

Monthly Caseload Forecast Variance Report
Oregon Department of Human Services
Child Welfare

APRIL 2022

Note: The changes in public policy, behavior, and economics due to the COVID-19 crisis continue to create greater uncertainty than is usually experienced in a forecast cycle. As with the Fall 2021 forecast, the current forecast for Spring contains assumptions about operations and recovery patterns from COVID, some of which have changed from the prior forecast. Details concerning these assumptions will be contained in the Spring 2022 ODHS-OHA Caseload Forecast report, which will be released in May 2022.

Data for November 2021 are the most recent 'final actuals' as of the April 2022 monthly update, and this is the first month comparing actuals with the Spring 2022 Forecast. The Total Child Welfare caseload for November 2021 is 0.2 percent higher than the Spring 2022 forecast.

Adoption Assistance				
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Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast	%
Jul-21	10,449	-	-	-
Aug-21	10,423	-	-	-
Sep-21	10,402	-	-	-
Oct-21	10,386	-	-	-
Nov-21	10,373	10,373	-	0.0%
Dec-21	10,375	10,380	-5	0.0%

Guardianship Assistance				
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Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast	%
Jul-21	2,364	-	-	-
Aug-21	2,372	-	-	-
Sep-21	2,375	-	-	-
Oct-21	2,369	-	-	-
Nov-21	2,372	2,372	-	0.0%
Dec-21	2,387	2,373	14	0.6%

Out of Home Care				
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Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast	%
Jul-21	5,482	-	-	-
Aug-21	5,403	-	-	-
Sep-21	5,358	-	-	-
Oct-21	5,294	-	-	-
Nov-21	5,228	5,220	8	0.2%
Dec-21	5,159	5,183	-24	-0.5%

Child In-Home				
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Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast	%
Jul-21	1,176	-	-	-
Aug-21	1,224	-	-	-
Sep-21	1,274	-	-	-
Oct-21	1,303	-	-	-
Nov-21	1,123	1,101	22	2.0%
Dec-21	1,136	1,209	-73	-6.0%

Total Child Welfare				
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Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast	%
Jul-21	19,471	-	-	-
Aug-21	19,422	-	-	-
Sep-21	19,409	-	-	-
Oct-21	19,352	-	-	-
Nov-21	19,096	19,066	30	0.2%
Dec-21	19,057	19,145	-88	-0.5%

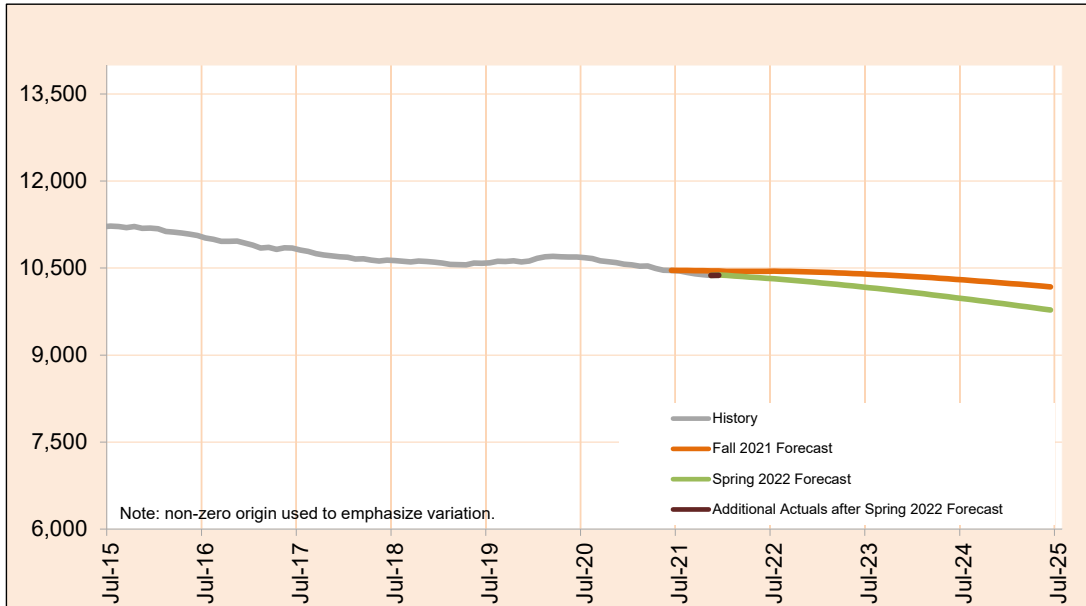
The last month of "actuals" is a preliminary estimate and subject to change.

