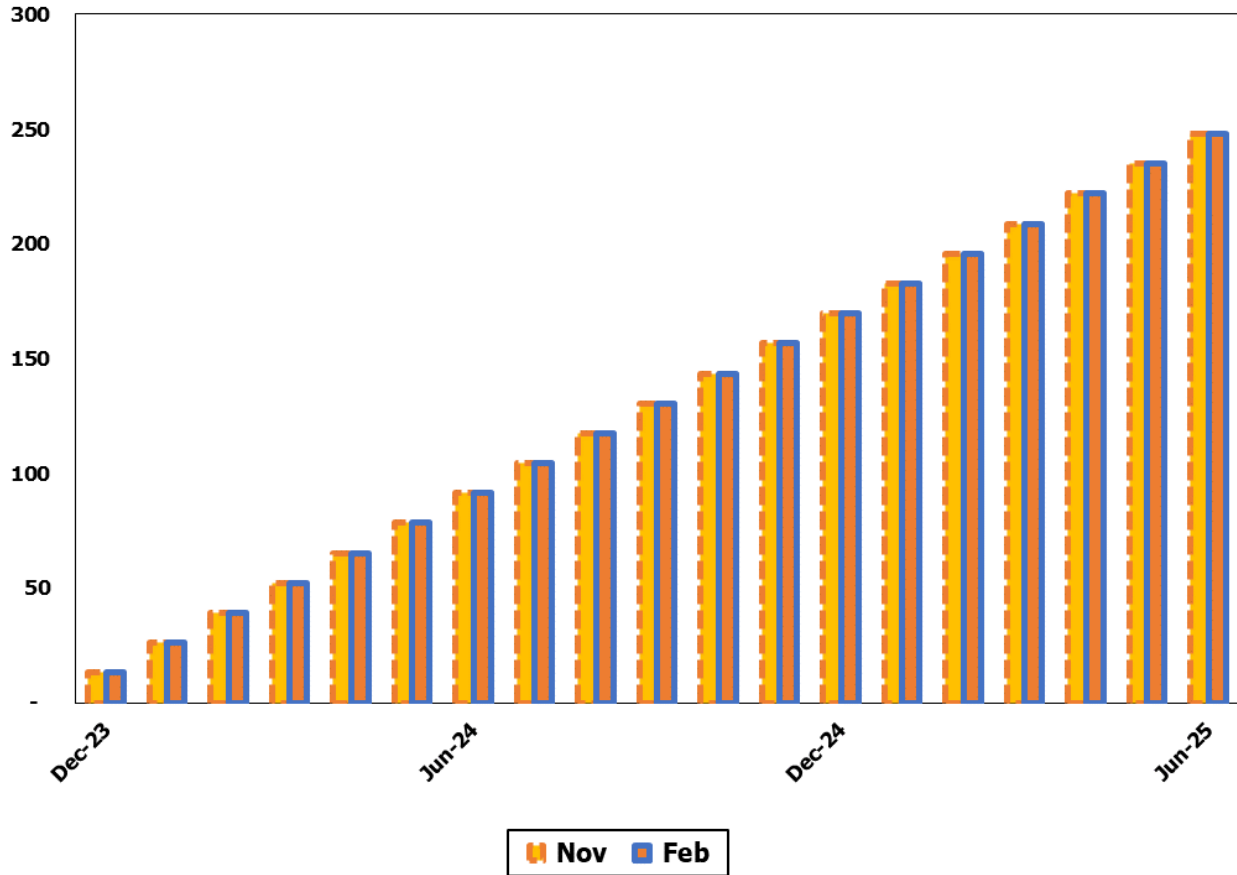


DDA Dependency Involved Children and Youth



The 2023 Legislature passed ESSHB 1188 which added a new duty to the CFC’s forecast portfolio: the number of individuals who are 1) subject to a dependency or receiving extended foster care, or 2) exited a dependency proceeding or discontinued extended foster care, and 3) are functionally and financially eligible for a DDA Medicaid Waiver service and are expected to utilize a waiver service. These individuals must also begin receiving services prior to their 25th birthday. Unlike most of the CFC’s other statutory requirements, this is a forecast of the expected *utilization of a service* and not a forecast of the population who meet the eligibility requirements listed above.

The legislature assumes that these clients will receive services covered by state funds from December 2023 until modified eligibility requirements are approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no later than December 2024.

The forecast is based on data received from DDA based on a merged dataset with DCYF that contains children through age 20 who are either in a dependency or extended foster care who are also eligible for DDA waiver services.

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The forecast contains two utilization assumptions:

- 1) Participation rates that vary by age, based on DSHS claims data, as follows:
 - Ages 0-2 at 10 percent
 - Ages 3-7 at 50 percent
 - Ages 8 through 20 at 90 percent
- 2) Expected phase-in of service utilization as follows:
 - Client participation will begin in December 2023 and will ramp up to 157 clients by November 2024 via state-funded service delivery, and
 - From December 2024 onward, these clients will be covered under new CMS-approved eligibility criteria and reach a total of 248 clients by June 2025.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-23 Forecast	Feb-24 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2024	30	30	0	0.0%
2025	176	176	0	0.0%

The February 2024 forecast is unchanged from the November 2023 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

Official actuals do not yet exist to track against the November forecast. The program launch began in late December, and several new clients are still in the enrollment process so are not yet counted on the official caseload.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
<i>Forecast</i>	2024	30		
	2025	176	146	478.6%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the DDA Dependency Involved Children and Youth forecast are high, as this is a new forecast of a nature that is not like most other CFC forecasts. It is also contingent upon the assumption that CMS will approve modified eligibility requirements by December 2024.