

# The Agency

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## Public Higher Education

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### Agency Operations

The mission of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education is to provide an excellent, efficient, accessible and affordable system of higher education designed to improve the overall educational attainment of Rhode Islanders and thereby enrich the intellectual, economic, social and cultural life of the State, its residents and its communities.

The Board consists of twelve public members appointed by the Governor; the Chair of the Board of Regents for Elementary/Secondary Education. The Board is staffed by the Office of Higher Education under the direction of the Commissioner who also serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Board.

The Office of Higher Education is the policy development, research and monitoring arm of the Board of Governors. The Office is organized into four units: Academic and Student Affairs, External Affairs, Legal and Labor Relations, and Finance and Management. Its principal responsibilities include: the preparation of a public higher education budget and capital development program, and the development of policies in the pursuit of the primary goal of improving overall educational attainment in the state through a commitment to excellence, opportunity and access, diversity and responsiveness, coordination, and accountability in public higher education.

### Statutory History

In 1981, The Rhode Island Legislature reorganized the governance of education in Rhode Island dividing the Board of Regents, then responsible for education from kindergarten through the graduate level, into two governing units -- the Board of Regents, which retained responsibility for Elementary/Secondary Education, and the Board of Governors, which was given responsibility for higher education. The legislature held that the Board of Governors not be a Department of State government, but rather an independent public corporation which acts in concert and cooperation with the executive and legislative branches in the best interest of the higher education needs of Rhode Islanders. This legal independence applies not only to matters of educational policy, but also to fiscal and budgetary matters, personnel administration and property ownership and control.

# The Budget

## Public Higher Education

	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
<b>Expenditures by Program</b>				
Board of Governors/OHE	7,939,445	8,410,721	10,701,818	11,492,013
University of Rhode Island	407,053,913	414,160,543	448,151,712	465,500,504
Rhode Island College	109,178,144	112,409,540	116,242,842	122,239,821
Community College of Rhode Island	91,081,081	96,789,246	103,252,427	109,748,906
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$615,252,583</b>	<b>\$631,770,050</b>	<b>\$678,348,799</b>	<b>\$708,981,244</b>
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>				
Personnel	354,909,073	361,719,468	396,757,518	424,261,117
Other State Operations	131,101,390	138,278,355	135,318,932	147,042,272
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	116,625,105	118,533,754	124,228,623	131,262,378
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$602,635,568</b>	<b>\$618,531,577</b>	<b>\$656,305,073</b>	<b>\$702,565,767</b>
Capital Improvements	12,617,015	13,238,473	22,043,726	6,415,477
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$615,252,583</b>	<b>\$631,770,050</b>	<b>\$678,348,799</b>	<b>\$708,981,244</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>				
General Revenue	171,028,239	173,432,404	178,932,477	190,585,120
Federal Funds	1,882,161	2,527,352	3,085,532	3,146,976
Restricted Receipts	446,842	571,695	1,137,680	1,179,479
Other Funds	441,895,341	455,238,599	495,193,110	514,069,669
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$615,252,583</b>	<b>\$631,770,050</b>	<b>\$678,348,799</b>	<b>\$708,981,244</b>
<b>FTE Authorization</b>	<b>3,472.1</b>	<b>3,556.7</b>	<b>3,589.7</b>	<b>3,554.8</b>
<b>Sponsored Research</b>	<b>355.5</b>	<b>781.0</b>	<b>785.0</b>	<b>785.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,827.6</b>	<b>4,337.7</b>	<b>4,374.7</b>	<b>4,339.8</b>
<b>Agency Measures</b>				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	11.0%	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	56.7%	57.1%	57.1%	57.1%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	NA	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%

# The Program

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## **Public Higher Education Board of Governors/Office of Higher Education**

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### **Program Operations**

The Board of Governors for Higher Education was established by the General Assembly in 1981.

### **Program Objective**

To ensure that public higher education remains economically and geographically accessible to all qualified residents in Rhode Island; deliver public higher education programs on a cost-effective basis; remain coordinated in program offerings, responsive in services and accountable in operations; and pursue the major goal of excellence in education.

