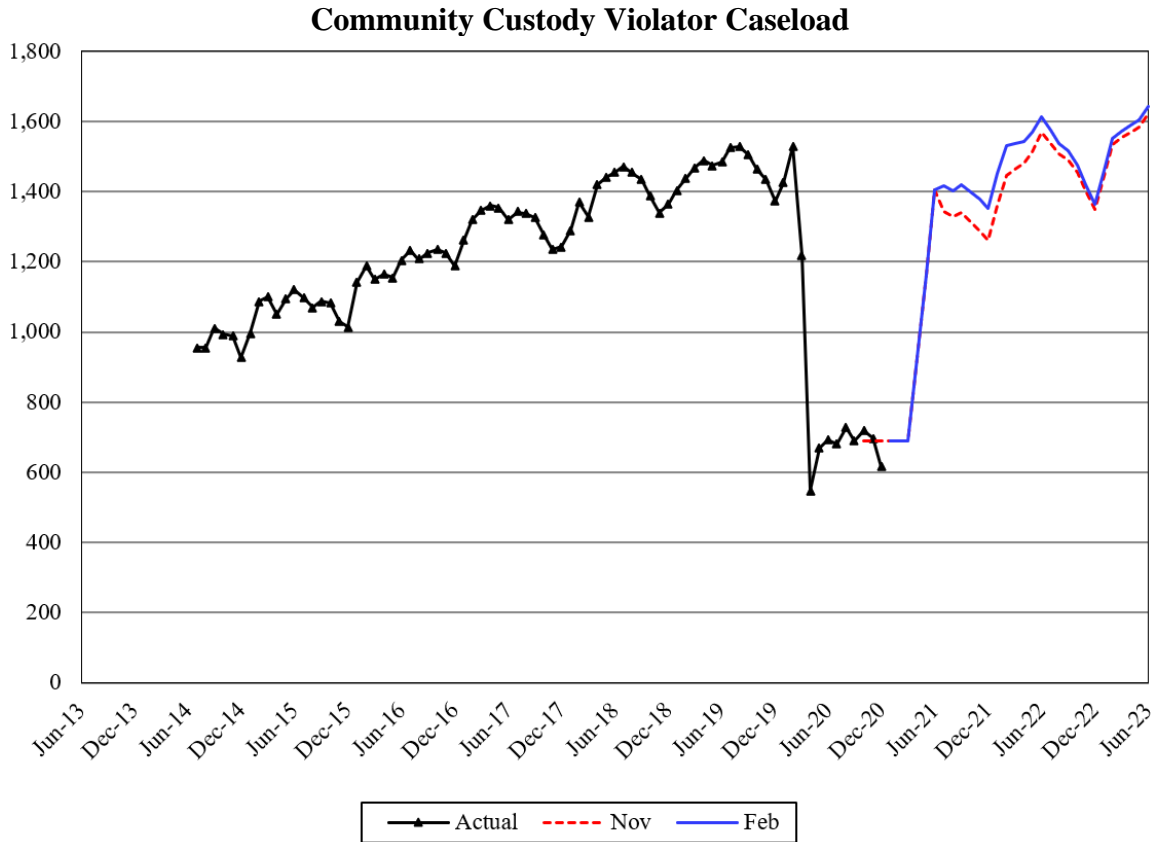


Corrections

Community Custody Violator Caseload

Caseload Forecast Council
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The community custody violator forecast includes adult offenders who were under community custody, violated their supervision conditions, and were sanctioned with confinement. Most of these offenders are housed in local county/city jails, with the balance housed in state prisons.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-20 Forecast	Feb-21 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2021	811	808	-3	-0.4%
2022	1,393	1,468	75	5.4%
2023	1,504	1,526	22	1.5%

The February 2021 forecast is 3 cases or 0.4 percent lower than the November 2020 forecast for FY 2021 and, on average, 48 cases or 3.3 percent higher for the 2021-23 Biennium.

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 11 cases or 1.6 percent below the November 2020 forecast. The caseload has remained relatively stable for the last eight months with a small

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-20 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Oct-20	689	719	30	4.3%
Nov-20	689	697	8	1.2%
Dec-20	689	617	-72	-10.4%

seasonal reduction in December. The Department of Corrections (DOC) expects to roll back some of the temporary practice changes implemented due to COVID-19 around April 2021. These temporary practice changes include suspension of certain treatment programs, reduction of urinalysis tests, and a reduction of offender contacts. The DOC expects that once normal operations resume, the violator caseload could recover relatively quickly. The forecast assumes that the caseload will remain relatively flat until those policy changes take effect and then return to the pre-COVID-19 level in three months.

The forecast incorporates two step adjustments to account for legislation passed in 2020. The first reduces the caseload due to HB 2417, which allows for shorter confinement sanction durations and non-confinement sanction options for some violation processes. The second step adjustment accounts for the expected decline of the community supervision caseload due to HB 2393 (supervision compliance credit) and HB 2394 (concurrent sentences). These two bills are expected to reduce the supervision caseload by about 4,000 by FY 2023, thus putting downward pressure on the violator caseload. This step has been revised downward from previous estimates by DOC. As a result, the February forecast is higher than the November forecast.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2015	1,023		
	2016	1,116	92	9.0%
	2017	1,273	157	14.1%
	2018	1,339	66	5.2%
	2019	1,434	95	7.1%
	2020	1,242	-192	-13.4%
Forecast	2021	808	-435	-35.0%
	2022	1,468	660	81.7%
	2023	1,526	59	4.0%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high. The COVID-19 assumptions regarding the timelines for changes in DOC practices and the larger criminal justice system can be off by a wide margin. It is also unclear how closely the decline in the supervision population due to HB 2393 and HB 2394 will be mirrored in the violator caseload.