

**VOLUME IV: PUBLIC SAFETY,
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TRANSPORTATION**

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Agency Summary

Judiciary

Agency Mission

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

Agency Description

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

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

Statutory History

The Judiciary is one of the three branches of government defined in the Rhode Island Constitution. The powers and jurisdictions of the six courts are identified in R.I. General Laws § 8-1 - Supreme Court; § 8-2 - Superior Court; § 8-10 - Family Court; § 8-8 - District Court; § 28-30 - Workers' Compensation Court; and § 8-8.2 - Traffic Tribunal. The budgetary and finance controls of the Judiciary are identified as follows: RIGL § 8-15-4 - Appointment of Court Administrator and Assistants; § 35-3-1 - Budget Officer – General Powers and Duties; § 36-4-2.1 - Exemption from Merit System; § 36-4-16.4 - Salaries of Directors, Judges, and Workers' Compensation Judges; § 36-6-1 - Controller – Duties in General; and § 37-8-1 - State House – State Office Building – Courthouses.

Budget

Judiciary

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Supreme Court	48,041,646	52,276,863	52,683,551	54,391,129	56,278,791
Superior Court	26,817,016	28,424,471	30,541,228	30,608,051	31,393,969
Family Court	30,338,263	32,797,954	34,560,500	34,205,332	35,025,663
District Court	16,619,184	18,480,067	18,454,727	18,153,622	18,529,584
Traffic Tribunal	10,794,825	11,825,086	11,704,985	11,741,517	12,022,509
Worker's Compensation Court	9,333,974	10,241,245	11,090,756	11,083,539	12,073,439
Judicial Tenure & Discipline	147,606	154,352	188,686	188,775	190,901
Total Expenditures	142,092,514	154,200,038	159,224,433	160,371,965	165,514,856
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	105,748,973	116,718,321	125,973,201	123,867,736	127,645,646
Contract Professional Services	2,613,570	2,452,457	2,749,637	6,909,280	7,029,148
Operating Supplies and Expenses	18,973,204	19,977,589	11,345,138	13,119,869	14,118,326
Assistance and Grants	11,818,960	12,590,135	13,619,396	13,901,937	13,899,675
Subtotal: Operating	139,154,708	151,738,502	153,687,372	157,798,822	162,692,795
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,937,805	2,461,536	5,537,061	2,573,143	2,822,061
Subtotal: Other	2,937,805	2,461,536	5,537,061	2,573,143	2,822,061
Total Expenditures	142,092,514	154,200,038	159,224,433	160,371,965	165,514,856
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	118,821,242	131,104,664	133,516,539	135,551,052	139,466,764
Federal Funds	5,014,517	5,198,132	6,294,895	5,424,840	5,417,996
Restricted Receipts	12,628,668	13,173,977	15,787,999	15,721,305	16,755,096
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	5,628,087	4,723,264	3,625,000	3,674,768	3,875,000
Total Expenditures	142,092,514	154,200,038	159,224,433	160,371,965	165,514,856
FTE Authorization	743.3	745.3	749.3	749.3	749.3

Personnel Agency Summary

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Judiciary				
Classified	1.0	77,763	1.0	83,452
Unclassified	748.3	78,992,798	748.3	82,555,432
Subtotal	749.3	79,070,561	749.3	82,638,884
Overtime		557,639		522,294
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		328,615		328,615
Turnover		(3,241,160)		(4,169,075)
Total Salaries		76,715,655		79,320,718
Benefits				
FICA		5,497,546		5,710,897
Health Benefits		12,520,681		13,450,836
Payroll Accrual		441,269		452,698
Retiree Health		1,817,624		1,779,620
Retirement		24,675,916		24,576,780
Subtotal		44,953,036		45,970,831
Total Salaries and Benefits	749.3	121,668,691	749.3	125,291,549
Cost Per FTE Position		162,376		167,211
Statewide Benefit Assessment		2,199,045		2,354,097
Payroll Costs	749.3	123,867,736	749.3	127,645,646
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		2,407,243		2,549,687
Clerical and Temporary Services		21,000		21,000
Design and Engineering Services		1,618,118		1,595,500
Information Technology		396,760		396,760
Legal Services		475,000		475,000
Management & Consultant Services		110,000		83,750
Medical Services		17,208		16,000
Other Contracts		1,497,500		1,525,000
Training and Educational Services		127,242		127,242
Subtotal		6,670,071		6,789,939
Total Personnel	749.3	130,537,807	749.3	134,435,585
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	663.7	114,841,789	663.7	117,562,437
Federal Funds	30.0	3,158,400	30.0	3,334,171
Restricted Receipts	55.6	11,015,000	55.6	12,038,977
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	1,522,618	0.0	1,500,000
Total All Funds	749.3	130,537,807	749.3	134,435,585

Program Summary

Judiciary

Supreme Court

Mission

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

Description

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

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Judiciary

Supreme Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Defense of Indigents	6,243,401	6,885,333	7,875,432	7,855,432	7,875,432
Supreme Court Operations	41,798,244	45,391,530	44,808,119	46,535,697	48,403,359
Total Expenditures	48,041,646	52,276,863	52,683,551	54,391,129	56,278,791
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	24,425,532	27,418,857	29,848,590	29,219,205	29,921,352
Contract Professional Services	1,113,180	1,146,624	1,120,677	5,050,269	5,192,723
Operating Supplies and Expenses	12,978,653	13,757,342	7,724,044	9,094,521	9,888,664
Assistance and Grants	6,966,264	7,855,548	8,877,332	8,878,144	8,878,144
Subtotal: Operating	45,483,629	50,178,371	47,570,643	52,242,139	53,880,883
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,558,017	2,098,492	5,112,908	2,148,990	2,397,908
Subtotal: Other	2,558,017	2,098,492	5,112,908	2,148,990	2,397,908
Total Expenditures	48,041,646	52,276,863	52,683,551	54,391,129	56,278,791
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	39,661,730	44,705,766	44,540,913	46,332,285	47,973,766
Federal Funds	(230,493)	128,900	205,395	131,310	133,368
Restricted Receipts	2,982,322	2,718,933	4,312,243	4,252,766	4,296,657
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	5,628,087	4,723,264	3,625,000	3,674,768	3,875,000
Total Expenditures	48,041,646	52,276,863	52,683,551	54,391,129	56,278,791

