

**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 Rhode Island Department of Health. RIDOH is accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

Statutory History

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

Budget

Department of Health

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	21,577,768	19,437,468	32,456,554	39,583,476	28,145,551
State Medical Examiner	0	0	4,589,109	4,591,245	4,626,488
Community Health and Equity	138,980,343	134,737,826	157,843,758	154,428,193	153,289,848
Environmental Health	16,095,690	19,550,671	22,374,870	21,967,774	22,104,812
Health Laboratories	15,778,038	17,626,080	20,945,066	29,479,019	13,732,702
Customer Services	21,082,222	23,079,223	0	0	0
Policy, Information and Communications	6,371,237	6,099,702	9,221,944	9,110,386	9,264,255
Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services	21,279,306	17,356,000	0	0	0
COVID-19	72,785,705	83,442,137	15,176,647	17,790,001	7,519,108
Healthcare Quality and Safety	0	0	15,814,446	16,283,173	18,895,101
Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease	0	87,000	17,104,380	18,780,919	19,893,156
Total Expenditures	313,950,307	321,416,106	295,526,774	312,014,186	277,471,021
<i>Internal Services</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[25,519,265]</i>	<i>[31,945,887]</i>
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	77,513,445	84,626,176	89,902,683	89,767,132	93,609,873
Contract Professional Services	47,407,982	37,857,785	24,085,580	45,687,220	21,870,686
Operating Supplies and Expenses	105,840,488	97,185,292	117,049,410	115,795,864	112,485,272
Assistance and Grants	53,248,356	48,079,889	54,528,062	57,597,224	48,790,716
Subtotal: Operating	284,010,271	267,749,142	285,565,735	308,847,440	276,756,547
Capital Purchases and Equipment	29,692,105	53,546,134	9,961,039	3,166,746	714,474
Aid to Local Units of Government	247,931	4,975	0	0	0
Operating Transfers	0	115,856	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	29,940,036	53,666,965	9,961,039	3,166,746	714,474
Total Expenditures	313,950,307	321,416,106	295,526,774	312,014,186	277,471,021
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	34,032,135	37,618,084	40,825,075	41,964,523	42,552,271
Federal Funds	204,666,164	214,493,127	152,861,675	161,218,423	147,739,496
Restricted Receipts	74,881,462	68,142,602	93,076,141	92,774,233	86,779,254
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	370,546	1,162,294	8,763,883	16,057,007	400,000
Total Expenditures	313,950,307	321,416,106	295,526,774	312,014,186	277,471,021
FTE Authorization	575.6	572.6	572.6	572.6	572.6

Personnel Agency Summary

Department of Health

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	569.6	54,685,961	569.6	57,835,506
Unclassified	3.0	885,693	3.0	892,478
Subtotal	572.6	55,571,654	572.6	58,727,984
Transfer Out		(13,181)		(13,664)
Transfer In		27,907		29,987
Salaries Adjustment		4,857		0
Overtime		363,465		363,737
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		197,351		171,990
Turnover		(1,033,127)		(1,621,169)
Total Salaries		54,943,982		57,594,902
Benefits				
FICA		4,142,163		4,338,477
Health Benefits		9,660,024		10,450,751
Holiday		12,082		12,082
Payroll Accrual		316,943		329,802
Retiree Health		1,767,470		1,761,363
Retirement		17,347,354		17,406,876
Subtotal		33,246,036		34,299,351
Total Salaries and Benefits	572.6	88,190,018	572.6	91,894,253
Cost Per FTE Position		154,014		160,483
Statewide Benefit Assessment		1,577,114		1,715,620
Payroll Costs	572.6	89,767,132	572.6	93,609,873
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		34,000		34,000
Clerical and Temporary Services		11,201,896		7,912,104
Design and Engineering Services		1,069,535		1,063,405
Information Technology		2,990,558		1,975,112
Legal Services		800,900		660,900
Management & Consultant Services		17,236,076		1,417,627
Medical Services		3,390,418		2,471,099
Other Contracts		272,181		260,293
Training and Educational Services		8,202,276		5,609,938
University and College Services		445,380		422,208
Subtotal		45,643,220		21,826,686
Total Personnel	572.6	135,410,352	572.6	115,436,559

Personnel Agency Summary

Department of Health

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	281.6	33,979,044	281.6	31,423,816
Federal Funds	233.0	65,854,972	233.0	63,569,466
Restricted Receipts	58.0	20,470,065	58.0	20,443,277
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	15,106,271	0.0	0
Total All Funds	572.6	135,410,352	572.6	115,436,559

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 falls under the oversight of the Director of Health. Central Management includes the Director's Office and Cross Departmental Support.

The Director's Office includes the Public Information Officer; the Special Assistant for Administration, Legislation, and Policy; the Office of Policy; the Office of Health Regulations; and the Chief Operating Officer.

Cross Departmental Support includes Legal Services; Information Technology; Finance; the Center for Public Health Communication; the Academic Institute; and the Public Health Infrastructure Grant.

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Academic Center	87,249	(30,224)	289,598	20,132	12,431
Executive Functions	5,341,352	5,323,580	6,733,768	7,074,989	5,986,892
Health Equity Institute	2,720,482	2,436,735	2,750,000	3,252,545	750,278
Management Services	13,211,223	11,663,260	15,802,316	18,665,889	16,846,750
Opioid Overdose Prevention	217,462	44,117	6,880,872	10,569,921	4,549,200
Total Expenditures	21,577,768	19,437,468	32,456,554	39,583,476	28,145,551
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	9,231,217	10,563,826	11,630,855	12,353,205	12,933,864
Contract Professional Services	3,480,148	2,360,050	4,718,935	8,249,563	4,252,427
Operating Supplies and Expenses	6,623,664	5,962,509	8,544,264	11,143,123	8,377,802
Assistance and Grants	2,177,521	564,569	7,527,500	7,812,585	2,556,458
Subtotal: Operating	21,512,551	19,450,954	32,421,554	39,558,476	28,120,551
Capital Purchases and Equipment	65,216	(13,485)	35,000	25,000	25,000
Subtotal: Other	65,216	(13,485)	35,000	25,000	25,000
Total Expenditures	21,577,768	19,437,468	32,456,554	39,583,476	28,145,551
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,227,002	3,733,866	5,338,732	5,322,643	2,925,590
Federal Funds	4,922,081	4,194,873	4,884,431	5,738,296	4,545,892
Restricted Receipts	13,428,685	11,508,730	22,233,391	28,522,537	20,674,069
Total Expenditures	21,577,768	19,437,468	32,456,554	39,583,476	28,145,551

Personnel

Department of Health

Central Management

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0137 A	2.0	235,297	2.0	247,134
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	0134 A	5.0	500,058	5.0	526,825
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	0141 A	2.0	282,094	2.0	290,506
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (BUDGET & FINANCE)	0140 A	6.0	729,435	6.0	784,803
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS)	0141 A	1.0	159,994	1.0	164,701
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	2.0	187,446	0.0	0
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT)	0144 A	1.0	139,035	1.0	149,563
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0148 A	2.0	316,295	2.0	386,470
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	180,866	1.0	186,292
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0148 A	1.0	158,244	1.0	162,991
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0133 A	1.0	102,482	1.0	105,418
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	80,484	1.0	82,898
CHIEF OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT- TRAINING & CONT QUAL IMPROV	0135 A	1.0	96,236	1.0	102,741
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	1.0	101,661	1.0	104,711
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0326 A	2.0	151,259	2.0	159,870
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0322 A	3.0	162,015	3.0	189,928
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	2.0	247,900	4.0	124,825
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0328 A	4.0	318,236	4.0	334,600
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	3.0	275,788	3.0	291,826
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	1.0	98,628	1.0	101,517
SUPERVISING ACCOUNTANT	0131 A	3.0	263,669	3.0	274,680
Subtotal Classified		45.0	4,787,122	45.0	4,772,299
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	0955KF	1.0	250,000	1.0	250,000
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	250,000	1.0	250,000
Subtotal		46.0	5,037,122	46.0	5,022,299
Transfer Out			(34,944)		(36,066)
Transfer In			94,491		115,285
Longevity Pay			203,057		227,869
Regular Wages			7,226,548		7,633,640
Turnover			(4,507)		(23,461)
Total Salaries			7,557,613		7,970,563

