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Agency

Department Of Labor And Training

Agency Mission

To provide and administer public programs for workforce development, income support, injured workers services, and workforce regulation and safety that respond to customer expectations, leads to an improved ecomony, and enhance the quality of life for all residents in Rhode Island.

Agency Description

The Department of Labor and Training is the primary workforce agency responsible for the administration of a comprehensive array of employment and training services to Rhode Island's job seekers and business community. It executes programs and administers laws governing the following six program areas: Executive Management, Income Support, Workforce Development Services and Worker's Compensation, Workforce Regulation and Safety and the Labor Relations Board.

The Executive Management Program is responsible for strategic planning, policy and oversight to promote all departmental functions and to ensure the efficient and effective use of federal and state resources.

The Income Support Program encompasses all functions and activities related to Unemployment Insurance (UI), Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI), and the Police and Fire Relief Fund(P&F).

The Workforce Development Program administers federal and state eployment and training programs designed to help individuals find gainful employment and employers' with skilled workers. The program includes the Governor's Workforce Board (State Workforce Investment Board and the Human Resourcce Investment Council) which was established to unify the governing mandates defined by both state and federal legislation and to institute common statewide policies, goals and stratgies for the coordination of employment and training programs, employment-associated educational programs and related services for all system stakeholders. This alignment ensures strategies that create and address a demand-driven workforce agenda that is responsive to the needs of Rhode Island businesses.

The Workers Compensation Program operates the State's Workers' Compensation System. The Dr. John E. Donley Center provides work hardening rehabilitation services for workers injured on the job. The Workers' Compensation Education uniteducates and provides information to workers and employers regarding Workers' Compensation laws and regulations.

The Workforce Regulation and Safety Program is responsible for enforcing laws relating to professional regulation, labor standards, occupational health and safety and certification of weights and measures.

The Labor Relations Board is responsible for public sector bargaining unit determinations, collective bargaining elections, and investigations of charges of unfair practices.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. 42-16 created the department in 1996. R.I.G.L. 42-6 authorizes the appointment of the Director of Labor and Training.

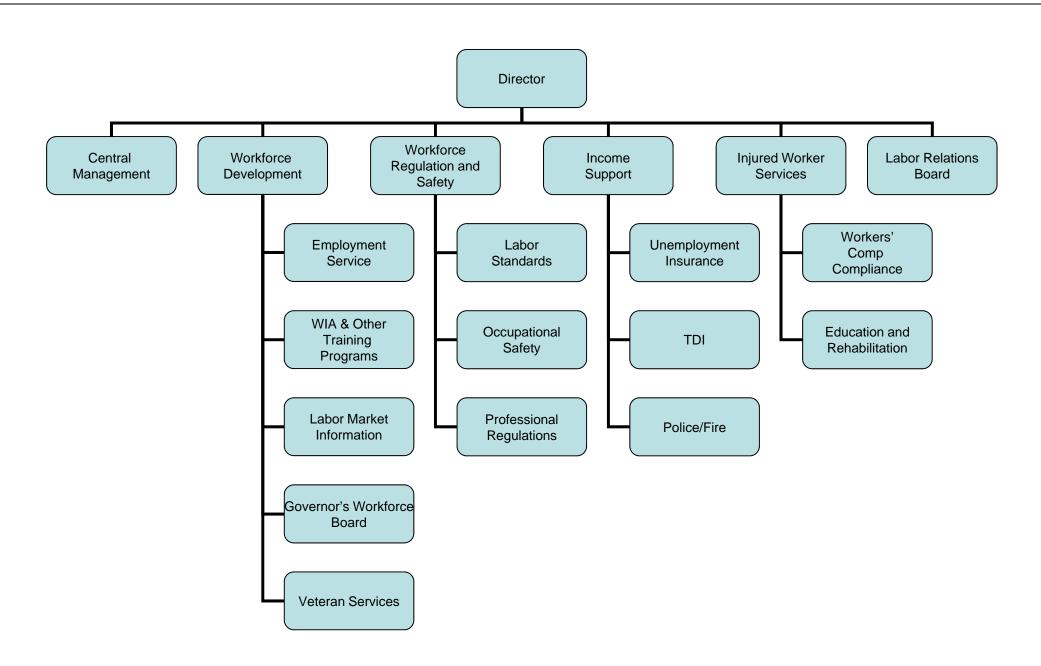
Budget

Department Of Labor And Training

	FY 2013 Audited	FY 2014 Audited	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2015 Revised	FY 2016 Recommend
Expenditures By Program					
Central Management	615,810	697,641	2,437,211	1,468,181	1,980,112
Workforce Development Services	26,575,063	28,651,030	34,761,176	45,160,030	30,619,841
Workforce Regulation and Safety	2,962,592	3,004,733	2,720,916	2,794,384	2,925,633
Income Support	613,279,766	470,573,459	462,320,667	429,122,385	400,791,134
Injured Workers Services	8,050,179	8,035,081	8,951,372	8,645,481	8,501,946
Labor Relations Board	382,834	386,646	388,648	381,690	389,651
Total Expenditures	\$651,866,244	\$511,348,590	\$511,579,990	\$487,572,151	\$445,208,317
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	41,367,329	41,823,749	42,470,021	48,678,880	45,969,573
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,096,093	4,591,947	4,898,680	4,617,835	5,929,723
Assistance and Grants	566,744,482	433,828,590	428,486,982	396,047,536	383,355,728
Aid to Local Units of Government	-	9,664	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	613,207,904	480,253,950	475,855,683	449,344,251	435,255,024
Capital Purchases and Equipment	326,436	249,619	2,052,638	3,623,043	1,696,551
Debt Service (Fixed Charges)	6,029,424	3,024,016	5,000,000	2,300,000	-
Operating Transfers	32,302,480	27,821,005	28,671,669	32,304,857	8,256,742
Total Expenditures	\$651,866,244	\$511,348,590	\$511,579,990	\$487,572,151	\$445,208,317
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	7,730,995	8,027,721	8,669,103	9,013,937	8,424,769
Federal Funds	151,039,255	72,019,823	42,183,672	51,450,837	38,164,061
Restricted Receipts	36,663,287	36,675,422	41,540,583	51,418,162	23,130,150
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	200,990	142,532	2,005,996	750,000	1,500,000
Other Funds	456,231,717	394,483,092	417,180,636	374,939,215	373,989,337
Total Expenditures	\$651,866,244	\$511,348,590	\$511,579,990	\$487,572,151	\$445,208,317
FTE Authorization	423.0	410.0	410.0	410.0	410.0

