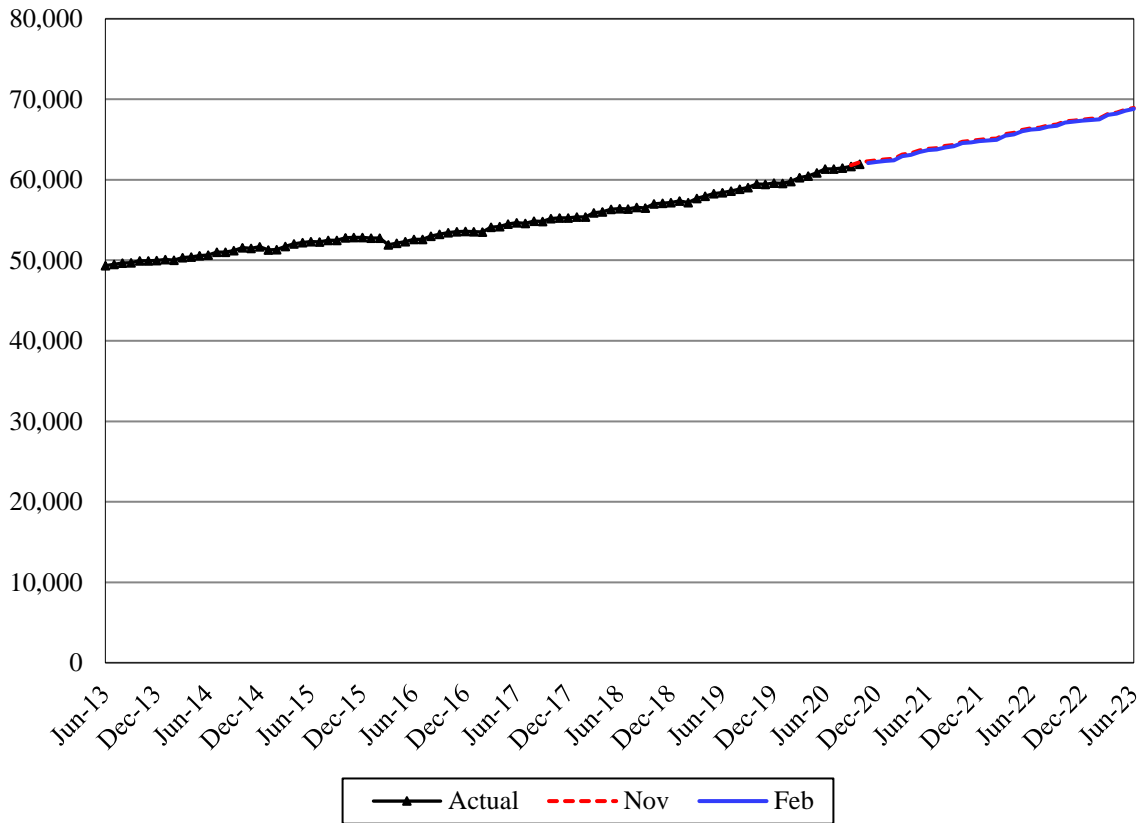


Long Term Care

Home and Community Services (HCS)

Caseload Forecast Council
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Home and Community Services



The Home and Community Services (HCS) forecast is comprised of in-home, residential, and managed care caseload forecasts. The in-home category comprises 75 percent of the HCS total, and the individual provider service type is the largest single caseload of the seven in this category.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-20 Forecast	Feb-21 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2021	62,579	62,383	-196	-0.3%
2022	65,111	64,936	-175	-0.3%
2023	67,633	67,493	-139	-0.2%

The February 2021 forecast is 196 cases or 0.3 percent lower than the November 2020 forecast for FY 2021 and, on average, 157 cases or 0.2 percent lower for the 2021-23 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-20 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Sep-20	61,812	61,650	-162	-0.3%
Oct-20	62,201	61,938	-263	-0.4%

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 213 cases or 0.3 percent below the November 2020 forecast. While both the in-home and residential caseloads are tracking below the November forecast, his variance is predominantly on the residential side.

Unlike many CFC caseloads, the Home and Community Services caseloads do not appear to have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. Caseload actuals are based on client authorizations rather than payment data, so it is possible that any dampening in utilization related to COVID-19 appears in the per capita costs rather than caseload counts. Caseload growth for the 2021-23 Biennium is projected to be almost the same as forecasted in November.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
<i>Actual</i>	2014	50,065		
	2015	51,577	1,513	3.0%
	2016	52,520	943	1.8%
	2017	53,664	1,144	2.2%
	2018	55,452	1,788	3.3%
	2019	57,306	1,854	3.3%
	2020	59,777	2,471	4.3%
<i>Forecast</i>	2021	62,383	2,606	4.4%
	2022	64,936	2,552	4.1%
	2023	67,493	2,557	3.9%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are lower than other CFC-forecasted programs that have exhibited a noticeable COVID-19 pandemic-related impact.