Personnel

Department of Health

Central Management

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		562,474		594,926
Health Benefits		1,366,843		1,461,826
Payroll Accrual		43,262		45,205
Retiree Health		241,305		241,460
Retirement		2,366,391		2,384,690
Subtotal		4,580,275		4,728,107
Total Salaries and Benefits	46.0	12,137,888	46.0	12,698,670
Cost Per FTE Position		263,867		276,058
Statewide Benefit Assessment		215,317		235,194
Payroll Costs	46.0	12,353,205	46.0	12,933,864
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		34,000		34,000
Clerical and Temporary Services		3,197,132		2,141,666
Information Technology		750,030		373,301
Legal Services		558,500		418,500
Management & Consultant Services		356,660		56,660
Medical Services		545,900		433,400
Other Contracts		190,700		190,700
Training and Educational Services		2,572,641		560,200
Subtotal		8,205,563		4,208,427
Total Personnel	46.0	20,558,768	46.0	17,142,291
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	0.0	3,270,532	0.0	715,614
Federal Funds	5.0	4,167,676	5.0	3,444,577
Restricted Receipts	41.0	13,120,560	41.0	12,982,100
Total All Funds	46.0	20,558,768	46.0	17,142,291

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Central Management

Overdose Fatalities

Over the past 20 years, overdose deaths have been a significant health concern. To address this epidemic, RIDOH, in collaboration with the Governor's Overdose Task Force and other state and community partners, have 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, DOH's goal is to reduce the number of accidental fatal drug overdoses that occur in Rhode Island. The figures below represent the number of fatal overdoses in the calendar year. [Note: CY 2025 data are preliminary and subject to adjustment.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	417	401	384	367	350
Actual	404	329	192	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

State Medical Examiner

Mission

The Office of State Medical Examiners (OSME) is responsible for determining cause and manner of death through postmortem investigation of all known or suspected homicides; suicides; accidental deaths; sudden infant deaths; drug-related deaths; medically unattended or unexplained deaths; and deaths that may constitute the threat of an epidemic, bio-terrorism event, mass casualty event, or in any way endanger public health.

Description

Through postmortem investigation of certain deaths occurring within the state of Rhode Island, as described in RIGL 23-4, the OSME supports the mission of other RIDOH programmatic areas, as well as external partners by providing key statistics on deaths occurring within the State. These statistics assist with informing recommendations for mitigation and prevention strategies for deaths occurring from causes such as accidental drug overdoses, pediatric deaths such as sudden infant deaths, accidental deaths, maternal deaths, and suicides.

The OSME interacts with federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies when a death is found to be due to a crime. Medical examiners provide testimony in court as subject matter experts during criminal prosecutions. The OSME maintains a high level of preparedness to respond to a demand for services in case of emergencies and maintains a quality assurance program to allow for maintaining nationally recognized accreditation.

Statutory History

The primary enabling legislation for the Medical Examiners Center is RIGL 23-4.

Budget

Department of Health

State Medical Examiner

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	0	0	4,589,109	4,591,245	4,626,488
Total Expenditures	0	0	4,589,109	4,591,245	4,626,488
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	0	0	3,101,911	2,871,831	3,459,273
Contract Professional Services	0	0	1,017,913	1,311,629	759,430
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	0	439,285	377,785	377,785
Subtotal: Operating	0	0	4,559,109	4,561,245	4,596,488
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	30,000	30,000	30,000
Subtotal: Other	0	0	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total Expenditures	0	0	4,589,109	4,591,245	4,626,488
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	0	4,521,784	4,523,920	4,559,163
Federal Funds	0	0	67,325	67,325	67,325
Total Expenditures	0	0	4,589,109	4,591,245	4,626,488

Personnel

Department of Health

State Medical Examiner

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	1.0	60,145	1.0	63,967
ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST	0257 A	1.0	250,679	1.0	263,719
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH LABORATORIES)	0143 A	1.0	177,565	1.0	182,817
DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST	0268 A	2.0	164,716	2.0	661,620
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0320 A	1.0	56,979	1.0	60,839
INFORMATION AIDE	0315 A	1.0	51,514	1.0	53,059
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S AGENT	0320 A	1.0	55,995	1.0	59,170
MEDICOLEGAL CASE MANAGER (DOH)	0320 A	2.0	86,347	2.0	117,152
SCENE INVESTIGATOR	0328 A	7.0	596,079	7.0	617,178
SENIOR SCENE INVESTIGATOR	0330 A	1.0	86,034	1.0	88,615
SUPERVISING MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATOR	0332 A	1.0	97,372	1.0	100,293
Subtotal Classified		19.0	1,683,425	19.0	2,268,429
Unclassified					
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER	0965 F	1.0	409,500	1.0	409,500
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	409,500	1.0	409,500
Subtotal		20.0	2,092,925	20.0	2,677,929
Transfer Out			(7,294)		(7,513)
Longevity Pay			51,502		53,015
Regular Wages			1,889,709		2,456,073
Turnover			(202,200)		(382,713)
Total Salaries			1,811,027		2,198,391
Benefits					
FICA			113,873		129,500
Health Benefits			264,224		316,085
Holiday			11,569		11,569
Payroll Accrual			10,130		12,503
Retiree Health			56,517		66,786
Retirement			554,060		659,388
Subtotal			1,010,373		1,195,831
Total Salaries and Benefits		20.0	2,821,400	20.0	3,394,222
Cost Per FTE Position			141,070		169,711
Statewide Benefit Assessment			50,431		65,051

Personnel

Department of Health

State Medical Examiner

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Payroll Costs	20.0	2,871,831	20.0	3,459,273
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		10,000		10,000
Medical Services		1,286,463		734,152
Other Contracts		15,166		15,278
Subtotal		1,311,629		759,430
Total Personnel	20.0	4,183,460	20.0	4,218,703
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	20.0	4,173,460	20.0	4,208,703
Federal Funds	0.0	10,000	0.0	10,000
Total All Funds	20.0	4,183,460	20.0	4,218,703

Performance Measures

Department of Health

State Medical Examiner

Postmortem Turnaround Time

The Office of State Medical Examiners (OSME) strives to complete the postmortem examination (autopsy or inspection) in as timely a manner as possible after a decedent's body is received at the state morgue. Timely completion of examination allows for decedents to be released to funeral homes expediently. The figures below represent the percent of examinations conducted within two working days of decedent being received. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2025, not all targets and actuals are available.]

	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>		<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>		
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	--	80%	85%	90%	92%
Actual	--	--	88%	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

Mission

The Division of Community Health and Equity (CHE) takes a lead role in preventing disease and protecting and promoting the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island. CHE works with communities and partners to co-create a healthy Rhode Island by challenging historical, long-held beliefs about health and populations; identifying and centering the needs of communities, especially those experiencing health inequities; building trust and sustaining reciprocal relationships with communities and partners; communicating effectively to connect the public with the information and supports they need to be healthy; using data and community-informed, evidence-based approaches and promising practices to innovate inclusive and responsive public health; and modeling a healthy and just workplace that reflects the communities we serve.

Description

CHE includes five Centers and the Health Equity Institute:

The Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Management uses a systems approach to reduce the incidence, burden, and associated risk factors related to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, healthy eating, and active living to improve health outcomes.

The Center for Health Promotion uses evidence-based and promising public health practices to establish social, policy, and physical environments that support healthy living across the lifespan 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 and resources.

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, asthma control, family planning and preconception health, 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.