The Agency

Department of Labor and Training



Department Of Labor And Training Agency Summary

		F	Y 2015	F	Y 2016
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified		394.0	23,126,256	394.0	23,645,768
Unclassified		16.0	1,564,737	16.0	1,591,017
Subtotal		410.0	\$24,690,993	410.0	\$25,236,785
Cost Allocation from Other Programs		54.7	2,616,972	37.8	1,643,895
Cost Allocation to Other Programs		(54.7)	(\$2,616,972)	(37.8)	(\$1,643,895)
Overtime		-	545,000	-	595,000
Turnover		-	(\$1,159,176)	-	(\$2,229,713)
Subtotal		-	(\$614,176)	-	(\$1,634,713)
Total Salaries		410.0	\$24,076,817	410.0	\$23,602,072
Benefits					
Payroll Accrual			125,647		113,785
FICA			1,850,884		1,796,878
Retiree Health			1,646,649		1,483,674
Health Benefits			5,108,172		5,162,121
Retirement			5,734,548		5,657,963
Subtotal			\$14,465,900		\$14,214,421
Total Salaries and Benefits		410.0	\$38,542,717	410.0	\$37,816,493
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal))		\$94,007		\$92,235
Statewide Benefit Assessment			\$1,013,940		\$994,395
Payroll Costs		410.0	\$39,556,657	410.0	\$38,810,888
Purchased Services					
Information Technology			6,328,093		4,463,063
Clerical and Temporary Services			117,094		118,178
Management & Consultant Services			162		164
Legal Services			546,076		447,052
Other Contracts			322,228		303,753
Buildings and Ground Maintenance			228		230
Training and Educational Services			147,753		149,215
Medical Services			1,660,589		1,677,030
Subtotal			\$9,122,223		\$7,158,685
Total Personnel		410.0	\$48,678,880	410.0	\$45,969,573
Distribution By Source Of Funds					
General Revenue		25.0	\$3,323,071	26.2	\$3,346,752
Federal Funds		216.7	\$26,694,934	233.6	\$24,901,567
Restricted Receipts		104.7	\$12,543,477	87.8	\$11,484,997
Other Funds		63.6	\$6,117,398	62.4	\$6,236,257

The Program

Department Of Labor And Training Central Management

Program Mission

To provide leadership, management and strategic planning for the development and implementation of a cost efficient and effective service delivery system.

To provide competent legal representation and consultation to all departmental staffing the execution of programs and services.

To provide comprehensive financial management, professional staff development and management information services to all divisions within the department.

Program Description

Organized through the Director's office, the Executive Management Program provides leadership, management, planning and program oversight for all departmental activities. An important aspect of the Executive Management program involves the sharing of information with the Department and the Governor's staff, other department directors and agency heads, U.S. Department of Labor representatives, state and federal legislators, local employment and training officials and professional service organizations.

The Executive Management Program provides administrative services for the Department including, legal services, purchasing, facilities and financial management. The Legal Services unit litigates for the department, interprets law and regulations, and provides counsel to the Director and staff on complex legal issues. The Facilities Management and Purchasing Units manage purchasing functions, operate a central stock and mail room, coordinate the maintenance and support of facilities, incident response and management, and other ancillary services. The Financial Management unit prepares the department's budgets, performs appropriation control and cash management functions, and is responsible for all federal and state financial reporting requirements. The Human Resources, Facilities Management and Information Systems functions are centralized functions and are administered in collaboration with the Department of Administration. The Human Resources unit processes all personnel actions, maintains central personnel files and assists with labor relations. The Information Services unit provides the coordination, planning, technical evaluation and implementation of information systems.

Statutory History

Title 42 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes the responsibilities of the Director.

The Budget

Department Of Labor And Training Central Management

	2013 Audited	2014 Audited	2015 Enacted	2015 Revised	2016 Recommend
Expenditures By Subprogram					
Operations	615,810	697,641	2,437,211	1,468,181	1,980,112
Total Expenditures	\$615,810	\$697,641	\$2,437,211	\$1,468,181	\$1,980,112
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	411,224	527,197	401,604	441,726	451,393
Operating Supplies and Expenses	54,477	168,622	28,076	27,242	27,494
Assistance and Grants	1,199	1,189	1,515	1,204	1,216
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	466,900	697,008	431,195	470,172	480,103
Capital Purchases and Equipment	148,910	633	2,006,016	998,009	1,500,009
Total Expenditures	\$615,810	\$697,641	\$2,437,211	\$1,468,181	\$1,980,112
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	100,238	79,654	93,361	107,981	110,537
Restricted Receipts	314,582	475,455	337,854	610,200	369,575
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	200,990	142,532	2,005,996	750,000	1,500,000
Total Expenditures	\$615,810	\$697,641	\$2,437,211	\$1,468,181	\$1,980,112

Department Of Labor And Training Central Management

		FY	2015	FY 2016	
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00B26A	1.8	129,304	1.8	131,753
SENIOR DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00324A	0.2	12,425	0.2	12,667
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTANT	00316A	0.1	5,488	0.1	5,745
Subtotal		2.1	\$147,217	2.1	\$150,165
Unclassified					
LEGAL COUNSEL (EMPLOYMENT SECURITY)	00889F	0.9	82,987	0.9	84,114
Subtotal		0.9	\$82,987	0.9	\$84,114
Total Salaries		3.0	\$230,204	3.0	\$234,279
Benefits					
Payroll Accrual			1,216		1,240
FICA			17,611		17,922
Retiree Health			15,539		14,057
Health Benefits			58,246		62,716
Retirement			56,009		57,726
Subtotal			\$148,621		\$153,661
Total Salaries and Benefits		3.0	\$378,825	3.0	\$387,940
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasona	1)		\$126,275		\$129,313
Statewide Benefit Assessment			\$9,899		\$10,074
Payroll Costs		3.0	\$388,724	3.0	\$398,014
Purchased Services					
Information Technology			133		134
Clerical and Temporary Services			92		93
Legal Services			15,581		15,587
Other Contracts			37,196		37,565
Subtotal			\$53,002		\$53,379
Total Personnel		3.0	\$441,726	3.0	\$451,393
Distribution By Source Of Funds General Revenue		0.7	\$106,110	0.7	\$108,666
Restricted Receipts		2.3	\$335,616	2.3	\$342,727
Total All Funds		3.0	\$441,726	3.0	\$451,393

The Program

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Development Services

Program Mission

To administer employment and training service programs to match job seekers with suitable job openings, and employers with suitable workers. To provide up-to-date labor market information to workers, employers and students and to help individuals secure employment.

Program Description

The Workforce Development Services subprogram consists of several sub-programs that are designed to help individuals find meaningful work and assist them with basic skills development and training. Workforce development services are accomplished through activities conducted through the following sub-programs:

The Employment Service subprogram provides our customers with a broad array of services, including: employment counseling, occupational exploration, aptitude test and performance testing, career guidance, job search workshops, resume writing seminars, and referrals to training programs. Individuals served as a target population such as Veterans or Trade are offered these same services by specialized staff. For example, in serving Veterans these services are provided by representatives who are Veterans and they are given priority for referrals to job openings.

The Workforce Investment Act subprogram provides a variety of employment and training programs to prepare youth, unskilled adults, and dislocated workers for entry or re-entry into the labor force. It offers vocational planning, job search workshops, work readiness training, classroom training, and on-the-job training opportunities.

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) subprogram provides monetary benefits and/or educational assistance to workers who have lost their jobs or whose hours of work and wages have been reduced due to increase imports or a shift in production out of the United States. DLT coordinates with the USDOL's Employment and Training Administration, filing petitions on behalf of the affected worker. TAA services may include job search assistance, educational, interest and aptitude assessment, waivers to training for individuals who pursue employment utilizing their current skills, educational and occupational training, on-the-job training, and relocation allowances and wage supplements. The Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance program (ATAA) provides additional support services to individuals 50 years of age and older.