Personnel

Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
AV SUPPORT TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	8827 A	1.0	77,763	1.0	83,452
Subtotal Classified		1.0	77,763	1.0	83,452
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	8823 A	2.0	148,324	2.0	154,603
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8835 A	6.0	690,611	6.0	734,660
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	4423 A	1.0	66,364	1.0	70,824
ADMIN,MCLE & JUD EDUCATION (JUD)	8836 A	1.0	116,168	1.0	124,026
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	8822 A	1.0	66,092	1.0	70,876
ASSISTANT BUILDING & GROUNDS OFFICER	0323 A	4.0	298,523	4.0	309,288
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POLICY OFFICE	8839 A	1.0	115,284	1.0	118,742
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	8831 A	1.0	86,612	1.0	89,210
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PR	8842 A	1.0	152,433	1.0	159,897
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	8846 A	1.0	169,618	1.0	181,088
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FACILITIES, OPS & SECUR	8846 A	1.0	213,811	1.0	222,813
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCE & BUDGET	8848 A	1.0	218,859	1.0	230,009
ASSISTANT STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, JUDICIAL TECHNOLOGY	8846 A	1.0	190,102	1.0	202,719
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	4423 A	1.0	74,657	1.0	74,390
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	8827 A	2.0	155,891	2.0	167,778
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8808JA	4.0	1,050,469	4.0	1,093,979
BAR ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	1.0	101,905	1.0	104,761
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8823 A	2.0	123,300	2.0	126,998
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8824 A	6.0	446,202	6.0	469,548
CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8827 A	1.0	92,351	1.0	95,159
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	8844 A	1.0	196,372	1.0	202,957
CHIEF JUSTICE (SUPREME COURT)	8809JA	1.0	303,652	1.0	317,453
CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	8835 A	2.0	252,604	2.0	265,985
CHIEF SUPERVISORY CLERK (JUD)	8838 A	1.0	127,672	1.0	132,728
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR	8831 A	1.0	103,012	1.0	108,630
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	4427 A	2.0	172,108	2.0	177,341
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	8827 A	4.0	348,414	4.0	359,007
COURT INTERPRETER II (JUDICIAL)	4427 A	3.0	252,901	3.0	263,416
COURT INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	4424 A	1.0	63,918	1.0	65,836
COURT INTERPRETER I (JUDICIAL)	4425 A	6.0	454,535	6.0	468,515
DATA ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	2.0	178,232	2.0	193,023

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Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
DEP DIR EMPLOYEE RELATIONS (JUD)	8842 A	1.0	170,819	1.0	179,030
DEP DIR,FAC,OPER & SEC (JUD)	8842 A	1.0	165,448	1.0	173,285
DEP DIR, FINANCE & BUDGET (JUD)	8842 A	2.0	320,109	2.0	335,784
DEP DIR SECURITY & SAFETY (JUD)	8843 A	1.0	158,630	1.0	167,289
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, STATE COURTS	8849 A	1.0	215,351	1.0	227,149
DEPUTY DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	8837 A	1.0	121,486	1.0	128,049
DEPUTY LAW LIBRARIAN	8827 A	1.0	74,233	1.0	76,460
DIRECTOR,ACCESS TO JUSTICE (JUD)	8839 A	1.0	133,863	1.0	141,147
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	8840 A	2.0	310,637	2.0	321,773
DIRECTOR, RECORDS CENTER (JUD)	8839 A	1.0	157,679	1.0	166,238
DIVERSITY COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	8834 A	1.0	109,617	1.0	115,538
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER III (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	1.0	123,309	1.0	129,864
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFICER II (JUDICIAL)	8833 A	2.0	221,934	2.0	234,066
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	8836 A	2.0	234,874	2.0	247,360
FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS OFFICER	0321 A	3.0	196,214	3.0	205,877
FUNCTIONAL COURT SPEC (JUD)	4426 A	1.0	76,149	1.0	82,325
GENERAL COUNSEL	8846 A	1.0	161,301	1.0	172,511
JOB CLASS NAME NEEDED	0323 A	1.0	71,077	1.0	73,640
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	8824 A	17.0	1,264,239	17.0	1,330,386
LAW LIBRARIAN (JUDICIAL)	8839 A	1.0	119,841	1.0	129,813
MAINTENANCE OFFICER (JUD)	0318 A	3.0	163,893	3.0	172,941
MONITORING & REVALUATION SPECIALIST (JUD)	8824 A	1.0	65,215	1.0	69,498
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR/CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST	8835 A	1.0	119,209	1.0	125,595
NETWORK SPECIALIST (JUD)	8833 A	1.0	104,038	1.0	111,460
OFFICE MANAGER	4425 A	1.6	155,038	1.6	160,378
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	4418 A	1.6	130,313	1.6	137,605
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	8818 A	1.0	65,333	1.0	68,059
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	8819 A	2.0	118,772	2.0	124,567
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN II (JUD)	4424 A	1.0	68,218	1.0	72,590
OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN (JUDICIAL)	8822 A	1.0	68,811	1.0	71,291
OPINION ANALYST (JUDICIAL)	8831 A	1.0	98,107	1.0	103,457
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8826 A	2.0	161,352	2.0	166,546
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	4426 A	1.0	88,744	1.0	91,600
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	1.0	84,710	1.0	87,437

