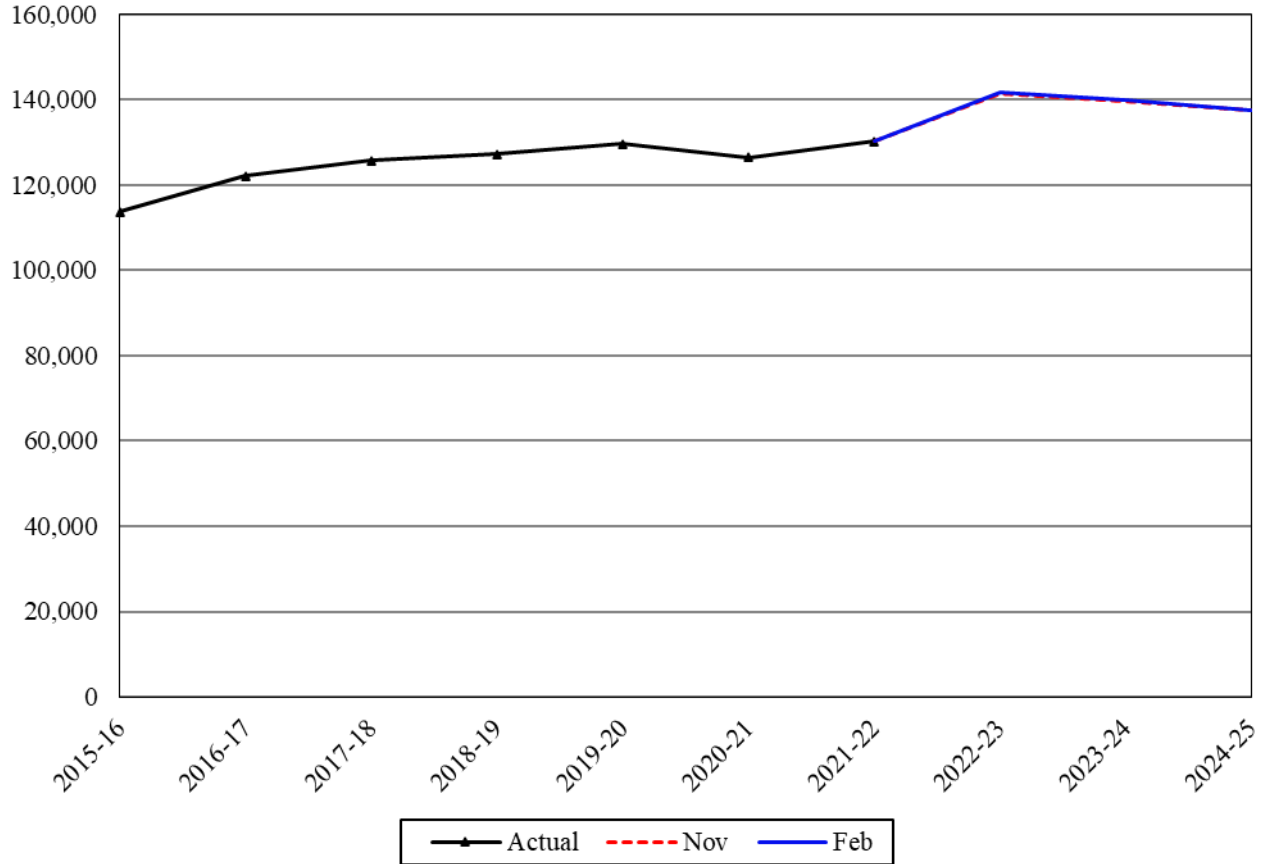


Education
Common School Bilingual Education

Caseload Forecast Council
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Bilingual Education Average Annual Enrollment (HC)



The Common School Bilingual Education caseload forecast consists of students enrolled in the Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program (TBIP). The goal of the TBIP program is to develop a student’s proficiency in the English language.

Forecast Comparisons (Academic Year Average)

Academic Year	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb-23 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2022-23	141,347	141,847	500	0.4%
2023-24	139,627	140,002	375	0.3%
2024-25	137,422	137,609	187	0.1%

Compared to November, the February 2023 forecast is 500 students or 0.4 percent higher for academic year 2022-23 and an average of 0.2 percent higher for the 2023-25 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-22 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Nov-22	140,380	140,468	88	0.1%
Dec-22	141,170	141,669	499	0.4%
Jan-23	141,654	142,395	741	0.5%

Actuals for TBIP are tracking 0.3 percent above the November forecast.

Academic Year Caseload Change

	Academic Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2015-16	113,676		
	2016-17	122,074	8,398	7.4%
	2017-18	125,775	3,701	3.0%
	2018-19	127,154	1,379	1.1%
	2019-20	129,601	2,447	1.9%
	2020-21	126,427	-3,174	-2.4%
	2021-22	130,257	3,830	3.0%
Forecast	2022-23	141,847	11,591	8.9%
	2023-24	140,002	-1,845	-1.3%
	2024-25	137,609	-2,393	-1.7%

The TBIP forecast is sensitive to testing, job growth, US immigration policies and VISA processing, and families moving to Washington State from other US states. The COVID-19 pandemic and the move to remote/hybrid instruction lowered the 2020-21 caseload. By 2021-22, the caseload recovered as children returned from remote/hybrid and the state implemented a new screener. In 2022-23, the caseload is forecasted to grow 8.9 percent, or 11,591 students. Much of the growth is explained by fewer students demonstrating proficiency on the spring exam, a requirement for program exit. Student performance was impacted by both pandemic learning loss and implementation of a new proficiency exam. Exit rates are forecasted to slowly improve over the 2023-25 biennium. Also in 2022-23, the caseload increased by an estimated 3,000 Ukrainian refugee children. Washington State is considered a preferred resettlement location for Ukrainian refugees in America.

After Exit Enrollment Courtesy Forecast

Academic Year	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb-23 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2022-23	16,181	15,591	-590	-3.6%
2023-24	17,400	17,191	-209	-1.2%
2024-25	21,884	22,189	305	1.4%

The After Exit program provides an additional two years of funding for students who exit the TBIP program after demonstrating proficiency on the spring assessment. The decline in exits impacted this program. Compared to the November forecast, the February 2023 forecast is 3.6 percent lower in 2022-23 and on par for the 2023-25 Biennium.

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Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the Bilingual Education forecast are high given the implementation of a new testing system, COVID-19, and changes in immigration policy and processing of immigrant VISAs.

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