The RI Works program provides a broad array of services to beneficiaries of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) who must work as a first step in their employment plan. Job search skills, resume writing seminars, vocational counseling and a series of work preparation workshops are provided to TANF beneficiaries to help them get a job as quickly as possible. Additional skills building, training and education opportunities are explored once the work requirement has been achieved.

Statutory History

The Federal Social Security Act of 1935 and the Wagner-Peyser Act created state employment service programs. The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 created state job development and training programs. The Trade Act of 1974 created the Trade Act. R.I.G.L. 42-102 created the RI Works program.

The Budget

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Development Services

	2013 Audited	2014 Audited	2015 Enacted	2015 Revised	2016 Recommend
Expenditures By Subprogram					
Employment Services	3,101,675	3,296,784	3,660,777	5,096,710	3,811,977
JTPA & Other Training Programs	16,092,876	15,884,133	20,241,656	24,307,200	15,221,887
Labor Market Information	709,619	659,303	672,764	617,765	633,805
Governor's Workforce Board RI	6,117,795	8,304,590	9,644,795	14,550,051	10,339,896
Veteran Services	553,098	506,220	541,184	588,304	612,276
Total Expenditures	\$26,575,063	\$28,651,030	\$34,761,176	\$45,160,030	\$30,619,841
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	10,938,641	11,212,489	12,408,414	12,369,195	12,693,871
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,593,083	1,480,944	1,694,652	1,717,540	1,641,349
Assistance and Grants	13,655,850	15,635,614	20,233,794	30,292,114	15,983,293
Aid to Local Units of Government	-	9,664	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	26,187,574	28,338,711	34,336,860	44,378,849	30,318,513
Capital Purchases and Equipment	12,007	59,150	12,648	525,480	44,586
Operating Transfers	375,482	253,169	411,668	255,701	256,742
Total Expenditures	\$26,575,063	\$28,651,030	\$34,761,176	\$45,160,030	\$30,619,841
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	-	295,165	1,148,769	1,578,851	804,517
Federal Funds	20,457,268	20,082,268	23,892,612	28,919,670	19,475,428
Restricted Receipts	6,117,795	8,304,590	9,644,795	14,550,051	10,339,896
Other Funds	-	(30,993)	75,000	111,458	-
Total Expenditures	\$26,575,063	\$28,651,030	\$34,761,176	\$45,160,030	\$30,619,841

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Development Services

		FY 2015		F۱	/ 2016
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT	00141A	0.2	28,005	0.2	28,557
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (DLT)	00144A	0.3	41,472	0.3	42,295
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LABOR MARKET INFO	00139A	0.7	80,097	0.7	82,163
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR EMPLOYMENT &	00139A	1.0	110,320	1.0	112,505
ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	00137A	1.1	109,374	1.1	111,545
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING AND	00139A	0.3	29,457	0.3	30,642
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR	00135A	2.7	237,765	2.7	244,652
CHIEF OF LABOR AND TRAINING OPERATIONS	00134A	4.0	346,116	4.0	354,269
SUPERVISING DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00132A	0.3	24,519	0.3	25,005
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (DOT)	00137A	0.3	24,104	0.3	25,484
MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE SUPERVISOR	00131A	0.9	70,013	0.9	71,394
CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS	00134A	0.9	69,501	0.9	72,042
MANAGER OF PRINTING AND OTHER SERVICES	00125A	0.2	15,268	0.2	15,573
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PLANNING	00137A	1.0	75,435	1.0	78,190
COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00131A	15.4	1,120,736	15.4	1,159,226
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING INTERVIEWER &	00320A	0.6	43,048	0.6	43,909
SUPERVISOR OF OFFICE SERVICES (DLT)	00131A	0.3	20,406	0.3	20,814
CHIEF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	00134A	1.0	67,722	1.0	70,203
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND	00129A	5.6	373,413	5.6	380,928
PRINCIPAL RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00127A	1.9	124,493	1.9	127,213
SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND METHODS ANALYST	00325A	0.3	19,492	0.3	19,914
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	2.6	165,115	2.6	171,957
PROGRAMMING SERVICES OFFICER	00131A	1.0	61,760	1.0	65,291
SENIOR DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00324A	2.5	151,589	2.5	154,765
PRINCIPAL DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00127A	0.6	35,273	0.6	36,734
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00323A	1.0	57,523	1.0	58,654
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00323A	31.2		31.2	
	00323A 00128A		1,723,711		1,722,150
SENIOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MANAGER	00128A 00324A	1.0	54,791	1.0	57,884
BUSINESS SERVICES SPECIALIST	00324A 00321A	11.7	609,287	11.7	627,680
DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00321A 00126A	1.0	49,141	1.0	50,204
SENIOR EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING MONITORING	00126A 00318A	3.0	145,016	3.0	150,368
SENIOR COMPUTER OPERATOR		0.3	14,494	0.3	14,783
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTANT	00316A	1.0	47,248	1.0	48,207
OFFICE MANAGER	00123A	3.2	149,684	3.2	154,407
RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00319A	1.7	78,992	1.7	80,444
LOCAL VETERANS EMPLOYMENT	00320A	2.0	91,458	2.0	93,287
LEGAL ASSISTANT	00319A	0.2	8,694	0.2	9,102
MPLEMENTATION AIDE	00322A	0.3	12,714	0.3	13,111
DISABLED VETERANS JOB ASSISTANT	00320A	4.0	165,700	4.0	172,929
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM CLERK	00311G	0.3	10,668	0.3	10,881
Subtotal		107.6	\$6,663,614	107.6	\$6,809,361
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND	00948KF	0.3	39,827	0.3	39,827
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE	00839A	1.0	100,553	1.0	102,564
LEGAL COUNSEL (EMPLOYMENT SECURITY)	00889F	0.6	57,742	0.6	58,806

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Development Services

		F	Y 2015	i	FY 2016
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
EXECUTIVE COUNSEL	00839A	0.2	16,870	0.2	17,173
Subtotal		2.1	\$214,992	2.1	\$218,370
Cost Allocation from Other Programs		16.3	832,057	16.7	832,765
Turnover		-	(231,319)	-	(235,817)
Subtotal		16.3	\$600,738	16.7	\$596,948
Total Salaries		126.0	\$7,479,344	126.4	\$7,624,679
Benefits					
Payroll Accrual			38,039		39,472
FICA			573,316		594,061
Retiree Health			505,866		465,930
Health Benefits			1,498,941		1,606,719
Retirement			1,820,900		1,910,359
Subtotal			\$4,437,062		\$4,616,541
Total Salaries and Benefits		126.0	\$11,916,406	126.4	\$12,241,220
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)			\$94,575		\$96,845
Statewide Benefit Assessment			\$322,257		\$333,917
Payroll Costs		126.0	\$12,238,663	126.4	\$12,575,137
Purchased Services					
Information Technology			4,453		4,166
Clerical and Temporary Services			293		260
Management & Consultant Services			81		82
Legal Services			1,655		1,556
Other Contracts			119,729		108,307
Buildings and Ground Maintenance			228		230
Training and Educational Services			4,093		4,133
Subtotal			\$130,532		\$118,734
Total Personnel		126.0	\$12,369,195	126.4	\$12,693,871
Distribution By Source Of Funds					
General Revenue		1.5	\$120,151	-	-
Federal Funds		98.6	\$9,954,537	101.1	\$10,350,962
Restricted Receipts		24.9	\$2,229,062	25.3	\$2,342,909
Other Funds		1.0	\$65,445	-	-
Total All Funds		126.0	\$12,369,195	126.4	\$12,693,871

Performance Measures

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Development Services

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Entered Employment Rate

The WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs are designed to provide quality employment and training services to assist eligible individuals in finding and qualifying for meaningful employment, and to help employers find the skilled workers they need to compete and succeed in business. The figures below represent the percentage of individuals employed in first quarter after completing the program. [WIA targets for 2016 will be set through an annual process guided by the US Department of Labor.]

