



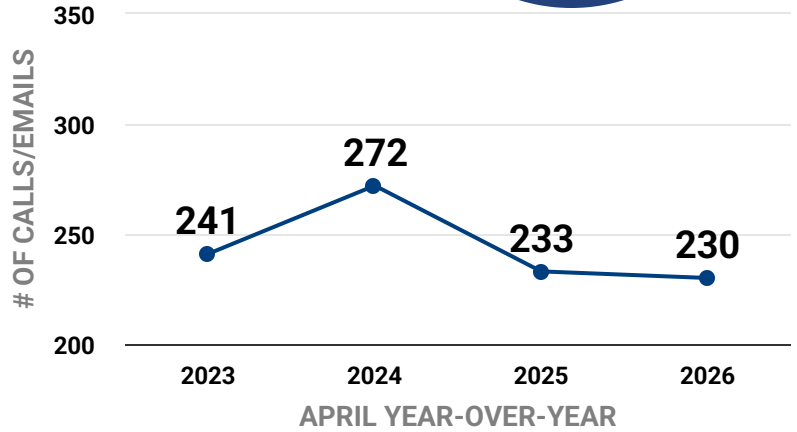
Total Calls/Emails

YEAR-OVER-YEAR

The Legal Hot Line answered **230** calls and/or emails during the month of April 2026, which is virtually identical to April 2025. The majority of questions related to questions about taxation – mainly the new non-owner occupied property tax – license law, and rentals. There were also calls about the annual requirement for independent contractors to register with the RI Department of Labor and Training.

no change

from April 2025



Top Categories

APRIL YEAR-OVER-YEAR

2026
Taxation

2025
Compensation

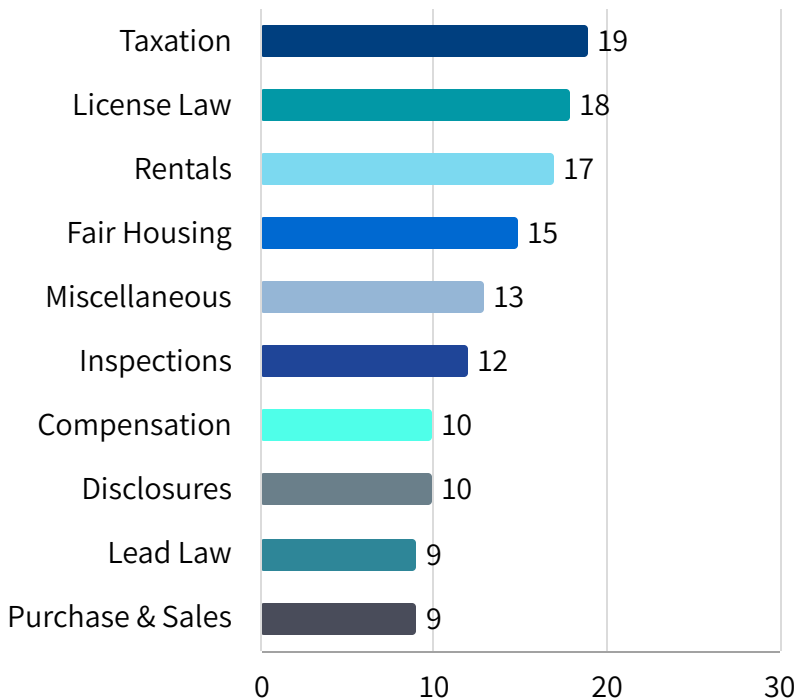
2024
Antitrust

2023
Inspections



Top 10 Categories

APRIL 2026



April Q & A

Are independent contractors required to register with the state every year?

Yes, since January 1, 2024, real estate licensees who work as independent contractors are required to register once per year with the RI Department of Labor and Training or when switching brokerages. The **intent of the law** is to prevent misclassification of workers as independent contractors for purposes of workers' compensation.

Independent contractors can file the DWC-11-IC Designation of Status as an Independent Contractor electronically or **download the PDF**. When leaving a brokerage, file a **DWC-11-R Notice of Withdrawal of Designation of Independent Contractor Online Form**.

There is no cost to register.

