

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

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL**

Agency Summary

Office of Attorney General

Agency Mission

To represent the State with regard to the investigation, prosecution, and trial of all felony matters, misdemeanor cases, and appellate matters within its jurisdiction. To provide public protection on behalf of the people of Rhode Island as citizens, consumers, and taxpayers. To provide criminal history information and descriptive data on demand to federal and local law enforcement agencies seven days a week, 24-hours a day.

Agency Description

The Attorney General is established under the Rhode Island Constitution as one of the five general officers subject to election by the voters. As the State's central legal agency, the Attorney General is responsible for the prosecution of all felony criminal cases, misdemeanor appeals, and misdemeanor cases brought by state law enforcement action in the various district courts. The Attorney General initiates legal action to protect the interests of the citizens of Rhode Island regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Access to Public Records Act, and protection of the public from deceptive business practices and anti-trust violations.

Additionally, the Attorney General provides legal advice to state officers and represents all agencies, departments, and commissions in litigation. The State Bureau of Criminal Identification, the central repository for all criminal records in the State, is operated and maintained by the Attorney General. The Office of Attorney General is divided into four programs: Criminal, Civil, Bureau of Criminal Identification, and General.

Statutory History

Article IV, Section 1 of the Rhode Island Constitution and R.I.G.L. 42-9 establish the Office of the Attorney General. R.I.G.L. 12-9 relates to extradition; R.I.G.L. 9-31 relates to governmental tort liability; R.I.G.L. 12-12 relates to indictments and information; R.I.G.L. 12-1 relates to criminal identification; and R.I.G.L. 11-57 relates to weapons.

Budget

Office of Attorney General

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Criminal	24,662,208	28,255,724	28,647,621	28,931,915	29,064,894
Civil	7,681,463	9,242,486	12,125,944	11,344,005	11,744,237
Bureau of Criminal Identification	4,406,848	4,652,581	3,834,787	4,439,054	3,908,220
General	5,703,343	5,347,271	7,879,455	8,211,333	7,129,584
Total Expenditures	42,453,862	47,498,063	52,487,807	52,926,307	51,846,935
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	34,244,820	38,163,878	39,643,874	39,397,805	40,497,348
Contract Professional Services	1,207,781	2,236,754	3,499,087	6,143,790	4,569,896
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,407,405	5,671,225	5,787,508	5,730,090	6,226,893
Assistance and Grants	6,235	53,769	215,000	215,000	220,000
Subtotal: Operating	40,866,240	46,125,626	49,145,469	51,486,685	51,514,137
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,587,622	1,372,436	3,342,338	1,439,622	332,798
Subtotal: Other	1,587,622	1,372,436	3,342,338	1,439,622	332,798
Total Expenditures	42,453,862	47,498,063	52,487,807	52,926,307	51,846,935
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	35,044,453	36,669,822	38,244,427	38,389,891	39,369,297
Federal Funds	2,295,046	3,388,273	3,568,559	3,348,549	3,221,855
Restricted Receipts	4,171,089	7,325,138	8,149,821	8,662,867	8,105,783
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	943,273	114,830	2,525,000	2,525,000	1,150,000
Total Expenditures	42,453,862	47,498,063	52,487,807	52,926,307	51,846,935
FTE Authorization	264.1	264.1	268.1	268.1	268.1