The Health Equity Institute collaborates with RIDOH staff, State leaders, and community partners to ensure every Rhode Islander has a fair and just opportunity to be healthy by identifying the root causes of uneven health outcomes across population groups, collaborating with partners to address those root causes, and monitoring Rhode Island's progress towards more equitable outcomes for all Rhode Islanders.

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Associate Director	9,588,266	7,150,233	5,950,195	5,117,919	4,433,157
Chronic Care and Disease Management	8,459,455	7,922,862	8,238,685	8,251,049	8,338,074
Health Equity Institute	0	674,489	2,405,536	2,131,378	1,839,337
Health Promotion and Wellness	9,386,818	8,731,771	9,815,000	10,019,233	9,930,797
Perinatal and Early Childhood	33,388,051	37,366,555	40,042,506	45,039,580	42,957,214
Preventive Services and Community Practices	78,157,754	72,891,916	91,391,836	83,869,034	85,791,269
Total Expenditures	138,980,343	134,737,826	157,843,758	154,428,193	153,289,848
<i>Internal Services</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[22,584,085]</i>	<i>[30,270,910]</i>
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	15,378,440	16,920,908	22,039,037	21,120,194	21,640,793
Contract Professional Services	8,390,275	8,412,302	7,330,252	8,579,428	7,640,525
Operating Supplies and Expenses	74,195,922	69,785,486	86,283,896	79,844,229	81,589,288
Assistance and Grants	40,980,377	39,558,725	42,175,040	44,864,342	42,399,242
Subtotal: Operating	138,945,014	134,677,421	157,828,225	154,408,193	153,269,848
Capital Purchases and Equipment	35,329	60,405	15,533	20,000	20,000
Subtotal: Other	35,329	60,405	15,533	20,000	20,000
Total Expenditures	138,980,343	134,737,826	157,843,758	154,428,193	153,289,848
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	798,891	1,163,197	2,051,358	2,052,076	2,075,952
Federal Funds	83,755,784	84,660,560	88,096,432	91,039,112	88,026,519
Restricted Receipts	54,425,669	48,914,069	67,695,968	61,337,005	63,187,377
Total Expenditures	138,980,343	134,737,826	157,843,758	154,428,193	153,289,848

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	2.0	121,969	2.0	129,623
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES	0335 A	2.0	216,553	2.0	222,763
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0143 A	4.0	628,015	4.0	666,040
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING)	0141 A	1.0	150,367	1.0	154,774
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	6.0	547,592	6.0	567,545
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	164,423	1.0	169,356
CHIEF DIVISION OF ORAL HEALTH	0145 A	1.0	158,244	1.0	162,992
CHIEF FIELD INVESTIGATOR (GENERAL)	0B24 A	2.0	151,335	2.0	155,876
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	2.0	157,350	2.0	164,690
CHIEF OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	1.0	113,260	1.0	116,658
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	4.0	488,529	3.0	370,590
CHIEF OFFICE OF WOMEN- INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)	0137 A	1.0	124,586	1.0	128,324
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC PLANNING- MONITORING AND EVALUATION	0143 A	1.0	151,401	1.0	155,777
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	3.0	312,906	3.0	322,056
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	1.0	140,116	1.0	146,272
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0319 A	1.0	57,567	1.0	59,294
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	99,922	1.0	102,920
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	2.0	200,199	2.0	210,642
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	10.0	1,099,138	10.0	1,107,442
HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT DIRECTOR	0136 A	1.0	109,352	1.0	112,633
HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS OFFICER	0322 A	1.0	63,695	1.0	65,606
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	3.0	368,866	3.0	379,773
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- FAMILY HEALTH	0252 A	1.0	219,477	1.0	226,060
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	5.0	411,233	5.0	457,711
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	3.0	309,321	3.0	327,109
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	9.0	860,873	9.0	923,443
PRINCIPAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST	0328 A	2.0	158,257	2.0	166,706
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	4.0	356,972	4.0	371,685
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	4.0	363,474	4.0	379,257
PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST	0327 A	1.0	76,809	1.0	79,113
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	6.0	479,251	6.0	517,023
SENIOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0322 A	1.0	63,695	1.0	65,606
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	5.0	393,826	5.0	408,093

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	3.0	295,883	3.0	304,552
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	15.0	1,348,122	15.0	1,400,263
Subtotal Classified		110.0	10,962,578	109.0	11,298,267
Subtotal		110.0	10,962,578	109.0	11,298,267
Transfer Out			(4,385)		(3,486)
Transfer In			13,436		9,939
Longevity Pay			175,729		180,796
Regular Wages			12,700,870		13,186,080
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			28,665		28,665
Turnover			(2,310)		(86,083)
Total Salaries			12,902,954		13,309,458
Benefits					
FICA			984,370		1,015,749
Health Benefits			2,256,113		2,385,813
Payroll Accrual			75,052		76,599
Retiree Health			418,414		409,053
Retirement			4,109,942		4,045,690
Subtotal			7,843,891		7,932,904
Total Salaries and Benefits		110.0	20,746,845	109.0	21,242,362
Cost Per FTE Position			188,608		194,884
Statewide Benefit Assessment			373,349		398,431
Payroll Costs		110.0	21,120,194	109.0	21,640,793
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			1,642,700		1,510,376
Information Technology			1,097,153		789,525
Management & Consultant Services			98,500		90,500
Medical Services			1,076,722		812,480
Other Contracts			24,690		24,690
Training and Educational Services			4,194,283		3,990,746
University and College Services			445,380		422,208
Subtotal			8,579,428		7,640,525
Total Personnel		110.0	29,699,622	109.0	29,281,318

Personnel

Department of Health

Community Health and Equity

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	4.0	1,262,412	3.0	1,268,198
Federal Funds	102.0	23,435,731	102.0	22,899,057
Restricted Receipts	4.0	5,001,479	4.0	5,114,063
Total All Funds	110.0	29,699,622	109.0	29,281,318

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 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: CY 2025 data are preliminary and subject to adjustment.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Actual	50,127	43,712	40,904	--	--

Compliance with CLAS Standards

According to the Office of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services, the National CLAS (culturally and linguistically appropriate services) Standards offer a blueprint for providing services that are respectful of and responsive to individual cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy levels, and communication needs.

As such, the Health Equity Institute (HEI) provides training and technical assistance to partners inside and outside of state government, as well to medical and healthcare providers, 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 HEI experts. Training and technical assistance participants are 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 60 days.

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	50%	50%	65%	70%	70%
Actual	80%	90%	92%	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Environmental Health

Mission

The Division of Environmental Health (EH) prevents diseases related to food, drinking water, and environmental conditions, and protects and promotes the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island. EH 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; safety of recreational waters at Rhode Island's beaches; health risk assessment and community outreach of contaminated properties; 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 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 Environmental Health Risk Assessment/Toxicology Program, and is responsible for ensuring the safety of water quality at all licensed Rhode island beaches.

