



The Community Custody Violator forecast includes adults who were under community custody, violated their supervision conditions, and were sanctioned with confinement. Most of these individuals are housed in local county/city jails, with the balance housed in state prisons.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-21 Forecast	Jun-21 Forecast	Nov-21 Forecast	Feb to Nov Difference	Percent Difference	Jun to Nov Difference	Percent Difference
2022	1,468	1,033	656	-812	-55.3%	-377	-36.5%
2023	1,526	1,159	862	-664	-43.5%	-297	-25.6%

The November 2021 forecast is, on average, 738 cases or 49.3 percent lower than the February forecast, and 337 cases or 30.7 percent lower than the June forecast for the 2021-23 Biennium.

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 176 cases or 25.1 percent below the June 2021 forecast. The caseload has continued to decrease since February, largely due to considerable decreases in the Supervision caseload, which put proportional downward pressure on the Violator caseload. These were driven by the implementation of HB 2394 (concurrent supervision terms), the

Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Blake (invalidating convictions of simple possession), and the implementation of HB 2393 (supervision compliance credits). Additional Violator declines occurred as a result of changes to the violation policy to reduce the maximum duration for a confinement sanction from 30 days to 15 days, which was implemented in late July.

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-21 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
May-21	651	636	-15	-2.3%
Jun-21	634	639	5	0.8%
Jul-21	577	573	-4	-0.7%
Aug-21	743	418	-325	-43.8%
Sep-21	900	359	-541	-60.1%

The forecast incorporates revised step adjustments for the violation policy change and the reductions in the overall Supervision caseload based on the implementation experience of recent months. The timeline for the Department of Corrections (DOC) to roll back some of the temporary practice changes implemented due to COVID-19 has also been revised. These temporary practice changes include suspension of certain treatment programs, reduction of urinalysis tests, and a reduction of in-person caseload contacts. The timeline was shifted from July 2021 to November 2021.

The forecast assumes that the Violator caseload will grow with the resumption of normal DOC operations over three months.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	1,423		
	2017	1,602	179	12.6%
	2018	1,683	81	5.1%
	2019	1,799	116	6.9%
	2020	1,550	-250	-13.9%
	2021	773	-777	-50.1%
Forecast	2022	656	-117	-15.2%
	2023	862	207	31.5%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are high. The timeline for full resumption of DOC supervision practices may change as COVID-19 conditions in the community develop. The policy modification is in early stages of implementation and application may vary over time. The magnitude adds an extra layer of risk to the forecast. It is also unclear how closely the large decline in the supervision caseload will be mirrored in the Violator caseload over time.

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