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Adoption Assistance

Adoption Assistance provides support to help remove financial barriers to achieving and sustaining adoptions for special needs children. This can include payments and/or non-cash assistance such as medical benefits.



Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2022)		Fall 2021 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2021)	
May-21	10,462	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-21	10,460	-	-	-	10,460	0	0.0%
Jul-21	10,449	-	-	-	10,458	-9	-0.1%
Aug-21	10,423	-	-	-	10,458	-35	-0.3%
Sep-21	10,402	-	-	-	10,456	-54	-0.5%
Oct-21	10,386	-	-	-	10,456	-70	-0.7%
Nov-21	10,373	10,373	0	0.0%	10,450	-77	-0.7%
Dec-21	10,375	10,380	-5	0.0%	10,450	-75	-0.7%
Jan-22	-	10,372	-	-	10,445	-	-
Feb-22	-	10,362	-	-	10,445	-	-
Mar-22	-	10,353	-	-	10,445	-	-
Apr-22	-	10,344	-	-	10,445	-	-
May-22	-	10,334	-	-	10,445	-	-

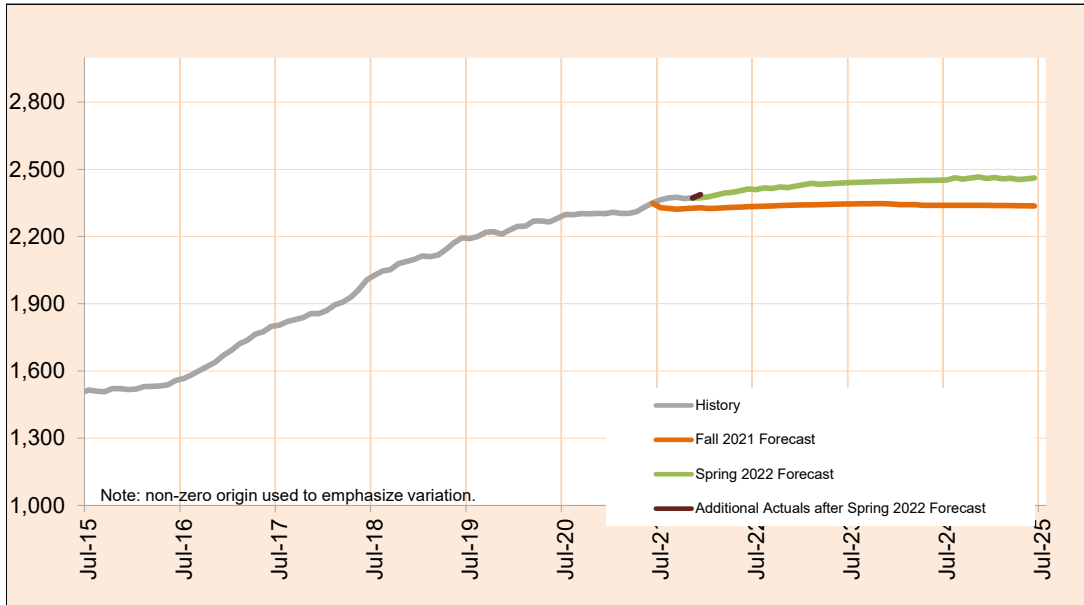
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Guardianship Assistance

Subsidized Guardianship provides an option for individuals who do not wish to adopt but would like to offer a permanent home for children who would otherwise be in foster care.



Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2022)	Fall 2021 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2021)
<i>May-21</i>	2,332	-	-	-	-
<i>Jun-21</i>	2,350	-	-	2,348	2
<i>Jul-21</i>	2,364	-	-	2,328	36
<i>Aug-21</i>	2,372	-	-	2,325	47
<i>Sep-21</i>	2,375	-	-	2,322	53
<i>Oct-21</i>	2,369	-	-	2,324	45
<i>Nov-21</i>	2,372	2,372	0	2,326	46
<i>Dec-21</i>	2,387	2,373	14	2,328	59
<i>Jan-22</i>	-	2,377	-	2,325	-
<i>Feb-22</i>	-	2,385	-	2,326	-
<i>Mar-22</i>	-	2,394	-	2,328	-
<i>Apr-22</i>	-	2,397	-	2,330	-
<i>May-22</i>	-	2,404	-	2,331	-

