	1.0	82,898
REACTOR SUPERVISOR NUCLEAR SCIENCE CENTER	0132 A	1.0	94,087	1.0	96,909
SENIOR REACTOR FACILITY ENGINEER	0132 A	1.0	94,087	1.0	96,909
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	0112 A	0.6	28,656	0.6	29,682
<b>Subtotal Classified</b>		<b>7.6</b>	<b>830,152</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>855,904</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>					
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0816 A	1.0	55,928	1.0	57,606
<b>Subtotal Unclassified</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>55,928</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>57,606</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8.6</b>	<b>886,080</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>913,510</b>
Longevity Pay			12,119		12,482
Regular Wages			873,961		901,028
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>886,080</b>		<b>913,510</b>
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## Performance Measures

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### Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

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#### Central Management

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##### Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center (RINSC) Outreach Hours

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The Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center (RINSC) hosts students from local junior high schools, high schools, and universities. The RINSC also participates in the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography's annual Day at the Bay. These figures represent the number of hours spent providing tours, working with student interns, working on student projects, and reaching out to the general public.

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Target</b>	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Actual</b>	1,788	1,796	1,333	--	--

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##### Sample Hours

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The figures below represent the number of hours the reactor is used on a per sample basis in various research projects.

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Target</b>	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Actual</b>	1,627	1,077	2,383	--	--

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##### Instructional Hours

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The figures below represent the amount of time spent teaching classes, providing training, and running student laboratory exercises.

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Target</b>	1,000	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
<b>Actual</b>	1,691	3,726	4,229	--	--

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