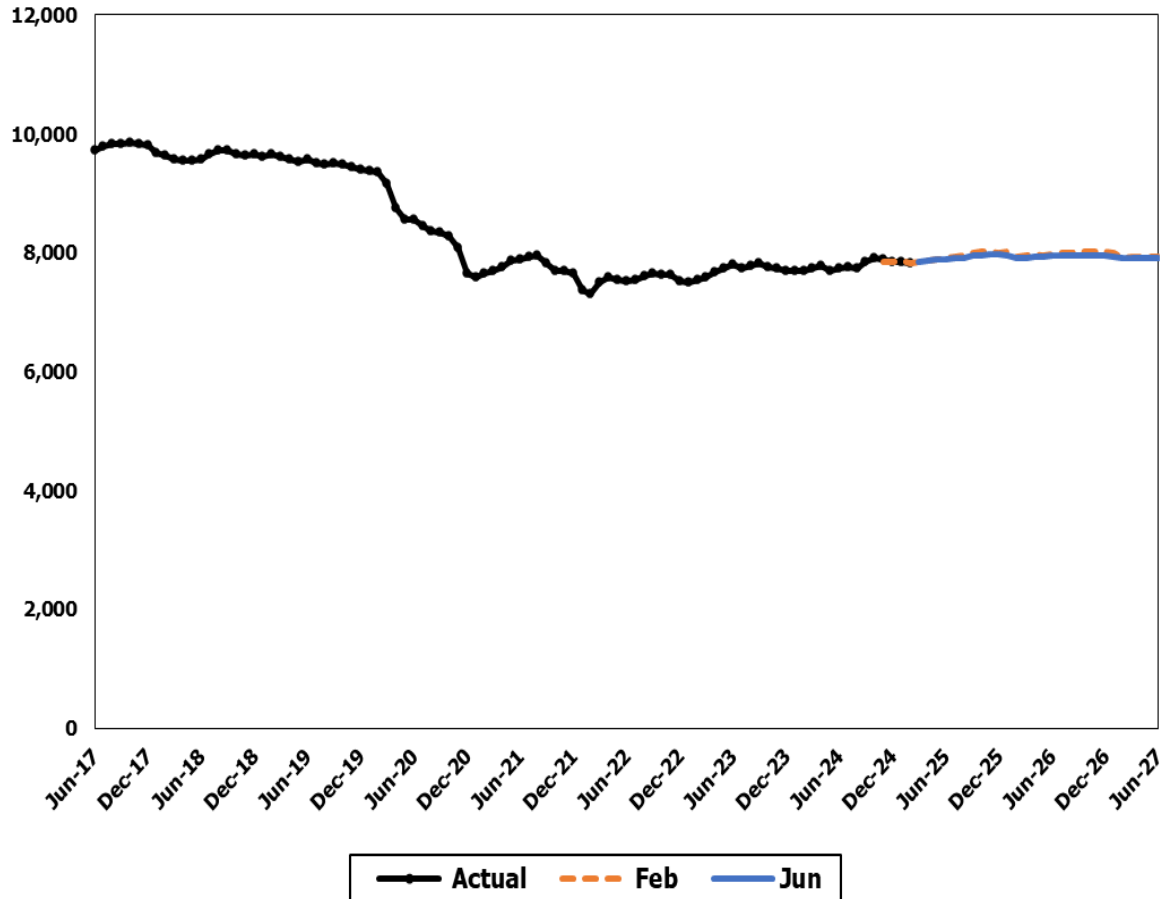**Nursing Homes**

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-25 Forecast	Jun-25 Forecast	Feb to June Difference	Percent Difference
2025	7,826	7,843	17	0.2%
2026	7,977	7,939	-38	-0.5%
2027	7,972	7,937	-35	-0.4%

The June 2025 forecast is 17 cases or 0.2 percent higher than the February 2025 forecast for FY 2025 and, on average, 37 cases or 0.5 percent lower for the 2025-27 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Feb-25 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Nov-24	7,846	7,893	47	0.6%
Dec-24	7,835	7,838	3	0.0%
Jan-25	7,866	7,851	-15	-0.2%
Feb-25	7,829	7,820	-9	-0.1%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 7 cases or 0.1 percent above the February forecast.

The June forecast incorporates a step adjustment for transitioning 200 nursing home clients to individual provider (IP) and agency provider (AP) programs, leading to a lower forecast.

Additionally, the ongoing trend of nursing home clients shifting to Home and Community Services programs continues, further contributing to the lower June forecast.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2018	9,706		
	2019	9,635	-71	-0.7%
	2020	9,214	-422	-4.4%
	2021	7,968	-1,245	-13.5%
	2022	7,630	-338	-4.2%
	2023	7,618	-12	-0.2%
	2024	7,743	124	1.6%
Forecast	2025	7,843	100	1.3%
	2026	7,939	96	1.2%
	2027	7,937	-2	0.0%

Risks to the Forecast

The risks to the nursing homes forecast are moderate to high due to client transitions among other long term care programs and uncertainties related to some nursing homes' reporting practices.

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