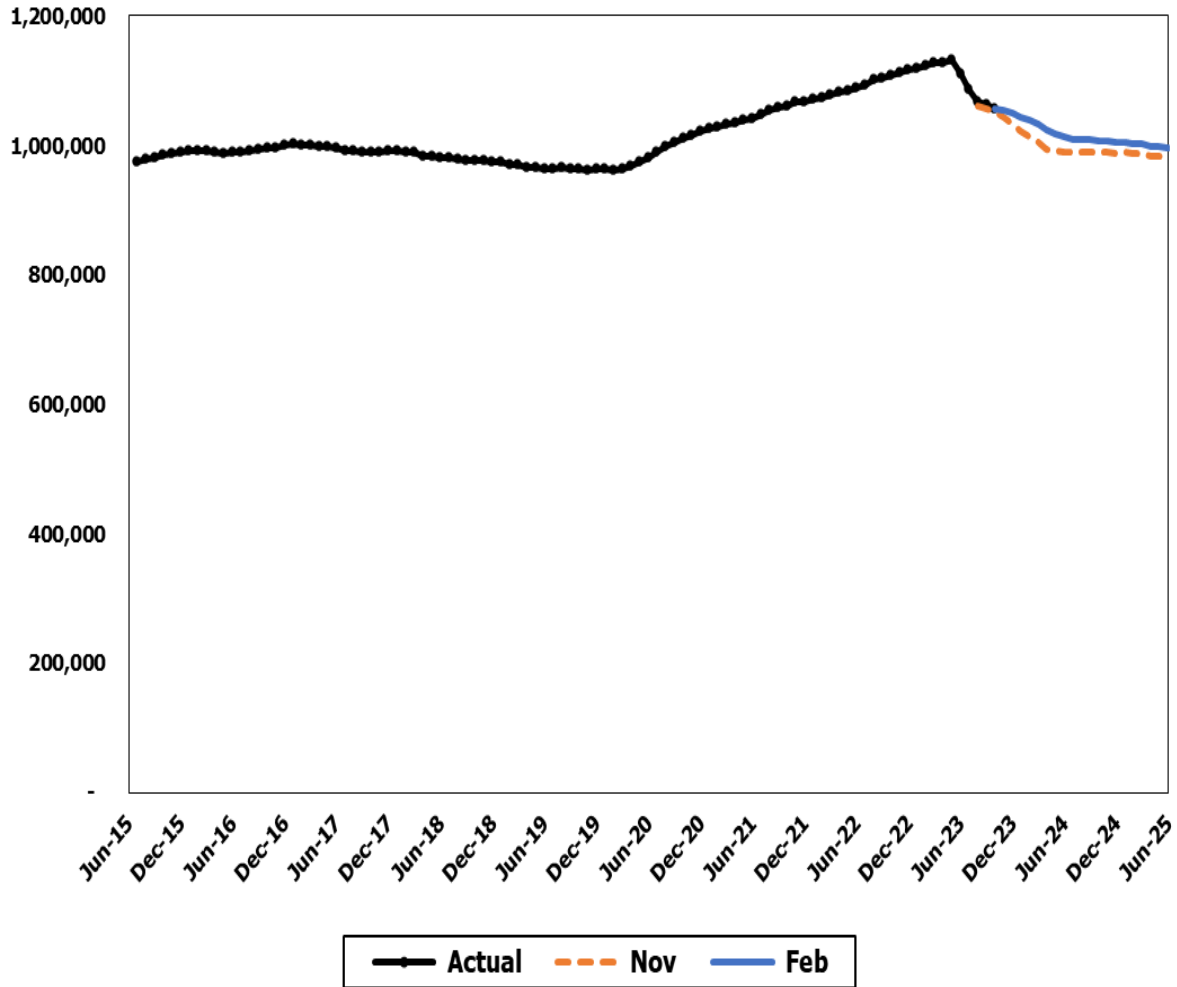


Medical Assistance for Adult Caretakers and Children



The Medical Assistance for Adult Caretakers and Children category is composed of nine caseloads for parents/caretakers, pregnant clients, and children by citizenship and income level.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Nov-23 Forecast	Feb-24 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2024	1,029,014	1,045,028	16,014	1.6%
2025	987,228	1,003,879	16,652	1.7%

The February 2024 forecast is, on average, 16,333 cases or 1.6 percent higher than the November 2023 forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Nov-23		Variance	Percent
	Forecast	Actual		Variance
Aug-23	1,060,574	1,066,240	5,667	0.5%
Sep-23	1,056,626	1,061,943	5,317	0.5%
Oct-23	1,051,107	1,055,793	4,686	0.4%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 5,223 cases or 0.5 percent above the November forecast.

The unwinding process of the pandemic continuous enrollment requirement began in April 2023. The caseload will continue to drop as the Health Care Authority (HCA) re-determines eligibility for pandemic postponed cases to ensure compliance with federal requirements. In the past unwinding months, there has been an increasing number of cases requiring Post Eligibility Review (PER), resulting in an increasing PER backlog. The main change in the February forecast is an adjustment to the forecast of exits based on newly available data.

Other February forecast changes include:

- Adjusting the assumptions behind the model of the twelve months Medicaid coverage extension for the adult caretakers' program.
- Adjusting the ten-month post-partum extension model for the CN pregnant women program.
- Adjusting the state Children's Health Program (CHP) model based on newly available data.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	986,387		
	2017	996,832	10,446	1.1%
	2018	988,420	-8,413	-0.8%
	2019	972,648	-15,772	-1.6%
	2020	966,037	-6,611	-0.7%
	2021	1,020,287	54,251	5.6%
	2022	1,069,626	49,339	4.8%
	2023	1,114,667	45,040	4.2%
Forecast	2024	1,045,028	-69,638	-6.2%
	2025	1,003,879	-41,149	-3.9%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high primarily because of the uncertainties from the Medicaid continuous enrollment unwinding process and the uncertainties of post eligibility review during and after the unwinding period.