Personnel

Judiciary

Supreme Court

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
PRINCIPAL COURT FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	4436 A	1.0	123,309	1.0	129,864
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CLERK (SYSTEMS)	8827 A	3.0	260,261	3.0	268,175
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST	4428 A	1.0	77,143	1.0	79,458
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	8830 A	2.0	188,636	2.0	199,046
PROJECT COORDINATOR	4427 A	7.0	579,046	7.0	596,555
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	3.0	296,001	3.0	307,953
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	4430 A	6.0	609,672	6.0	652,295
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	4419 A	3.0	188,672	3.0	196,584
RECORDS CUSTODIAN-DOCUMENTS DIST.(STATE LIBRARY)	4419 A	1.0	67,449	1.0	69,891
RESEARCH LIBRARIAN	8825 A	1.0	62,149	1.0	74,242
SENIOR DEVELOPER (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	1.0	117,437	1.0	123,680
SENIOR LAW CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	1.0	80,676	1.0	83,273
SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST	4424 A	1.0	67,474	1.0	71,785
SENIOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION SPECIALIST	8826 A	1.0	76,442	1.0	82,782
SENIOR OPERATIONS CLERK	4419 A	1.0	74,677	1.0	78,813
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	8838 A	1.0	127,672	1.0	132,728
SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4433 A	3.0	306,411	3.0	324,392
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	8829 A	1.0	99,851	1.0	105,338
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	4.0	372,173	4.0	392,624
SR CHAMBER LAW CLERK (JUD)	8827 A	1.0	83,955	1.0	86,508
STAFF ATTORNEY	8829 A	1.2	160,340	1.2	165,150
STAFF ATTORNEY II	8830 A	3.0	311,250	3.0	328,425
STAFF ATTORNEY III	8832 A	1.0	101,905	1.0	104,761
STAFF ATTORNEY IV	8834 A	2.0	219,234	2.0	231,076
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR	8851 A	1.0	208,149	1.0	215,539
SUPERVISING COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	1.0	81,624	1.0	87,132
SUPERVISOR OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES	4429 A	1.0	98,899	1.0	105,338
SUPREME COURT CLERK	8844 A	1.0	161,770	1.0	170,420
Subtotal Unclassified		178.4	18,131,836	178.4	19,020,694
Subtotal		179.4	18,209,599	179.4	19,104,146

Personnel

Judiciary

Supreme Court

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Longevity Pay		645,877		676,672
Regular Wages		17,563,722		18,427,474
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		117,000		117,000
Turnover		(680,122)		(1,062,163)
Total Salaries		18,103,187		18,612,048
Benefits				
FICA		1,309,050		1,348,513
Health Benefits		2,973,098		3,184,353
Payroll Accrual		102,394		104,362
Retiree Health		525,699		512,209
Retirement		5,697,411		5,618,600
Subtotal		10,607,652		10,768,037
Total Salaries and Benefits	179.4	28,710,839	179.4	29,380,085
Cost Per FTE Position		160,038		163,769
Statewide Benefit Assessment		508,366		541,267
Payroll Costs	179.4	29,219,205	179.4	29,921,352
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		2,254,656		2,372,228
Clerical and Temporary Services		13,000		13,000
Design and Engineering Services		1,544,618		1,542,000
Information Technology		368,986		368,986
Medical Services		4,000		4,000
Other Contracts		723,000		750,500
Training and Educational Services		76,800		76,800
Subtotal		4,985,060		5,127,514
Total Personnel	179.4	34,204,265	179.4	35,048,866
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	172.4	31,422,733	172.4	32,244,003
Federal Funds	1.0	131,251	1.0	133,309
Restricted Receipts	6.0	1,127,663	6.0	1,171,554
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	1,522,618	0.0	1,500,000
Total All Funds	179.4	34,204,265	179.4	35,048,866

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Supreme Court

Disposition Rate of Appeal Cases

During a specified time period, if the Supreme Court is able to dispose more cases than those docketed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of appeal cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	102%	92%	104%	--	--

Timeliness of Appellate Cases Disposed

The figures below represent the percent of Supreme Court cases disposed within 24 months of filing. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Actual	92%	92%	86%	--	--

Age of Active Pending Appellate Cases

The figures below represent the percent of pending Supreme Court cases that have been pending for less than 24 months of filing. Measuring the time cases are pending is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Actual	91%	90%	93%	--	--

Program Summary

Judiciary

Superior Court

Mission

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

Description

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

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

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Judiciary

Superior Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Jury Operations	1,917,471	2,170,190	2,179,873	2,241,432	2,274,428
Superior Court Operations	24,899,545	26,254,281	28,361,355	28,366,619	29,119,541
Total Expenditures	26,817,016	28,424,471	30,541,228	30,608,051	31,393,969
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	23,593,871	25,234,949	27,927,773	27,513,302	28,630,877
Contract Professional Services	380,188	276,021	479,392	479,392	479,392
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,458,671	1,695,197	871,585	979,537	503,194
Assistance and Grants	1,273,137	1,112,867	1,129,891	1,503,233	1,647,919
Subtotal: Operating	26,705,866	28,319,034	30,408,641	30,475,464	31,261,382
Capital Purchases and Equipment	111,149	105,437	132,587	132,587	132,587
Subtotal: Other	111,149	105,437	132,587	132,587	132,587
Total Expenditures	26,817,016	28,424,471	30,541,228	30,608,051	31,393,969
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	26,504,551	28,255,641	30,216,228	30,283,051	31,068,969
Federal Funds	92	30	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	312,372	168,800	325,000	325,000	325,000
Total Expenditures	26,817,016	28,424,471	30,541,228	30,608,051	31,393,969