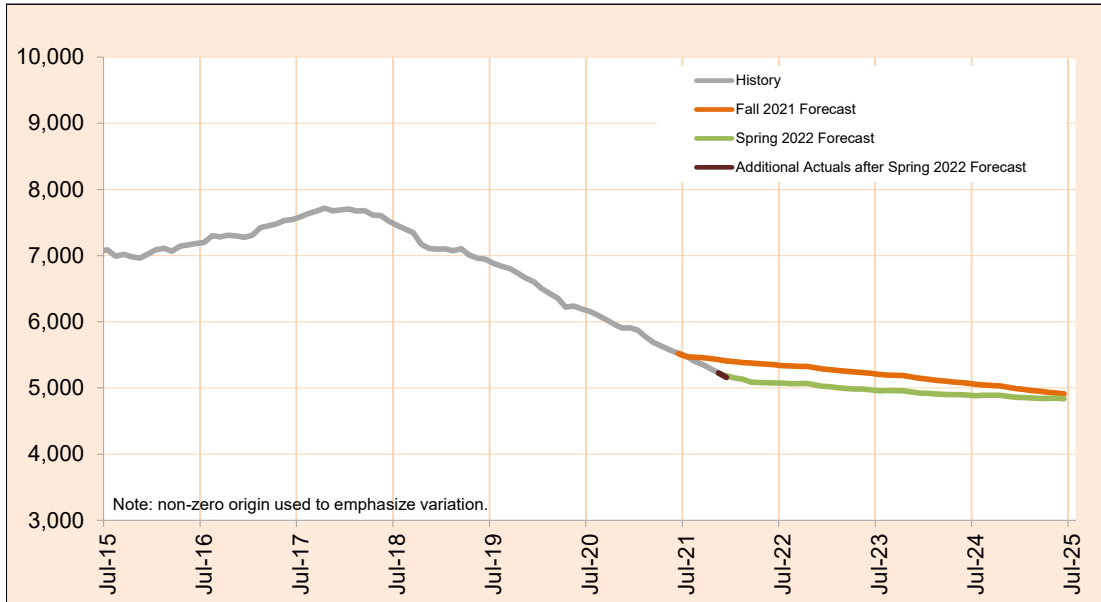
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Out of Home Care

Foster Care provides temporary care for children who cannot be safely cared for by their birth parents. These counts also include shelter and residential care.



Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2022)		Fall 2021 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2021)	
May-21	5,571	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-21	5,525	-	-	-	5,520	5	0.1%
Jul-21	5,482	-	-	-	5,472	10	0.2%
Aug-21	5,403	-	-	-	5,464	-61	-1.1%
Sep-21	5,358	-	-	-	5,457	-99	-1.8%
Oct-21	5,294	-	-	-	5,444	-150	-2.8%
Nov-21	5,228	5,220	8	0.2%	5,427	-199	-3.7%
Dec-21	<i>5,159</i>	5,183	-24	-0.5%	5,408	-249	-4.6%
Jan-22	-	5,150	-	-	5,398	-	-
Feb-22	-	5,135	-	-	5,383	-	-
Mar-22	-	5,091	-	-	5,376	-	-
Apr-22	-	5,084	-	-	5,367	-	-
May-22	-	5,078	-	-	5,360	-	-

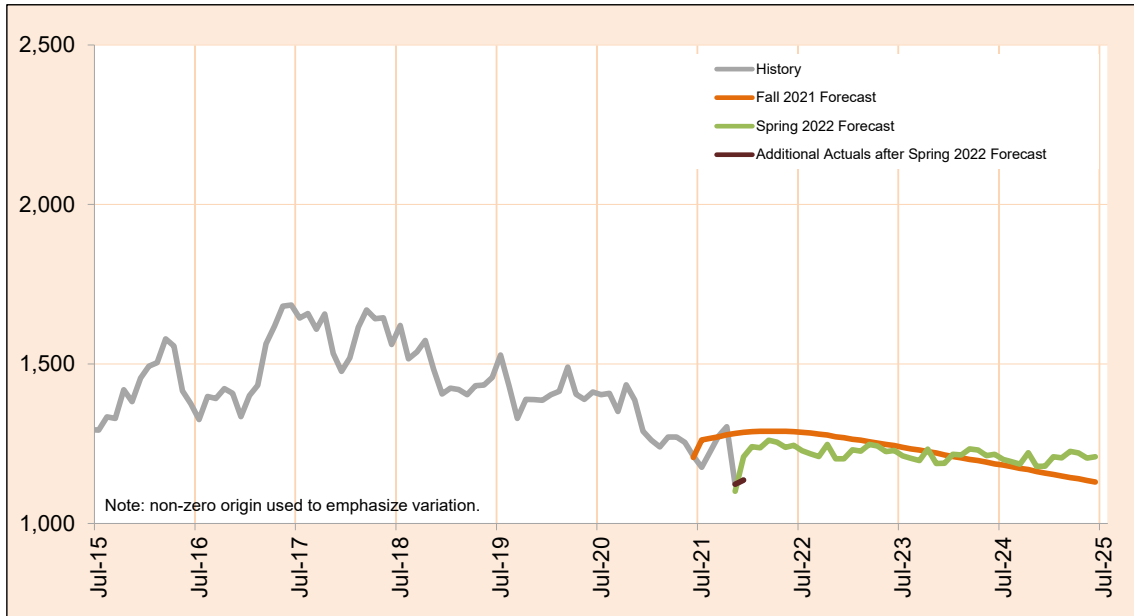
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Child In-Home

Child In-Home includes children who are on an open case but are in the physical custody of their parents.



Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2022)		Fall 2021 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2021)	
May-21	1,254	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-21	1,212	-	-	-	1,207	5	0.4%
Jul-21	1,176	-	-	-	1,262	-86	-6.8%
Aug-21	1,224	-	-	-	1,267	-43	-3.4%
Sep-21	1,274	-	-	-	1,272	2	0.2%
Oct-21	1,303	-	-	-	1,278	25	2.0%
Nov-21	1,123	1,101	22	2.0%	1,282	-159	-12.4%
Dec-21	1,136	1,209	-73	-6.0%	1,286	-150	-11.7%
Jan-22	-	1,241	-	-	1,288	-	-
Feb-22	-	1,237	-	-	1,289	-	-
Mar-22	-	1,261	-	-	1,289	-	-
Apr-22	-	1,255	-	-	1,289	-	-
May-22	-	1,239	-	-	1,289	-	-

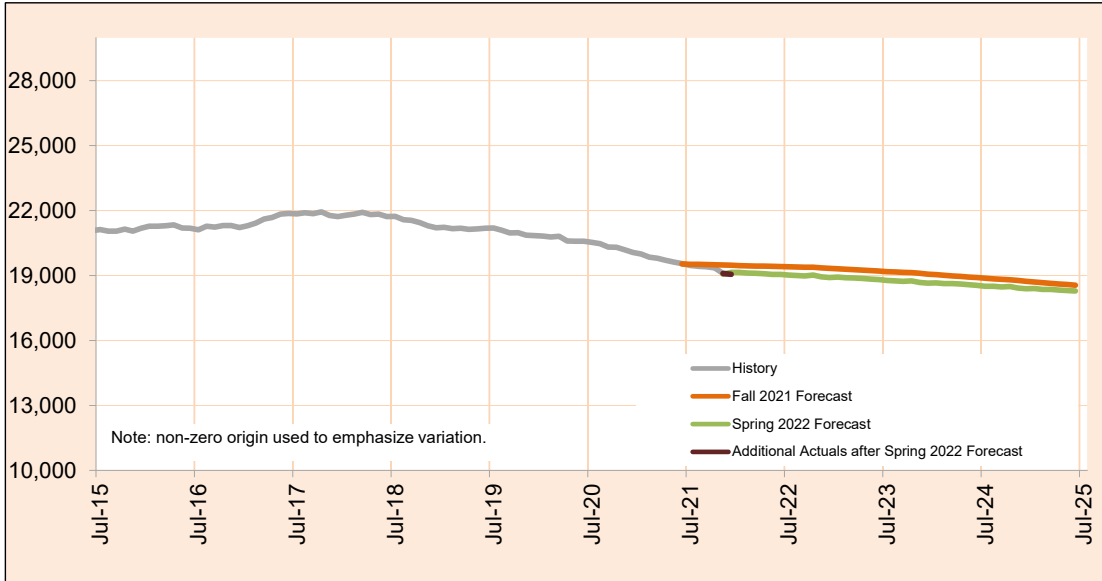
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Total Child Welfare

The Child Welfare system provides services to protect abused and neglected children. These services include: Adoption Assistance, Subsidized Guardianship, Child In-Home and Foster Care. All counts shown in this monthly report are *number served*.



Month	Actual	Spring 2022 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2022)		Fall 2021 Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2021)	
May-21	19,619	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-21	19,547	-	-	-	19,535	12	0.1%
Jul-21	19,471	-	-	-	19,520	-49	-0.3%
Aug-21	19,422	-	-	-	19,514	-92	-0.5%
Sep-21	19,409	-	-	-	19,507	-98	-0.5%
Oct-21	19,352	-	-	-	19,502	-150	-0.8%
Nov-21	19,096	19,066	30	0.2%	19,485	-389	-2.0%
Dec-21	<i>19,057</i>	19,145	-88	-0.5%	19,472	-415	-2.1%
Jan-22	-	19,140	-	-	19,456	-	-
Feb-22	-	19,119	-	-	19,443	-	-
Mar-22	-	19,099	-	-	19,438	-	-
Apr-22	-	19,080	-	-	19,431	-	-
May-22	-	19,055	-	-	19,425	-	-

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