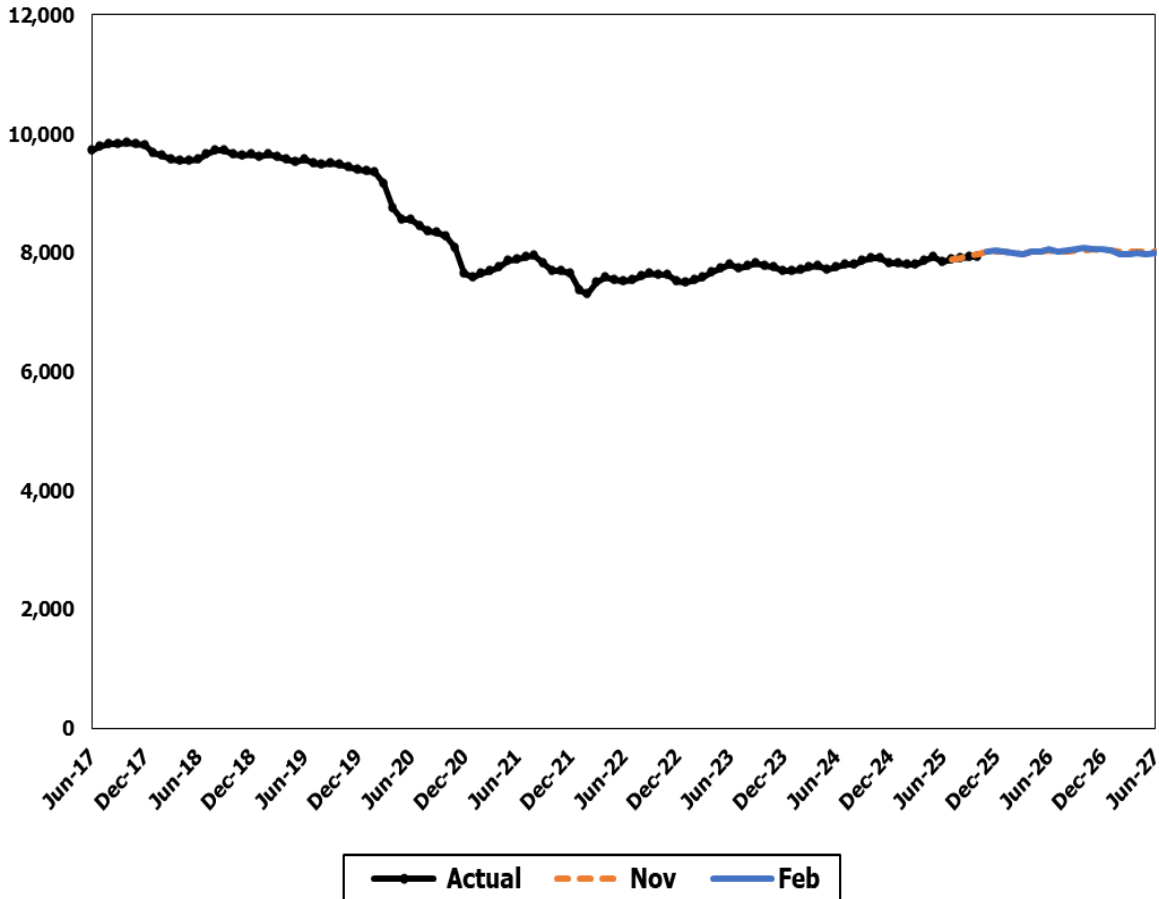


**Nursing Homes**



The Nursing Homes forecast consists of Medicaid eligible clients who receive care in state licensed nursing facilities. Nursing facilities provide care to eligible clients who require short post-hospital recuperative care, are no longer capable of independent living, and require nursing services, or are patients with chronic disabilities needing long-term rehabilitation and/or medical services.

**Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)**

Fiscal Year	Nov-25 Forecast	Feb-26 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2026	7,986	7,985	-1	0.0%
2027	8,029	8,024	-5	-0.1%

The February 2026 forecast is, on average, 3 cases or less than 0.1 percent lower than the November 2025 forecast for the 2025-27 biennium.

### Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Nov-25		Variance	Percent
	Forecast	Actual		Variance
Jul-25	7,899	7,882	-17	-0.2%
Aug-25	7,904	7,915	12	0.1%
Sep-25	7,956	7,939	-16	-0.2%
Oct-25	7,980	7,932	-49	-0.6%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 18 cases or 0.2 percent below the November forecast.

The February forecast revision is driven primarily by newly available actual caseload data from recent months.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2018	9,706		
	2019	9,635	-71	-0.7%
	2020	9,214	-421	-4.4%
	2021	7,968	-1,246	-13.5%
	2022	7,630	-338	-4.2%
	2023	7,618	-12	-0.2%
	2024	7,752	134	1.8%
	2025	7,849	97	1.3%
Forecast	2026	7,985	136	1.7%
	2027	8,024	39	0.5%

### Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the nursing home forecast are considered moderate to high, driven by ongoing client transitions to other long-term care programs and uncertainties surrounding reporting practices at some facilities.