### **Statutory History**

The Board of Governors is established under Title 16, Chapter 59 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and is successor to the authority previously exercised over public higher education by the Board of Regents for Education until 1981. At that time, the Board of Regents was abolished and its authority vested in three new entities: The Board of Governors for Higher Education; the Board of Regents for Elementary/Secondary Education as designated in Title 26, Chapter 60; and the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority as designated in Title 16, Chapter 61 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

# The Budget

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## Public Higher Education Board of Governors/Office of Higher Education

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	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>				
Personnel	1,907,731	1,834,966	2,419,631	2,815,401
Other State Operations	1,865,313	1,697,808	3,553,479	3,973,526
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	4,166,401	4,877,947	4,728,708	4,703,086
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,939,445</b>	<b>\$8,410,721</b>	<b>\$10,701,818</b>	<b>\$11,492,013</b>
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,939,445</b>	<b>\$8,410,721</b>	<b>\$10,701,818</b>	<b>\$11,492,013</b>
 <b>Expenditures By Funds</b>				
General Revenue	6,057,284	5,883,369	7,114,286	7,805,037
Federal Funds	1,882,161	2,527,352	3,085,532	3,146,976
Restricted Receipts	-	-	502,000	540,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,939,445</b>	<b>\$8,410,721</b>	<b>\$10,701,818</b>	<b>\$11,492,013</b>
 <b>Program Measures</b>				
Public Higher Education Enrollees Aged 18-24 as a Percentage of State Population Aged 18-24	23.1%	22.7%	23.5%	23.5%

# The Program

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## Public Higher Education University of Rhode Island

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### Program Operations

The University of Rhode Island is the principal public research and graduate institution in the State of Rhode Island with responsibilities for expanding knowledge, for transmitting it, and for fostering its application. Its status as a land grant, sea grant, and urban grant institution highlights its traditions of natural resource, marine, and urban-related research. The University is committed to providing strong undergraduate programs to promote students' ethical development and capabilities as critical and independent thinkers. To meet student and societal needs, it offers undergraduate professional education programs in a wide range of disciplines. Graduate programs provide rigorous advanced study and research opportunities for personal and professional development. With undergraduate and graduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences and focus programs in the areas of marine and environmental studies; health; children, families, and communities; and enterprise and advanced technology, the University strives to meet the rapidly changing needs of the State, the country, and the world.

### Program Objective

Fulfill the education mission of the University by providing traditional and non-traditional opportunities for education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, conduct research, and support other scholarly activities.

### Statutory History

Title 16, Chapters 31 and 32 of the Rhode Island General Laws relate to the University of Rhode Island.

# The Budget

## Public Higher Education University of Rhode Island

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>				
Personnel	216,715,472	218,193,572	238,501,970	253,065,045
Other State Operations	95,108,260	100,465,686	96,300,683	104,261,202
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	90,773,588	89,712,806	96,056,291	101,960,564
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$402,597,320</b>	<b>\$408,372,064</b>	<b>\$430,858,944</b>	<b>\$459,286,811</b>
Capital Improvements	4,456,593	5,788,479	17,292,768	6,213,693
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$407,053,913</b>	<b>\$414,160,543</b>	<b>\$448,151,712</b>	<b>\$465,500,504</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>				
General Revenue	82,231,964	81,841,071	82,303,400	85,885,597
Other Funds	324,821,949	332,319,472	365,848,312	379,614,907
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$407,053,913</b>	<b>\$414,160,543</b>	<b>\$448,151,712</b>	<b>\$465,500,504</b>
<b>Program Measures</b>				
Percentage Change in Tuition and Mandatory Fees (In-State) from Previous Year	5.7%	8.9%	7.9%	7.4%
Minority Enrollment - African Americans	3.9%	4.2%	4.4%	4.4%
Minority Enrollment - Hispanics	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Minority Enrollment - Native Americans	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Minority Enrollment - Asians	3.0%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams	85.0%	87.8%	87.8%	87.8%
Six-Year Graduation Rates	58.3%	58.8%	56.7%	56.7%
First-Year Retention Rates of First-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshman	81.3%	79.1%	80.2%	80.2%

# The Program

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## **Public Higher Education Rhode Island College**

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### **Program Operations**

Rhode Island College (RIC) is the State's comprehensive public institution of higher education. Its primary mission is to make its academic programs available to any qualified resident of Rhode Island who can benefit from its educational services. The College offers programs of study in that array of disciplines traditionally considered as the liberal arts, including humanities, social sciences, sciences, and fine arts, and a broad array of professional offerings in the health and helping professions, education, management, and technology. Selected curricula are offered at the graduate level within the liberal arts and in applied and practitioner-oriented fields within the service sector. Liberal education refers to learning opportunities designed to ensure that students have a breadth of educational experiences, which foster the development of insights and multiple perspectives on ideas, issues, and events, as well as an appreciation of the interconnectedness of fields of knowledge, and the value dimensions of the human condition.