Personnel Agency Summary

Office of Attorney General

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	268.1	25,838,361	268.1	27,027,087
Subtotal	268.1	25,838,361	268.1	27,027,087
Turnover		(1,718,881)		(2,167,351)
Total Salaries		24,119,480		24,859,736
Benefits				
FICA		1,884,373		1,958,910
Health Benefits		3,836,537		4,154,455
Payroll Accrual		144,246		148,134
Retiree Health		804,609		791,359
Retirement		7,890,605		7,813,942
Subtotal		14,560,370		14,866,800
Total Salaries and Benefits	268.1	38,679,850	268.1	39,726,536
Cost Per FTE Position		144,274		148,178
Statewide Benefit Assessment		717,955		770,812
Payroll Costs	268.1	39,397,805	268.1	40,497,348
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		279,862		291,207
Clerical and Temporary Services		258,324		199,301
Design and Engineering Services		36,050		37,853
Information Technology		842,031		714,581
Legal Services		1,979,986		1,954,256
Management & Consultant Services		125,294		122,294
Medical Services		11,330		11,897
Other Contracts		2,535,007		1,160,304
Training and Educational Services		75,906		78,203
Subtotal		6,143,790		4,569,896
Total Personnel	268.1	45,541,595	268.1	45,067,244
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	232.1	35,091,031	232.1	35,934,820
Federal Funds	12.0	2,121,001	12.0	2,133,884
Restricted Receipts	24.0	5,804,563	24.0	5,848,540
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	2,525,000	0.0	1,150,000
Total All Funds	268.1	45,541,595	268.1	45,067,244

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

Mission

The Criminal Program's mission is to represent the State with regard to the investigation, prosecution, and trial of all felony matters, misdemeanor cases brought by state law enforcement, and appellate matters within its jurisdiction.

Description

The Criminal Program, with offices in Providence, Kent, Washington, and Newport counties, is responsible for the prosecution of felony cases and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The Narcotics and Organized Crime Prosecution Unit is composed of legal and support staff who prosecute all narcotics and organized crime cases. The Forfeiture Unit handles all asset forfeiture cases. The Information Charging Unit prepares information for all felony cases filed in Providence County, except for Grand Jury indictments. The Victim/Witness Unit administers a comprehensive assistance program for victims and state witnesses, which is mandated by the Victim's Bill of Rights.

The Diversion Unit provides alternatives to court prosecution for selected first-time, non-violent felony offenders. The Juvenile Unit is responsible for prosecuting all juveniles charged with felonies by local police and state agencies, and all adults charged with criminal child abuse. The Appellate Unit represents the State in all criminal appeals before the Rhode Island Supreme Court and post-conviction cases filed in federal court. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit prosecutes fraud and abuse by providers of Medicaid services to Rhode Island and the Welfare Fraud Unit investigates and prosecutes all cases of welfare fraud.

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Budget

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	24,662,208	28,255,724	28,647,621	28,931,915	29,064,894
Total Expenditures	24,662,208	28,255,724	28,647,621	28,931,915	29,064,894
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	21,073,493	23,413,742	23,295,361	23,438,455	23,997,371
Contract Professional Services	755,302	838,578	1,357,078	1,571,781	1,356,200
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,380,445	3,739,987	3,064,574	3,476,071	3,265,255
Assistance and Grants	0	0	115,000	115,000	115,000
Subtotal: Operating	24,209,239	27,992,307	27,832,013	28,601,307	28,733,826
Capital Purchases and Equipment	452,968	263,417	815,608	330,608	331,068
Subtotal: Other	452,968	263,417	815,608	330,608	331,068
Total Expenditures	24,662,208	28,255,724	28,647,621	28,931,915	29,064,894
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	21,654,746	23,054,069	23,147,524	23,790,695	24,153,594
Federal Funds	2,224,265	3,257,412	3,404,012	3,188,449	3,089,426
Restricted Receipts	783,197	1,944,243	2,096,085	1,952,771	1,821,874
Total Expenditures	24,662,208	28,255,724	28,647,621	28,931,915	29,064,894