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	61%	72.7%	75%	81.5%	
Actual	73.7%	76.5%	83.4%		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

WIA Employment Retention

DLT tracks employment retention rates for people participating in the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs. The figures below represent the percentage of participants who were employed in the first quarter after completing a WIA program and who remained employed in both the second and third quarters.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	84.1%	87.7%	88%	90.5%	
Actual	87.7%	88.5%	90.6%		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

WIA Employment & Credentials

The figures below represent the percentage of the individuals who were employed in the first quarter after completing WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs and who received a credential or certificate by the end of the third quarter.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	56%	64.5%	70%	70%	
Actual	65%	62.6%	73.9%		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

The Program

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Regulation and Safety

Program Mission

To impartially administer the labor laws designed to protect consumers, employees, and employers and to ensure the Rhode Island workplace is a safe, competitive, fair environment to work or conduct business.

Program Description

Workforce Regulation & Safety is a regulatory division charged with enforcing the safety laws that protect the state's workforce for fair collection of wages, child labor laws, safety in public buildings, trade licensing, apprenticeship training, hazardous substance exposure, weights and measures, and prevailing wage laws. This is accomplished through licensing, inspection programs, informational and educational programs, and enforcement of the various labor laws.

The Labor Standards unit enforces labor laws. It provides for worker protection in the areas of wages and hours, including but not limited to payment and collection of wages, minimum wages, and overtime provisions. The division also enforces laws regarding work permits on Sundays and holidays, child labor, parental and family leave, and industrial homework.

The Occupational Safety unit safeguards both public and private sector workplace environments by enforcing laws relating to safety compliance, elevators, boilers, hazardous substances, and weights and measures.

The Trade Licensing unit licenses numerous technical professions, and monitors and enforces trade laws pertaining to electricians, hoisting engineers, pipefitters, refrigeration technicians, sprinkler fitters, plumbers, sheet metal workers and telecommunications technicians. Staff responsibilities include conducting on-site inspections to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

The Registered Apprenticeship unit registers apprenticeship training programs. The apprentice training programs are essential in ensuring the creation of criteria for apprenticed occupations, related instruction and the necessary credentialing for a skilled trade workforce. The apprenticeship program also plays and important role in career and vocational day programs in the middle schools, high schools and charter schools in Rhode Island by introducing young students to alternative career choices by providing on-site informational sessions.

The Prevailing Wage unit is responsible for preventing unfair competition and worker exploitation. This is accomplished by enforcing prevailing wage rates for hours worked on public construction projects and ensuring that prevailing wages are paid in accordance with the laws.

Statutory History

In 1939, R.I.G.L. 42-16 established the Department of Labor and defined its functions. The Department of Labor and the Department of Employment and Training were merged into the Department of Labor and Training effective August 6, 1996 by 96-H-8219 Sub A.

The Budget

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Regulation and Safety

	2013 Audited	2014 Audited	2015 Enacted	2015 Revised	2016 Recommend
Expenditures By Subprogram					
Labor Standards	495,761	444,596	450,056	453,201	467,139
Occupational Safety	1,307,441	1,186,100	1,209,649	796,140	837,395
Professional Regulations	1,159,390	1,374,037	1,061,211	1,545,043	1,621,099
Total Expenditures	\$2,962,592	\$3,004,733	\$2,720,916	\$2,794,384	\$2,925,633
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	2,831,935	2,878,113	2,589,135	2,678,460	2,809,516
Operating Supplies and Expenses	127,191	126,080	128,245	115,199	115,385
Assistance and Grants	597	447	615	615	621
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	2,959,723	3,004,640	2,717,995	2,794,274	2,925,522
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,869	93	2,921	110	111
Total Expenditures	\$2,962,592	\$3,004,733	\$2,720,916	\$2,794,384	\$2,925,633
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,962,592	3,004,733	2,720,916	2,794,384	2,925,633
Total Expenditures	\$2,962,592	\$3,004,733	\$2,720,916	\$2,794,384	\$2,925,633

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Regulation and Safety

		FY 2015		F'	Y 2016
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (DLT)	00144A	0.1	13,824	0.1	14,098
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING AND	00139A	0.1	9,819	0.1	10,214
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	00140A	1.0	95,147	1.0	97,588
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR	00135A	1.0	95,106	1.0	96,927
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT	00141A	0.1	9,335	0.1	9,519
CHIEF OF LABOR AND TRAINING OPERATIONS	00134A	1.0	91,638	1.0	93,471
ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	00137A	0.1	8,936	0.1	9,115
CHIEF LICENSING EXAMINER-DIVISION OF COMM	00333A	1.0	86,013	1.0	87,678
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR DIV OF	00332A	1.0	83,347	1.0	84,984
SUPERVISING DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00132A	0.1	8,173	0.1	8,335
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00B26A	0.1	8,083	0.1	8,242
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (DOT)	00137A	0.1	8,035	0.1	8,495
CHIEF LABOR STANDARDS EXAMINER	00330A	1.0	78,358	1.0	79,909
CHIEF COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR	00330A	1.0	78,160	1.0	79,711
CHIEF BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTOR	00330A	1.0	77,551	1.0	79,102
CHIEF PREVAILING WAGE INVESTIGATOR	00330A	1.0	76,293	1.0	77,780
COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00131A	0.2	15,205	0.2	15,501
CHIEF PLUMBING INVESTIGATOR (BD OF	00330A	1.0	73,917	1.0	75,339
CHIEF ELEVATOR INSPECTOR	00330A	1.0	71,089	1.0	72,511
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND	00129A	0.2	14,075	0.2	14,352
SUPERVISOR OF OFFICE SERVICES (DLT)	00131A	0.1	6,802	0.1	6,938
CHIEF ELECTRICAL INVESTIGATOR (BD. OF EXAM.	00330A	2.0	132,203	2.0	134,848
SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND METHODS ANALYST	00325A	0.1	6,497	0.1	6,625
MANAGER OF PRINTING AND OTHER SERVICES	00125A	0.2	12,571	0.2	12,823
CHIEF MECHANICAL INVESTIGATOR (BD OF	00330A	1.0	62,379	1.0	63,627
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	0.2	12,184	0.2	12,832
SUPERVISOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING	00327A	1.0	60,581	1.0	61,793
SENIOR DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00324A	0.2	11,855	0.2	12,147
CHIEF ELEVATOR INSPECTOR	00230A	1.0	56,820	1.0	57,956
LEGAL ASSISTANT	00319A	0.2	11,258	0.2	11,786
IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00322A	3.0	164,610	3.0	167,966
APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING COORDINATOR	00324A	1.0	54,088	1.0	55,169
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SPECIALIST (OCCUPATIONAL	00322A	3.0	151,915	3.0	154,954
PREVAILING WAGE INVESTIGATOR	00322A	2.0	98,084	2.0	100,046
SENIOR COMPUTER OPERATOR	00318A	0.1	4,831	0.1	4,928
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTANT	00316A	0.3	14,155	0.3	14,441
LICENSING AIDE	00315A	1.0	46,810	1.0	47,739
LABOR STANDARDS EXAMINER	00322A	1.0	45,541	1.0	47,689
OFFICE MANAGER	00123A	1.1	50,021	1.1	52,565
DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00321A	0.3	12,472	0.3	12,783
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM CLERK	00311G	0.1	3,556	0.1	3,627
Subtotal		31.0	\$2,021,337	31.0	\$2,066,153
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND					
DIRECTOR, DEFINITION OF EMBORIAND	00948KF	0.1	13,276	0.1	13,276

