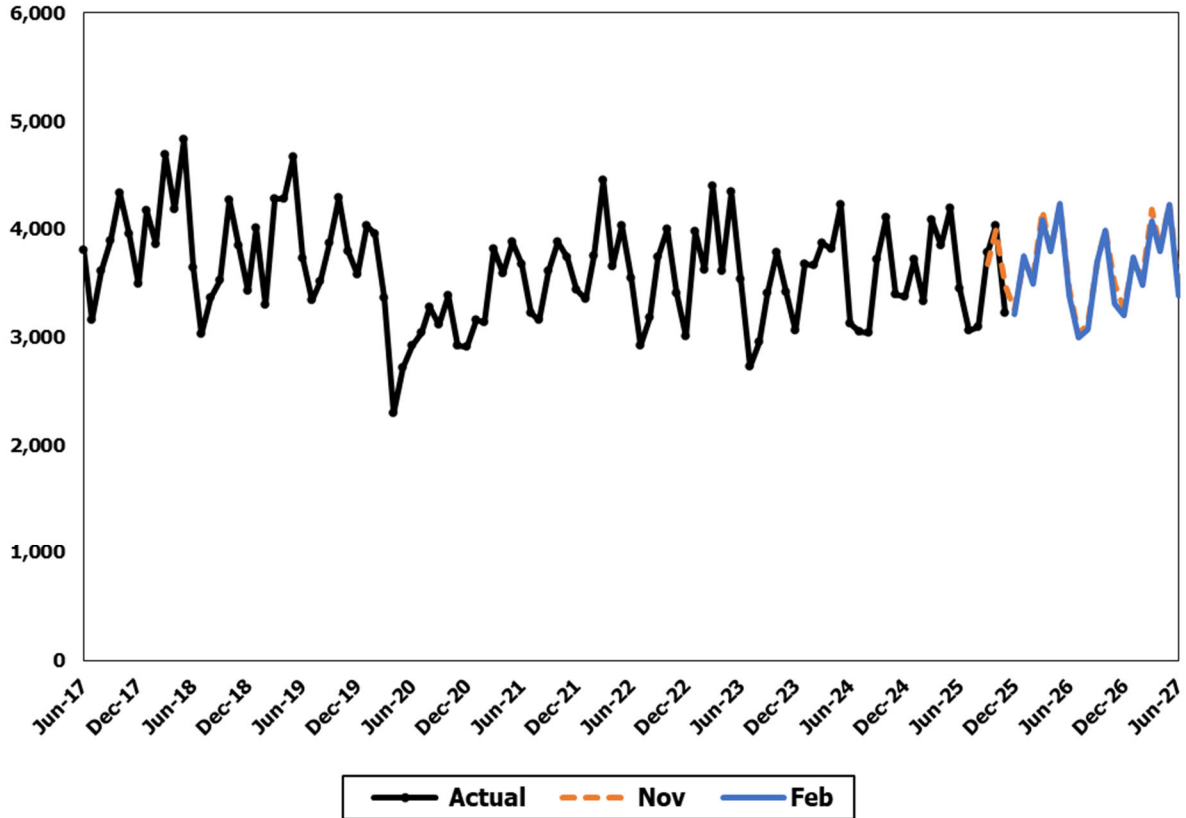


Screened-In Reports



The Screened-In Reports caseload is the number of cases that are accepted for investigation or assessment after reports of possible child abuse or neglect.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-25 Forecast	Feb-26 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2026	3,620	3,594	-26	-0.7%
2027	3,629	3,578	-51	-1.4%

The February 2026 forecast is, on average, 39 cases or 1.1 percent lower than the November 2025 forecast for the 2025-27 biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Nov-25 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Sep-25	3,671	3,786	115	3.1%
Oct-25	3,987	4,027	40	1.0%
Nov-25	3,478	3,218	-260	-7.5%

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Actuals are tracking, on average, 35 cases or 0.9 percent below the November 2025 forecast.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2018	3,984		
	2019	3,808	-176	-4.4%
	2020	3,472	-336	-8.8%
	2021	3,324	-148	-4.3%
	2022	3,652	328	9.9%
	2023	3,642	-10	-0.3%
	2024	3,476	-166	-4.6%
	2025	3,609	133	3.8%
Forecast	2026	3,594	-15	-0.4%
	2027	3,578	-16	-0.4%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the February forecast are low to moderate. Historically, this has been a volatile caseload on a monthly basis around a relatively steady average level.