Corrections
Adult Inmate

Caseload Forecast Council
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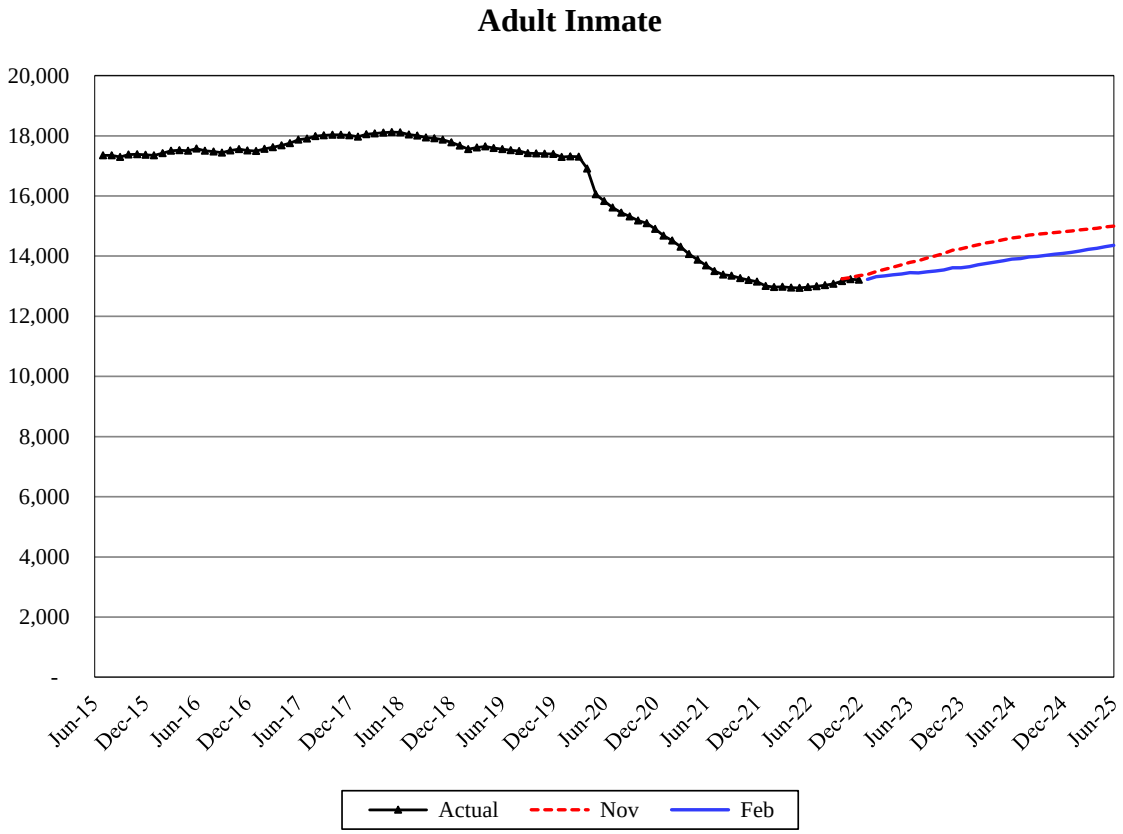

The Adult Inmate forecast includes adult criminal sentences under the state's jurisdiction and housed in prisons and partial confinement facilities. The forecast includes the effects of changing demographics, offense types, and policy changes (new legislation or initiatives).

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb-23 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2023	13,381	13,248	-133	-1.0%
2024	14,256	13,653	-604	-4.2%
2025	14,825	14,126	-699	-4.7%

The February 2023 forecast is 133 cases or 1.0 percent below the November 2022 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 651 cases or 4.5 percent lower than the November 2022 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-22 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Oct-22	13,240	13,166	-75	-0.6%
Nov-22	13,292	13,230	-62	-0.5%
Dec-22	13,349	13,212	-138	-1.0%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 92 cases or 0.7 percent below the November 2022 forecast.

While admissions have gradually increased over the last year, they have been at a slower pace than anticipated in the November 2022 forecast. The courts continue to have a limited ability to process pending and backlogged cases due to staffing challenges among criminal justice partners, case complexity, and public health guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. These factors are expected to lessen slowly over time.

The forecast moderates the admission assumption from the November forecast to anticipate that the courts will continue to gradually increase capacity until reaching a stable level in FY 2025. As a result of these increased admissions, the caseload will grow over the next biennium.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	13,142		
	2017	13,722	580	4.4%
	2018	14,586	864	6.3%
	2019	15,264	679	4.7%
	2020	15,674	410	2.7%
	2021	15,923	249	1.6%
	2022	15,758	-165	-1.0%
Forecast	*2023*	*16,165*	*408*	*2.6%*
	2024	*16,644*	*479*	*3.0%*
	2025	*17,038*	*394*	*2.4%*

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high. There is substantial uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on the timeline for increased capacity in the criminal justice system in the short-term for backlogged cases as well as the long-term for future case volume.

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