### **Program Objective**

The College is dedicated to making a high quality education accessible to a diverse group of students. Through its educational, social and cultural programs and activities, the College seeks to contribute to the professional mobility and advancement of its students and alumni, to the economic development of the State of Rhode Island, and to the enrichment of the larger community.

### **Statutory History**

Title 16, Chapters 31 and 33 of the Rhode Island General Laws relate to Rhode Island College.

# The Budget

## Public Higher Education Rhode Island College

	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>				
Personnel	72,926,727	75,788,528	82,738,213	88,289,310
Other State Operations	18,779,974	20,152,382	18,983,065	21,683,225
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	10,404,130	11,664,035	11,870,177	12,267,286
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$102,110,831</b>	<b>\$107,604,945</b>	<b>\$113,591,455</b>	<b>\$122,239,821</b>
Capital Improvements	7,067,313	4,804,595	2,651,387	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$109,178,144</b>	<b>\$112,409,540</b>	<b>\$116,242,842</b>	<b>\$122,239,821</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>				
General Revenue	42,624,396	43,892,352	44,069,413	47,355,901
Other Funds	66,553,748	68,517,188	72,173,429	74,883,920
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$109,178,144</b>	<b>\$112,409,540</b>	<b>\$116,242,842</b>	<b>\$122,239,821</b>
<b>Program Measures</b>				
Percentage Change in Tuition and Mandatory Fees (In-State) from Previous Year	6.2%	8.6%	7.7%	6.2%
Minority Enrollment - African Americans	3.7%	3.5%	4.3%	4.3%
Minority Enrollment - Hispanics	4.1%	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%
Minority Enrollment - Native Americans	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Minority Enrollment - Asians	1.9%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams	93.6%	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%
Six-Year Graduation Rates	41.7%	42.7%	45.0%	45.0%
First-Year Retention Rates of First-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshman	80.3%	77.7%	77.5%	77.5%

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## **Public Higher Education Community College of Rhode Island**

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### **Program Operations**

The Community College of Rhode Island is the largest public, two-year degree-granting college in New England. The Community College provides a variety of vocational, technical and academic programs at campuses in Warwick, Lincoln, Providence, and Newport.

As a community-based college, the Community College is also committed to providing a wide range of programs, workshops and seminars to benefit area students, businesses and governmental agencies. In every sense, the Community College of Rhode Island strives to meet the educational needs of the commuters and the people of the state.

### **Program Objective**

Fulfill the education mission of the Community College by providing academic transfer and career-oriented training of the highest caliber giving special attention to the quality of offerings and effectiveness of instruction, and offering students support services necessary to achieve their educational goals.

### **Statutory History**

Title 16, Chapters 31, 33.1, and 44 of the Rhode Island General Laws relate to the Community College of Rhode Island.

# The Budget

## Public Higher Education Community College of Rhode Island

	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Revised	FY 2007 Recommended
<b>Expenditures By Object</b>				
Personnel	63,359,143	65,902,402	73,097,704	80,091,361
Other State Operations	15,347,844	15,962,479	16,481,705	17,124,319
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	11,280,985	12,278,966	11,573,447	12,331,442
<b>Subtotal: Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$89,987,972</b>	<b>\$94,143,847</b>	<b>\$101,152,856</b>	<b>\$109,547,122</b>
Capital Improvements	1,093,109	2,645,399	2,099,571	201,784
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$91,081,081</b>	<b>\$96,789,246</b>	<b>\$103,252,427</b>	<b>\$109,748,906</b>
<b>Expenditures By Funds</b>				
General Revenue	40,114,595	41,815,612	45,445,378	49,538,585
Restricted Receipts	446,842	571,695	635,680	639,479
Other Funds	50,519,644	54,401,939	57,171,369	59,570,842
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$91,081,081</b>	<b>\$96,789,246</b>	<b>\$103,252,427</b>	<b>\$109,748,906</b>
<b>Program Measures</b>				
Percentage Change in Tuition and Mandatory Fees (In-State) from Previous Year	5.3%	9.0%	6.9%	6.2%
Minority Enrollment - African Americans	6.4%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%
Minority Enrollment - Hispanics	8.9%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%
Minority Enrollment - Native Americans	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Minority Enrollment - Asians	2.0%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams (RN)	84.8%	80.2%	80.2%	80.2%
Percentage Nursing Students Passing State Licensing Exams (LPN)	91.7%	76.4%	76.4%	76.4%
Six-Year Graduation Rates	32.1%	28.0%	28.0%	28.0%
First-Year Retention Rates of First-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshman	59.2%	58.0%	58.0%	58.0%