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Associate Director	421,389	577,091	820,690	958,846	494,640
Drinking Water Quality	6,274,706	8,035,594	10,136,540	9,746,859	10,144,260
Food Protection	4,873,698	5,041,478	5,082,231	4,677,003	5,114,703
Healthy Homes and Environment	4,525,896	5,896,508	6,335,409	6,585,066	6,351,209
Total Expenditures	16,095,690	19,550,671	22,374,870	21,967,774	22,104,812
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	11,144,060	12,602,927	13,733,788	13,287,657	13,759,631
Contract Professional Services	1,299,835	2,736,588	3,050,099	3,288,214	2,716,629
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,584,951	3,150,833	4,449,791	4,146,631	4,552,426
Assistance and Grants	823,061	904,883	1,016,192	1,093,159	933,126
Subtotal: Operating	15,851,907	19,395,231	22,249,870	21,815,661	21,961,812
Capital Purchases and Equipment	243,782	155,440	125,000	152,113	143,000
Subtotal: Other	243,782	155,440	125,000	152,113	143,000
Total Expenditures	16,095,690	19,550,671	22,374,870	21,967,774	22,104,812
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	5,684,472	6,922,632	6,836,896	7,219,993	7,058,661
Federal Funds	9,653,070	11,707,340	14,433,189	13,589,705	14,034,394
Restricted Receipts	758,147	920,699	1,104,785	1,158,076	1,011,757
Total Expenditures	16,095,690	19,550,671	22,374,870	21,967,774	22,104,812

Personnel

Department of Health

Environmental Health

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	2.0	133,884	2.0	139,894
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0143 A	3.0	405,662	3.0	437,222
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (BUDGET & FINANCE)	0140 A	1.0	122,405	1.0	132,265
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	6.0	480,614	6.0	546,697
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	181,850	1.0	189,079
CHIEF CLERK	0B16 A	1.0	31,990	1.0	53,945
CHIEF DATA OPERATIONS	0133 A	1.0	97,870	1.0	100,807
CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0326 A	1.0	77,514	1.0	79,839
COMPLIANCE/EVALUATION STANDARDIZATION OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	91,692	1.0	94,374
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	2.0	196,874	2.0	207,749
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER I	0329 A	1.0	77,450	1.0	83,183
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER II	0333 A	1.0	72,814	1.0	90,625
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER III	0336 A	3.0	306,385	3.0	323,322
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER IV	0339 A	2.0	221,832	2.0	237,121
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD INSPECTOR	0323 A	3.0	182,929	3.0	194,621
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0327 A	13.0	972,417	14.0	1,095,196
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICOLOGIST	0135 A	1.0	97,053	1.0	103,903
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST I	0328 A	1.0	79,384	1.0	85,456
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST II	0332 A	7.0	655,002	7.0	684,568
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST III	0334 A	3.0	288,567	3.0	307,314
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST IV	0336 A	2.0	220,131	2.0	234,973
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0118 A	1.0	45,526	1.0	53,813
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	2.0	204,468	2.0	215,523
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE II	0316 A	3.0	128,720	3.0	159,427
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0327 A	5.0	388,797	5.0	401,822
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	1.0	87,291	1.0	94,374
PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	82,918	1.0	85,405
PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TOXICLGT	0139 A	1.0	112,155	1.0	120,460
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	1.0	96,328	1.0	99,217
PRINCIPAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST	0328 A	1.0	79,808	1.0	82,203
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	183,384	2.0	188,748
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	82,919	1.0	85,405
SANITARIAN	0323 A	1.0	72,817	1.0	75,000

Personnel

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		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0330 A	6.0	521,012	6.0	540,152
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	1.0	77,999	1.0	84,069
SENIOR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0330 A	2.0	184,702	2.0	190,123
SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SPECIALIST	0333 A	5.0	493,686	5.0	508,422
SUPERVISING INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	0334 A	1.0	99,922	1.0	102,920
Subtotal Classified		91.0	7,936,771	92.0	8,509,236
Subtotal		91.0	7,936,771	92.0	8,509,236
Transfer Out			0		(16,936)
Transfer In			1,786		851
Longevity Pay			87,971		73,381
Regular Wages			8,208,135		8,615,965
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			25,361		0
Turnover			(317,700)		(377,913)
Total Salaries			8,106,733		8,414,399
Benefits					
FICA			611,919		639,035
Health Benefits			1,485,268		1,606,331
Payroll Accrual			46,507		48,181
Retiree Health			259,305		257,293
Retirement			2,546,543		2,543,793
Subtotal			4,949,542		5,094,633
Total Salaries and Benefits		91.0	13,056,275	92.0	13,509,032
Cost Per FTE Position			143,476		146,837
Statewide Benefit Assessment			231,382		250,599
Payroll Costs		91.0	13,287,657	92.0	13,759,631
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			1,036,037		1,036,037
Design and Engineering Services			1,069,535		1,063,405
Information Technology			222,500		35,000
Legal Services			191,100		191,100
Management & Consultant Services			417,955		40,000
Medical Services			500		500
Other Contracts			(17,000)		(17,000)

Personnel

Department of Health

Environmental Health

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Training and Educational Services		367,587		367,587
Subtotal		3,288,214		2,716,629
Total Personnel	91.0	16,575,871	92.0	16,476,260
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	39.0	6,519,759	40.0	6,216,529
Federal Funds	50.0	9,068,048	50.0	9,417,986
Restricted Receipts	2.0	988,064	2.0	841,745
Total All Funds	91.0	16,575,871	92.0	16,476,260

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Environmental Health

Blood Lead Screening at 18 Months

The earlier children with elevated blood lead levels are identified, the earlier lead exposures can be identified and eliminated. The figures below represent the proportion of Rhode Island children who have received at least one blood lead screening by 18 months. [Note: CY 2025 data are preliminary and subject to adjustment.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	74%	75%	76%	76%	72%
Actual	71%	70%	68%	--	--

Proportion of the Population Served by Public Water Systems in Full Compliance

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 individuals. 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. [Note: CY 2025 data are preliminary and subject to adjustment.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Actual	54%	66%	68%	--	--

Food Establishment Reinspections Conducted

Critical food establishment inspection 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 within 10 business days. [Note: CY 2025 data are preliminary and subject to adjustment.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Actual	60%	85%	87%	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Health Laboratories

Mission

The Division of State Health Laboratories' mission is to provide quality analytical and technical laboratory information in support of State and national disease prevention and control, environmental health programs, and the criminal justice system. The Division of State Laboratories 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 and forensic examinations of crime scene evidence.

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 professionals, and individuals in support of public health and safety goals.

The Division of State Laboratories 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:

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 also provides pathogen genomic data across several programmatic areas including foodborne illness, respiratory pathogens, and emerging pathogen characterization and maintains laboratory emergency preparedness to respond to potential chemical or bioterrorism attacks.

The Center for Clinical Toxicology and Laboratory Support provides a variety of testing and support services for the State's analytical and technical laboratories. Clinical Toxicology capacity provides testing in support of overdose inquiries from the Office of State Medical Examiners, statewide non-fatal overdose surveillance, childhood blood lead analysis, biomonitoring, and chemical threat preparedness and response. Support services include specimen processing and triage for all Centers in the Division.

The Center for Environmental Sciences provides testing services to monitor the safety of environmental resources vital to public health, including public and private drinking water sources, ambient air, and food supplies, including shellfish, dairy, and food production sites. Additionally, the Center provides analytical testing to support recreational water safety, rabies testing services, and rapid detection and genotyping of pathogens in wastewater to allow for real-time surveillance of pathogens of public health importance and maintains laboratory capacity to respond to incidents such as contaminated public water supplies, flooding, and contaminated food.

The Center for Forensic Sciences supports Rhode Island's criminal justice system through the accurate, thorough, and timely examination of evidence; provides scientifically advanced and technologically proficient investigative capabilities utilizing industry best practices and analytical testing methods; and provides unbiased evaluation of evidence and courtroom testimony in support of litigation. Laboratories in this Center support criminal investigations through Controlled Substances Identification and Testing; Postmortem Toxicology Testing; and Forensic DNA, Forensic Drug Chemistry, Forensic Toxicology, and Forensic Breath Analysis services.

Statutory History

The primary enabling legislation for the State Health Laboratories is RIGL 23-1-3, Maintenance of Laboratories.

