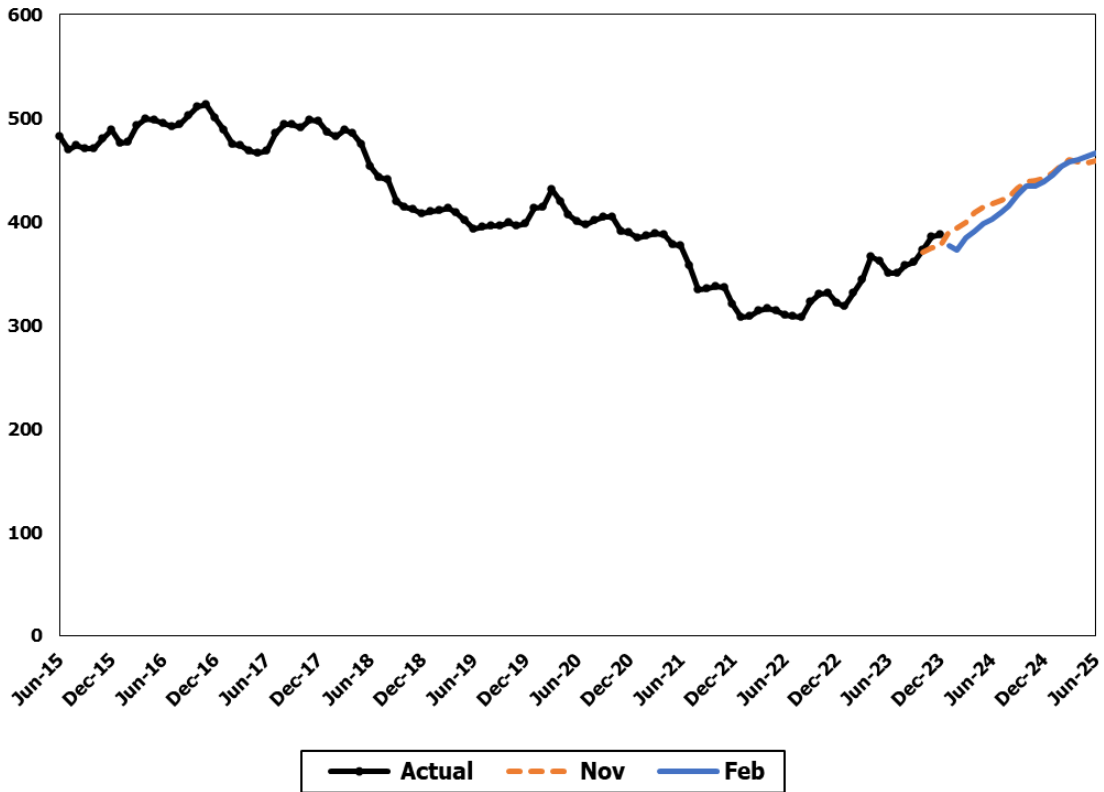


Juvenile Rehabilitation



The Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) caseload is comprised of three components: Juvenile Commitments, Juvenile Parole Revocations, and Adult Commitments.

- Juvenile Commitments are individuals sentenced for crimes committed under age 18 and are under Juvenile Court jurisdiction.
- Juvenile Parole Revocations are individuals returned to confinement for up to 30 days for violating parole after release from a Juvenile Commitment.
- Adult Commitments are individuals who committed crimes under age 18 and are sentenced as adults to the Department of Corrections (DOC). They begin their sentences in JR facilities.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-23 Forecast	Feb-24 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2024	384	378	-6	-1.6%
2025	444	442	-2	-0.6%

The February 2024 forecast is, on average, 4 cases or 1.0 percent lower than the November 2023 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Nov-23 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Oct-23	370	373	3	0.7%
Nov-23	375	386	11	2.8%
Dec-23	376	387	11	3.0%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 8 cases or 2.2 percent above the November forecast. More than half of this variance is driven by the Adult Commitment caseload, which is tracking, on average, 3.3 percent above the November forecast and accounts for 35 percent of the total JR caseload.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	482		
	2017	488	5	1.1%
	2018	486	-2	-0.4%
	2019	414	-71	-14.7%
	2020	405	-9	-2.2%
	2021	391	-15	-3.6%
	2022	324	-66	-17.0%
	2023	332	8	2.4%
Forecast	2024	378	46	13.9%
	2025	442	64	16.8%

The February forecast continues to include step adjustments for the incremental impacts of the two so-called "JR to 25" bills (E2SSB 6160 and HB 1646) as well as the outcome of the completed settlement hearings for adult-sentenced individuals who requested to return to JR.

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are moderate to high. There is continued uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on the timeline for increased capacity in the criminal justice system in the short-term for backlogged cases as well as the long-term for future case volume. In the short-term there is also uncertainty about the Adult Commitments caseload affected by the outcomes of the ongoing hearings for individuals seeking to return to JR from DOC and a recent DOC internal audit on the individuals who should have begun their sentences in JR facilities but were misplaced at DOC prisons in the last 2-3 years.