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Regulation and Safety

		FΥ	FY 2015		Y 2016
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
LEGAL COUNSEL (EMPLOYMENT SECURITY)	00889F	1.6	150,393	1.6	153,031
CHIEF HOISTING ENGINEER INVESTIGATOR	00328A	1.0	67,857	1.0	69,215
Subtotal		3.1	\$277,247	3.1	\$282,066
Cost Allocation to Other Programs		(14.0)	(579,102)	(11.3)	(572,318)
Turnover		-	(51,585)	-	(53,277)
Subtotal		(14.0)	(\$630,687)	(11.3)	(\$625,595)
Total Salaries		20.1	\$1,667,897	22.8	\$1,722,624
Benefits					
Payroll Accrual			10,920		11,220
FICA			131,540		135,856
Retiree Health			116,065		106,554
Health Benefits			242,454		301,847
Retirement			418,351		437,582
Subtotal			\$919,330		\$993,059
Total Salaries and Benefits		20.1	\$2,587,227	22.8	\$2,715,683
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)			\$128,718		\$119,109
Statewide Benefit Assessment			\$73,937		\$76,363
Payroll Costs		20.1	\$2,661,164	22.8	\$2,792,046
Purchased Services					
Information Technology			978		987
Clerical and Temporary Services			5,179		5,231
Legal Services			3,418		3,452
Other Contracts			7,721		7,800
Subtotal			\$17,296		\$17,470
Total Personnel		20.1	\$2,678,460	22.8	\$2,809,516
Distribution By Source Of Funds					
General Revenue		20.1	\$2,678,460	22.8	\$2,809,516
Total All Funds		20.1	\$2,678,460	22.8	\$2,809,516

Performance Measures

Department Of Labor And Training Workforce Regulation and Safety

Trade Licenses

Workforce Regulation and Safety's Professional Regulation Unit oversees the licensure, testing, registration, and discipline of more than 30,000 individuals in 67 trade occupations. The figures below represent the number of trade licenses issued.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target					
Actual	13,240	13,373	12,652		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

Wages Assessed

The Labor Standards Unit is charged with administering and enforcing the state workforce laws. The unit investigates wage complaints throughout Rhode Island involving child labor, overtime, Sunday/holiday premium pay, minimum wage, and parental and family medical leave. The figures below represent the amount of wages determined to have been underpaid by employers.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target					
Actual	\$281,123	\$228,785	\$178,849		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

Elevator Certificates of Operation

The Elevator Safety Section insures that all elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, moving walks, wheelchair lifts, material lifts, conveyors, and other related devices are inspected on an annual basis. When these devices are found to be in a proper and safe working condition, the unit issues a certificate of operation. The figures below represent the number of elevator certificates of operation issued.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target					
Actual	2,488	3,607	3,613		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

Boiler Inspections

The Boiler Safety Section certifies that all high- and low-pressure boilers and unfired pressure vessels, storage tanks, expansion tanks, steam kettles, and de-aerators are functioning in a safe manner. The figures below represent the number of boilers inspected.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target					
Actual	10,177	8,187	7,570		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

The Program

Department Of Labor And Training Income Support

Program Mission

To administer the income support programs in a timely, efficient, and courteous manner with concentration on continuous improvement.

For the Unemployment Insurance program, to comply with the regulations and guidelines established by the United States Department of Labor and to seek methods to excel.

For Temporary Disability and Police and Fire programs, to comply with the regulations and guidelines established by state law and to seek methods for program performance improvements.

Program Description

The mission of the Income Support Program is to provide customers with income support services in a timely, efficient and courteous manner. This mission is accomplished by providing accurate information; by interpreting and applying the state and federal laws, policies, and regulations in a fair and consistent manner for all customers and by maintaining confidentiality of all information. The income support programs provide Unemployment Insurance, Temporary Disability Insurance, and Police and Fire Relief Benefits.

Unemployment Insurance provides temporary income support to workers who have lost employment through no fault of their own. While claiming benefits an individual must be able to work, be available for work, be actively seeking employment, and be willing to accept suitable work when it is offered. Applicants must meet a minimum earnings standard and state statute requirements in order to qualify for benefits. Unemployment Insurance benefits are funded from Rhode Island employer contributions based upon their experience rating.

Temporary Disability Insurance pays weekly benefits to individuals who are unable to work due to non-work related illness or injury. The disability must be certified by a qualified healthcare provider (QHP) and the disabled worker must meet a minimum earnings standard in order to qualify for benefits. The Temporary Disability Insurance Program is financed entirely from employee contributions. TDI also provides up to 4 weeks of Temporary Caregiver benefits for individuals to care for a seriously ill child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, or grandparent or to bond with a newborn child, adopted child or foster child. The Caregiver must provide medical proof of the seriously ill family member and bonding claims must provide proof of relationship with the child to meet eligibility requirements. The minimum earnings standard is the same as for TDI.

Police and Fire Relief provides financial compensation to police officers, firefighters, crash rescue personnel, correctional officers and DEM Officers and/or their families for death or disabling injuries. Tuition benefits are also provided for dependent children at any Rhode Island state college or university.

Statutory History

Title 28 Chapters 39-44 of the Rhode Island General Laws include general provisions relating to Unemployment Insurance and Temporary Disability Insurance programs. R.I.G.L. 45-19 relates to Police and Fire Funds.