Budget

Department of Health

Health Laboratories

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Associate Director	2,243,204	2,900,580	10,475,687	18,694,049	3,126,843
Biological Sciences	2,893,634	3,643,748	3,009,836	3,133,204	3,161,427
Environmental Sciences	2,529,963	2,684,847	2,906,951	2,869,856	3,004,789
Forensic Sciences	3,981,830	3,958,421	4,552,592	4,781,910	4,439,643
State Medical Examiners	4,129,406	4,438,484	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	15,778,038	17,626,080	20,945,066	29,479,019	13,732,702
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	9,316,711	10,423,698	8,018,990	8,040,912	8,147,351
Contract Professional Services	2,139,523	1,933,320	341,246	16,553,986	1,459,715
Operating Supplies and Expenses	3,680,744	3,885,807	3,533,997	4,327,171	3,843,686
Assistance and Grants	0	27,148	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	15,136,978	16,269,973	11,894,233	28,922,069	13,450,752
Capital Purchases and Equipment	641,060	1,240,251	9,050,833	556,950	281,950
Operating Transfers	0	115,856	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	641,060	1,356,107	9,050,833	556,950	281,950
Total Expenditures	15,778,038	17,626,080	20,945,066	29,479,019	13,732,702
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	12,954,470	13,678,312	9,514,520	10,529,649	10,704,871
Federal Funds	2,453,022	2,785,474	2,666,663	2,892,363	2,627,831
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	370,546	1,162,294	8,763,883	16,057,007	400,000
Total Expenditures	15,778,038	17,626,080	20,945,066	29,479,019	13,732,702

Personnel

Department of Health

Health Laboratories

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0124 A	1.0	65,205	1.0	70,343
ADMINISTRATOR- OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	0141 A	1.0	133,540	1.0	137,546
ASSISTANT SCIENTIST (FORENSIC)	0127 A	1.0	69,801	1.0	74,358
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	164,424	1.0	169,356
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH LABORATORIES)	0143 A	1.0	145,883	1.0	150,261
CHIEF DATA OPERATIONS	0133 A	1.0	99,379	1.0	105,847
CHIEF FORENSIC SCIENCES	0141 A	1.0	149,162	1.0	153,569
CHIEF REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0141 A	1.0	94,344	1.0	128,006
CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY)	0329 A	6.0	483,118	6.0	512,130
CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0326 A	2.0	163,827	2.0	168,701
FORENSIC SCIENTIST	0329 A	6.0	498,056	6.0	519,044
INSPECTOR BREATH ANALYSIS	0324 A	1.0	68,574	1.0	70,632
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0319 A	2.0	106,870	2.0	112,748
PRINCIPAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HLTH CHEM)	0334 A	2.0	218,777	2.0	225,297
PRINCIPAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUB HLTH MICR)	0334 A	3.0	313,522	3.0	322,666
PRINCIPAL FORENSIC SCIENTIST (DRUG CHEMISTRY)	0334 A	1.0	102,222	1.0	105,220
PRINCIPAL FORENSIC SCIENTIST (SEROLOGY)	0334 A	1.0	107,333	1.0	110,481
PRINCIPAL FORENSIC SCIENTIST (TOXICOLOGY)	0334 A	1.0	100,337	1.0	105,220
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0330 A	1.0	86,034	1.0	88,615
QUAL ASSURANCE OFF (BIO SCI)	0337 A	1.0	135,368	1.0	139,363
QUAL ASSURANCE OFF (ENV SCI)	0337 A	2.0	213,434	2.0	230,286
QUAL ASSUR OFFICER (FOREN SCI)	0337 A	1.0	118,908	1.0	122,403
REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0329 A	8.0	599,588	8.0	662,478
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBLIC HLTH CHEM)	0332 A	1.0	90,669	1.0	95,517
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PUBLIC HLTH MICR)	0332 A	5.0	472,411	5.0	495,063
SENIOR FORENSIC SCIENTIST	0332 A	5.0	475,685	5.0	491,832
SENIOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	0322 A	3.0	180,869	3.0	189,504
SENIOR REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST	0332 A	7.0	660,096	7.0	680,695
SUPERVISING CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PB HLTH CHM)	0336 A	1.0	109,534	1.0	112,750

Personnel

Department of Health

Health Laboratories

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SUPERVISING CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (PB HLTH MIC)	0336 A	4.0	474,575	4.0	490,778
SUPERVISING REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENT	0336 A	4.0	462,566	4.0	481,413
SUPERVISOR BREATH ANALYSIS PROGRAM	0332 A	1.0	102,008	1.0	105,069
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (DRUG CHEMISTRY)	0336 A	1.0	123,166	1.0	126,705
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (SEROLOGY)	0336 A	1.0	106,464	1.0	112,750
SUPERVISOR FORENSIC SCIENCES (TOXICOLOGY)	0336 A	1.0	109,533	1.0	112,750
SUPERVISOR OF LABORATORY CENTRAL SERVICES	0330 A	2.0	172,068	2.0	177,230
TOXICOLOGIST	0325 A	1.0	59,314	1.0	65,748
Subtotal Classified		83.0	7,836,664	83.0	8,222,374
Subtotal		83.0	7,836,664	83.0	8,222,374
Transfer Out			(33,987)		(35,204)
Longevity Pay			145,073		149,243
Regular Wages			4,957,217		5,126,110
Turnover			(173,600)		(257,600)
Total Salaries			4,942,154		5,031,217
Benefits					
FICA			377,050		383,853
Health Benefits			816,387		869,598
Payroll Accrual			28,727		28,943
Retiree Health			160,186		154,548
Retirement			1,573,469		1,528,658
Subtotal			2,955,819		2,965,600
Total Salaries and Benefits		83.0	7,897,973	83.0	7,996,817
Cost Per FTE Position			95,156		96,347
Statewide Benefit Assessment			142,939		150,534
Payroll Costs		83.0	8,040,912	83.0	8,147,351
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			130,000		140,000
Management & Consultant Services			16,286,238		1,180,467
Medical Services			102,173		103,673
Other Contracts			31,125		31,125
Training and Educational Services			4,450		4,450

Personnel

Department of Health

Health Laboratories

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Subtotal		16,553,986		1,459,715
Total Personnel	83.0	24,594,898	83.0	9,607,066
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	74.0	7,736,201	74.0	7,832,109
Federal Funds	9.0	1,752,426	9.0	1,774,957
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	15,106,271	0.0	0
Total All Funds	83.0	24,594,898	83.0	9,607,066

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Health Laboratories

Forensic Toxicology Reporting

Specimens from the Office of the Medical Examiner (OSME) are submitted to the Forensic Toxicology Laboratory for lab analysis as part of the death investigation. These analyses serve a critical function in determining cause of death including identification of fatal overdoses. The figures below represent the percent of cases analyzed by the lab and results reported back to the OSME within 60 days of specimen receipt by the RI State Health Laboratories. [Note: This measure was established in FY 2026. Historic targets and actuals are not available. CY 2025 data only includes reporting from January 1, 2025-September 30, 2025 due to laboratory relocation in Q4 2025.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	--	--	80%	80%	80%
Actual	--	--	50%	--	--

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Associate Director	4,204,281	5,534,105	0	0	0
Facilities Regulations	7,572,004	8,299,646	0	0	0
Health Professionals Regulations	4,708,757	4,505,982	0	0	0
Professional Boards & Commisions	1,724,710	1,710,907	0	0	0
Vital Records	2,872,470	3,028,582	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	21,082,222	23,079,223	0	0	0
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	14,114,760	15,779,522	0	0	0
Contract Professional Services	1,887,459	2,750,121	0	0	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,372,207	2,001,305	0	0	0
Assistance and Grants	2,701,166	2,528,115	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	21,075,591	23,059,063	0	0	0
Capital Purchases and Equipment	6,631	20,160	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	6,631	20,160	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	21,082,222	23,079,223	0	0	0
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,477,430	9,069,781	0	0	0
Federal Funds	7,684,330	8,258,373	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	4,920,462	5,751,069	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	21,082,222	23,079,223	0	0	0

Program Summary

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

Mission

The Division of Policy and Information is responsible for the acquisition and use of clear, accurate, and appropriate data to inform public health policy. 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. In addition, the Division is responsible for managing the federal health professional shortage designation process and promoting equitable access to primary and rural healthcare by leading the statewide workforce and healthcare system planning and supporting initiatives that strengthen health systems in medically underserved communities.

