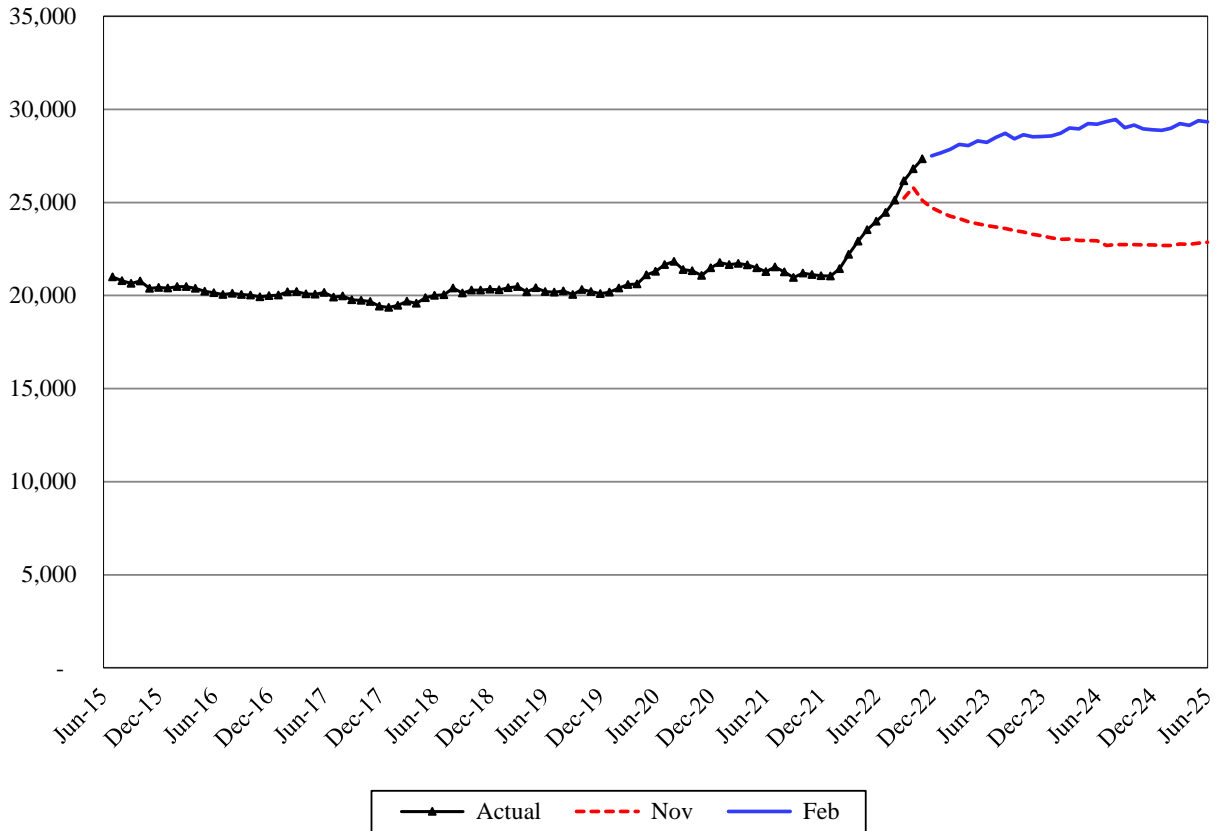


Economic Services Administration

Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance Grant

Caseload Forecast Council
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Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance Grant Program – Total Caseload



The Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance program (ABD) provides financial assistance to persons whose long-term mental and/or physical disabilities likely qualify them for the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, regardless of citizenship status. This forecast includes three components: Presumptive SSI, Aged, and Disabled.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb-23 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2023	24,571	27,133	2,562	10.4%
2024	23,223	28,753	5,530	23.8%
2025	22,743	29,149	6,406	28.2%

The February 2023 forecast is 2,562 cases or 10.4 percent higher than the November 2022 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 5,968 cases or 26.0 percent higher than the November 2022 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-22 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Sep-22	25,232	26,159	927	3.7%
Oct-22	25,806	26,805	999	3.9%
Nov-22	25,097	27,337	2,240	8.9%

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 1,389 cases or 5.5 percent above the November 2022 forecast.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	20,512		
	2017	20,075	-437	-2.1%
	2018	19,707	-368	-1.8%
	2019	20,293	586	3.0%
	2020	20,442	149	0.7%
	2021	21,529	1,087	5.3%
	2022	21,857	328	1.5%
<i>Forecast</i>	2023	27,133	5,276	24.1%
	2024	28,753	1,619	6.0%
	2025	29,149	397	1.4%

Change in the ABD forecast is primarily driven by the following:

- An increase in Presumptive SSI cases beginning in March 2022, which is tracking higher than expected likely due to the reopening of in-person community service offices;
- A legislative expansion of the ABD program to individuals between the ages of 21 and 64 who are residing in public mental institutions effective September 1, 2022;
- A legislative grant increase in the ABD program that will also bring “no-pay” ABD cases onto the paid caseload; and
- A temporary delay in mid-certification reviews and eligibility reviews implemented by the Economic Services Administration in the beginning of 2022, which the Legislature made permanent starting July 1, 2022.

Risks to the Forecast

The risks to the forecast are moderately high. The risks are mainly due to the uncertainties of the growth in the Presumptive SSI program.