Personnel

Judiciary

Superior Court

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8829 A	2.0	199,703	2.0	210,676
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8846 A	1.0	205,050	1.0	213,860
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8834 A	1.0	109,617	1.0	115,538
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8835 A	1.0	119,209	1.0	125,595
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	4423 A	3.0	223,250	3.0	234,708
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4425 A	2.0	162,790	2.0	168,034
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	8825 A	1.0	77,519	1.0	80,189
ADMINISTRATOR- ARBITRATION PROGRAM	8839 A	1.0	125,118	1.0	135,246
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (JUDICIAL)	8843 A	1.0	166,562	1.0	175,653
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	8822 A	1.0	75,692	1.0	78,420
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE	8834 A	1.0	96,726	1.0	99,628
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	4418 A	1.0	53,093	1.0	54,686
ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	4419 A	4.0	237,654	4.0	249,141
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	8827 A	3.0	251,865	3.0	259,524
ASSOCIATE JURY COMMISSIONER	8833 A	1.0	110,967	1.0	117,033
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	21.0	4,962,866	21.0	5,147,138
CLERK (KENT COUNTY)	8835 A	1.0	113,532	1.0	119,614
CLERK (NEWPORT COUNTY)	8834 A	1.0	115,098	1.0	121,315
CLERK (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)	8839 A	1.0	147,249	1.0	155,262
CLERK (WASHINGTON COUNTY)	8834 A	1.0	109,617	1.0	115,538
CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY LIAISON	8835 A	1.0	124,909	1.0	134,975
COORDINATOR- SPECIAL PROJECTS	4427 A	1.0	96,548	1.0	99,484
COURT REPORTER	0127 A	21.0	1,835,816	21.0	1,929,976
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	4419 A	2.0	116,823	2.0	123,262
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	4421 A	1.0	69,610	1.0	72,584
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	8834 A	1.0	120,579	1.0	127,092
DEPUTY CLERK I	4425 A	14.0	1,097,928	14.0	1,127,642
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4420 A	0.4	56,122	0.4	57,806
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	0119 A	1.0	54,521	1.0	56,157
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	0120 A	8.0	489,312	8.0	517,641
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	0125 A	1.0	77,519	1.0	82,194
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	8824 A	1.0	74,367	1.0	78,258
GENERAL CHIEF CLERK	8838 A	1.0	153,775	1.0	159,715
GENERAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	223,262	1.0	233,409
JURY COMMISSIONER	8837 A	1.0	121,486	1.0	128,049
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	3.0	624,467	3.0	649,872

Personnel

Judiciary

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		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
MANAGER OF CALENDAR SERVICES (PROVIDENCE)	8824 A	1.0	63,918	1.0	65,836
OFFICE COORDINATOR/CLERK (JUD)	8828 A	2.0	174,486	2.0	179,798
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	4418 A	9.0	493,789	9.0	519,537
POLICY ASSOCIATE	8833 A	1.0	103,738	1.0	111,872
PRESIDING JUSTICE (SUPERIOR COURT)	8807JA	1.0	273,383	1.0	285,810
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	1.0	73,033	1.0	77,914
PRINCIPAL PROJECTS MANAGER	8827 A	1.0	78,735	1.0	84,988
PRINCIPAL PROJECTS MANAGER	8831 A	2.0	201,119	2.0	212,087
PRODUCTION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	4421 A	1.0	66,295	1.0	69,128
PROGRAM COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	4420 A	1.0	59,769	1.0	63,476
PROJECT COORDINATOR	4426 A	1.0	71,457	1.0	73,601
PROJECT COORDINATOR	4427 A	1.0	96,548	1.0	99,484
PROJECT COORDINATOR	8827 A	1.0	83,955	1.0	86,508
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	2.0	202,403	2.0	209,522
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	4422 A	1.0	68,811	1.0	71,291
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4427 A	1.0	88,153	1.0	90,833
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK I (JUD)	4426 A	1.0	71,457	1.0	73,601
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK I (JUD)	4427 A	16.0	1,445,515	16.0	1,497,890
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT)	4423 A	8.6	612,248	8.6	648,184
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	8822 A	0.7	59,683	0.7	61,474
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	2.0	181,166	2.0	192,138
SPECIAL MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	231,289	1.0	238,228
SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR	8827 A	1.0	88,153	1.0	90,833
SR CT FUNC SUPT SPEC (JUD)	8832 A	1.0	101,905	1.0	104,761
Subtotal Unclassified		165.7	17,991,229	165.7	18,763,708
Subtotal		165.7	17,991,229	165.7	18,763,708
Longevity Pay			568,237		593,362
Regular Wages			17,422,992		18,170,346
Turnover			(1,042,394)		(1,056,443)
Total Salaries			16,984,202		17,742,632

Personnel

Judiciary

Superior Court

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		1,198,018		1,259,605
Health Benefits		2,905,344		3,111,605
Payroll Accrual		98,292		101,906
Retiree Health		359,114		356,815
Retirement		5,476,819		5,527,095
Subtotal		10,037,587		10,357,026
Total Salaries and Benefits	165.7	27,021,789	165.7	28,099,658
Cost Per FTE Position		163,077		169,582
Statewide Benefit Assessment		491,513		531,219
Payroll Costs	165.7	27,513,302	165.7	28,630,877
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,000		7,000
Design and Engineering Services		18,000		18,000
Legal Services		325,000		325,000
Medical Services		12,000		12,000
Other Contracts		60,000		60,000
Training and Educational Services		8,392		8,392
Subtotal		430,392		430,392
Total Personnel	165.7	27,943,694	165.7	29,061,269
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	165.7	27,618,694	165.7	28,736,269
Restricted Receipts	0.0	325,000	0.0	325,000
Total All Funds	165.7	27,943,694	165.7	29,061,269

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Superior Court

Disposition Rate of Criminal Cases (SC)

During a specified time period, if the Superior Court is able to dispose more criminal cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of criminal cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	104%	102%	79%	--	--

Program Summary

Judiciary

Family Court

Mission

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

Description

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

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

Specialty courts

include the Juvenile Drug Court, the Family Treatment Drug Court, the Domestic Violence Court, the Truancy Court, and the Mental Health Court Clinic.