Description

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

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

The Center for Health Systems Policy and Planning includes two Offices:

The Office of Health Systems Development (OHSD) is responsible for approving or denying initial licenses for healthcare facilities, including freestanding emergency care facilities, outpatient kidney treatment centers, organized ambulatory care facilities, and outpatient birth centers; and approving or denying Certificates of Need for medical services, facilities, and equipment to avoid unnecessary duplication in the healthcare system. The Center reviews applications for licensure, changes in ownership and control of healthcare facilities, and hospital conversions.

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) is responsible for leading the federal health professional shortage area designations, developing the statewide rational service area plans, and conducting needs assessments to address disparities caused by the maldistribution of health professionals and other financial, cultural, or geographic barriers. The Office administers workforce incentive programs, including the State Health Professional Loan Repayment Program, the Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program, the National Health Service Corps, the National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (3RNET), and the Primary Care Training Sites Program and coordinates other initiatives to address statewide shortages. OPCRH also serves as Rhode Island's State Office of Rural Health, providing information dissemination, interagency coordination, and technical assistance to strengthen rural health systems. In addition, OPCRH leads statewide efforts to systematically assess, measure, and evaluate health workforce capacity and conducts research and policy development to improve access for medically underserved populations.

The Center for Vital Records is responsible for the administration, statutory compliance, and regulatory promulgation of Rhode Island's vital records system of births, marriages, and deaths, including fetal deaths. The Center for Vital Records is accountable for collecting timely quality field-level data that will be analyzed and disseminated to many local, State, and federal agencies. The Center's mission is to ensure the integrity of, and appropriate access to, permanent records related to births, deaths, and marriages, and civil unions for the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island.

Statutory History

Authorization for the activities within the Division of Data, Information, and Health Systems Planning 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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Associate Director	536,636	548,740	414,214	496,089	580,494
Center for Health Data Analysis	2,565,460	2,495,632	2,596,784	2,827,878	2,872,128
Center for Vital Records	50,263	53,014	3,505,918	3,348,115	3,356,584
Health Systems Policy & Regulation	3,218,877	3,002,316	2,705,028	2,438,304	2,455,049
Total Expenditures	6,371,237	6,099,702	9,221,944	9,110,386	9,264,255
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	2,748,304	2,614,834	4,611,164	5,024,624	5,374,799
Contract Professional Services	598,556	721,475	1,816,571	1,695,559	1,545,463
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,156,086	1,059,455	1,379,224	1,402,842	1,407,632
Assistance and Grants	1,867,106	1,703,938	1,396,299	984,361	933,361
Subtotal: Operating	6,370,052	6,099,702	9,203,258	9,107,386	9,261,255
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,185	0	18,686	3,000	3,000
Subtotal: Other	1,185	0	18,686	3,000	3,000
Total Expenditures	6,371,237	6,099,702	9,221,944	9,110,386	9,264,255
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	979,118	1,032,862	2,785,613	2,571,588	2,819,000
Federal Funds	4,043,618	4,018,803	5,593,898	5,738,995	5,606,211
Restricted Receipts	1,348,500	1,048,037	842,433	799,803	839,044
Total Expenditures	6,371,237	6,099,702	9,221,944	9,110,386	9,264,255

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0321 A	1.0	63,171	1.0	66,315
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR I (DOH)	0141 A	3.0	304,244	3.0	388,955
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0143 A	2.0	297,666	2.0	320,357
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING)	0141 A	1.0	133,541	1.0	137,547
ASSISTANT RECORDS ANALYST	0319 A	3.0	160,523	3.0	182,761
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	165,335	1.0	177,207
CHIEF HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0132 A	1.0	94,087	1.0	96,909
CHIEF OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	0129 A	1.0	83,755	1.0	86,267
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC PLANNING- MONITORING AND EVALUATION	0143 A	1.0	174,725	1.0	179,869
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	0134 A	3.0	275,488	3.0	304,802
COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0319 A	4.0	208,919	4.0	233,164
COMMUNITY RELATIONS LIAISON OFFICER	0132 A	2.0	160,633	2.0	181,148
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	105,114	1.0	108,111
DATA ANALYST II	0138 A	2.0	199,250	2.0	232,965
DATA CONTROL CLERK	0315 A	1.0	49,473	1.0	51,985
GENEALOGICAL CLERK	0314 A	1.0	50,299	1.0	51,808
HEALTH ECONOMICS SPECIALIST	0331 A	1.0	91,692	1.0	94,374
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	2.0	209,312	2.0	215,524
HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0324 A	1.0	64,034	1.0	68,221
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	1.0	158,519	1.0	120,218
MANAGER OF DIGITAL IMAGING AND OTHER SERVICES	0328 A	1.0	39,964	1.0	76,962
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	1.0	89,392	1.0	92,073
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0330 A	1.0	86,034	1.0	88,615
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	6.0	648,650	6.0	667,590
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0333 A	3.0	288,983	3.0	297,652
PROGRAM ANALYST	0322 A	1.0	62,682	1.0	65,607
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0131 A	1.0	99,094	1.0	101,947
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	93,862	1.0	96,678
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	2.0	171,142	2.0	180,658
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	82,918	1.0	85,405
SENIOR COMMUNITY PROGRAM LIAISON WORKER	0322 A	1.0	63,695	1.0	65,606
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	11.0	903,174	11.0	935,410

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	4.0	386,944	4.0	404,222
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	7.0	619,988	7.0	648,926
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	0323 A	1.0	80,033	1.0	82,416
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	0312 A	1.0	48,144	1.0	49,589
SUPERVISING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SPECIALIST	0332 A	1.0	92,735	1.0	95,517
SYSTEMS ANALYST	0324 A	1.0	67,763	1.0	70,632
WEB DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	0135 A	1.6	210,855	1.6	217,180
Subtotal Classified		79.6	7,185,832	79.6	7,621,192
Subtotal		79.6	7,185,832	79.6	7,621,192
Transfer Out			(53,487)		(50,671)
Transfer In			16,613		17,110
Longevity Pay			85,848		88,971
Regular Wages			2,931,656		3,164,296
Turnover			(25,563)		(25,715)
Total Salaries			2,993,985		3,229,596
Benefits					
FICA			227,831		246,006
Health Benefits			649,605		704,739
Holiday			513		513
Payroll Accrual			17,417		18,596
Retiree Health			97,241		99,407
Retirement			951,267		979,116
Subtotal			1,943,874		2,048,377
Total Salaries and Benefits		79.6	4,937,859	79.6	5,277,973
Cost Per FTE Position			62,033		66,306
Statewide Benefit Assessment			86,765		96,826
Payroll Costs		79.6	5,024,624	79.6	5,374,799
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			859,525		856,741
Information Technology			564,091		420,502
Legal Services			50,000		50,000
Management & Consultant Services			51,723		50,000
Training and Educational Services			170,220		168,220
Subtotal			1,695,559		1,545,463

Personnel

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Personnel	79.6	6,720,183	79.6	6,920,262
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	66.6	2,347,038	66.6	2,382,218
Federal Funds	8.0	3,927,746	8.0	4,053,894
Restricted Receipts	5.0	445,399	5.0	484,150
Total All Funds	79.6	6,720,183	79.6	6,920,262

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Policy, Information and Communications

Vital Records -Average Customer Wait Time

The State Office of Vital Records aims to improve the customer experience by implementing a public facing customer service center. The figures below represent the average number of minutes customers wait before being served. [Note: This performance measure was established in FY 2025. Historical targets and actuals are not available. Data collection began effective February 10, 2025.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: Calendar Year

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	--	25	25	25	25
Actual	--	--	30	--	--

