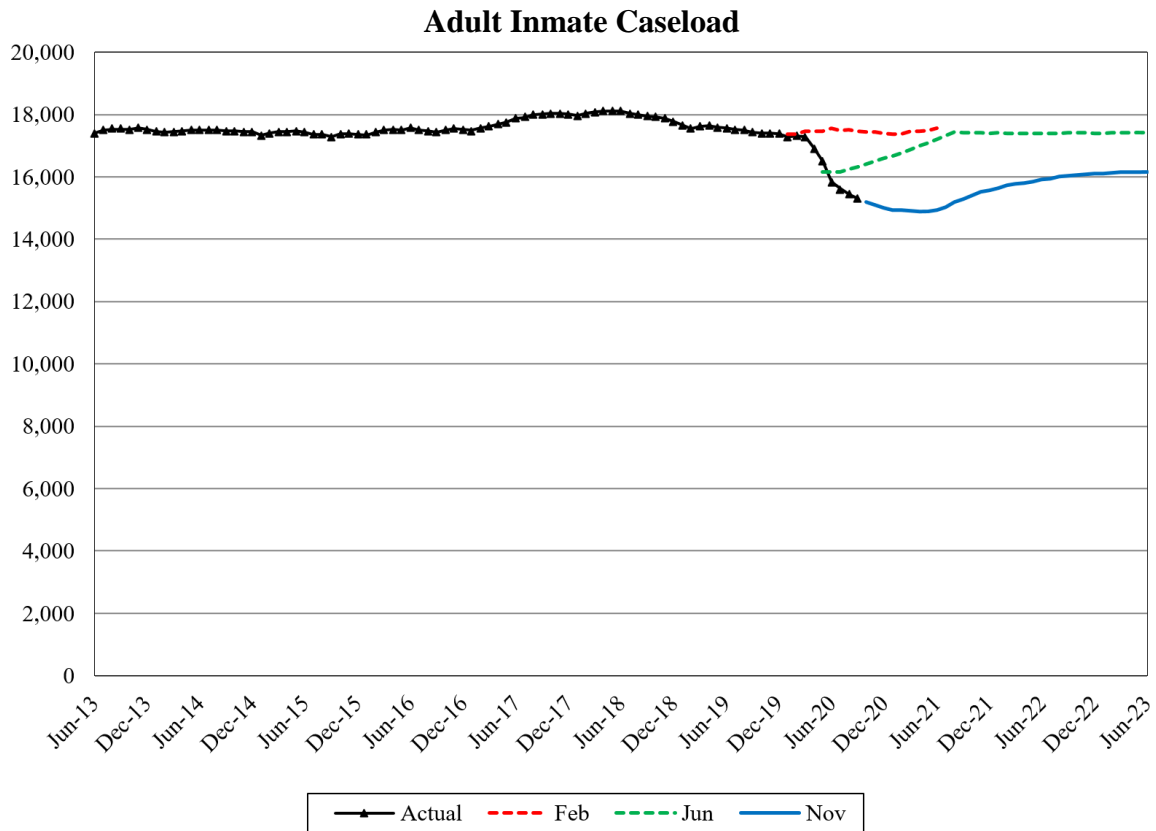


Corrections

Adult Inmate Caseload

Caseload Forecast Council
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The Adult Inmate forecast includes adult offender caseloads under the state’s jurisdiction and housed in prisons and work release facilities. The forecast includes the effects of changing demographics, offense types, prison usage, and policy changes (new legislation or initiatives).

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-20 Forecast	Jun-20 Forecast	Nov-20 Forecast	Feb to Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun to Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2021	17,455	16,651	15,099	-2,356	-13.5%	-1,552	-9.3%
2022		17,400	15,565			-1,836	-10.5%
2023		17,410	16,091			-1,319	-7.6%

The November 2020 forecast is 2,356 cases or 13.5 percent lower than the February 2020 forecast for FY 2021 and, on average, 1,577 cases or 9.1 percent lower than the June 2020 forecast for the 2021-23 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-20 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
May-20	16,149	16,504	355	2.2%
Jun-20	16,149	15,829	-320	-2.0%
Jul-20	16,149	15,616	-533	-3.3%
Aug-20	16,237	15,446	-791	-4.9%
Sep-20	16,324	15,313	-1,011	-6.2%

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 460 cases or 2.8 percent below the June 2020 forecast. The continued decrease since the June 2020 forecast is largely due to a reduction in inmate admissions as COVID-19 has resulted in a reduction and delay of prosecution and sentencing of criminal cases.

The forecast assumes that there will be no significant change in the reopening status of the state through FY 2021 and therefore the inmate caseload will continue to decline slightly during this period. It is expected that the courts will clear any criminal case backlog during the next 18 months and the inmate caseload will recover approximately half of the recent decrease by the end of FY 2023.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2014	17,502		
	2015	17,447	-54	-0.3%
	2016	17,415	-33	-0.2%
	2017	17,580	166	1.0%
	2018	18,035	454	2.6%
	2019	17,766	-269	-1.5%
	2020	17,149	-617	-3.5%
Forecast	2021	15,099	-2,049	-12.0%
	2022	15,565	466	3.1%
	2023	16,091	526	3.4%

Risks to the Forecast

Risk to this forecast is high due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. The assumption of the state reopening timeline can be off by a wide margin. It is unknown how large the criminal case backlog will be and how long it will take for the courts to clear. If a return to normal conditions is gradually phased-in, it will put additional downward pressure on the caseload.