Statutory History

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

Budget

Judiciary

Family Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	30,338,263	32,797,954	34,560,500	34,205,332	35,025,663
Total Expenditures	30,338,263	32,797,954	34,560,500	34,205,332	35,025,663
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	25,825,994	28,736,325	30,628,263	29,871,451	30,536,387
Contract Professional Services	394,374	452,088	440,500	460,500	440,500
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,680,767	2,195,059	2,036,066	2,373,168	2,528,563
Assistance and Grants	1,323,810	1,315,288	1,326,221	1,370,763	1,390,763
Subtotal: Operating	30,224,945	32,698,760	34,431,050	34,075,882	34,896,213
Capital Purchases and Equipment	113,318	99,194	129,450	129,450	129,450
Subtotal: Other	113,318	99,194	129,450	129,450	129,450
Total Expenditures	30,338,263	32,797,954	34,560,500	34,205,332	35,025,663
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	25,706,595	28,377,376	29,167,951	29,234,630	29,964,439
Federal Funds	4,631,668	4,420,578	5,392,549	4,970,702	5,061,224
Total Expenditures	30,338,263	32,797,954	34,560,500	34,205,332	35,025,663

Personnel

Judiciary

Family Court

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	J321 A	1.0	60,822	1.0	64,542
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	J321 A	1.0	76,125	1.0	79,497
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	8846 A	1.0	210,893	1.0	219,895
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	J327 A	1.0	84,118	1.0	88,392
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8834 A	1.0	115,098	1.0	121,315
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER	8835 A	1.0	113,532	1.0	119,614
ADMINISTRATOR - CLERK (FAMILY COURT)	8843 A	1.0	183,654	1.0	193,611
ASSISTANT INTAKE SUPERVISOR (FAMILY COURT)	8828 A	3.0	261,729	3.0	269,697
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	8805JA	11.0	2,525,945	11.0	2,630,456
CASA COORDINATOR	5723 A	1.0	71,457	1.0	73,640
CASA DIRECTOR (JUDICIAL)	8840 A	1.0	151,723	1.0	163,767
CASA SUPERVISOR (JUD)	8830 A	1.0	94,318	1.0	99,523
CHIEF JUDGE- FAMILY COURT	8807JA	1.0	273,383	1.0	285,810
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER (JUD)	J325 A	4.0	302,670	4.0	317,727
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUCICIAL)	8827 A	1.0	77,119	1.0	82,433
COURT REPORTER	0127 A	15.0	1,352,844	15.0	1,420,619
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK	8834 A	1.0	115,073	1.0	127,092
DEPUTY CLERK I	J325 A	28.0	2,197,854	28.0	2,174,254
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	8834 A	2.0	254,308	2.0	267,926
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ COMMUNICATIONS	8841 A	1.0	166,104	1.0	172,993
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	8840 A	1.0	171,036	1.0	177,111
ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTER	0120 A	11.0	686,387	11.0	724,637
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	1.0	99,034	1.0	104,499
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	1.0	129,181	1.0	136,048
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	8836 A	4.0	527,871	4.0	555,654
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	10.0	2,148,158	10.0	2,235,083
MAGISTRATE OF THE FAMILY COURT	8803JA	1.0	231,289	1.0	238,228
MEDIATION COUNSELOR II (JUDICIAL)	J325 A	5.0	404,558	5.0	423,532
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	8818 A	0.6	53,932	0.6	56,949
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	J315 A	1.0	49,432	1.0	50,915
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	J318 A	23.0	1,290,297	23.0	1,362,610
PARALEGAL (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	1.0	76,442	1.0	82,782
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (JUDICIAL)	8826 A	3.0	246,062	3.0	253,983
PRINCIPAL PLANNING AND PROGRAM SPECIALIST	5728 A	1.0	95,967	1.0	98,889

Personnel

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		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	1.0	101,905	1.0	104,761
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	1.0	87,849	1.0	94,528
PROJECT SPECIALIST (JUDICIAL)	J321 A	1.0	57,873	1.0	59,609
PSYCHOLOGIST (JUD)	8841 A	2.0	283,478	2.0	300,232
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	4425 A	3.0	227,129	3.0	235,515
SOCIAL CASEWORKER II (JUDICIAL)	5725 A	3.0	236,198	3.0	248,586
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	J322 A	1.0	59,683	1.0	61,474
SOCIAL CASEWORKER (JUDICIAL)	J323 A	2.0	136,187	2.0	143,665
SR MANAGER-CALENDAR SERVICES (JUD)	J334 A	1.0	128,680	1.0	132,865
STAFF ATTORNEY V (JUDICIAL)	8836 A	15.0	1,809,021	15.0	1,925,666
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	J327 A	1.0	87,064	1.0	90,187
SUPERVISING COORDINATOR (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	3.0	272,321	3.0	287,286
SUPERVISORY CLERK	J326 A	1.0	71,077	1.0	73,210
SUPERVISORY CLERK	J327 A	6.0	524,747	6.0	541,746
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	J323 A	1.0	78,185	1.0	81,004
Subtotal Unclassified		182.6	19,059,812	182.6	19,854,057
Subtotal		182.6	19,059,812	182.6	19,854,057
Longevity Pay			688,948		721,990
Regular Wages			18,370,864		19,132,067
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			156,615		156,615
Turnover			(705,725)		(1,015,616)
Total Salaries			18,525,747		19,002,401
Benefits					
FICA			1,343,484		1,383,196
Health Benefits			2,976,186		3,187,047
Payroll Accrual			106,707		108,528
Retiree Health			435,712		421,552
Retirement			5,951,359		5,868,522
Subtotal			10,813,448		10,968,845
Total Salaries and Benefits		182.6	29,339,195	182.6	29,971,246
Cost Per FTE Position			160,675		164,136
Statewide Benefit Assessment			532,256		565,141
Payroll Costs		182.6	29,871,451	182.6	30,536,387
Purchased Services					
Design and Engineering Services			48,000		28,000

Personnel

Judiciary

Family Court

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Management & Consultant Services		75,000		75,000
Other Contracts		254,500		254,500
Training and Educational Services		32,000		32,000
Subtotal		409,500		389,500
Total Personnel	182.6	30,280,951	182.6	30,925,887
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	154.6	27,312,463	154.6	27,888,056
Federal Funds	28.0	2,968,488	28.0	3,037,831
Total All Funds	182.6	30,280,951	182.6	30,925,887

