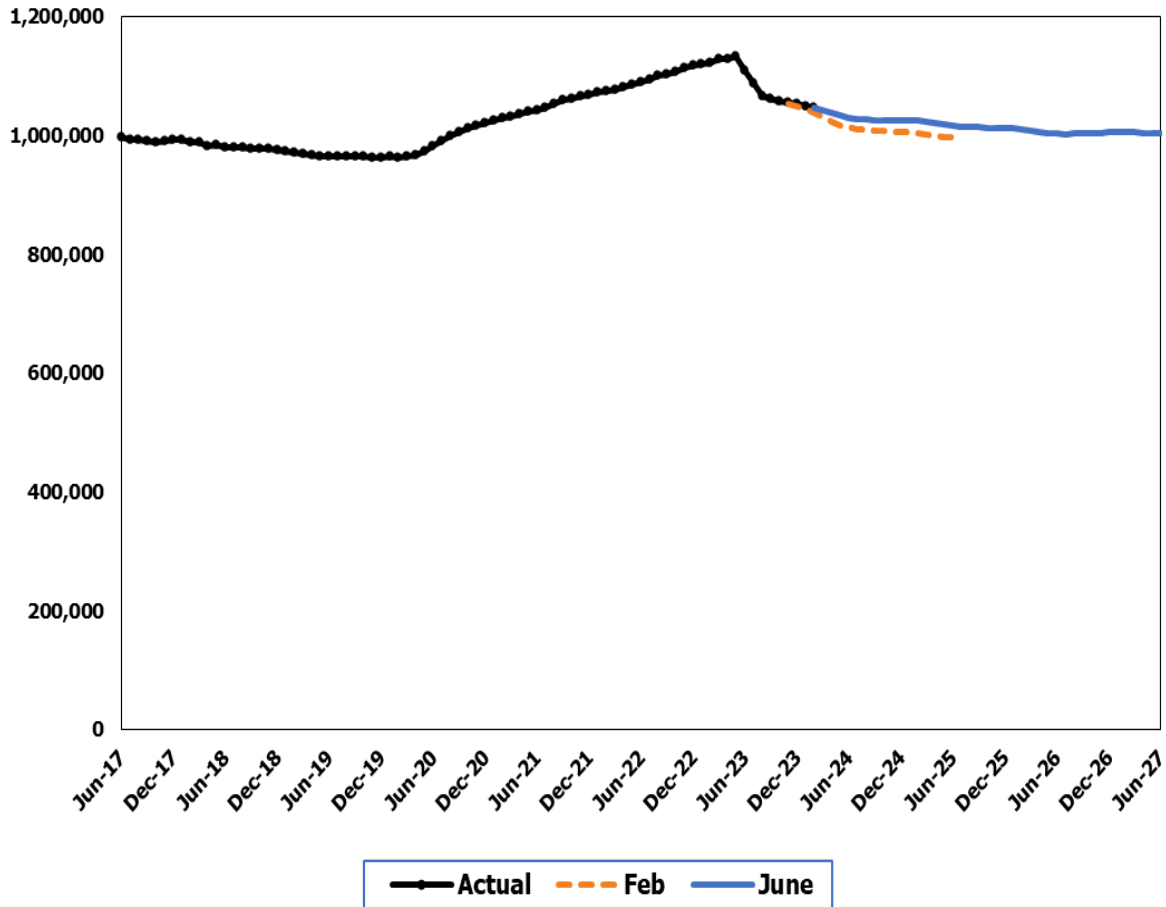


**Medical Assistance for Adult Caretakers and Children**



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	Feb-24 Forecast	Jun-24 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2024	1,045,028	1,051,175	6,146	0.6%
2025	1,003,879	1,023,297	19,417	1.9%
2026		1,009,540		
2027		1,003,470		

The June 2024 forecast is, on average, 12,782 cases or 1.2 percent higher than the February forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium.

### Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Feb-24		Variance	Percent
	Forecast	Actual		Variance
Nov-23	1,053,425	1,055,791	2,366	0.2%
Dec-23	1,048,927	1,051,814	2,887	0.3%
Jan-24	1,043,164	1,049,109	5,945	0.6%
Feb-24	1,038,441	1,045,984	7,544	0.7%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 4,685 cases or 0.4 percent above the February forecast.

The unwinding process of the pandemic continuous enrollment requirement began in April 2023. This caseload is expected to drop continuously after the unwinding period because of a substantial number of pending Post Eligibility Review (PER) cases.

Other June forecast changes include:

- Adding a step adjustment for SB 5580 that increases the income limit for pregnant women programs from 193% federal poverty level (FPL) to 210% FPL.
- Adjusting the model of the twelve months Medicaid coverage extension for the adult caretakers' program.
- Adjusting the state Children's Health Program (CHP) forecasting model based on newly available data reflecting increasing immigration.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2018	988,368		
	2019	972,595	-15,773	-1.6%
	2020	965,981	-6,613	-0.7%
	2021	1,020,235	54,254	5.6%
	2022	1,069,571	49,337	4.8%
	2023	1,114,612	45,041	4.2%
Forecast	2024	1,051,175	-63,438	-5.7%
	2025	1,023,297	-27,878	-2.7%
	2026	1,009,540	-13,757	-1.3%
	2027	1,003,470	-6,070	-0.6%

### Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high primarily due to uncertainties related to the PER process during and after the unwinding period. Recent federal guidance prohibits termination of eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) due to nonpayment of premiums starting in FY 25. This forecast does not include assumptions about the impacts of that new policy, and it will be incorporated in November when the CFC has additional details about how HCA will implement it.