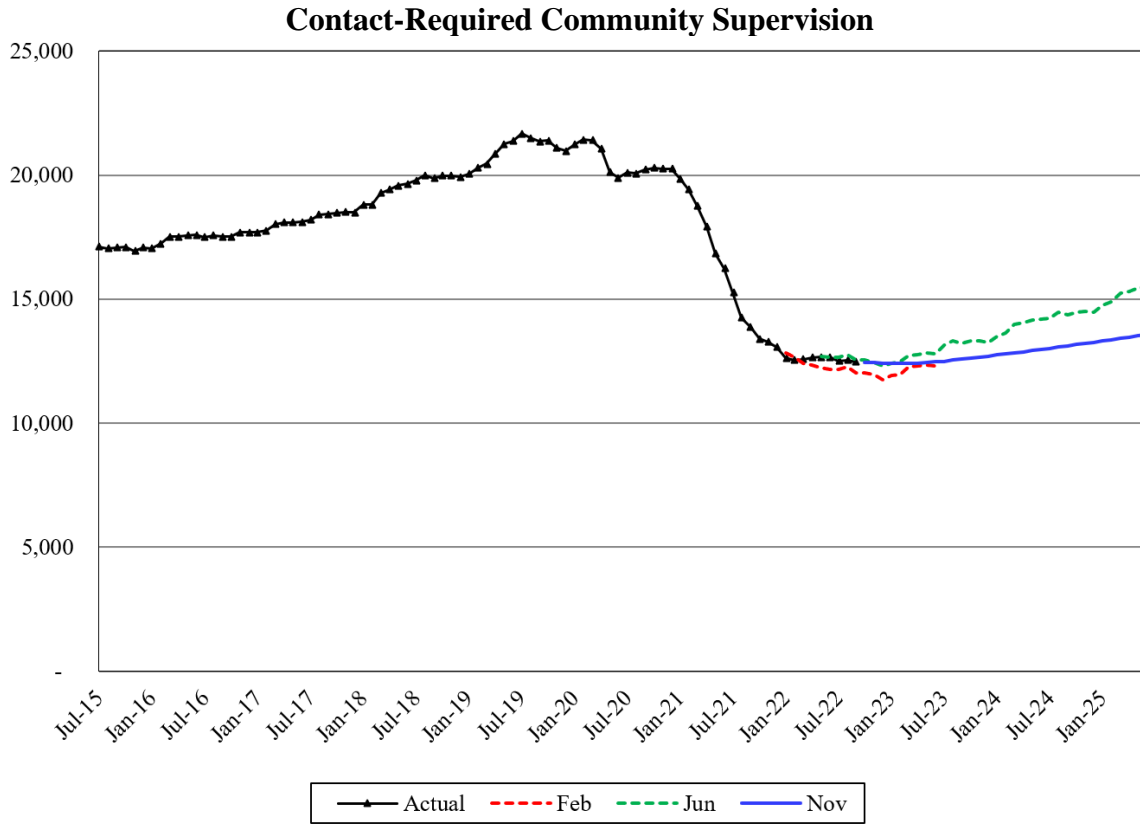


Corrections

Contact-Required Community Supervision

Caseload Forecast Council
November 9, 2022



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	Feb-22 Forecast	Jun-22 Forecast	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb to Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun to Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2023	12,107	12,611	12,451	345	2.8%	-160	-1.3%
2024		13,588	12,729			-858	-6.3%
2025		14,804	13,296			-1,508	-10.2%

The November 2022 forecast is 345 cases or 2.8 percent above the February 2022 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 1,183 cases or 8.3 percent lower than the June 2022 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-22 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
May-22	12,684	12,673	-11	-0.1%
Jun-22	12,658	12,663	5	0.0%
Jul-22	12,669	12,518	-151	-1.2%
Aug-22	12,766	12,536	-230	-1.8%
Sep-22	12,565	12,476	-89	-0.7%

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 95 cases or 0.8 percent below the June 2022 forecast. The decline in the caseload since May was driven by a small increase in cases shifting to inactive status while entries to the caseload remained flat.

Over the last two years the trend of this caseload has been in flux as successive waves of COVID-19 have disrupted the court system’s ability to process pending cases. Continued efforts to address the caseload serving a possession offense has also had an uneven impact. Uncertainty related to the estimated impacts of implemented legislative and policy changes from the last two years remains given the substantial impacts on the criminal justice system during the COVID-19 period.

The last six months have seen relative stability in many of the factors driving the caseload and there are indications of ongoing improvements to court capacity. Therefore, the current forecast is based on the recent trend history of the caseload and assumes a gradual growth in entries from the court until reaching a stable level in FY 2025. The caseload is expected to decline slightly before growing over the remainder of the next biennium.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	17,236		
	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%
	2021	19,185	-1,909	-9.0%
	2022	13,238	-5,947	-31.0%
Forecast	2023	12,451	-787	-5.9%
	2024	12,729	278	2.2%
	2025	13,296	567	4.5%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high. There continues to be COVID-19 related impacts to the criminal justice system that have reduced caseload entries, which creates substantial uncertainty for the long-term trend.

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