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Family Court

Disposition Rate of W/D/V Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more wayward/delinquent/violation cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of wayward/delinquent/violation cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	89%	108%	107%	--	--

Disposition Rate of Child Protection Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more child protection cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of child protection cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	110%	130%	100%	--	--

Disposition Rate of Domestic Cases

During a specified time period, if the Family Court is able to dispose more domestic cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of domestic cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	118%	120%	104%	--	--

Program Summary

Judiciary

District Court

Mission

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

Description

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

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

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

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

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Judiciary

District Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	16,619,184	18,480,067	18,454,727	18,153,622	18,529,584
Total Expenditures	16,619,184	18,480,067	18,454,727	18,153,622	18,529,584
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	14,219,329	15,906,014	17,118,424	17,251,782	17,498,572
Contract Professional Services	307,766	180,372	191,072	296,072	268,614
Operating Supplies and Expenses	740,638	985,219	(215,563)	(671,136)	(347,558)
Assistance and Grants	1,287,966	1,337,730	1,293,290	1,209,400	1,042,452
Subtotal: Operating	16,555,699	18,409,335	18,387,223	18,086,118	18,462,080
Capital Purchases and Equipment	63,485	70,731	67,504	67,504	67,504
Subtotal: Other	63,485	70,731	67,504	67,504	67,504
Total Expenditures	16,619,184	18,480,067	18,454,727	18,153,622	18,529,584
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	16,005,935	17,786,442	17,697,776	17,770,794	18,246,180
Federal Funds	613,249	648,625	696,951	322,828	223,404
Restricted Receipts	0	45,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Expenditures	16,619,184	18,480,067	18,454,727	18,153,622	18,529,584

Personnel

Judiciary

District Court

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMIN CLERK-DISTRICT COURT (JU	8846 A	1.0	177,199	1.0	184,860
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	4429 A	1.0	99,851	1.0	105,338
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (DISTRICT COURT)	4433 A	2.0	236,615	2.0	251,005
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	246,680	1.0	254,080
ADMINISTRATOR - DISTRICT COURT (JUD)	8843 A	1.0	186,390	1.0	196,565
ASSISTANT CLERK	4419 A	7.0	415,011	7.0	438,306
ASSISTANT HEAD CLERK (JUD)	4431 A	2.0	223,194	2.0	235,365
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	4423 A	10.0	693,348	10.0	737,338
ASSISTANT SUPERVISORY CLERK	4423 A	1.0	68,200	1.0	72,563
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	8827 A	7.0	574,266	7.0	598,001
ASSOCIATE JUDGE- DISTRICT COURT	8810JA	13.0	2,927,014	13.0	3,038,516
ASST ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK (JUD)	4428 A	3.0	279,582	3.0	286,071
ASST PROJECT MANAGER (JUD)	8828 A	1.0	87,243	1.0	89,899
ASST SUPV CT ROOM MON CLK (JUD)	4425 A	1.0	74,288	1.0	76,421
CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT	8807JA	1.0	271,350	1.0	279,490
CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4434 A	1.0	131,557	1.0	138,514
CLERK/MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	192,741	1.0	198,524
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUDICIAL)	8828 A	2.0	174,486	2.0	179,798
COURT ROOM MONITORING CLK (JUD)	4420 A	2.0	123,222	2.0	128,456
DEP DIR PRE-TRIAL SVS UNIT-DC	8835 A	1.0	105,301	1.0	113,247
DEPUTY ADMIN MANAGER (JUD)	4434 A	1.0	120,579	1.0	127,092
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	4427 A	4.0	328,752	4.0	338,717
DEPUTY CLERK I	4425 A	8.0	644,506	8.0	662,068
DIR PRE-TRIAL SVS UNIT-D C	8840 A	1.0	131,776	1.0	142,104
DIST COURT DIVISIONAL CLK (JUD)	4437 A	1.0	126,105	1.0	134,451
GENERAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	4418 A	2.0	110,582	2.0	116,642
MAGISTRATE	8803JA	1.0	233,026	1.0	243,614
OPERATIONS MANAGER (JUD)	8831 A	1.0	92,808	1.0	100,657
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	4418 A	5.0	271,650	5.0	286,641
PROJECT MANAGER II (JUDICIAL)	8832 A	2.0	203,810	2.0	209,522
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	4430 A	1.0	97,908	1.0	104,499
RECORDS CUSTODIAN DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTION (JUDICIAL)	4419 A	1.0	61,317	1.0	63,537
SENIOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4427 A	6.0	557,148	6.0	564,977
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIAL)	8829 A	1.0	90,774	1.0	95,762
SR ASST ADMINISTRATOR CLK (JUD)	4431 A	2.0	195,812	2.0	210,524
SUPERVISING CLERK (JUDICIARY)	4427 A	5.0	458,656	5.0	470,055

Personnel

Judiciary

District Court

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified				
Subtotal Unclassified	101.0	11,012,747	101.0	11,473,219
Subtotal	101.0	11,012,747	101.0	11,473,219
Longevity Pay		339,678		354,522
Regular Wages		10,673,069		11,118,697
Turnover		(363,616)		(640,284)
Total Salaries		10,687,899		10,847,703
Benefits				
FICA		759,569		776,341
Health Benefits		1,677,963		1,794,552
Payroll Accrual		62,109		62,714
Retiree Health		226,557		216,131
Retirement		3,528,862		3,476,143
Subtotal		6,255,060		6,325,881
Total Salaries and Benefits	101.0	16,942,959	101.0	17,173,584
Cost Per FTE Position		167,752		170,035
Statewide Benefit Assessment		308,823		324,988
Payroll Costs	101.0	17,251,782	101.0	17,498,572
Purchased Services				
Legal Services		105,000		105,000
Management & Consultant Services		35,000		8,750
Medical Services		1,208		0
Other Contracts		120,000		120,000
Training and Educational Services		2,364		2,364
Subtotal		263,572		236,114
Total Personnel	101.0	17,515,354	101.0	17,734,686
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	100.0	17,396,693	100.0	17,511,655
Federal Funds	1.0	58,661	1.0	163,031
Restricted Receipts	0.0	60,000	0.0	60,000
Total All Funds	101.0	17,515,354	101.0	17,734,686

