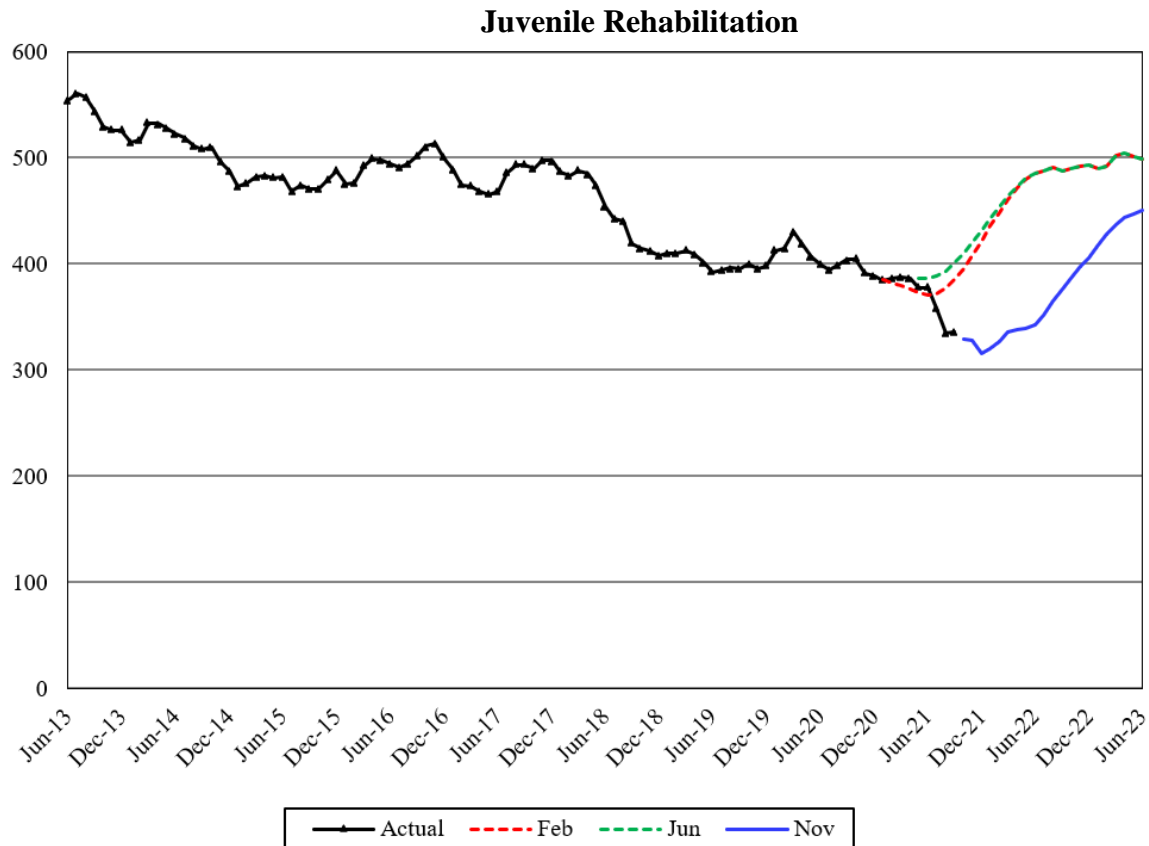


# Corrections

## Juvenile Rehabilitation

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The Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) caseload is comprised of three components: Juvenile Commitments, Juvenile Parole Revocations, and Adult Commitments.

- Juvenile Commitments are individuals sentenced for crimes committed under age 18 and are under Juvenile Court jurisdiction.
- Juvenile Parole Revocations are individuals returned to confinement for up to 30 days for violating parole after releasing from a Juvenile Commitment.
- Adult Commitments are individuals who committed crimes under age 18 and are sentenced as adults to the Department of Corrections (DOC). They begin their sentences in JR facilities.

### 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	429	437	334	-95	-22.1%	-103	-23.6%
2023	494	494	409	-85	-17.3%	-85	-17.3%

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The November 2021 forecast is, on average, 90 cases or 19.5 percent lower than the February forecast, and 94 cases or 20.3 percent lower than the June forecast for the 2021-23 Biennium.

### Tracking the Current Forecast

	Jun-21 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
May-21	387	378	-9	-2.2%
Jun-21	387	377	-9	-2.4%
Jul-21	389	358	-31	-7.9%
Aug-21	393	335	-59	-14.9%
Sep-21	401	336	-65	-16.1%

Actuals have been tracking, on average, 34 cases or 8.8 percent below the June 2021 forecast. The caseload experienced a swift decrease in the summer months that was larger than the initial drop at the start of the COVID-19 period.

The decline is primarily the result of a reduction in admissions, which have been lower for both Juvenile and Adult commitments in recent months compared to the overall average during the COVID-19 period. This trend is contrary to the expectation of the June forecast. Additionally, a May policy change relating the calculation of release dates near the minimum sentence range for Juvenile commitments resulted in more releases. The current policy will likely produce shorter lengths of stay on average, though the full extent of the ongoing impact is unknown.

The forecast assumes that admissions will remain near current levels for the next three months and the caseload will continue to contract before gradually increasing over the biennium as courts clear any case backlog. The caseload is expected to resume growth associated with E2SSB 6160 and E2SHB 1646 for the next few years, though at diminished levels due to ongoing reductions in the volume of Juvenile cases in the criminal justice system.

### Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2014	533		
	2015	492	-40	-7.5%
	2016	482	-10	-2.0%
	2017	488	5	1.1%
	2018	486	-2	-0.4%
	2019	414	-71	-14.7%
	2020	405	-9	-2.2%
	2021	390	-15	-3.7%
Forecast	2022	334	-56	-14.5%
	2023	409	75	22.5%

### Risks to the Forecast

Risk to this forecast is high. There is substantial uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on the timeline for increased capacity in the criminal justice system in the short-term as well as the long-term impact on future case volume. This may impact the expected magnitude of E2SSB 6160 and E2SHB 1646.

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