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (AG)	8719 A	1.0	61,317	1.0	63,156
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (AG)	8723 A	2.0	164,352	2.0	169,282
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8738 A	1.0	127,672	1.0	131,503
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8739 A	1.0	140,556	1.0	144,773
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8740 A	1.0	140,051	1.0	144,253
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8741 A	1.0	146,240	1.0	150,627
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (A.G.)	8741 A	2.0	292,480	2.0	301,254
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (A.G.)	8743 A	1.0	174,493	1.0	179,728
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8739 A	1.0	140,556	1.0	144,773
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8740 A	2.0	304,611	2.0	313,750
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8742 A	1.0	160,055	1.0	164,856
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8744 A	4.0	729,311	4.0	751,188
ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8746 A	2.0	389,837	2.0	401,533
CASE INTAKE COORDINATOR (AG)	8718 A	2.0	113,434	2.0	118,228
CASE INTAKE COORDINATOR (AG)	8719 A	2.0	122,210	2.0	127,624
CASE INTAKE COORDINATOR (AG)	8718 A	1.0	58,806	1.0	61,176
CHIEF PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8731 A	1.0	112,823	1.0	116,209
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO ATTORNEY GENERAL	8718 A	1.0	59,394	1.0	61,176
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8725 A	2.0	155,038	2.0	159,688
DIR OF COMM VIOL INTER&PREV(AG)	8736 A	1.0	110,671	1.0	120,019
FILE CONTROL PARALEGAL (AG)	8717 A	1.0	52,810	1.0	55,606
INTAKE COORD/SUPERVISOR (AG)	8727 A	1.0	88,153	1.0	90,798
INTAKE UNIT LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8718 A	1.0	56,097	1.0	59,343
INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH SPEC (AG)	8724 A	1.0	68,292	1.0	72,670
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8725 A	2.0	155,038	2.0	159,688
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8726 A	2.0	153,613	2.0	160,905
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8728 A	1.0	87,243	1.0	89,860
LEAD ADMIN ASSISTANT (AG)	8731 A	1.0	100,823	1.0	106,104
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8722 A	1.0	72,252	1.0	74,420
LEGAL CLERK (A.G.)	8719 A	2.0	128,766	2.0	132,628
LEGAL CLERK (A.G.)	8720 A	2.0	133,760	2.0	137,773
LEGAL CLERK (A.G.)	8724 A	1.0	85,522	1.0	88,088
LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8718 A	2.0	114,223	2.0	119,008
LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8719 A	1.9	127,729	1.9	131,499
LEGAL SECRETARY (A.G.)	8719 A	3.0	183,951	3.0	189,468
LEGAL SECRETARY (A.G)	8718 A	0.6	56,255	0.6	59,611

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
NURSE INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8728 A	1.0	87,243	1.0	89,860
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8718 A	1.0	56,821	1.0	60,571
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8719 A	2.0	118,690	2.0	123,783
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8720 A	1.0	70,065	1.0	72,167
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8726 A	1.0	88,744	1.0	91,406
PARALEGAL (AG)	8719 A	4.0	238,327	4.0	249,163
PARALEGAL (AG)	8721 A	3.6	290,322	3.6	299,024
PARALEGAL (AG)	8722 A	2.0	136,359	2.0	142,457
PARALEGAL (AG)	8724 A	1.0	72,574	1.0	76,598
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8717 A	1.0	67,641	1.0	69,670
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8719 A	3.0	130,314	3.0	172,425
PARALEGAL (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8720 A	4.0	277,073	4.0	285,387
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8718 A	3.0	181,152	3.0	186,587
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8719 A	1.0	48,532	1.0	57,625
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8720 A	7.0	479,306	7.0	493,685
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	8719 A	1.0	58,412	1.0	62,252
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8727 A	1.0	98,647	1.0	101,607
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8729 A	2.0	155,357	2.0	185,812
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8734 A	1.0	109,617	1.0	112,905
SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8726 A	4.0	322,704	4.0	332,384
SENIOR LEGAL SECRETARY	8718 A	1.0	53,986	1.0	57,001
SPEC ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL	8739 A	3.0	401,589	3.0	413,637
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8730 A	8.0	685,739	8.0	755,325
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8731 A	7.0	686,749	7.0	707,357
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8732 A	3.0	305,715	3.0	314,889
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8734 A	2.0	219,234	2.0	225,812
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8735 A	5.0	567,660	5.0	584,690
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8736 A	5.0	587,185	5.0	604,800
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8737 A	5.0	607,430	5.0	625,655
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8738 A	2.0	261,728	2.0	269,579
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8739 A	1.0	153,942	1.0	158,561
STAFF ATTORNEY I	8730 A	10.0	882,165	10.0	944,166
STAFF ATTORNEY I (AG)	8737 A	1.0	121,486	1.0	125,131
STAFF ATTORNEY III (AG)	8745 A	3.0	530,103	3.0	546,006
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (A.G.)	8736 A	1.0	129,181	1.0	133,056
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (AG)	8739 A	1.0	153,942	1.0	158,561
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (AG)	8741 A	1.0	175,592	1.0	180,747

