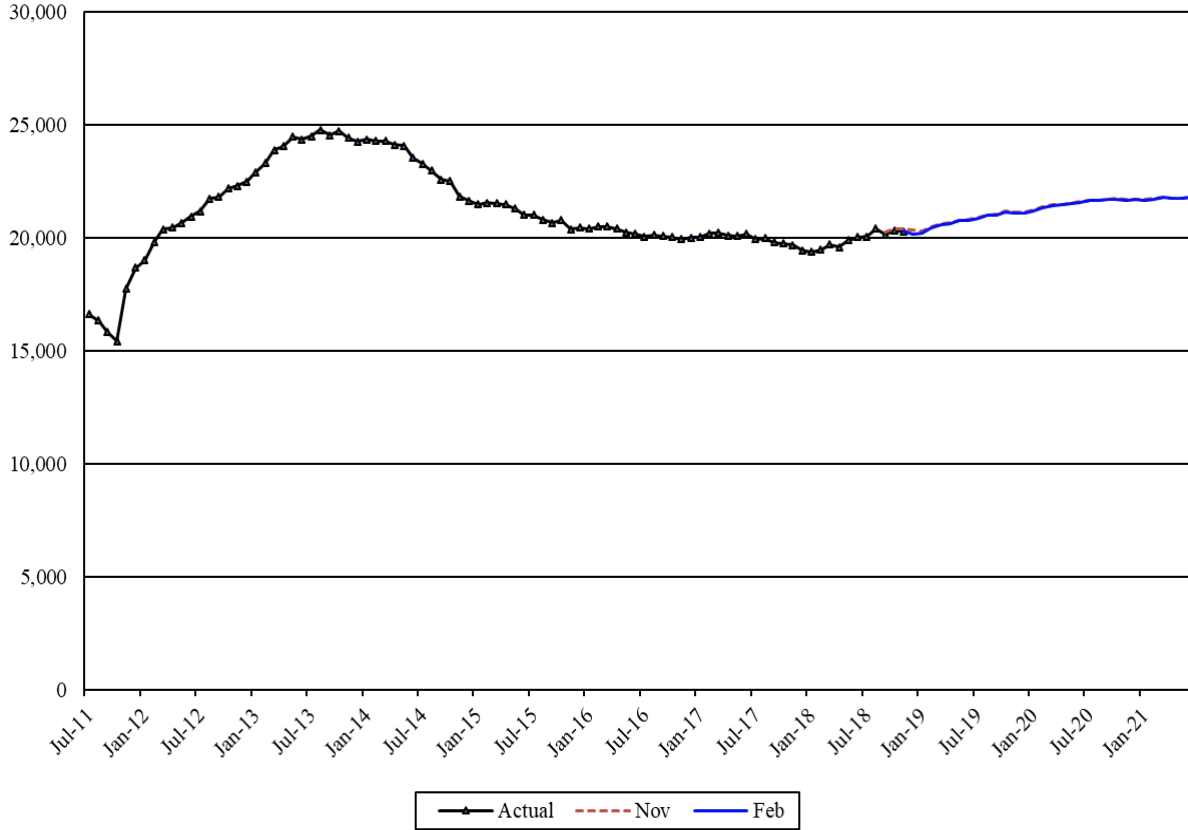


**Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance Grant Program – Total Caseload**



The Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance program (ABD) provides financial assistance to persons whose long-term mental and/or physical disabilities likely qualify them for the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, regardless of citizenship status. This forecast includes three components: Presumptive SSI, Aged, and Disabled.

**Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)**

Fiscal Year	Nov-18 Forecast	Feb-19 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2019	20,449	20,380	-69	-0.3%
2020	21,243	21,211	-32	-0.2%
2021	21,710	21,701	-9	0.0%

The February 2019 forecast is 69 cases or 0.3 percent lower than the November 2018 forecast for FY 2019, and, on average, 21 cases or 0.1 percent lower than the November 2018 forecast for the 2019-21 Biennium.

### Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-18 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Sep-18	20,237	20,127	-110	-0.5%
Oct-18	20,393	20,290	-103	-0.5%
Nov-18	20,371	20,281	-90	-0.4%

The caseload actuals have been tracking, on average, 101 cases or 0.5 percent lower than the November 2018 forecast for the past three months.

The February 2019 forecast change is mainly due to another round of increased Mid-Certification Review (MCR) for the ABD aged population in recent months.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2012	18,472		
	2013	22,876	4,404	23.8%
	2014	24,309	1,434	6.3%
	2015	21,914	-2,395	-9.9%
	2016	20,512	-1,402	-6.4%
	2017	20,075	-437	-2.1%
	2018	19,705	-370	-1.8%
Forecast	2019	20,380	675	3.4%
	2020	21,211	830	4.1%
	2021	21,701	490	2.3%

The projected ABD growth rate turning from negative to positive from FY 2019 is mainly due to HB 2667 that provides for a client to receive both the ABD program and the Essential Needs and Housing Support program (HEN) assistance concurrently while an application for federal SSI benefits is pending.

#### *Risks to the Forecast*

The risks to the forecast are moderate. The risks are mainly due to the uncertainties of the Mid-Certification Review (MCR) impact in the long run.