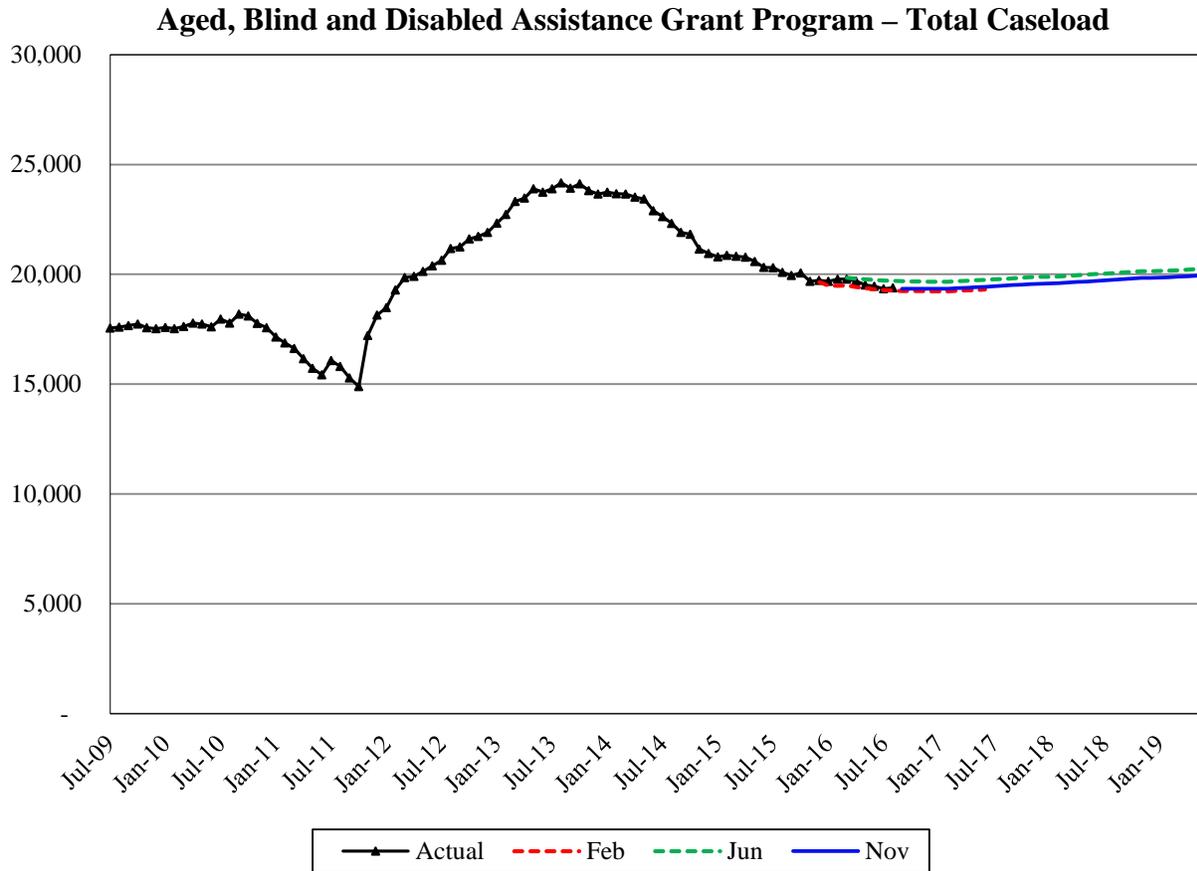


Economic Services Administration

Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance Grant

Caseload Forecast Council
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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	Feb-16 Forecast	Jun-16 Forecast	Nov-16 Forecast	Feb to Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun to Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2017	19,253	19,694	19,367	114	0.6%	-328	-1.7%
2018		19,887	19,577			-310	-1.6%
2019		20,148	19,847			-301	-1.5%

The November 2016 forecast is 114 cases or 0.6 percent higher than the February 2016 forecast for fiscal year 2017, and on average, 1.6 percent lower than the June 2016 forecast for fiscal years of 2017-2019.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-16 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Mar-16	19,844	19,783	-61	-0.3%
Apr-16	19,806	19,689	-116	-0.6%
May-16	19,770	19,519	-251	-1.3%
Jun-16	19,741	19,450	-291	-1.5%
Jul-16	19,718	19,346	-372	-1.9%
Aug-16	19,700	19,387	-313	-1.6%

The caseload is tracking, on average, about 234 cases or 1.2 percent lower than the June 2016 forecast over the past six months.

Presumptive SSI is about 78 percent of the total caseload and is the primary driver of the total caseload change. Since 2014, a declaration of disability is no longer necessary for medical coverage under the ACA, resulting in fewer entrants into Presumptive SSI than previous years. More recently, the number of those leaving the program has also been trending downward, which has prompted the caseload to begin to level off. The Aged program is expected to grow steadily. The Disabled population seems to have stabilized in recent months.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
<i>Actual</i>	2010	17,626		
	2011	17,111	-515	-2.9%
	2012	17,957	846	4.9%
	2013	22,316	4,359	24.3%
	2014	23,704	1,388	6.2%
	2015	21,245	-2,458	-10.4%
	2016	19,808	-1,437	-6.8%
<i>Forecast</i>	2017	19,367	-442	-2.2%
	2018	19,577	211	1.1%
	2019	19,847	270	1.4%

Risks to the Forecast

The risks to the forecast are moderate. The Economic Services Administration of DSHS is planning to change the assistance unit (AU) assignment process next year that may have some impacts on this forecast in the transition period.