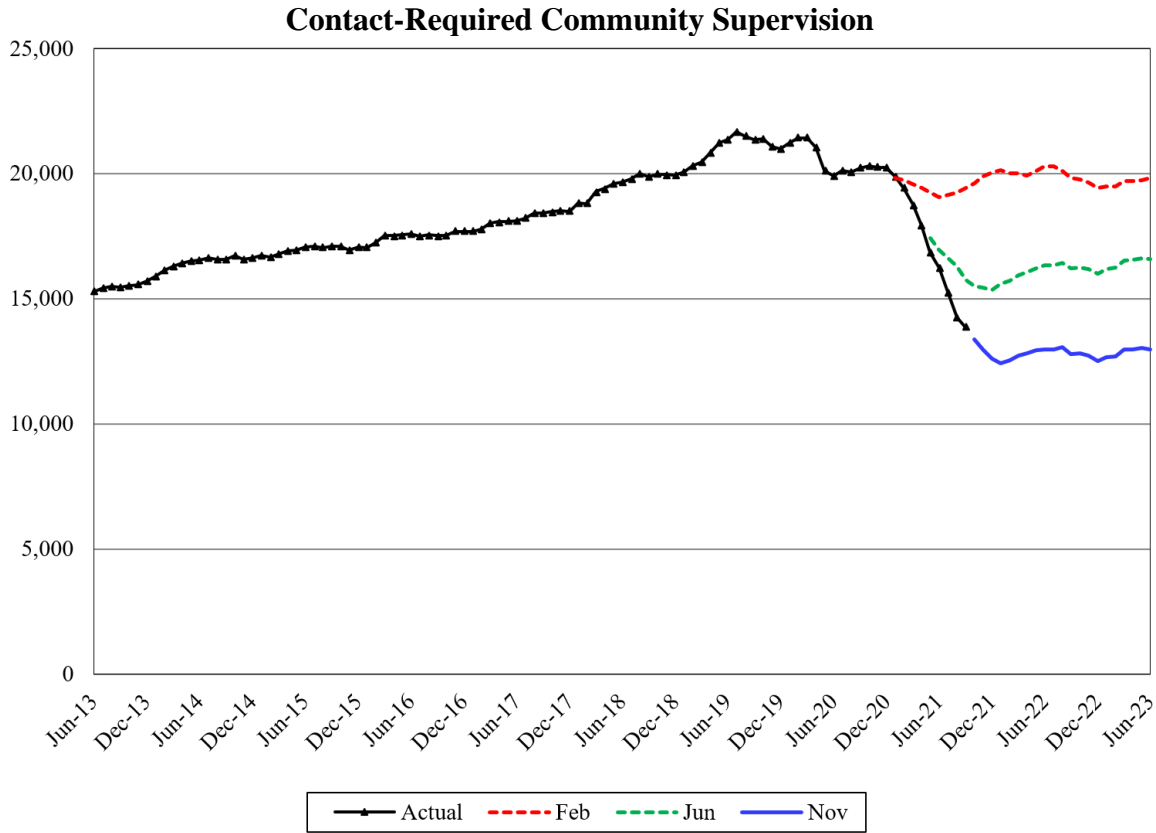


# Corrections

## Contact-Required Community Supervision

Caseload Forecast Council  
November 9, 2021



The Contact-Required Community Supervision caseload includes adults who have been convicted of a crime(s), are actively supervised by the Department of Corrections (DOC), and have requirements to maintain contact with the DOC.

### 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	19,819	15,903	13,235	-6,584	-33.2%	-2,668	-16.8%
2023	19,749	16,339	12,849	-6,901	-34.9%	-3,491	-21.4%

The November 2021 forecast is, on average, 6,743 cases or 34.1 percent lower than the February forecast, and 3,080 cases or 19.1 percent lower than the June forecast for the 2021-23 Biennium.

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 1,316 cases or 7.9 percent below the June 2021 forecast. The caseload continued to experience a steady decline since January with the pace slowing in September.

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### Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-21 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
May-21	17,410	16,837	-573	-3.3%
Jun-21	16,967	16,230	-737	-4.3%
Jul-21	16,604	15,268	-1,336	-8.0%
Aug-21	16,310	14,256	-2,054	-12.6%
Sep-21	15,750	13,869	-1,881	-11.9%

Caseload declines were expected with the implementation of HB 2394 (concurrent supervision terms) in January 2021, the February 2021 Washington State Supreme Court decision in *State v. Blake* (invalidating convictions of simple possession), and the July 2021 implementation of HB 2393 (supervision compliance credits). The caseload declined more than anticipated due to larger than projected Blake reductions, continued depression of supervision intake events, and a process to clear a backlog of supervision closures.

The forecast incorporates an increased step adjustment for the Blake decision and continues to anticipate additional reductions from the legislative policies over the biennium. The forecast assumes that the Supervision caseload will continue to decline through CY 2021 before returning to a slight growth trend as the courts work through any case backlog.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2014	15,913		
	2015	16,730	817	5.1%
	2016	17,236	506	3.0%
	2017	17,771	536	3.1%
	2018	18,839	1,068	6.0%
	2019	20,317	1,478	7.8%
	2020	21,093	776	3.8%
	2021	19,185	-1,909	-9.0%
Forecast	2022	13,235	-5,950	-31.0%
	2023	12,849	-386	-2.9%

### Risks to the Forecast

Risk to this forecast is high. There continues to be COVID-19 related impacts to the criminal justice system that reduce caseload entries and there is uncertainty in the duration of this trend. The impacts of HB 2393, HB 2394, and *State v. Blake* are each large in magnitude and the full extent of their overlap is unknown. This creates substantial uncertainty of the long-term trend.