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

	FY 2026		FY 2027		
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Unclassified					
STAFF ATTORNEY V (AG)	8741 A	1.0	153,552	1.0	158,158
STAFF ATTORNEY V (AG)	8745 A	1.0	171,001	1.0	176,131
STAFF ATTORNEY V (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8740 A	1.0	147,054	1.0	151,466
VICTIM SERVICES ADVOCATE (A.G.)	8720 A	2.0	135,411	2.0	141,955
VICTIM SERVICES ADVOCATE (A.G.)	8721 A	1.0	66,295	1.0	68,284
Subtotal Unclassified		163.1	15,653,073	163.1	16,318,600
Subtotal		163.1	15,653,073	163.1	16,318,600
Longevity Pay			501,340		516,486
Regular Wages			15,135,132		15,784,111
Turnover			(1,255,231)		(1,508,651)
Total Salaries			14,381,241		14,791,946
Benefits					
FICA			1,108,491		1,141,575
Health Benefits			2,333,096		2,519,329
Payroll Accrual			84,791		86,279
Retiree Health			473,051		460,987
Retirement			4,635,680		4,548,239
Subtotal			8,635,109		8,756,409
Total Salaries and Benefits		163.1	23,016,350	163.1	23,548,355
Cost Per FTE Position			141,118		144,380
Statewide Benefit Assessment			422,105		449,016
Payroll Costs		163.1	23,438,455	163.1	23,997,371
Purchased Services					
Buildings and Ground Maintenance			256,111		266,277
Clerical and Temporary Services			192,616		166,635
Design and Engineering Services			36,050		37,853
Information Technology			564,839		424,839
Legal Services			416,786		372,056
Management & Consultant Services			20,000		0
Medical Services			11,330		11,897
Other Contracts			9,380		9,677
Training and Educational Services			64,669		66,966
Subtotal			1,571,781		1,356,200
Total Personnel		163.1	25,010,236	163.1	25,353,571

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Criminal

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	144.1	21,637,695	144.1	22,068,873
Federal Funds	12.0	2,060,901	12.0	2,106,455
Restricted Receipts	7.0	1,311,640	7.0	1,178,243
Total All Funds	163.1	25,010,236	163.1	25,353,571

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

Civil

Mission

The Civil program provides cost effective legal representation to the State, its agencies, boards, and commissions. It also publicly protects the people of Rhode Island as citizens, consumers and taxpayers.

Description

The Attorney General of Rhode Island is the State's Chief Legal Officer for both criminal and civil matters and is charged with conducting the State's legal affairs and representing the State in all legal proceedings. By law, the Attorney General represents the State, its agencies and employees in the Rhode Island Supreme Court and all lower state courts; institutes actions in state and federal courts whenever warranted; ensures that representation is provided to state officers, employees, and agencies in all courts; advises state officers and agencies on legal issues and gives written opinions on legal issues when requested by an appropriate governmental officer; and represents the interests of the people.

