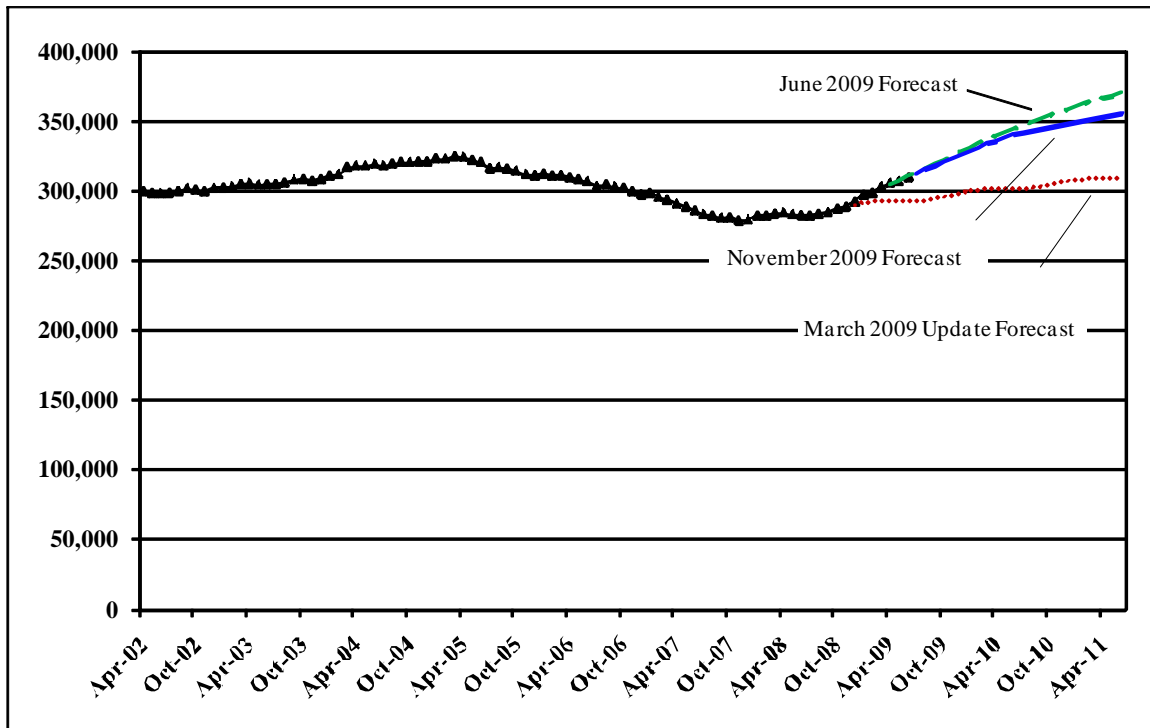


Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA)

Caseload Forecast Council
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Medical Assistance for Families



The Medical Assistance for Families forecast is composed of three component forecasts: Categorically Needy (CN) Family Medical (for adults and children eligible for TANF), Pregnant Women, and Refugee Services. In Fiscal Year 2008, CN Family Medical made up 90 percent of this forecast group.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

