

Monthly Caseload Forecast Variance Report
 Department of Human Services
 Child Welfare

FEBRUARY 2020

Data for September 2019 are the most recent 'final actuals' as of the February 2020 monthly update. The Total Child Welfare caseload for September 2019 is 0.9 percent lower than the Fall 2019 forecast.

Adoption Assistance

| Month | Actual | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast | % |
|--------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|------|
| May-19 | 10,586 | - | - | - |
| Jun-19 | 10,584 | 10,581 | 3 | 0.0% |
| Jul-19 | 10,590 | 10,590 | - | 0.0% |
| Aug-19 | 10,617 | 10,581 | 36 | 0.3% |
| Sep-19 | 10,615 | 10,579 | 36 | 0.3% |
| Oct-19 | 10,623 | 10,578 | 45 | 0.4% |

Guardianship Assistance

| Month | Actual | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast | % |
|--------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| May-19 | 2,172 | - | - | - |
| Jun-19 | 2,194 | 2,193 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Jul-19 | 2,191 | 2,204 | -13 | -0.6% |
| Aug-19 | 2,200 | 2,211 | -11 | -0.5% |
| Sep-19 | 2,219 | 2,218 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Oct-19 | 2,221 | 2,224 | -3 | -0.1% |

Out of Home Care

| Month | Actual | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast | % |
|--------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| May-19 | 6,961 | - | - | - |
| Jun-19 | 6,946 | 6,927 | 19 | 0.3% |
| Jul-19 | 6,885 | 6,915 | -30 | -0.4% |
| Aug-19 | 6,839 | 6,903 | -64 | -0.9% |
| Sep-19 | 6,807 | 6,883 | -76 | -1.1% |
| Oct-19 | 6,728 | 6,871 | -143 | -2.1% |

Child-In-Home

| Month | Actual | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast | % |
|--------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|
| May-19 | 1,434 | - | - | - |
| Jun-19 | 1,458 | 1,436 | 22 | 1.5% |
| Jul-19 | 1,528 | 1,443 | 85 | 5.9% |
| Aug-19 | 1,431 | 1,450 | -19 | -1.3% |
| Sep-19 | 1,329 | 1,485 | -156 | -10.5% |
| Oct-19 | 1,365 | 1,497 | -132 | -8.8% |

Total Child Welfare

| Month | Actual | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast | % |
|--------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| May-19 | 21,153 | - | - | - |
| Jun-19 | 21,182 | 21,137 | 45 | 0.2% |
| Jul-19 | 21,194 | 21,152 | 42 | 0.2% |
| Aug-19 | 21,087 | 21,145 | -58 | -0.3% |
| Sep-19 | 20,970 | 21,165 | -195 | -0.9% |
| Oct-19 | 20,937 | 21,170 | -233 | -1.1% |

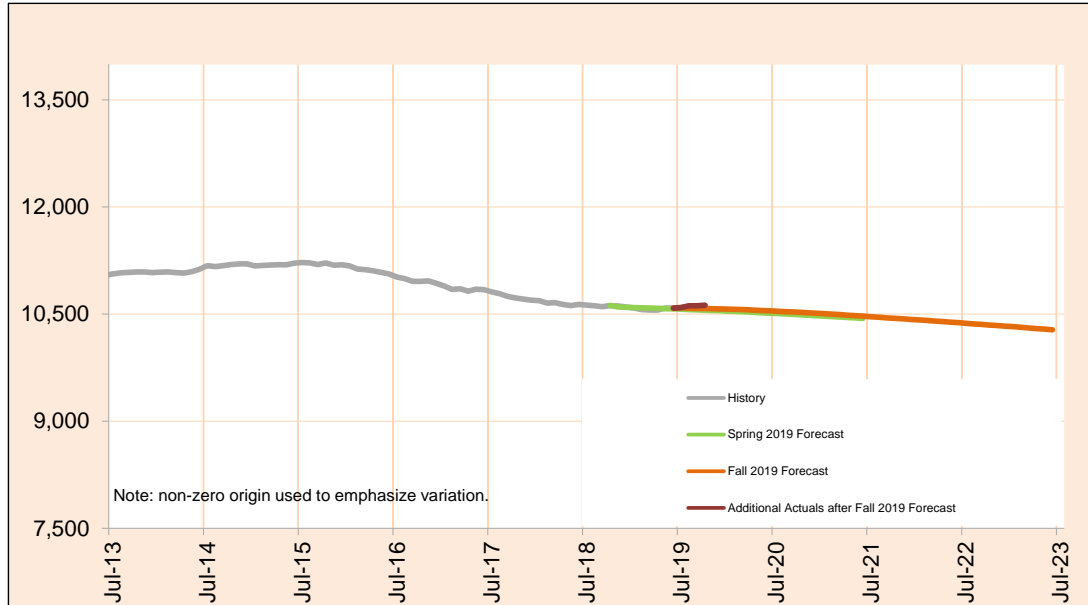
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Adoption Assistance