Statutory History

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Budget

Office of Attorney General

Civil

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	7,681,463	9,242,486	12,125,944	11,344,005	11,744,237
Total Expenditures	7,681,463	9,242,486	12,125,944	11,344,005	11,744,237
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	6,790,610	7,791,006	9,233,411	8,601,472	8,943,100
Contract Professional Services	310,485	858,148	1,795,713	1,730,713	1,768,218
Operating Supplies and Expenses	480,994	539,563	995,878	910,878	926,977
Assistance and Grants	6,235	53,769	100,000	100,000	105,000
Subtotal: Operating	7,588,324	9,242,486	12,125,002	11,343,063	11,743,295
Capital Purchases and Equipment	93,140	0	942	942	942
Subtotal: Other	93,140	0	942	942	942
Total Expenditures	7,681,463	9,242,486	12,125,944	11,344,005	11,744,237
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	6,317,460	6,065,176	7,301,706	6,445,138	6,672,679
Federal Funds	6,235	78,122	100,000	125,553	132,429
Restricted Receipts	1,357,769	3,099,188	4,724,238	4,773,314	4,939,129
Total Expenditures	7,681,463	9,242,486	12,125,944	11,344,005	11,744,237

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Civil

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	8719 A	1.0	57,657	1.0	61,036
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8735 A	1.0	113,532	1.0	116,938
ASSO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (AG)	8728 A	1.0	87,243	1.0	89,860
ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8746 A	1.0	177,199	1.0	182,515
CHIEF OF CIVIL (AG)	8750 A	1.0	201,964	1.0	208,023
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8722 A	1.0	68,811	1.0	70,876
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8717 A	1.0	53,938	1.0	56,854
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8719 A	1.0	55,698	1.0	58,830
LEGAL ASSISTANT (AG)	8722 A	2.0	137,622	2.0	141,752
LEGAL CLERK (AG)	8719 A	1.0	57,890	1.0	61,411
LEGAL CLERK (ATTY GENERAL)	8716 A	1.0	55,928	1.0	57,606
LEGAL SECRETARY	8717 A	1.0	53,677	1.0	56,550
LEGAL SECRETARY (A.G.)	8716 A	1.0	51,347	1.0	54,085
PARALEGAL (A.G.)	8719 A	1.0	59,081	1.0	63,156
PARALEGAL (AG)	8719 A	2.0	118,162	2.0	126,312
PARALEGAL (AG)	8721 A	2.0	139,220	2.0	143,396
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8720 A	1.0	62,979	1.0	65,606
SPEC ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL	8744 A	1.0	164,816	1.0	169,760
SPEC ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL	8747 A	1.0	183,392	1.0	188,893
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8730 A	12.0	973,219	12.0	1,116,952
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8731 A	3.0	294,321	3.0	303,153
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8732 A	1.0	101,905	1.0	104,963
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8733 A	1.0	105,683	1.0	108,853
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8734 A	3.0	328,851	3.0	338,718
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8735 A	1.0	113,532	1.0	116,938
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8740 A	3.0	395,515	3.0	422,061
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	8747 A	1.0	183,392	1.0	188,893
SPECIAL ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL	8742 A	3.0	434,996	3.0	460,799
STAFF ATTORNEY I	8730 A	5.0	439,230	5.0	472,621
STAFF ATTORNEY II (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8740 A	1.0	140,051	1.0	144,253
STAFF ATTORNEY IV (AG)	8742 A	1.0	152,433	1.0	157,006
Subtotal Unclassified		57.0	5,563,284	57.0	5,908,669
Subtotal		57.0	5,563,284	57.0	5,908,669
Longevity Pay			6,630		6,828
Regular Wages			5,573,255		5,919,844
Turnover			(415,455)		(572,060)

