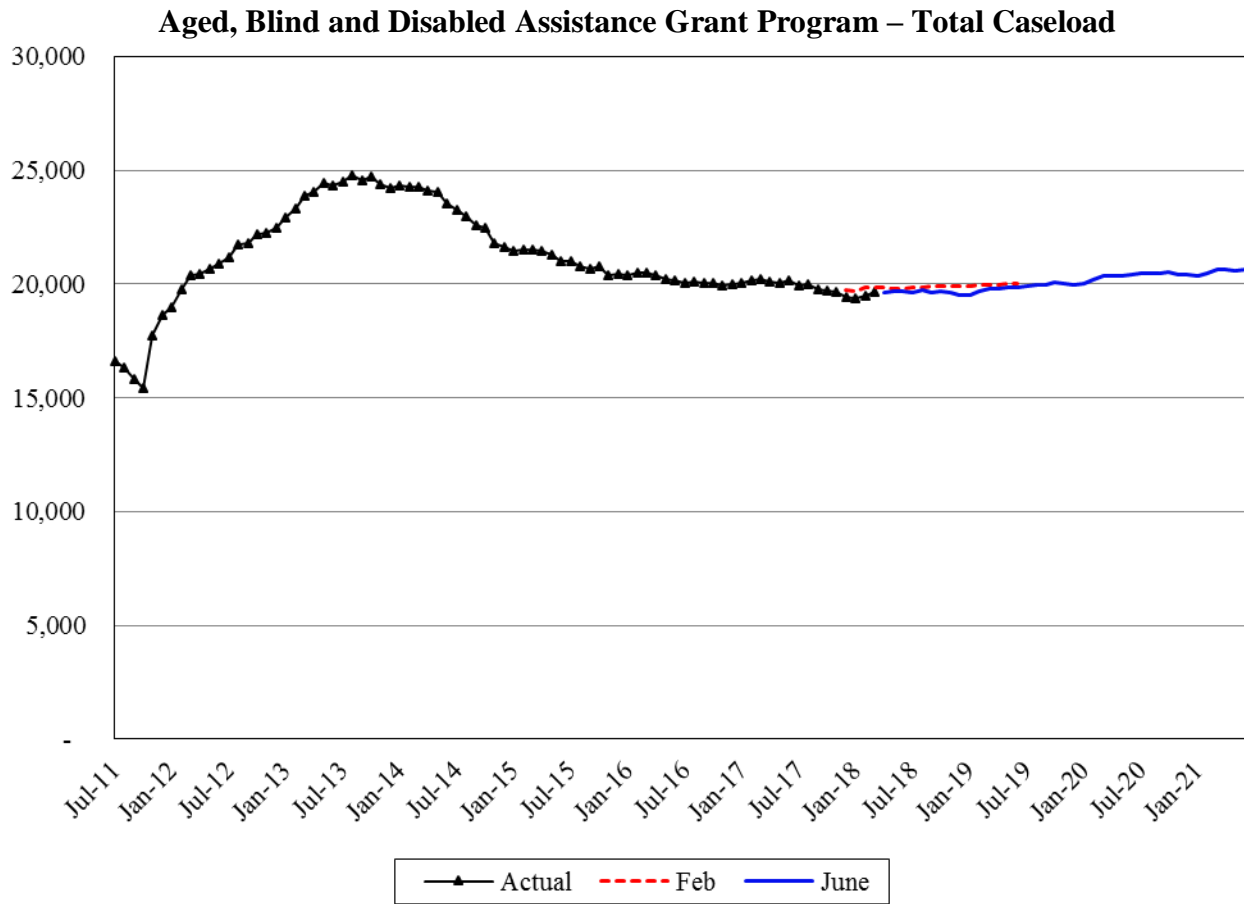


**Economic Services Administration**  
**Aged, Blind and Disabled Assistance Grant**

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-18 Forecast	Jun-18 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2018	19,804	19,659	-145	-0.7%
2019	19,935	19,693	-243	-1.2%
2020		20,137		
2021		20,506		

The June 2018 forecast is 194 cases or 1.0 percent lower than the February 2018 forecast for the 2017-2019 Biennium.

### Tracking the Current Forecast

	Feb-18 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Dec-17	19,719	19,424	-295	-1.5%
Jan-18	19,684	19,356	-329	-1.7%
Feb-18	19,850	19,467	-383	-1.9%
Mar-18	19,877	19,665	-212	-1.1%

The caseload actuals have been tracking, on average, about 305 cases or 1.5 percent lower than the February 2018 forecast for the past four months.

Two main reasons account for the June 2018 forecast change:

1. A jump in the ABD eligibility terminations since December 2017 because of increased mid-certification review (MCR).
2. Adding a forecast step adjustment for E2SHB 1831 which changes limits to the value of assets and resources that households may hold.

### 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	-438	-2.1%
Forecast	2018	19,659	-416	-2.1%
	2019	19,693	34	0.2%
	2020	20,137	444	2.3%
	2021	20,506	370	1.8%

#### *Risks to the Forecast*

The risks to the forecast are moderate. The risks are mainly due to the uncertainty of the number and timing of how many terminated clients will re-enter this program.