The Budget

	2013 Audited	2014 Audited	2015 Enacted	2015 Revised	2016 Recommend
Expenditures By Subprogram					
No Sub-Programs	-	-	-	-	1,635,000
Unemployment Insurance	443,746,703	296,137,622	259,517,742	234,389,487	200,972,366
TDI	165,247,732	170,174,314	198,485,516	190,581,867	193,989,337
Fire and Police	4,285,331	4,261,523	4,317,409	4,151,031	4,194,431
Total Expenditures	\$613,279,766	\$470,573,459	\$462,320,667	\$429,122,385	\$400,791,134
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	21,050,224	20,827,643	20,497,063	26,409,039	23,126,435
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,959,680	2,509,486	2,598,231	2,343,059	3,778,911
Assistance and Grants	551,166,610	416,460,367	405,950,287	364,032,694	365,739,680
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	575,176,514	439,797,496	429,045,581	392,784,792	392,645,026
Capital Purchases and Equipment	146,830	184,111	15,085	1,988,437	146,108
Debt Service (Fixed Charges)	6,029,424	3,024,016	5,000,000	2,300,000	-
Operating Transfers	31,926,998	27,567,836	28,260,001	32,049,156	8,000,000
Total Expenditures	\$613,279,766	\$470,573,459	\$462,320,667	\$429,122,385	\$400,791,134
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	4,285,331	4,261,523	4,317,409	4,151,031	4,194,431
Federal Funds	130,581,987	51,937,555	18,291,060	22,531,167	18,688,633
Restricted Receipts	22,180,731	19,860,296	22,606,562	27,612,430	3,918,733
Other Funds	456,231,717	394,514,085	417,105,636	374,827,757	373,989,337
Total Expenditures	\$613,279,766	\$470,573,459	\$462,320,667	\$429,122,385	\$400,791,134

		FY	FY 2015		2016
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (DLT)	00144A	0.5	69,120	0.5	70,491
ADMINISTRATOR, OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	00141A	1.0	121,409	1.0	123,816
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT	00141A	0.6	70,389	0.6	71,777
MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE SUPERVISOR	00131A	0.1	11,000	0.1	11,217
CHIEF REFEREE - BOARD OF REVIEW	00138A	1.0	106,281	1.0	108,393
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING AND	00139A	0.5	49,095	0.5	51,070
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LABOR MARKET INFO	00139A	0.3	29,221	0.3	29,975
REFEREE - BOARD OF REVIEW	00137A	6.0	578,112	6.0	589,471
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR	00135A	2.3	211,254	2.3	216,416
ADMINISTRATOR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	00137A	0.8	72,044	0.8	73,481
CHIEF OF LABOR AND TRAINING OPERATIONS	00134A	2.0	172,457	2.0	175,855
SUPERVISING DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00132A	0.5	42,887	0.5	43,738
COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00131A	1.3	107,683	1.3	109,960
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (DOT)	00137A	0.5	40,173	0.5	42,474
CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS	00134A	0.1	7,722	0.1	8,005
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00130A	4.0	301,215	4.0	307,164
NURSING CARE EVALUATOR	00520A	2.0	150,412	2.0	155,900
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR OF UNEMPLOYMENT	00129A	1.0	72,351	1.0	73,798
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND	00129A	1.0	70,375	1.0	71,759
COORDINATOR OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	00131A	1.0	68,021	1.0	69,381
SUPERVISOR OF OFFICE SERVICES (DLT)	00131A	0.5	34,010	0.5	34,690
SENIOR EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING MONITORING	00126A	5.0	331,836	5.0	338,385
SENIOR DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00324A	0.8	53,059	0.8	54,401
SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND METHODS ANALYST	00325A	0.5	32,486	0.5	33,127
SENIOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MANAGER	00128A	3.0	194,099	3.0	197,981
PRINCIPAL DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00127A	1.4	88,079	1.4	90,968
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	1.0	60,919	1.0	64,160
MANAGER OF PRINTING AND OTHER SERVICES	00125A	0.5	29,990	0.5	30,590
SENIOR RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00323A	1.0	59,177	1.0	60,359
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MANAGER	00126A	11.0	629,453	11.0	643,866
OFFICE MANAGER	00123A	2.5	137,388	2.5	142,303
RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00319A	0.3	16,269	0.3	16,594
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00323A	10.7	580,164	10.7	584,503
BENEFIT CLAIMS SPECIALIST	00323A	49.0	2,646,267	49.0	2,704,812
BUSINESS SERVICES SPECIALIST	00324A	0.4	21,484	0.4	21,914
LEGAL ASSISTANT	00319A	0.5	25,119	0.5	26,296
DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00321A	1.5	74,366	1.5	76,041
FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENT INVESTIGATOR	00321A	4.0	196,895	4.0	200,833
SENIOR COMPUTER OPERATOR	00318A	0.5	24,156	0.5	24,639
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTANT	00316A	2.4	113,435	2.4	115,697
SENIOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00320A	81.0	3,667,021	81.0	3,753,349
IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00322A	0.7	29,666	0.7	30,592
PRINCIPAL RESEARCH TECHNICIAN	00127A	0.1	4,068	0.1	4,146
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING INTERVIEWER &	00320A	2.1	85,062	2.1	88,194
INTERPRETER (SPANISH)	00316A	3.0	116,767	3.0	120,414

		F	Y 2015	I	FY 2016
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
PRINCIPAL CLERK-TYPIST	00312A	1.0	35,681	1.0	36,887
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM CLERK	00311G	0.5	17,780	0.5	18,135
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	3.0	104,794	3.0	108,264
Subtotal		214.4	\$11,760,711	214.4	\$12,026,281
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND	00948KF	0.5	66,378	0.5	66,378
EXECUTIVE COUNSEL	00839A	0.4	42,838	0.4	43,609
LEGAL COUNSEL (BOARD OF REVIEW)	00889F	0.5	53,146	0.5	53,678
MEMBER, BOARD OF REVIEW (ES)	00835A	2.0	199,783	2.0	203,748
LEGAL COUNSEL (EMPLOYMENT SECURITY)	00889F	2.3	222,271	2.3	225,863
CHAIRPERSON MEMBER OF BOARD OF REVIEW	00837A	1.0	91,256	1.0	93,081
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY	00818A	1.0	52,124	1.0	53,469
Subtotal		7.7	\$727,796	7.7	\$739,826
Cost Allocation from Other Programs		38.4	1,784,915	21.1	811,130
Cost Allocation to Other Programs		(40.7)	(2,037,870)	(26.5)	(1,071,577)
Overtime		-	500,000	-	550,000
Turnover		-	(825,097)	-	(1,862,036)
Subtotal		(2.3)	(\$578,052)	(5.4)	(\$1,572,483)
Total Salaries		219.8	\$11,910,455	216.7	\$11,193,624
Benefits					
Payroll Accrual			61,062		47,070
FICA			911,149		826,771
Retiree Health			770,206		674,762
Health Benefits			2,787,172		2,634,751
Retirement Subtotal			2,776,165 \$7,305,754		2,564,965 \$6,748,319
Total Calaries and Daneste		210.0	¢10.216.200	2167	
Total Salaries and Benefits Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal	`	219.8	\$19,216,209 \$87,426	216.7	\$17,941,943 \$82,706
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Statewide Benefit Assessment			\$490,650		\$454,093
Payroll Costs		219.8	\$19,706,859	216.7	\$18,396,036

		F	Y 2015	FY 2016	
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FT	E Cost
Purchased Services					
Information Technology			5,975,520		4,110,556
Clerical and Temporary Services			100,843		101,841
Management & Consultant Services			81		82
Legal Services			503,350		403,383
Other Contracts			106,046		98,035
Medical Services			16,340		16,502
Subtotal			\$6,702,180		\$4,730,399
Total Personnel		219.8	\$26,409,039	216.7	\$23,126,435
Distribution By Source Of Funds					
General Revenue		0.7	\$54,262	0.7	\$56,696
Federal Funds		118.1	\$16,740,397	132.5	\$14,550,605
Restricted Receipts		38.4	\$3,562,427	21.1	\$2,282,877
Other Funds		62.6	\$6,051,953	62.4	\$6,236,257
Total All Funds		219.8	\$26,409,039	216.7	\$23,126,435

Performance Measures

Department Of Labor And Training Income Support

Timeliness of Unemployment Insurance (UI) Payments

UI programs provide benefits to eligible workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and who meet certain other eligibility requirements. DLT's objective is to provide timely service while making accurate determinations. The figures below represent the percentage of initial UI claims paid within 35 days. [UI targets for 2016 will be set through an annual process guided by the US Department of Labor.]