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Civil

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Salaries		5,164,430		5,354,612
Benefits				
FICA		424,284		451,849
Health Benefits		856,353		937,261
Payroll Accrual		32,521		34,179
Retiree Health		181,345		182,537
Retirement		1,780,725		1,804,862
Subtotal		3,275,228		3,410,688
Total Salaries and Benefits	57.0	8,439,658	57.0	8,765,300
Cost Per FTE Position		148,064		153,777
Statewide Benefit Assessment		161,814		177,800
Payroll Costs	57.0	8,601,472	57.0	8,943,100
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		57		57
Clerical and Temporary Services		31,161		32,666
Information Technology		26,192		26,192
Legal Services		1,563,200		1,582,200
Management & Consultant Services		105,294		122,294
Other Contracts		627		627
Training and Educational Services		4,182		4,182
Subtotal		1,730,713		1,768,218
Total Personnel	57.0	10,332,185	57.0	10,711,318
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	40.0	6,064,709	40.0	6,277,142
Federal Funds	0.0	25,553	0.0	27,429
Restricted Receipts	17.0	4,241,923	17.0	4,406,747
Total All Funds	57.0	10,332,185	57.0	10,711,318

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

Mission

The Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) provides criminal history information and descriptive data to federal and local law enforcement agencies, 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Description

The BCI is a repository and central clearinghouse for information on individuals who have been arrested or convicted of crimes in Rhode Island. This information includes criminal history records, fingerprints, and warrant information. The unit operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This unit also receives and processes requests for records from law enforcement agencies across the country. Additionally, BCI issues and maintains pistol permits, issues security guard licenses, and conducts background checks.

Statutory History

Section 12-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the Bureau of Criminal Identification within the Office of the Attorney General. The duties of this unit are further outlined in Sections 12-1-5 through 12-1-12.

Budget

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	4,406,848	4,652,581	3,834,787	4,439,054	3,908,220
Total Expenditures	4,406,848	4,652,581	3,834,787	4,439,054	3,908,220
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	2,000,327	2,066,119	2,207,210	2,234,193	2,319,301
Contract Professional Services	108,221	384,408	322,626	292,626	270,629
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,306,977	1,094,770	1,304,585	804,585	1,317,924
Subtotal: Operating	3,415,526	3,545,297	3,834,421	3,331,404	3,907,854
Capital Purchases and Equipment	991,322	1,107,284	366	1,107,650	366
Subtotal: Other	991,322	1,107,284	366	1,107,650	366
Total Expenditures	4,406,848	4,652,581	3,834,787	4,439,054	3,908,220
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,312,178	2,318,135	2,440,742	2,467,725	2,563,440
Federal Funds	64,547	52,738	64,547	34,547	0
Restricted Receipts	2,030,124	2,281,707	1,329,498	1,936,782	1,344,780
Total Expenditures	4,406,848	4,652,581	3,834,787	4,439,054	3,908,220

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (AG)	8728 A	1.0	87,243	1.0	89,860
BCI CLERK (A G)	8715 A	2.0	88,515	2.0	105,765
BCI CLERK (AG)	8718 A	1.0	60,668	1.0	62,450
BCI CLERK (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8720 A	1.0	63,695	1.0	65,606
CHIEF BCI UNIT (ATTY GENERAL)	8743 A	1.0	158,630	1.0	163,389
CLASSIFICATION CLERK (AG)	8715 A	1.0	54,221	1.0	57,051
CLASSIFICATION CLERK (AG)	8720 A	1.0	62,364	1.0	65,606
DEPUTY CHIEF BCI (AG)	8735 A	1.0	113,532	1.0	116,938
FINGERPRINT EXPERT (A.G.)	8722 A	1.0	68,811	1.0	70,876
FINGERPRINT EXPERT (A.G.)	8729 A	1.0	90,774	1.0	93,497
GIVE ME A NAME	8715 A	1.0	55,426	1.0	57,051
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8723 A	1.0	71,457	1.0	73,601
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8727 A	1.0	83,955	1.0	86,474
INVESTIGATOR (AG)	8732 A	1.0	101,905	1.0	104,963
LEGAL ASSISTANT	8720 A	1.0	62,364	1.0	65,606
LEGAL CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8715 A	1.0	52,531	1.0	55,070
LEGAL SECRETARY (AG)	8715 A	1.0	49,432	1.0	50,915
SENIOR LEGAL ASSISTANT	8724 A	1.0	87,381	1.0	90,003
Subtotal Unclassified		19.0	1,412,904	19.0	1,474,721
Subtotal		19.0	1,412,904	19.0	1,474,721
Longevity Pay			13,014		13,405
Regular Wages			1,399,890		1,461,316
Turnover			(20,116)		(20,719)
Total Salaries			1,392,788		1,454,002
Benefits					
FICA			108,088		112,816
Health Benefits			188,211		206,169
Payroll Accrual			8,230		8,499
Retiree Health			45,919		45,422
Retirement			449,984		448,152
Subtotal			800,432		821,058
Total Salaries and Benefits		19.0	2,193,220	19.0	2,275,060
Cost Per FTE Position			115,433		119,740
Statewide Benefit Assessment			40,973		44,241
Payroll Costs		19.0	2,234,193	19.0	2,319,301