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Acute Infectious Diseases	8,748,719	6,859,666	0	0	0
Emergency Medical Services	1,162,790	1,630,154	0	0	0
Emergency Preparedness and Response	8,625,184	6,731,934	0	0	0
HIV, Hep, STDs and TB	2,742,613	2,134,246	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	21,279,306	17,356,000	0	0	0
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	10,477,274	10,585,778	0	0	0
Contract Professional Services	1,194,649	1,515,999	0	0	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	4,794,618	3,616,363	0	0	0
Assistance and Grants	1,898,942	1,549,941	0	0	0
Subtotal: Operating	18,365,483	17,268,081	0	0	0
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,913,823	87,919	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	2,913,823	87,919	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	21,279,306	17,356,000	0	0	0
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,146,714	2,017,433	0	0	0
Federal Funds	19,132,592	15,338,567	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	21,279,306	17,356,000	0	0	0

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	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Communications	413,236	36,904	167,772	211,680	0
Community Mitigation & Prevention	2,543,556	1,210,787	0	40,238	0
Contact Tracing/Case Investigation	2,879,998	1,776,186	4,165,720	5,383,206	177,666
Data Analytics, Tech & Modeling	6,419,028	3,283,656	2,332,023	3,250,079	60,459
Other Support Services	53,552,277	67,633,812	6,939,926	6,246,742	7,204,162
Supplies	4,189,791	6,069,789	0	204,074	0
Testing	2,787,818	3,431,002	1,571,206	2,453,982	76,821
Total Expenditures	72,785,705	83,442,137	15,176,647	17,790,001	7,519,108
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	5,102,679	5,134,684	4,814,300	4,309,945	2,790,967
Contract Professional Services	28,417,538	17,340,930	4,106,816	3,961,921	1,906,698
Operating Supplies and Expenses	10,432,295	7,723,534	5,651,064	6,937,780	2,790,941
Assistance and Grants	2,800,182	1,242,569	99,502	385,248	0
Subtotal: Operating	46,752,695	31,441,717	14,671,682	15,594,894	7,488,606
Capital Purchases and Equipment	25,785,079	51,995,445	504,965	2,195,107	30,502
Aid to Local Units of Government	247,931	4,975	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	26,033,010	52,000,420	504,965	2,195,107	30,502
Total Expenditures	72,785,705	83,442,137	15,176,647	17,790,001	7,519,108
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	(235,961)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	73,021,666	83,442,137	15,176,647	17,790,001	7,519,108
Total Expenditures	72,785,705	83,442,137	15,176,647	17,790,001	7,519,108

Personnel

Department of Health

COVID-19

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SUPERVISING REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SCIENT	0336 A	1.0	53,503	1.0	103,103
Subtotal Classified		1.0	53,503	1.0	103,103
Subtotal		1.0	53,503	1.0	103,103
Transfer In			16,108		9,506
Longevity Pay			16,108		9,506
Regular Wages			2,607,303		1,694,025
Total Salaries			2,623,411		1,703,531
Benefits					
FICA			200,691		130,032
Health Benefits			471,670		325,091
Payroll Accrual			15,292		9,829
Retiree Health			85,266		52,470
Retirement			837,537		518,905
Subtotal			1,610,456		1,036,327
Total Salaries and Benefits		1.0	4,233,867	1.0	2,739,858
Cost Per FTE Position			4,233,867		2,739,858
Statewide Benefit Assessment			76,078		51,109
Payroll Costs		1.0	4,309,945	1.0	2,790,967
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			3,427,805		1,429,620
Information Technology			249,784		249,784
Medical Services			202,960		224,294
Other Contracts			15,000		3,000
Training and Educational Services			66,372		0
Subtotal			3,961,921		1,906,698
Total Personnel		1.0	8,271,866	1.0	4,697,665
Distribution by Source of Funds					
Federal Funds		1.0	8,271,866	1.0	4,697,665
Total All Funds		1.0	8,271,866	1.0	4,697,665

Program Summary

Department of Health

Healthcare Quality and Safety

Mission

The Division of Healthcare Quality and Safety assures minimum standards for the provision of healthcare services. The Division licenses, investigates, and disciplines (when warranted) 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 Healthcare Quality and Safety encompasses three Centers:

The Center for Professional Boards and Licensing (CPBL) is responsible for identifying and upholding professional standards of practice for healthcare professionals to ensure the highest quality healthcare for the public through licensing, certification, and discipline of healthcare professionals. 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 also housed in the CPBL.

The Center for Health Facilities Regulation (CHFR) is responsible for monitoring and 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 and that facilities provide the highest quality of care and services in a clean and safe environment. 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 CHFR is the Radiological Health Program (Radiation Control Program), whose mission is to license radiation equipment and entities that possess radioactive materials (RAM) 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 relative to RAM and the Food and Drug Administration relative to mammography equipment inspections.

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 by establishing minimum standards for licensing, vehicles, equipment for vehicles, personnel, training, communications, and the treatment of acutely ill or injured persons by ambulance and rescue personnel.

Statutory History

Authorization for the Division of Healthcare quality and Safety is contained in the various sections of Titles 4, 5, 16, 21, 23, and 42

Budget

Department of Health

Healthcare Quality and Safety

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Associate Director	0	0	1,371,493	1,213,724	1,259,959
Emergency Medical Services	0	0	1,654,284	1,706,471	1,546,463
Health Facilities Regulation	0	0	8,142,543	8,795,325	9,344,533
Professional Licensing, Boards, & Commissions	0	0	4,646,126	4,567,653	6,744,146
Total Expenditures	0	0	15,814,446	16,283,173	18,895,101
<i>Internal Services</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[177,915]</i>	<i>[146,941]</i>
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	0	0	12,803,737	12,866,889	13,467,052
Contract Professional Services	0	0	706,552	772,371	623,238
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	0	2,303,135	2,495,337	4,803,789
Assistance and Grants	0	0	0	144,000	0
Subtotal: Operating	0	0	15,813,424	16,278,597	18,894,079
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	1,022	4,576	1,022
Subtotal: Other	0	0	1,022	4,576	1,022
Total Expenditures	0	0	15,814,446	16,283,173	18,895,101
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	0	7,868,321	7,851,481	10,298,205
Federal Funds	0	0	6,746,561	7,474,880	7,529,889
Restricted Receipts	0	0	1,199,564	956,812	1,067,007
Total Expenditures	0	0	15,814,446	16,283,173	18,895,101

Personnel

Department of Health

Healthcare Quality and Safety

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0324 A	1.0	74,943	1.0	77,105
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0143 A	3.0	360,947	3.0	436,728
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	3.0	286,077	3.0	294,390
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR COMPUTER OPERATIONS	0127 A	1.0	96,679	1.0	99,462
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH	0146 A	1.0	192,436	1.0	198,107
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0B26 A	1.0	90,405	1.0	93,116
CHIEF COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY SECTION (PHARMACY)	0335 A	1.0	103,506	1.0	106,611
CHIEF FIELD INSPECTOR (BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY)	0324 A	1.0	70,553	1.0	72,611
CHIEF HEALTH PROGRAM EVALUATOR	0137 A	5.0	615,671	5.0	631,960
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	88,379	1.0	90,914
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	2.0	259,624	2.0	270,248
DATA ANALYST I	0334 A	1.0	53,543	1.0	96,076
DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR (DOH)	0144 A	1.0	153,474	1.0	164,458
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	0118 A	2.0	106,921	2.0	113,354
FIELD TECHNICIAN (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)	0323 A	2.0	91,476	2.0	124,840
HEALTH FAC COMPL SPEC IV	0334 A	1.0	94,418	1.0	102,155
HEALTH FAC COMP SPEC II (ENV)	0331 A	1.0	84,642	1.0	91,573
HEALTH FAC COMP SPEC III (NUTR	0332 A	1.0	92,735	1.0	95,517
HEALTH FAC COMP SPEC II (NUTRI	0331 A	2.0	177,354	2.0	188,078
HEALTH FAC COMP SPEC II (SOC W	0331 A	3.0	271,223	3.0	289,344
HEALTH FACILITY COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST I (GENERALIST)	0330 A	2.0	166,480	2.0	177,232
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	2.0	203,682	2.0	214,742
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION LICENSING AIDE II	0316 A	7.0	373,477	7.0	385,652
IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0322 A	2.0	129,522	2.0	137,229
MEDICOLEGAL ADMINISTRATOR	0132 A	1.0	98,791	1.0	101,754
NURSING CARE EVALUATOR I	0920 A	3.0	325,105	3.0	339,770
NURSING CARE EVALUATOR II	0923 A	15.0	1,857,724	15.0	1,946,902
PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST (HEALTH)	0331 A	1.0	80,726	1.0	86,048
PRINCIPAL HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0330 A	1.0	88,335	1.0	90,917
PRINCIPAL NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	0926 A	3.0	461,520	3.0	481,957
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	5.0	390,709	5.0	436,423
RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0330 A	4.0	323,422	4.0	341,462
SENIOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST (GENERAL)	0332 A	1.0	92,735	1.0	95,517

