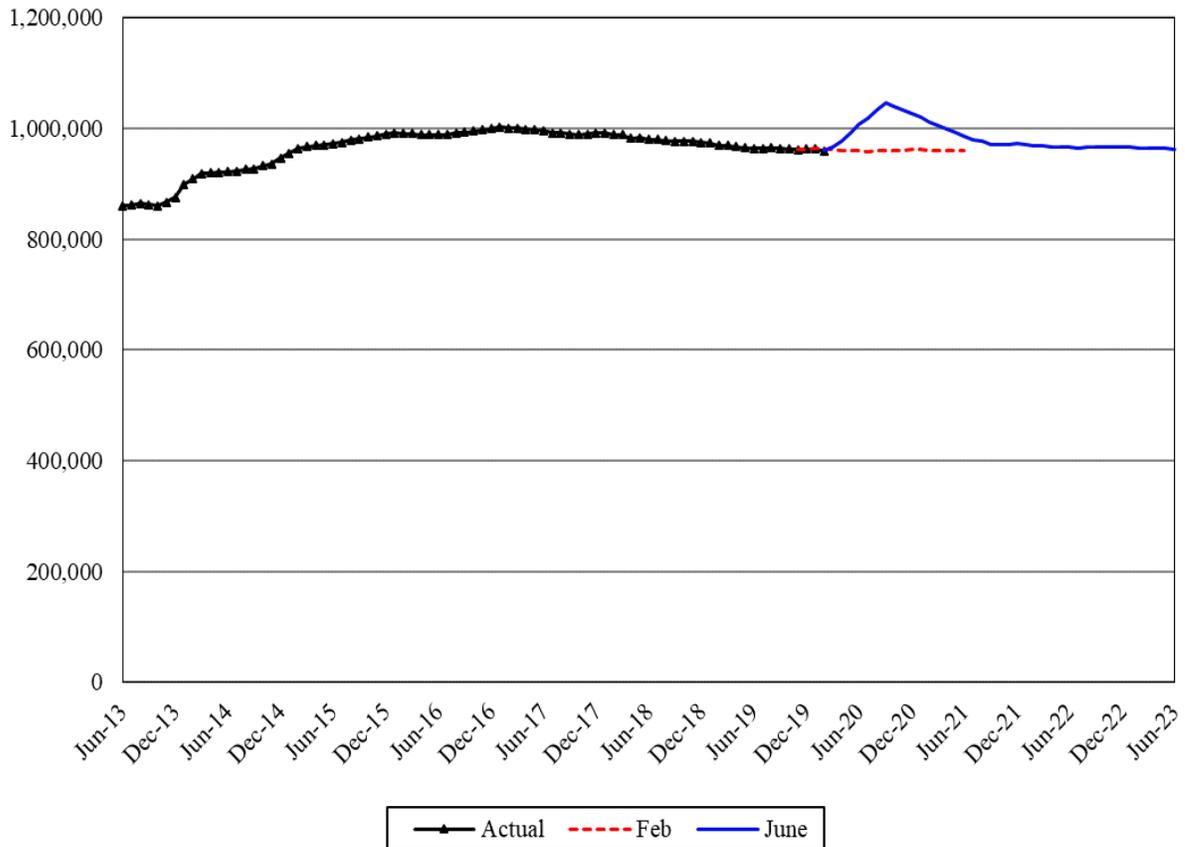


Medical Assistance

Adult Caretakers and Children

Caseload Forecast Council
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The Medical Assistance for Adult Caretakers and Children category is composed of seven caseloads for parents/caretakers, pregnant clients, and children by citizenship and income level.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-20 Forecast	Jun-20 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2020	962,525	970,621	8,096	0.8%
2021	960,559	1,017,793	57,234	6.0%
2022		971,238		
2023		965,308		

The June 2020 forecast is, on average, 32,665 cases or 3.4 percent higher than the February 2020 forecast for the 2019-21 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Feb-20 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Nov-19	963,141	962,322	-820	-0.1%
Dec-19	963,374	962,950	-424	0.0%
Jan-20	963,823	962,660	-1,162	-0.1%
Feb-20	962,065	959,859	-2,207	-0.2%

The caseload actuals have been tracking, on average, 1,153 cases or 0.1 percent below the February 2020 forecast for the past four months.

The June 2020 forecast change is mainly due to the COVID-19 impact and related policy changes in both federal level and state level. The unemployment is unprecedented in the COVID-19 period and resulted in more enrollments to this caseload. On the other hand, the Health Care Authority (HCA) decided to maintain client's eligibility except for a few specific reasons in the COVID-19 emergency period.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2014	889,981		
	2015	949,194	59,213	6.7%
	2016	986,511	37,317	3.9%
	2017	996,957	10,446	1.1%
	2018	988,503	-8,454	-0.8%
	2019	972,683	-15,819	-1.6%
Forecast	2020	970,621	-2,062	-0.2%
	2021	1,017,793	47,172	4.9%
	2022	971,238	-46,555	-4.6%
	2023	965,308	-5,930	-0.6%

Caseload growth is not stable recently mainly due to improvements in the post eligibility review process and residency checks. In the following years, this caseload will be impacted by the COVID-19 and then is expected to return to the previous caseload trajectory.

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high because of the uncertainties of the COVID-19 impact and corresponding economic impacts and policy impacts.