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Criminal Identification

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		24		24
Clerical and Temporary Services		34,547		0
Information Technology		251,000		263,550
Training and Educational Services		7,055		7,055
Subtotal		292,626		270,629
Total Personnel	19.0	2,526,819	19.0	2,589,930
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	19.0	2,241,272	19.0	2,326,380
Federal Funds	0.0	34,547	0.0	0
Restricted Receipts	0.0	251,000	0.0	263,550
Total All Funds	19.0	2,526,819	19.0	2,589,930

Program Summary

Office of Attorney General

General

Mission

The General program provides the infrastructure necessary for the efficient operation of the Office of the Attorney General.

Description

The General program provides administrative support to ensure that the department operates efficiently and consists of eight units. The Executive Unit consists of the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and support staff, and coordinates all parts of the department.

The Fiscal Unit is responsible for all of the department's financial operations, including the preparation of the budget, monitoring, and controlling expenditures, and processing all financial paperwork.

The Personnel Unit processes all paperwork regarding hiring, transfers, promotions, terminations, and monitors payroll records submitted to Accounts and Control. This unit ensures that all state and federal laws and regulations are upheld, including equal employment opportunities and affirmative action requirements.

The Operations Unit is responsible for purchasing, maintenance, and repair of the department's buildings and automobiles and monitoring the department's telephone and mail systems. The Management Information System Unit administers and operates the department's computer systems. The system consists of five central processing units and multiple application servers.

The Attorney General's computer system is linked to the court's computer system and the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. The Public Information Unit handles all communication with the media and supports the entire Office with preparation and dissemination of communications and materials for consumption by the general public.

The Policy and Legislation Unit is responsible for the development and advancement of the Office's legislative agenda, as well as fielding inquiries regarding other legislative proposals. The Policy unit also provides legal support to the Attorney General and criminal and civil divisions based on the needs and priorities of the Office and the Attorney General. The Community Engagement Unit coordinates the Attorney General's community outreach efforts.

Statutory History

Article IV, Section 1 of the Rhode Island Constitution and R.I.G.L. 42-9 establish the Office of the Attorney General.

Budget

Office of Attorney General

General

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	5,703,343	5,347,271	7,879,455	8,211,333	7,129,584
Total Expenditures	5,703,343	5,347,271	7,879,455	8,211,333	7,129,584
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	4,380,389	4,893,012	4,907,892	5,123,685	5,237,576
Contract Professional Services	33,773	155,620	23,670	2,548,670	1,174,849
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,238,989	296,904	422,471	538,556	716,737
Subtotal: Operating	5,653,151	5,345,536	5,354,033	8,210,911	7,129,162
Capital Purchases and Equipment	50,192	1,735	2,525,422	422	422
Subtotal: Other	50,192	1,735	2,525,422	422	422
Total Expenditures	5,703,343	5,347,271	7,879,455	8,211,333	7,129,584
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	4,760,070	5,232,441	5,354,455	5,686,333	5,979,584
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	943,273	114,830	2,525,000	2,525,000	1,150,000
Total Expenditures	5,703,343	5,347,271	7,879,455	8,211,333	7,129,584

