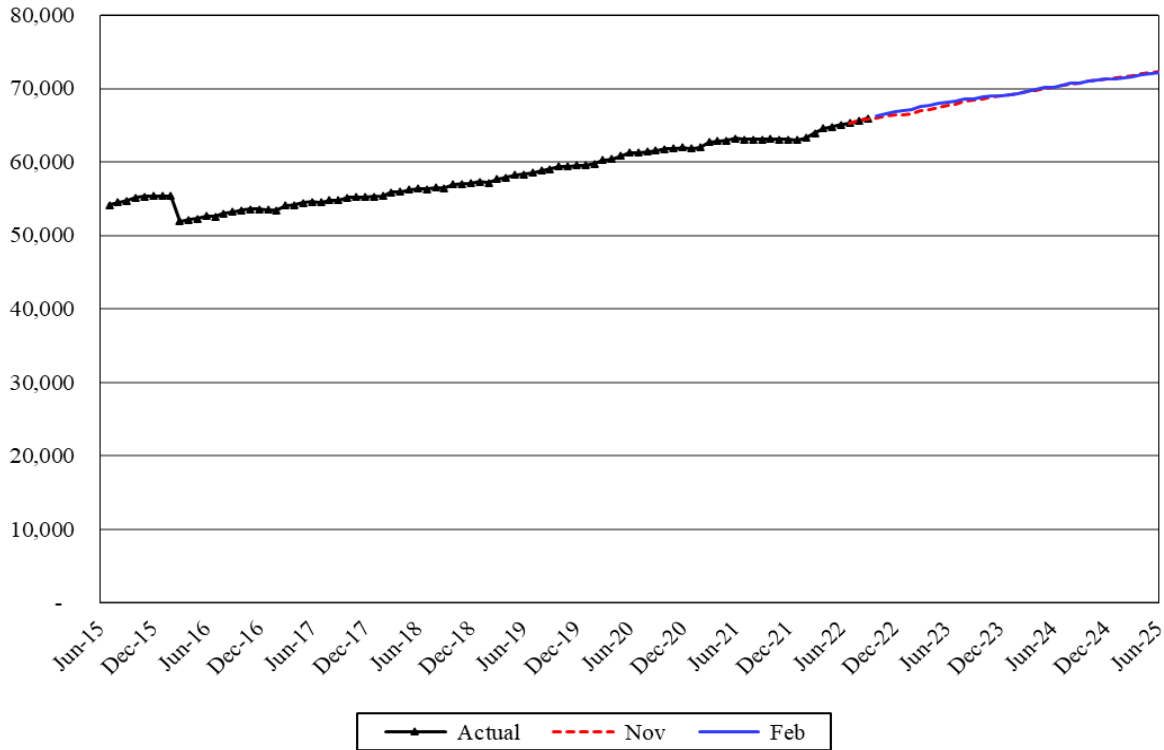


Long Term Care

Home and Community Services (HCS)

Caseload Forecast Council
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Home and Community Services



The Home and Community Services (HCS) forecast is comprised of in-home, residential, and managed care caseload forecasts. The in-home category comprises 75 percent of the HCS total, and the individual provider service type is the largest single caseload of the seven in this category.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-22 Forecast	Feb-23 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2023	66,488	66,827	339	0.5%
2024	69,064	69,215	151	0.2%
2025	71,376	71,312	-64	-0.1%

The February 2023 forecast is 339 cases or 0.5 percent higher than the November 2022 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 44 cases or 0.1 percent higher for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-22 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Jul-22	65,317	65,271	-45	-0.1%
Aug-22	65,620	65,571	-49	-0.1%
Sep-22	65,834	65,922	88	0.1%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 2 cases or a negligible percentage below the November forecast.

A significant portion of the February forecast change is due to the challenge of Agency Provider (AP) staff recruitment. This forecast assumes it will take more time for APs to boost recruitment. The lower AP forecast is also likely related to the higher forecasts in other HCS programs.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
<i>Actual</i>	2016	54,078		
	2017	53,625	-454	-0.8%
	2018	55,398	1,773	3.3%
	2019	57,249	1,851	3.3%
	2020	59,733	2,484	4.3%
	2021	62,110	2,377	4.0%
	2022	63,591	1,481	2.4%
<i>Forecast</i>	2023	66,827	3,236	5.1%
	2024	69,215	2,387	3.6%
	2025	71,312	2,097	3.0%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the overall forecast are moderate due to volatilities introduced by the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic and policy changes.