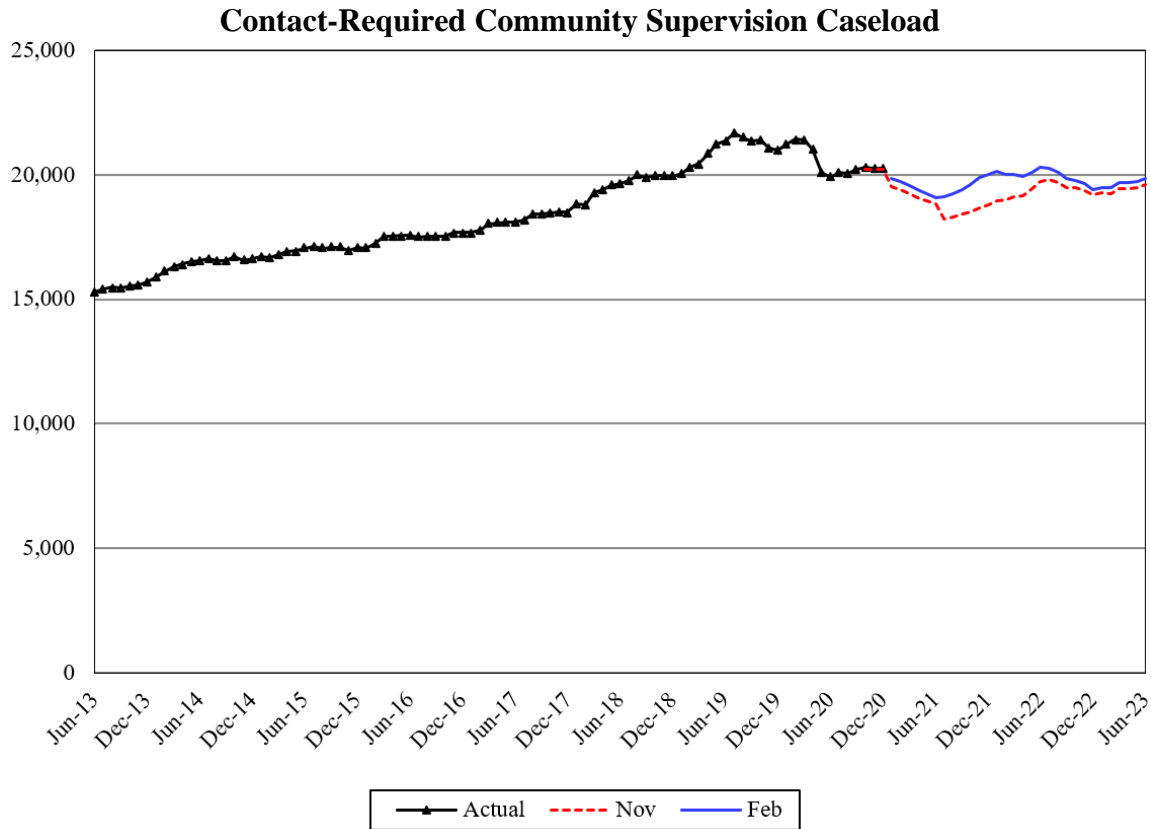


# Corrections

## Contact-Required Community Supervision Caseload

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The contact-required community supervision caseload includes adults who have been convicted of a crime(s), are actively supervised by the Department of Corrections (DOC), and have requirements to maintain contact with the DOC.

### Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

| Fiscal Year | Nov-20 Forecast | Feb-21 Forecast | Nov to Feb Difference | Percent Difference |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2021        | 19,673          | 19,838          | 164                   | 0.8%               |
| 2022        | 18,860          | 19,819          | 959                   | 5.1%               |
| 2023        | 19,461          | 19,749          | 288                   | 1.5%               |

The February 2021 forecast is 164 cases or 0.8 percent higher than the November 2020 forecast for FY 2021 and, on average, 624 cases or 3.3 percent higher for the 2021-23 Biennium.

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 52 cases or 0.3 percent above the November 2020 forecast. The caseload has remained relatively stable for the last eight months.

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### Tracking the Current Forecast

|        | Nov-20<br>Forecast | Actual | Variance | Percent<br>Variance |
|--------|--------------------|--------|----------|---------------------|
| Oct-20 | 20,214             | 20,300 | 86       | 0.4%                |
| Nov-20 | 20,214             | 20,256 | 42       | 0.2%                |
| Dec-20 | 20,214             | 20,242 | 28       | 0.1%                |

The forecast incorporates a step adjustment to account for the combined impact of two pieces of legislation passed in the 2020 session. These two bills, HB 2393 (supervision compliance credit) and HB 2394 (concurrent vs consecutive sentences), are projected to reduce the supervision caseload by about 4,000 cases by FY 2023. The combined step adjustment was revised downward for the February forecast due to a technical adjustment which realigns the impact to what was estimated at the close of the 2020 legislative session. An additional adjustment was made to the retrospective impact of HB 2394 based on realized savings from ongoing manual reviews during initial implementation by DOC. As a result, the February forecast is higher than the November forecast.

The forecast assumes that there will be no significant change in the reopening status of the state through FY 2021 and therefore the supervision caseload will decline with the continued implementation of the recent legislation. The caseload is expected to partially return to its previous forecasted level as the courts work through any case backlog and then the caseload will return to its previous growth rate.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

|                 | Fiscal Year | Caseload | Change from<br>Prior Year | Percent<br>Change |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Actual          | 2014        | 15,913   |                           |                   |
|                 | 2015        | 16,730   | 817                       | 5.1%              |
|                 | 2016        | 17,236   | 506                       | 3.0%              |
|                 | 2017        | 17,771   | 536                       | 3.1%              |
|                 | 2018        | 18,839   | 1,068                     | 6.0%              |
|                 | 2019        | 20,317   | 1,478                     | 7.8%              |
|                 | 2020        | 21,093   | 776                       | 3.8%              |
| <i>Forecast</i> | 2021        | 19,838   | -1,255                    | -6.0%             |
|                 | 2022        | 19,819   | -19                       | -0.1%             |
|                 | 2023        | 19,749   | -70                       | -0.4%             |

#### *Risks to the Forecast*

Risk to this forecast is high due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 recovery timeline for the broader criminal justice system. It is unknown how large the criminal case backlog will be and how much clearing it will impact the supervision caseload. The impact of HB 2393 and HB 2394 is expected to be substantial, and a step adjustment of this magnitude adds an extra layer of risk to the forecast.

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