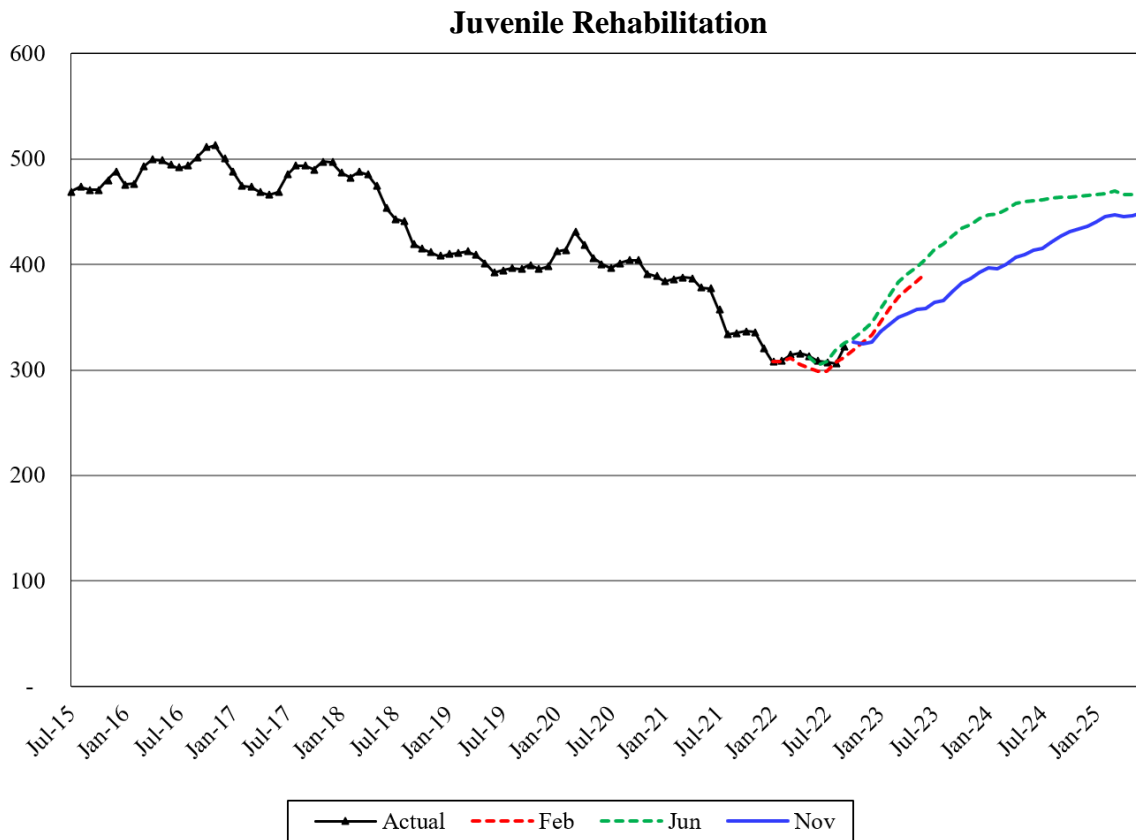


Corrections

Juvenile Rehabilitation

Caseload Forecast Council
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The Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) caseload is comprised of three components: Juvenile Commitments, Juvenile Parole Revocations, and Adult Commitments.

- Juvenile Commitments are individuals sentenced for crimes committed under age 18 and are under Juvenile Court jurisdiction.
- Juvenile Parole Revocations are individuals returned to confinement for up to 30 days for violating parole after release from a Juvenile Commitment.
- Adult Commitments are individuals who committed crimes under age 18 and are sentenced as adults to the Department of Corrections (DOC). They begin their sentences in JR facilities.

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	343	356	334	-9	-2.7%	-22	-6.1%
2024		442	391			-51	-11.6%
2025		465	437			-29	-6.2%

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The November 2022 forecast is 9 cases or 2.7 percent lower than the February 2022 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 40 cases or 8.8 percent lower than the June 2022 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-22 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
May-22	312	313	1	0.2%
Jun-22	304	309	4	1.4%
Jul-22	308	307	-1	-0.2%
Aug-22	319	306	-13	-4.1%
Sep-22	326	322	-3	-1.0%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 2 cases or 0.8 percent below the June 2022 forecast.

The caseload experienced gradual decline during the summer as adult commitment admissions remained low and grew in September when both adult and juvenile admissions peaked. While juvenile and adult case filings have increased over the last year, admissions have increased at a slower and uneven pace.

The forecast incorporates an updated admission recovery assumption based on the experience of recent months. The caseload is expected to continue to grow over the biennium due to the impacts associated with E2SSB 6160 (expanding juvenile court jurisdiction) and E2SHB 1646 (JR to age 25).

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	482		
	2017	488	5	1.1%
	2018	486	-2	-0.4%
	2019	414	-71	-14.7%
	2020	405	-9	-2.2%
	2021	391	-15	-3.6%
	2022	324	-67	-17.0%
Forecast	2023	334	10	3.2%
	2024	391	57	16.9%
	2025	437	46	11.7%

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 as well as the long-term impact on future case volume.

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