Performance Measures

Judiciary

District Court

Disposition Rate of Civil Cases (DC)

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more civil cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of civil cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	91%	98%	81%	--	--

Disposition Rate of Small Claims Cases

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more small claims cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of small claims cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	68%	108%	67%	--	--

Disposition Rate of Criminal Cases (DC)

During a specified time period, if the District Court is able to dispose more criminal cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of criminal cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	96%	92%	96%	--	--

Program Summary

Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

Mission

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

Description

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

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	10,794,825	11,825,086	11,704,985	11,741,517	12,022,509
Total Expenditures	10,794,825	11,825,086	11,704,985	11,741,517	12,022,509
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	9,622,084	10,565,130	10,922,604	10,619,911	10,680,183
Contract Professional Services	313,835	321,312	338,500	338,500	338,500
Operating Supplies and Expenses	373,206	456,719	(63,406)	330,119	550,839
Assistance and Grants	419,510	419,985	444,388	390,088	390,088
Subtotal: Operating	10,728,634	11,763,146	11,642,086	11,678,618	11,959,610
Capital Purchases and Equipment	66,191	61,940	62,899	62,899	62,899
Subtotal: Other	66,191	61,940	62,899	62,899	62,899
Total Expenditures	10,794,825	11,825,086	11,704,985	11,741,517	12,022,509
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	10,794,825	11,825,086	11,704,985	11,741,517	12,022,509
Total Expenditures	10,794,825	11,825,086	11,704,985	11,741,517	12,022,509

Personnel

Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK I	4429 A	6.0	574,001	6.0	598,862
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK OF OFFICE SERVICES (JUDICIAL)	4427 A	2.0	186,064	2.0	187,292
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	8846 A	1.0	170,790	1.0	182,297
ADMINISTRATIVE MAGISTRATE (JUDICIAL)	8811JA	1.0	234,584	1.0	245,244
ASSISTANT SUPERVISING CLERK	4423 A	7.0	547,507	7.0	559,813
CHIEF MAGISTRATE	8805JA	1.0	246,680	1.0	254,080
CLERK/TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (JUDICIAL)	8838 A	1.0	146,823	1.0	152,637
COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS (JUDICIAL)	8827 A	1.0	98,647	1.0	101,647
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	4419 A	7.0	451,820	7.0	466,111
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK I	4421 A	8.0	586,116	8.0	610,027
DEPUTY CLERK I	4425 A	3.0	267,287	3.0	271,961
DEPUTY CLERK (JUDICIAL)	4421 A	1.0	66,295	1.0	69,128
MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL	8803JA	7.0	1,501,221	7.0	1,558,742
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	4418 A	9.0	513,400	9.0	542,860
OPERATIONS OFFICER (JUD)	8818 A	1.0	54,993	1.0	58,006
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	4426 A	2.0	175,470	2.0	181,119
PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORY CLERK	8830 A	1.0	110,824	1.0	116,939
SECURITY OFFICER	4421 A	9.0	597,765	9.0	624,764
SENIOR POLICY ASSOCIATE	8838 A	1.0	127,672	1.0	132,728
SPECIAL ASSISTANT	8829 A	1.0	104,390	1.0	110,126
Subtotal Unclassified		70.0	6,762,349	70.0	7,024,383
Subtotal		70.0	6,762,349	70.0	7,024,383
Longevity Pay			282,940		293,315
Regular Wages			6,479,409		6,731,068
Turnover			(189,227)		(394,569)
Total Salaries			6,581,931		6,638,623
Benefits					
FICA			478,190		483,927
Health Benefits			1,080,722		1,157,662
Payroll Accrual			38,065		37,993
Retiree Health			156,824		148,365
Retirement			2,093,556		2,014,711
Subtotal			3,847,357		3,842,658
Total Salaries and Benefits		70.0	10,429,288	70.0	10,481,281
Cost Per FTE Position			148,990		149,733

Personnel

Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Statewide Benefit Assessment		190,623		198,902
Payroll Costs	70.0	10,619,911	70.0	10,680,183
Purchased Services				
Other Contracts		310,000		310,000
Subtotal		310,000		310,000
Total Personnel	70.0	10,929,911	70.0	10,990,183
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	70.0	10,929,911	70.0	10,990,183
Total All Funds	70.0	10,929,911	70.0	10,990,183

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Traffic Tribunal

Disposition Rate of RITT Summonses

During a specified time period, if the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT) is able to dispose more cases/summonses than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of RITT cases/summonses. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	98%	98%	100%	--	--

Program Summary

Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

Mission

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

Description

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

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	9,333,974	10,241,245	11,090,756	11,083,539	12,073,439
Total Expenditures	9,333,974	10,241,245	11,090,756	11,083,539	12,073,439
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	7,920,820	8,705,829	9,392,139	9,260,976	10,216,190
Contract Professional Services	100,664	74,105	149,310	254,361	279,233
Operating Supplies and Expenses	738,570	886,853	969,320	986,180	995,994
Assistance and Grants	548,274	548,716	548,274	550,309	550,309
Subtotal: Operating	9,308,328	10,215,503	11,059,043	11,051,826	12,041,726
Capital Purchases and Equipment	25,646	25,742	31,713	31,713	31,713
Subtotal: Other	25,646	25,742	31,713	31,713	31,713
Total Expenditures	9,333,974	10,241,245	11,090,756	11,083,539	12,073,439
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
Restricted Receipts	9,333,974	10,241,245	11,090,756	11,083,539	12,073,439
Total Expenditures	9,333,974	10,241,245	11,090,756	11,083,539	12,073,439