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 | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2019) | | Spring 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2019) | |
|---------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Mar-19</i> | 10,558 | - | - | - | 10,584 | -26 | -0.2% |
| <i>Apr-19</i> | 10,557 | - | - | - | 10,581 | -24 | -0.2% |
| <i>May-19</i> | 10,586 | - | - | - | 10,577 | 9 | 0.1% |
| <i>Jun-19</i> | 10,584 | 10,581 | 3 | 0.0% | 10,572 | 12 | 0.1% |
| <i>Jul-19</i> | 10,590 | 10,590 | 0 | 0.0% | 10,568 | 22 | 0.2% |
| <i>Aug-19</i> | 10,617 | 10,581 | 36 | 0.3% | 10,564 | 53 | 0.5% |
| <i>Sep-19</i> | 10,615 | 10,579 | 36 | 0.3% | 10,559 | 56 | 0.5% |
| <i>Oct-19</i> | 10,623 | 10,578 | 45 | 0.4% | 10,555 | 68 | 0.6% |
| <i>Nov-19</i> | - | 10,576 | - | - | 10,551 | - | - |
| <i>Dec-19</i> | - | 10,573 | - | - | 10,546 | - | - |
| <i>Jan-20</i> | - | 10,569 | - | - | 10,542 | - | - |
| <i>Feb-20</i> | - | 10,566 | - | - | 10,537 | - | - |
| <i>Mar-20</i> | - | 10,562 | - | - | 10,531 | - | - |

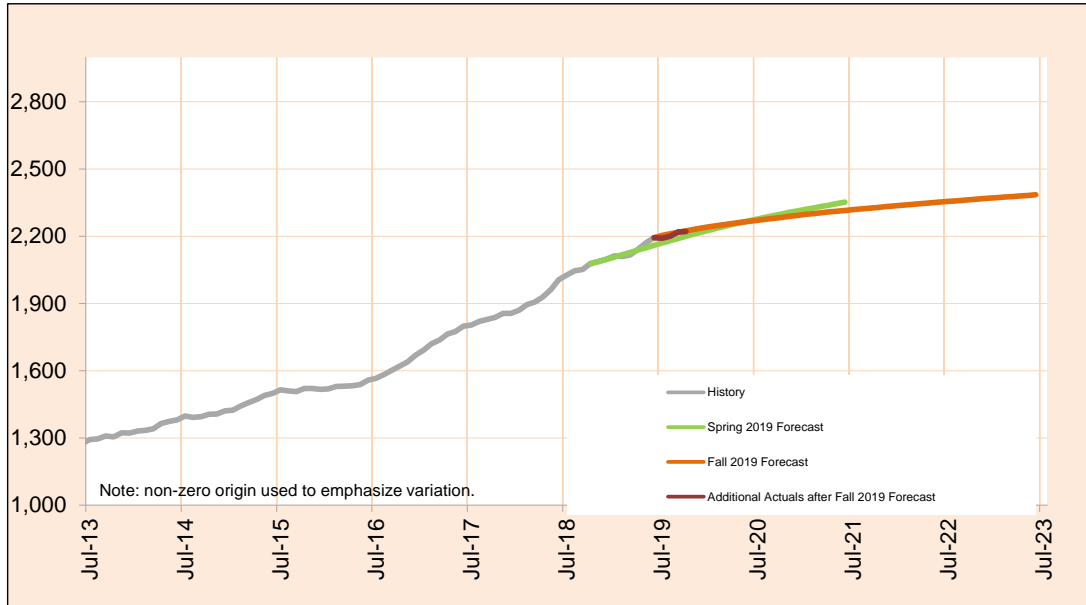
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Guardianship Assistance

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.