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	93%	93%	93%	93%	
Actual	91%	89.9%	91.5%		

Performance for this measure is reported by federal fiscal year.

UI Non-Monetary Determination Quality

In assessing an application for UI benefits, DLT reviews non-monetary eligibility determinations, including the reason for the claimant's separation from his/her last employment, a claimant's availability to work, and other such criteria. The figures below represent the percentage of reviewed UI claims with accurate non-monetary determinations.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	85%	85%	88%	75%	
Actual	77%	79.1%	77%		

Performance for this measure is reported by federal fiscal year.

UI Initial Benefit Payment Accuracy

An individual's UI benefit rate is calculated based upon the income he/she earned over the previous 15 months of employment. The figures below represent the percentage of initial UI claims paid accurately.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	96%	96%	96%	95%	
Actual	92%	94.5%	93%		

Performance for this measure is reported by federal fiscal year.

Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) Claim Processing

TDI provides benefit payments to insured workers for unemployment caused by a temporary disability or non-work-related injury. The figures below represent the percentage of TDI claims processed (either allowed or denied benefits) within 21 days of being entered into the system.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	79%	77%	77%	77%	77%
Actual	72%	72%	78.7%		

Performance for this measure is reported by state fiscal year.

The Program

Department Of Labor And Training Injured Workers Services

Program Mission

To maintain a Workers' Compensation system that is fair to both employees and employers, that emphasizes and rewards safety in the workplace, that is cost-competitive with insurance coverage for employers available at a low cost, and that is free from fraud and ensures that all employers subject to the Act carry the proper insurance coverage.

Program Description

The Division of Workers' Compensation (WC) monitors procedures and payments made by insurance carriers to employees unable to work due to job related injury and collects and disseminates statistical data to the Governor's Workers' Compensation Advisory Council to monitor the system. The Division is comprised of the Workers' Compensation (administrative) unit, the Dr. John E. Donley Rehabilitation Center, and the Fraud Prevention and Compliance unit. The work of the division includes: vocational and physical rehabilitation assistance, as well as educational seminars, which are available to employers, employees, insurers, attorneys, and medical professionals. The Unit also responds to compliance and fraud issues.

The Workers' Compensation Administrative unit monitors all claim filings to ensure proper payment by insurance carriers and maintains all corresponding records and statistical data. It operates a self-insurance program for larger employers who meet certain financial and loss experience criteria. The division collects a mandated assessment from insurers and self-insured employers that funds the Division of Workers' Compensation and the Workers' Compensation Court. It also provides limited reimbursement to eligible insurers and claimants.

The Education unit provides training services throughout Rhode Island for employers and employees for workplace safety and workers' compensation. These services include: assisting employers in developing loss prevention programs and workplace safety committees, maintaining and disseminating a safety video lending library for employers, conducting workers' compensation filing procedure classes and providing information regarding the Workers' Compensation Act. The unit also has an outreach program to educate RI high school students on workplace safety and employee rights. These services are funded through the Administrative Fund assessment and are offered at no charge.

The Rehabilitation Unit provides broad-based rehabilitation programs for injured workers within the Workers' Compensation System. Services include providing the assessment, evaluation and provision of treatment programs for injured workers. The Donley Center provides a recovery program and vocational framework that enables the individual to be sufficiently prepared to seek and sustain employment. Through physical and vocational training, it assists clients to overcome the physical and vocational obstacles that may impede their ability to return to work and to stay employed.

The Fraud Prevention and Compliance unit's mission is to detect, prevent, and refer for criminal prosecution any suspected fraudulent activity related to Workers' Compensation, as well as to ensure employer and insurer compliance with the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Act.

Statutory History

Title 28, Chapters 29 through 38 of the General Laws of Rhode Island contain provisions relating to state and municipal employees, report of injuries, benefits, and other aspects of the WC system.

The Budget

Department Of Labor And Training Injured Workers Services

	2013 Audited	2014 Audited	2015 Enacted	2015 Revised	2016 Recommend
Expenditures By Subprogram					
Workers' Comp Compliance	4,003,148	4,150,248	4,917,995	4,531,363	4,392,152
Education & Rehabilitation	4,047,031	3,884,833	4,033,377	4,114,118	4,109,794
Total Expenditures	\$8,050,179	\$8,035,081	\$8,951,372	\$8,645,481	\$8,501,946
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	5,769,913	6,008,569	6,196,968	6,416,372	6,516,484
Operating Supplies and Expenses	344,265	289,946	437,702	397,225	348,840
Assistance and Grants	1,920,190	1,730,941	2,300,734	1,720,877	1,630,885
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	8,034,368	8,029,456	8,935,404	8,534,474	8,496,209
Capital Purchases and Equipment	15,811	5,625	15,968	111,007	5,737
Total Expenditures	\$8,050,179	\$8,035,081	\$8,951,372	\$8,645,481	\$8,501,946
Expenditures By Funds					
Restricted Receipts	8,050,179	8,035,081	8,951,372	8,645,481	8,501,946
Total Expenditures	\$8,050,179	\$8,035,081	\$8,951,372	\$8,645,481	\$8,501,946