Personnel

Department of Health

Healthcare Quality and Safety

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0332 A	1.0	150,801	1.0	155,355
STATE DIRECTOR OF NURSING REGISTRATION & NURSING EDUC	0142 A	1.0	139,713	1.0	143,904
SUPERVISING RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	0334 A	1.0	91,806	1.0	97,978
TRAINING COORDINATOR (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES)	0331 A	1.0	89,392	1.0	92,074
Subtotal Classified		84.0	8,279,192	84.0	8,807,285
Unclassified					
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0966 F	1.0	226,193	1.0	232,978
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	226,193	1.0	232,978
Subtotal		85.0	8,505,385	85.0	9,040,263
Transfer Out			(19,160)		(19,975)
Longevity Pay			131,217		135,614
Regular Wages			8,022,986		8,534,502
Turnover			(275,000)		(391,613)
Total Salaries			7,879,203		8,278,503
Benefits					
FICA			598,635		632,976
Health Benefits			1,348,855		1,472,720
Payroll Accrual			45,903		47,977
Retiree Health			256,076		256,272
Retirement			2,509,713		2,528,990
Subtotal			4,759,182		4,938,935
Total Salaries and Benefits		85.0	12,638,385	85.0	13,217,438
Cost Per FTE Position			148,669		155,481
Statewide Benefit Assessment			228,504		249,614
Payroll Costs		85.0	12,866,889	85.0	13,467,052
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			637,871		526,838
Legal Services			1,300		1,300
Management & Consultant Services			25,000		0
Medical Services			100,700		87,600
Training and Educational Services			7,500		7,500
Subtotal			772,371		623,238

Personnel

Department of Health

Healthcare Quality and Safety

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Personnel	85.0	13,639,260	85.0	14,090,290
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	74.0	7,298,688	74.0	7,396,298
Federal Funds	5.0	5,426,009	5.0	5,672,773
Restricted Receipts	6.0	914,563	6.0	1,021,219
Total All Funds	85.0	13,639,260	85.0	14,090,290

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Healthcare Quality and Safety

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.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	100%	100%	100%	--	--

Program Summary

Department of Health

Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease

Mission

The Division of Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease (EPID) 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

EPID includes three Centers:

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. COVID-19 detection, control, prevention, and epidemiology has been consolidated into the Center for Acute Infectious Disease Epidemiology.

The Center for HIV, Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), and Tuberculosis (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 HIV, Hepatitis, STD, and TB infections, including through 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. The Center's mission is to create and promote 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.

Statutory History

Authorization for the activities within EPID is contained within the various sections of Title 23 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Budget

Department of Health

Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Acute Infectious Diseases	0	87,000	6,843,476	6,935,618	8,795,831
Emergency Preparedness and Response	0	0	7,116,327	8,473,197	7,271,733
HIV, Hep, STDs and TB	0	0	3,144,577	3,372,104	3,825,592
Total Expenditures	0	87,000	17,104,380	18,780,919	19,893,156
<i>Internal Services</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[]</i>	<i>[2,757,265]</i>	<i>[1,528,036]</i>
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	0	0	9,148,901	9,891,875	12,036,143
Contract Professional Services	0	87,000	997,196	1,274,549	966,561
Operating Supplies and Expenses	0	0	4,464,754	5,120,966	4,741,923
Assistance and Grants	0	0	2,313,529	2,313,529	1,968,529
Subtotal: Operating	0	87,000	16,924,380	18,600,919	19,713,156
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	180,000	180,000	180,000
Subtotal: Other	0	0	180,000	180,000	180,000
Total Expenditures	0	87,000	17,104,380	18,780,919	19,893,156
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	0	1,907,851	1,893,173	2,110,829
Federal Funds	0	87,000	15,196,529	16,887,746	17,782,327
Total Expenditures	0	87,000	17,104,380	18,780,919	19,893,156

Personnel

Department of Health

Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0319 A	1.0	56,493	1.0	59,294
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR II (DOH)	0143 A	2.0	294,547	2.0	322,384
ASSISTANT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0331 A	3.0	277,457	3.0	286,848
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0128 A	1.0	80,484	1.0	82,899
CHIEF OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION	0137 A	1.0	113,260	1.0	116,658
CHIEF OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS	0137 A	2.0	226,252	2.0	238,487
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE COORDINATOR	0923 A	1.0	124,051	1.0	131,838
CONSULTANT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	0926 A	7.0	1,074,258	7.0	1,109,153
DATA CONTROL CLERK	0315 A	2.0	101,058	2.0	105,155
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST I	0324 A	1.0	68,007	1.0	70,632
DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST II	0327 A	7.0	539,371	7.0	579,325
HEALTH POLICY ANALYST	0333 A	5.0	513,223	5.0	527,815
HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	0335 A	2.0	219,893	2.0	231,315
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	0139 A	1.0	133,192	1.0	137,009
MEDICAL DIRECTOR- FAMILY HEALTH	0252 A	1.0	219,478	1.0	226,060
PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0335 A	6.0	637,345	6.0	664,982
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	0331 A	1.0	93,862	1.0	96,678
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0331 A	3.0	258,319	3.0	275,469
PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0329 A	1.0	89,479	1.0	92,090
SENIOR HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	0328 A	1.0	81,912	1.0	85,890
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST	0333 A	6.0	578,189	6.0	602,830
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	0331 A	2.0	180,744	2.0	190,510
Subtotal Classified		57.0	5,960,874	57.0	6,233,321
Subtotal		57.0	5,960,874	57.0	6,233,321
Transfer Out			(7,792)		(2,881)
Transfer In			33,341		36,364
Longevity Pay			100,681		112,494
Regular Wages			5,874,683		7,238,764
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			143,325		143,325
Turnover			(32,247)		(76,071)
Total Salaries			6,126,902		7,459,244

Personnel

Department of Health

Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		465,320		566,400
Health Benefits		1,001,059		1,308,548
Payroll Accrual		34,653		41,969
Retiree Health		193,160		224,074
Retirement		1,898,432		2,217,646
Subtotal		3,592,624		4,358,637
Total Salaries and Benefits	57.0	9,719,526	57.0	11,817,881
Cost Per FTE Position		170,518		207,331
Statewide Benefit Assessment		172,349		218,262
Payroll Costs	57.0	9,891,875	57.0	12,036,143
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		260,826		260,826
Information Technology		107,000		107,000
Medical Services		75,000		75,000
Other Contracts		12,500		12,500
Training and Educational Services		819,223		511,235
Subtotal		1,274,549		966,561
Total Personnel	57.0	11,166,424	57.0	13,002,704
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	4.0	1,370,954	4.0	1,404,147
Federal Funds	53.0	9,795,470	53.0	11,598,557
Total All Funds	57.0	11,166,424	57.0	13,002,704

Performance Measures

Department of Health

Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease

Newly Diagnosed HIV Cases

Reductions in new HIV 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 2025 data are preliminary and may change as new case investigations are completed.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	36	65	65	67	63
Actual	70	94	43	--	--