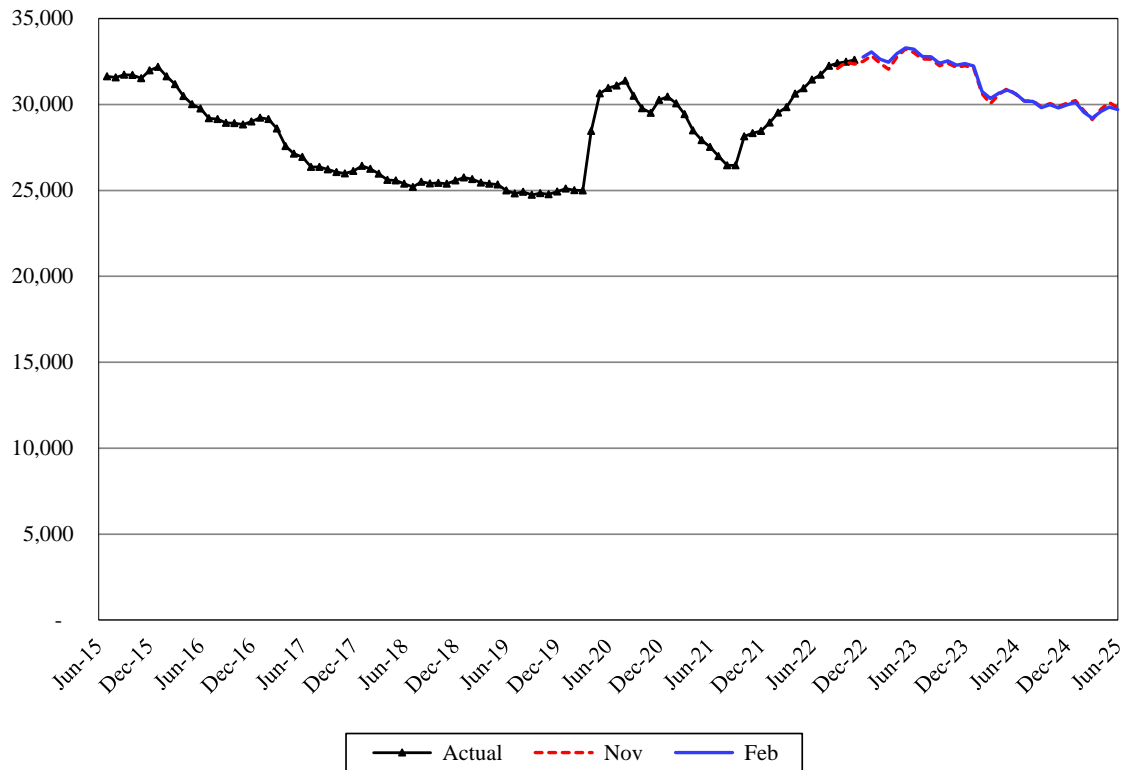


Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Caseload Forecast Council
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TANF Assistance Units (Courtesy Forecast)



The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) forecast combines two forecasts: one for WorkFirst or “All Family” cases that include children and their parents and one for “Child Only” cases in which the parents or guardians do not receive part of the grant and are not subject to work requirements. WorkFirst cases made up 52% of the caseload during calendar year 2019.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb-23 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2023	32,474	32,655	181	0.6%
2024	31,608	31,721	114	0.4%
2025	29,912	29,833	-79	-0.3%

The November 2022 forecast is 181 cases or 0.6% percent higher than the November 2022 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 17 cases or 0.1 percent higher 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
Sep-22	32,099	32,411	312	1.0%
Oct-22	32,455	32,488	33	0.1%
Nov-22	32,344	32,596	252	0.8%

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 199 cases or 0.6 percent above the November 2022 forecast.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	31,287		
	2017	28,556	-2,731	-8.7%
	2018	26,032	-2,525	-8.8%
	2019	25,424	-608	-2.3%
	2020	26,182	758	3.0%
	2021	29,701	3,519	13.4%
	2022	28,847	-854	-2.9%
Forecast	2023	32,655	3,808	13.2%
	2024	31,721	-934	-2.9%
	2025	29,833	-1,888	-6.0%

Changes in the caseload are driven primarily by the following:

- A higher than expected number of Ukrainian refugees, which is forecasted to peak in May 2023 with a taper through the end of the forecast horizon;
- A projected caseload increase due to COVID time limit extension policies which will remain in effect until June 2023, when the legislated unemployment hardship policy will take effect;
- A caseload increase due to the temporary delay in mid-certification reviews and eligibility reviews implemented by the Economic Services Administration in the beginning of 2022; and
- A projected caseload reduction beginning in November 2022 due to terminations resulting from legislated changes to the non-compliance sanction policy and WorkFirst reengagement starting in October of 2021.

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are moderately high. The impact of the unemployment hardship and reengagement policies have not been fully reflected in the data which makes them more difficult to project. The number of Ukrainian refugees may change dramatically depending on the course of the Russian invasion in 2023.