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		FY	FY 2015		FY 2016	
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Classified						
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (DLT)	00144A	0.1	13,824	0.1	14,098	
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR DIVISION OF REHAB AND	00140A	1.0	117,214	1.0	119,511	
CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WORKERS COMPENSATION	0AB38A	1.0	106,229	1.0	108,302	
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR REHABILITATION	00137A	1.0	98,753	1.0	100,710	
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING AND	00139A	0.1	9,819	0.1	10,214	
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT	00141A	0.1	9,335	0.1	9,519	
WORKERS' COMPENSATION PATIENT CARE	00520A	3.0	256,414	3.0	261,542	
SUPERVISING DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00132A	0.1	8,173	0.1	8,335	
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF VOCATIONAL	00132A	1.0	80,875	1.0	82,430	
CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (DOT)	00137A	0.1	8,033	0.1	8,493	
INVESTIGATOR WORKERS COMPENSATION FRAUD	0AB30A	5.0	380,995	5.0	391,187	
CHIEF DATA OPERATIONS	00333A	2.4	177,037	2.4	180,510	
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND	00129A	0.2	14,075	0.2	14,352	
UNIT CLAIMS MANAGER	00326A	1.0	68,173	1.0	69,504	
SUPERVISOR OF OFFICE SERVICES (DLT)	00131A	0.1	6,802	0.1	6,938	
EDUCATION UNIT REPRESENTATIVE	00326A	2.0	135,747	2.0	138,409	
SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND METHODS ANALYST	00325A	0.1	6,497	0.1	6,625	
COORDINATOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	00131A	0.1	6,396	0.1	6,521	
SUPERVISOR OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION	00329A	1.0	62,285	1.0	63,531	
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	0.2	12,184	0.2	12,832	
OFFICE MANAGER	00123A	0.1	5,940	0.1	6,309	
SENIOR DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00324A	0.2	11,855	0.2	12,147	
IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00322A	1.0	57,097	1.0	58,197	
DLT BUSINESS OFFICER	00321A	0.3	17,012	0.3	17,342	
LEGAL ASSISTANT	00319A	0.1	5,488	0.1	5,745	
COMPENSATION CLAIMS ANALYST	00322A	3.0	164,021	3.0	167,273	
MANAGER OF PRINTING AND OTHER SERVICES	00125A	0.1	5,089	0.1	5,191	
IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0AB22A	1.0	50,100	1.0	51,082	
MEDICAL RECORDS TECHNICIAN	00320A	1.0	49,328	1.0	51,524	
PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT	00320A	5.0	242,833	5.0	249,040	
SENIOR COMPUTER OPERATOR	00318A	0.1	4,831	0.1	4,928	
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00321A	1.0	46,891	1.0	49,028	
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTANT	00316A	1.3	55,749	1.3	56,867	
CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT	00320A	2.0	83,389	2.0	87,630	
SENIOR WORD PROCESSING TYPIST	00312A	2.0	78,653	2.0	80,209	
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM CLERK	00311G	0.1	3,556	0.1	3,627	
Subtotal		37.9	\$2,460,692	37.9	\$2,519,702	
Unclassified			•			
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND	00948KF	0.1	13,276	0.1	13,276	
LEGAL COUNSEL (EMPLOYMENT SECURITY)	00889F	0.1	9,704	0.1	9,892	
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	0E024A	1.0	75,105	1.0	76,586	
Subtotal		1.2	\$98,085	1.2	\$99,754	

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		FY	′ 201 5	FY 2016	
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Overtime		-	45,000	-	45,000
Turnover		-	(51,175)	-	(78,583)
Subtotal		-	(\$6,175)	-	(\$33,583)
Total Salaries		39.1	\$2,552,602	39.1	\$2,585,873
Benefits					
Payroll Accrual			13,508		13,861
FICA			199,190		203,832
Retiree Health			227,717		212,168
Health Benefits			499,137		532,608
Retirement			622,552		645,433
Subtotal			\$1,562,104		\$1,607,902
Total Salaries and Benefits		39.1	\$4,114,706	39.1	\$4,193,775
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal)			\$105,235		\$107,258
Statewide Benefit Assessment			\$110,027		\$112,636
Payroll Costs		39.1	\$4,224,733	39.1	\$4,306,411
Purchased Services					
Information Technology			346,918		347,128
Clerical and Temporary Services			5,453		5,467
Legal Services			72		74
Other Contracts			51,287		51,794
Training and Educational Services			143,660		145,082
Medical Services			1,644,249		1,660,528
Subtotal			\$2,191,639		\$2,210,073
Total Personnel		39.1	\$6,416,372	39.1	\$6,516,484
Distribution By Source Of Funds					
Restricted Receipts		39.1	\$6,416,372	39.1	\$6,516,484
Total All Funds		39.1	\$6,416,372	39.1	\$6,516,484

The Program

Department Of Labor And Training Labor Relations Board

Program Mission

To provide for expeditious resolution of representation election petitions, requests for unit clarification/accretion, and charges of unfair labor practices, through hearings and investigations, in accordance with the provisions of the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Act and its amendments.

Program Description

The Rhode Island State Labor Relations Act declares that it is the public policy of the State to encourage the practice and procedure of collective bargaining, and to protect employees in the exercise of full freedom of association, self organization and designation of representatives of their own choosing for the purposes of collective bargaining. It is in the public interest that an equality of bargaining power between the employer and its employees be established and maintained. To that end, the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board is empowered to make bargaining unit determinations, settle controversies as to employee representation, and to prevent unfair labor practices, through informal hearing, investigation, and the formal hearing process.

Statutory History

The statutory basis for the RI State Labor Relations Board is contained within R.I.G.L. 28-7, et seq.; R.I.G.L. 28-9.1 through 28-9.7; and R.I.G.L. 36-11.

The Budget

Department Of Labor And Training Labor Relations Board

	2013 Audited	2014 Audited	2015 Enacted	2015 Revised	2016 Recommend
Expenditures By Subprogram					
Operations	382,834	386,646	388,648	381,690	389,651
Total Expenditures	\$382,834	\$386,646	\$388,648	\$381,690	\$389,651
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	365,392	369,738	376,837	364,088	371,874
Operating Supplies and Expenses	17,397	16,869	11,774	17,570	17,744
Assistance and Grants	36	32	37	32	33
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	382,825	386,639	388,648	381,690	389,651
Capital Purchases and Equipment	9	7	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$382,834	\$386,646	\$388,648	\$381,690	\$389,651
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	382,834	386,646	388,648	381,690	389,651
Total Expenditures	\$382,834	\$386,646	\$388,648	\$381,690	\$389,651

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		FY	FY 2015		FY 2016	
	Grade	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Classified						
LABOR BOARD CASE AGENT	00128A	1.0	72,685	1.0	74,106	
Subtotal		1.0	\$72,685	1.0	\$74,106	
Unclassified						
ADMINISTRATOR LABOR RELATIONS BOARD	00833A	1.0	94,070	1.0	95,936	
CHAIRPERSON, LABOR RELATIONS BOARD	00953F	-	14,795	-	15,091	
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD MEMBER	00952F	-	54,765	-	55,860	
Subtotal		1.0	\$163,630	1.0	\$166,887	
Total Salaries		2.0	\$236,315	2.0	\$240,993	
Benefits						
Payroll Accrual			902		922	
FICA			18,078		18,436	
Retiree Health			11,256		10,203	
Health Benefits			22,222		23,480	
Retirement			40,571		41,898	
Subtotal			\$93,029		\$94,939	
Total Salaries and Benefits		2.0	\$329,344	2.0	\$335,932	
Cost Per FTE Position (Excluding Temporary and Seasonal	1)		\$164,672		\$167,966	
Statewide Benefit Assessment			\$7,170		\$7,312	
Payroll Costs		2.0	\$336,514	2.0	\$343,244	
Purchased Services						
nformation Technology			91		92	
Clerical and Temporary Services			5,234		5,286	
Legal Services			22,000		23,000	
Other Contracts			249		252	
Subtotal			\$27,574		\$28,630	
Total Personnel		2.0	\$364,088	2.0	\$371,874	
Distribution By Source Of Funds			****			
General Revenue		2.0	\$364,088	2.0	\$371,874	
Total All Funds		2.0	\$364,088	2.0	\$371,874	