Personnel

Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	4429 A	2.0	199,237	2.0	207,508
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (WCC)	0329 A	1.0	105,036	1.0	108,623
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	8805JA	1.0	230,417	1.0	240,890
ADMINISTRATOR I (JUDICIAL)	8846 A	1.0	186,059	1.0	194,103
ADMINISTRATOR- WORKERS' COMPENSATION	8843 A	1.0	158,630	1.0	167,289
APPELLATE CLERK (WCC)	0328 A	1.0	99,792	1.0	103,318
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR/POLICY & PROGRAMS	8837 A	1.0	146,506	1.0	154,218
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (WCC)	0337 A	1.0	139,214	1.0	143,711
ASST ADMIN CLERK (WCC)	0328 A	1.0	89,234	1.0	89,850
ASST ADMINISTRATOR (MED ADV BD)	4428 A	1.0	86,757	1.0	89,899
CHIEF JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8807JA	1.0	259,621	1.0	271,420
COURT REPORTER	0327 A	6.0	567,691	6.0	577,735
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION	8837 A	1.0	131,907	1.0	138,798
DEPUTY CLERK I	0324 A	1.0	63,918	1.0	65,836
DEPUTY CLERK I	0325 A	7.0	373,310	7.0	529,323
DPTY ADMSTR MEDCL ADVSRY BD(JU	8837 A	1.0	121,486	1.0	128,049
JUDGE- WORKERS COMPENSATION COURT	8810JA	8.0	1,785,687	8.0	1,863,153
LAW CLERK (JUDICIARY)	8824 A	3.0	223,101	3.0	234,774
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	8840 A	1.0	140,051	1.0	145,113
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATOR	4423 A	2.0	138,085	2.0	146,974
PROJECT MANAGER (JUDICIAL)	8830 A	1.0	83,319	1.0	85,818
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY (JUD)	8827 A	0.6	83,955	0.6	86,508
SPECIAL ASSISTANT (JUDICIARY)	8829 A	1.0	91,956	1.0	100,550
SR DEPUTY CLERK I (WCC)	0327 A	5.0	430,482	5.0	441,300
Subtotal Unclassified		49.6	5,935,451	49.6	6,314,760
Subtotal		49.6	5,935,451	49.6	6,314,760
Longevity Pay			202,971		210,183
Regular Wages			5,732,480		6,104,577
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			55,000		55,000
Turnover			(257,254)		0
Total Salaries			5,736,137		6,372,700

Personnel

Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Benefits				
FICA		401,849		451,312
Health Benefits		917,757		1,005,226
Payroll Accrual		33,138		36,591
Retiree Health		110,580		121,326
Retirement		1,896,851		2,039,593
Subtotal		3,360,175		3,654,048
Total Salaries and Benefits	49.6	9,096,312	49.6	10,026,748
Cost Per FTE Position		183,393		202,152
Statewide Benefit Assessment		164,664		189,442
Payroll Costs	49.6	9,260,976	49.6	10,216,190
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		152,587		177,459
Clerical and Temporary Services		1,000		1,000
Design and Engineering Services		7,500		7,500
Information Technology		27,774		27,774
Legal Services		15,000		15,000
Other Contracts		30,000		30,000
Training and Educational Services		7,500		7,500
Subtotal		241,361		266,233
Total Personnel	49.6	9,502,337	49.6	10,482,423
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Restricted Receipts	49.6	9,502,337	49.6	10,482,423
Total All Funds	49.6	9,502,337	49.6	10,482,423

Performance Measures

Judiciary

Worker's Compensation Court

Timeliness of WCC Cases Disposed at Pretrial

The figures below represent the percent of Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) cases disposed at pretrial within 90 days of filing. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Actual	85%	84%	84%	--	--

Timeliness of WCC Cases Disposed at Trial

The figures below represent the percent of Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) cases disposed at trial within 360 days of filing. Measuring time to disposition is a metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Actual	84%	83%	80%	--	--

Disposition Rate of WCC Cases

During a specified time period, if the Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) is able to dispose more cases than those filed, the disposition rate (or clearance rate) will exceed 100 percent, thereby reducing the number of cases pending (backlog). The figures below represent the disposition rate of WCC cases. This is a key metric identified by the National Center for State Courts. [Note: Calendar year 2025 data is as of 8/31/25.]

	<i>Reporting Period: Calendar Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Actual	98%	100%	103%	--	--

Program Summary

Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

Mission

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

Description

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

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

Statutory History

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

Budget

Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

Expenditures by Sub Program	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Operations	147,606	154,352	188,686	188,775	190,901
Total Expenditures	147,606	154,352	188,686	188,775	190,901
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	141,343	151,217	135,408	131,109	162,085
Contract Professional Services	3,563	1,935	30,186	30,186	30,186
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,700	1,201	23,092	27,480	(1,370)
Subtotal: Operating	147,606	154,352	188,686	188,775	190,901
Total Expenditures	147,606	154,352	188,686	188,775	190,901
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	147,606	154,352	188,686	188,775	190,901
Total Expenditures	147,606	154,352	188,686	188,775	190,901

Personnel

Judiciary

Judicial Tenure & Discipline

		FY 2026		FY 2027	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRPERSON	8829 A	1.0	99,374	1.0	104,611
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	99,374	1.0	104,611
Subtotal		1.0	99,374	1.0	104,611
Longevity Pay			4,539		4,788
Regular Wages			94,835		99,823
Turnover			(2,822)		0
Total Salaries			96,552		104,611
Benefits					
FICA			7,386		8,003
Health Benefits			(10,389)		10,391
Payroll Accrual			564		604
Retiree Health			3,138		3,222
Retirement			31,058		32,116
Subtotal			31,757		54,336
Total Salaries and Benefits		1.0	128,309	1.0	158,947
Cost Per FTE Position			128,309		158,947
Statewide Benefit Assessment			2,800		3,138
Payroll Costs		1.0	131,109	1.0	162,085
Purchased Services					
Legal Services			30,000		30,000
Training and Educational Services			186		186
Subtotal			30,186		30,186
Total Personnel		1.0	161,295	1.0	192,271
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		1.0	161,295	1.0	192,271
Total All Funds		1.0	161,295	1.0	192,271