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

General

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8742 A	1.0	146,240	1.0	150,627
ASSISTANT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (A.G.)	8742 A	1.0	152,433	1.0	157,006
ATTORNEY GENERAL	0535 F	1.0	146,107	1.0	146,107
BUSINESS ANALYST (AG)	8742 A	1.0	152,433	1.0	157,006
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)	8751 A	1.0	208,149	1.0	214,394
DEPUTY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (AG)	8740 A	1.0	140,051	1.0	144,253
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION (AG)	8741 A	1.0	171,832	1.0	176,987
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE (AG)	8744 A	1.0	164,816	1.0	169,760
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES (AG)	8730 A	1.0	94,318	1.0	97,148
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS (A.G.)	8738 A	1.0	121,486	1.0	125,131
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (AG)	8740 A	1.0	161,059	1.0	165,891
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	8741 A	1.0	153,552	1.0	158,158
EXECUTIVE ASST ADMINISTRATOR	8741 A	1.0	160,864	1.0	165,690
EXECUTIVE SCHEDULER (AG)	8720 A	1.0	63,695	1.0	65,606
FAMILY CRISIS AIDE (AG)	8715 A	1.0	54,152	1.0	55,777
FISCAL CLERK (A.G.)	8725 A	1.0	77,519	1.0	79,844
FISCAL MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR	8734 A	1.0	113,082	1.0	118,551
FISCAL OFFICER (A.G.)	8728 A	1.0	87,243	1.0	89,860
FISCAL OFFICER (AG)	8734 A	1.0	120,579	1.0	124,197
HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST (AG)	8720 A	1.0	63,695	1.0	65,606
HUMAN RES/PAYROLL ASSIST (AG)	8719 A	1.0	55,946	1.0	59,046
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (A G)	8717 A	1.0	57,567	1.0	59,294
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8723 A	1.0	71,457	1.0	73,601
PARALEGAL CLERK (AG)	8736 A	1.0	111,298	1.0	120,960
POLICY ANALYST (AG)	8729 A	1.0	84,617	1.0	91,132
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (AG)	8726 A	1.0	74,201	1.0	79,290
RECEPTIONIST (ATTORNEY GENERAL)	8715 A	1.0	50,773	1.0	53,295
TECHNICAL SUPPORT ENGINEER (AG)	8724 A	1.0	67,883	1.0	72,227
TECH SUPT ENGINEER II (AG)	8728 A	1.0	82,053	1.0	88,653
Subtotal Unclassified		29.0	3,209,100	29.0	3,325,097
Subtotal		29.0	3,209,100	29.0	3,325,097
Longevity Pay			84,883		87,528
Regular Wages			3,124,217		3,237,569
Turnover			(28,079)		(65,921)
Total Salaries			3,181,021		3,259,176

Personnel

Office of Attorney General

General

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		243,510		252,670
Health Benefits		458,877		491,696
Payroll Accrual		18,704		19,177
Retiree Health		104,294		102,413
Retirement		1,024,216		1,012,689
Subtotal		1,849,601		1,878,645
Total Salaries and Benefits	29.0	5,030,622	29.0	5,137,821
Cost Per FTE Position		173,470		177,166
Statewide Benefit Assessment		93,063		99,755
Payroll Costs	29.0	5,123,685	29.0	5,237,576
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		23,670		24,849
Other Contracts		2,525,000		1,150,000
Subtotal		2,548,670		1,174,849
Total Personnel	29.0	7,672,355	29.0	6,412,425
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	29.0	5,147,355	29.0	5,262,425
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	2,525,000	0.0	1,150,000
Total All Funds	29.0	7,672,355	29.0	6,412,425