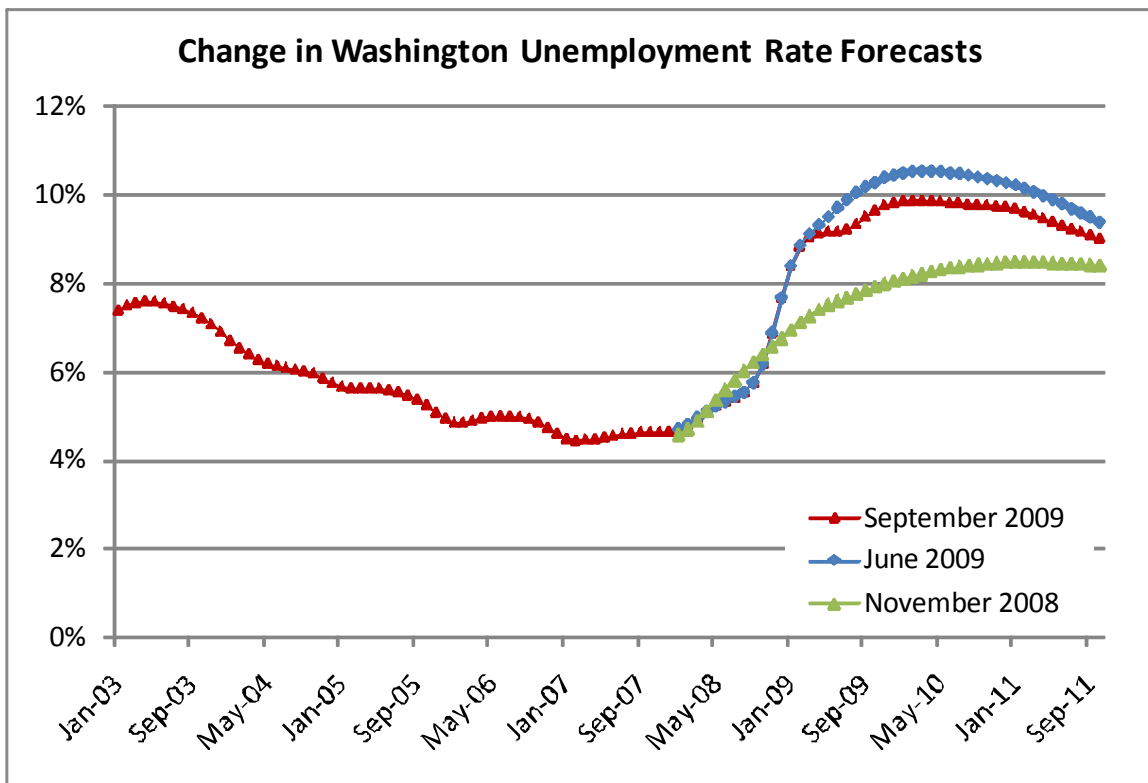
Fiscal Year	Mar-09 Update	Jun-09 Forecast	Nov-09 Forecast	Mar Update-to-Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun-to-Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2010	298,217	328,829	326,500	28,283	9.5%	-2,329	-0.7%
2011	306,181	358,550	348,331	42,150	13.8%	-10,219	-2.9%

Changes in the forecast for families can only be understood in the context of the unemployment rate forecast. CN Family Medical is the only public medical program for working age adults who are not disabled or who do not have a specific qualifying disease or condition. The huge increase in the number of unemployed people the state has experienced over the past year would be expected to be seen in this program (From January 2008 to August 2009 the number of unemployed has increased by 172,000 or by over 100%).

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-09 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Apr-09	304,248	304,943	695	0.2%
May-09	306,972	306,251	-721	-0.2%
Jun-09	309,742	309,191	-551	-0.2%

From the March 2009 to the June 2009 forecast, there was a large increase in the expected unemployment rate. This revision in expectations of the unemployment rate led to a large revision in the forecast of medical assistance to families. Unemployment rate expectations have moderated somewhat since June, and we are seeing some signs that the growth rate of this program is also slowing. The November 2009 forecast captures this improving view of the economy through a moderation in the growth rate of the program in Fiscal Year 2011.



Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2003-2004	9,065	3.0%	Actual	311,023
2004-2005	9,968	3.2%		320,991
2005-2006	-9,425	-2.9%		311,566
2006-2007	-14,954	-4.8%		296,612
2007-2008	-14,902	-5.0%		281,710
2008-2009	12,879	4.6%		294,589
<i>2009-2010</i>	<i>31,911</i>	<i>10.8%</i>	<i>Forecast</i>	<i>326,500</i>
<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>21,831</i>	<i>6.7%</i>		<i>348,331</i>

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the HRSA Families forecast is high. The CN Family Medical program is very sensitive to changing labor market conditions. The program has experienced dramatic changes in growth over the past 12 months, and as the employment situation improves, the program should change dramatically again. Although we expect that a turning point in terms of caseload growth will occur in this program during the current biennium, it is quite difficult to predict exactly when it will occur.

We currently do not expect any change to the administration of the TANF program that would lead to a caseload impact on CN Family Medical. Any change in administration would, thus, have an unexpected impact on CN Family Medical.