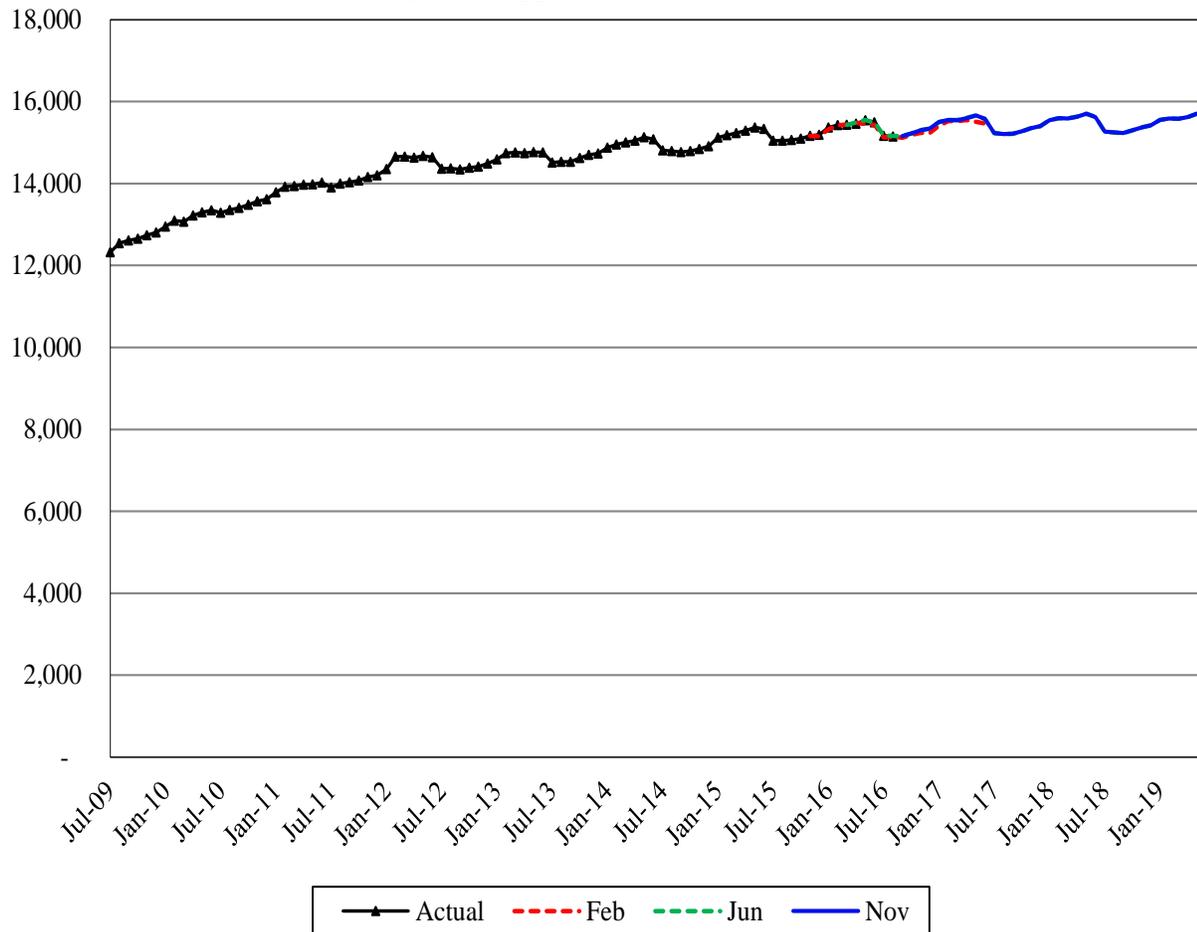


Children's Administration

Adoption Support

Caseload Forecast Council
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Adoption Support – Maintenance Payments



The Adoption Support Maintenance Payment (ASMP) caseload forecast is a forecast of those eligible adoptive families receiving monthly adoption support maintenance payments.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-16 Forecast	Jun-16 Forecast	Nov-16 Forecast	Feb to Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun to Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2017	15,335	15,401	15,398	63	0.4%	3	0.0%
2018		15,448	15,448			0	0.0%
2019		15,458	15,458			0	0.0%

The November 2016 forecast is 0.4 percent higher than the February 2016 forecast for fiscal year 2017, and is the same as the June 2016 forecast for the 2017-2019 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-16 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Mar-16	15,430	15,433	3	0.0%
Apr-16	15,488	15,457	-31	-0.2%
May-16	15,554	15,545	-9	-0.1%
Jun-16	15,494	15,492	-2	0.0%
Jul-16	15,180	15,168	-12	-0.1%
Aug-16	15,164	15,148	-16	-0.1%

Since March, the caseload has been 11 cases or 0.1 percent lower than the June forecast, on average. The ASMP caseload tracks very closely with the June forecast, which includes a predictable increase in the beginning of each calendar year due to the seasonality of adoption finalization.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2010	12,888		
	2011	13,695	806	6.3%
	2012	14,331	637	4.6%
	2013	14,560	228	1.6%
	2014	14,811	252	1.7%
	2015	15,036	225	1.5%
	2016	15,277	241	1.6%
Forecast	2017	15,398	122	0.8%
	2018	15,448	50	0.3%
	2019	15,458	10	0.1%

Growth in the adoption support caseload has slowed over the last five years and this forecast assumed a damping growth rate into the future.

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the Adoption Support forecast are low, especially in the near future.