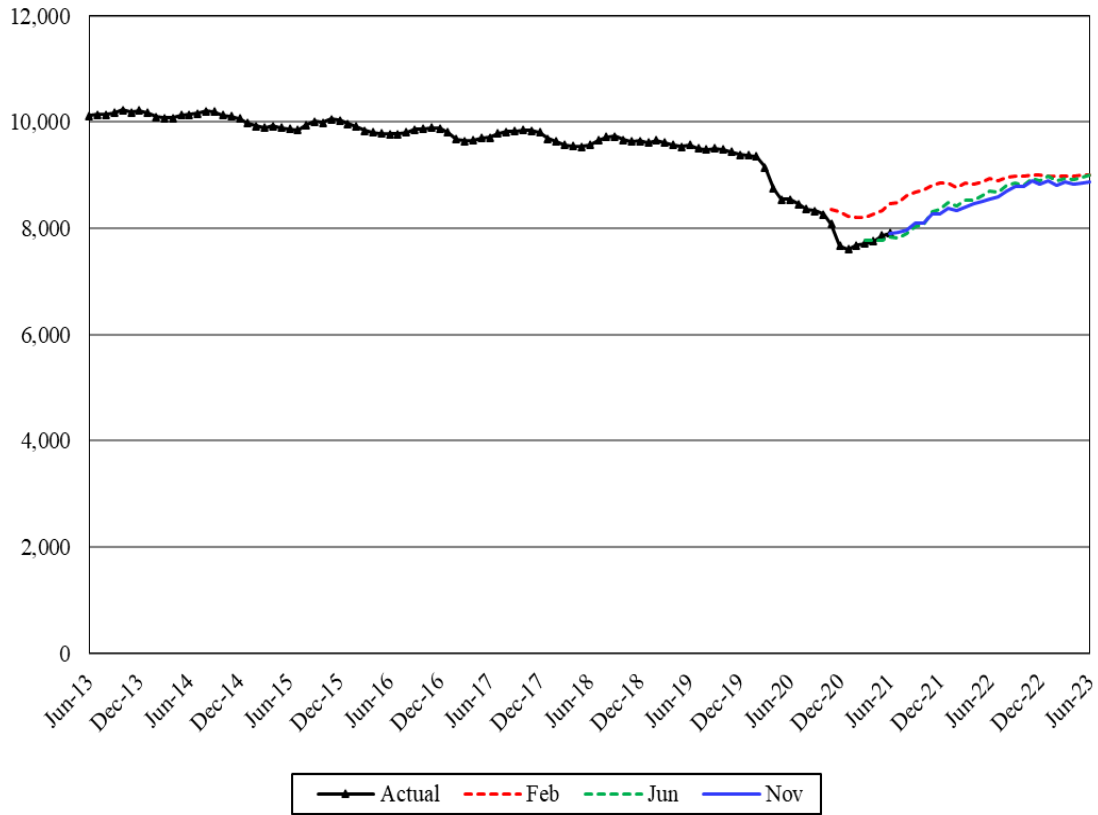


# Long Term Care Nursing Homes

Caseload Forecast Council  
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## Nursing Homes



The Nursing Homes forecast consists of Medicaid eligible clients who receive care in state licensed nursing facilities. Nursing facilities provide care to eligible clients who require short post-hospital, recuperative care, are no longer capable of independent living and require nursing services or are patients with chronic disabilities needing long-term rehabilitation and/or medical services.

### Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-21 Forecast	Jun-21 Forecast	Nov-21 Forecast	Feb to Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun to Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2022	8,772	8,314	8,274	-498	-5.7%	-39	-0.5%
2023	8,980	8,893	8,811	-169	-1.9%	-82	-0.9%

The November 2021 forecast is, on average, 334 cases or 3.8 percent lower than the February forecast, and 61 or 0.7 percent lower than the June forecast for the 2021-23 Biennium.

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### Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-21 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Mar-21	7,775	7,711	-64	-0.8%
Apr-21	7,779	7,762	-17	-0.2%
May-21	7,769	7,861	92	1.2%
Jun-21	7,841	7,911	70	0.9%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 21 cases or 0.3 percent higher than the June 2021 forecast.

The November forecast removed a June forecast step adjustment for Medicaid clients residing in the new Transitional Care Center of Seattle (TCCS) because TCCS operational and funding mechanisms are different from other nursing home facilities. With increased vaccination and some early indicators, the impact of the recent COVID delta variant wave is assumed to be less of a factor than previous waves.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2014	10,150		
	2015	10,032	-119	-1.2%
	2016	9,915	-117	-1.2%
	2017	9,775	-140	-1.4%
	2018	9,706	-69	-0.7%
	2019	9,635	-71	-0.7%
	2020	9,212	-424	-4.4%
	2021	7,976	-1,236	-13.4%
Forecast	2022	8,274	298	3.7%
	2023	8,811	536	6.5%

### Risks to the Forecast

The risks to the nursing homes forecast are high due the significant downward effect that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on nursing homes. There are many layers of uncertainty in terms of when the caseload will begin to rebound, how long a rebound will take, and at what level the caseload reaches when it eventually resumes to a steady state.