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|---------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Mar-19</i> | 2,117 | - | - | - | 2,128 | -11 | -0.5% |
| <i>Apr-19</i> | 2,143 | - | - | - | 2,139 | 4 | 0.2% |
| <i>May-19</i> | 2,172 | - | - | - | 2,149 | 23 | 1.1% |
| <i>Jun-19</i> | 2,194 | 2,193 | 1 | 0.0% | 2,160 | 34 | 1.6% |
| <i>Jul-19</i> | 2,191 | 2,204 | -13 | -0.6% | 2,170 | 21 | 1.0% |
| <i>Aug-19</i> | 2,200 | 2,211 | -11 | -0.5% | 2,180 | 20 | 0.9% |
| <i>Sep-19</i> | 2,219 | 2,218 | 1 | 0.0% | 2,190 | 29 | 1.3% |
| <i>Oct-19</i> | 2,221 | 2,224 | -3 | -0.1% | 2,200 | 21 | 1.0% |
| <i>Nov-19</i> | - | 2,231 | - | - | 2,210 | - | - |
| <i>Dec-19</i> | - | 2,237 | - | - | 2,219 | - | - |
| <i>Jan-20</i> | - | 2,243 | - | - | 2,228 | - | - |
| <i>Feb-20</i> | - | 2,248 | - | - | 2,237 | - | - |
| <i>Mar-20</i> | - | 2,253 | - | - | 2,246 | - | - |

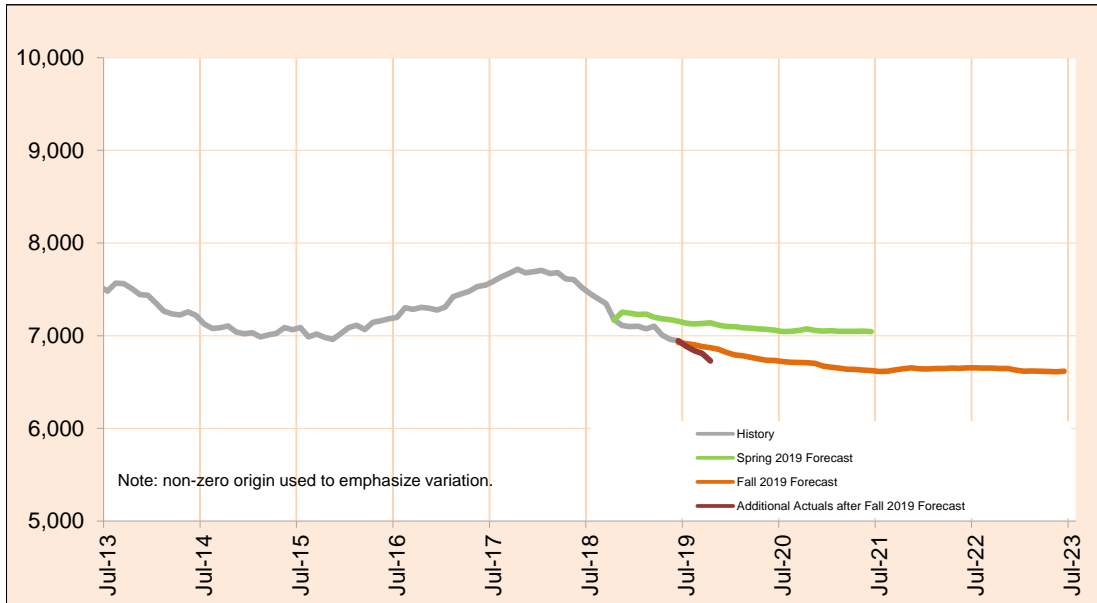
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Out of Home Care

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 | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2019) | | Spring 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2019) | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Mar-19</i> | <i>7,104</i> | - | - | - | 7,199 | -95 | -1.3% |
| <i>Apr-19</i> | <i>7,005</i> | - | - | - | 7,183 | -178 | -2.5% |
| <i>May-19</i> | <i>6,961</i> | - | - | - | 7,173 | -212 | -3.0% |
| <i>Jun-19</i> | <i>6,946</i> | 6,927 | 19 | 0.3% | 7,155 | -209 | -2.9% |
| <i>Jul-19</i> | <i>6,885</i> | 6,915 | -30 | -0.4% | 7,135 | -250 | -3.5% |
| <i>Aug-19</i> | <i>6,839</i> | 6,903 | -64 | -0.9% | 7,128 | -289 | -4.1% |
| <i>Sep-19</i> | <i>6,807</i> | 6,883 | -76 | -1.1% | 7,131 | -324 | -4.5% |
| <i>Oct-19</i> | <i>6,728</i> | 6,871 | -143 | -2.1% | 7,139 | -411 | -5.8% |
| <i>Nov-19</i> | - | 6,854 | - | - | 7,115 | - | - |
| <i>Dec-19</i> | - | 6,819 | - | - | 7,101 | - | - |
| <i>Jan-20</i> | - | 6,793 | - | - | 7,099 | - | - |
| <i>Feb-20</i> | - | 6,783 | - | - | 7,085 | - | - |
| <i>Mar-20</i> | - | 6,767 | - | - | 7,080 | - | - |

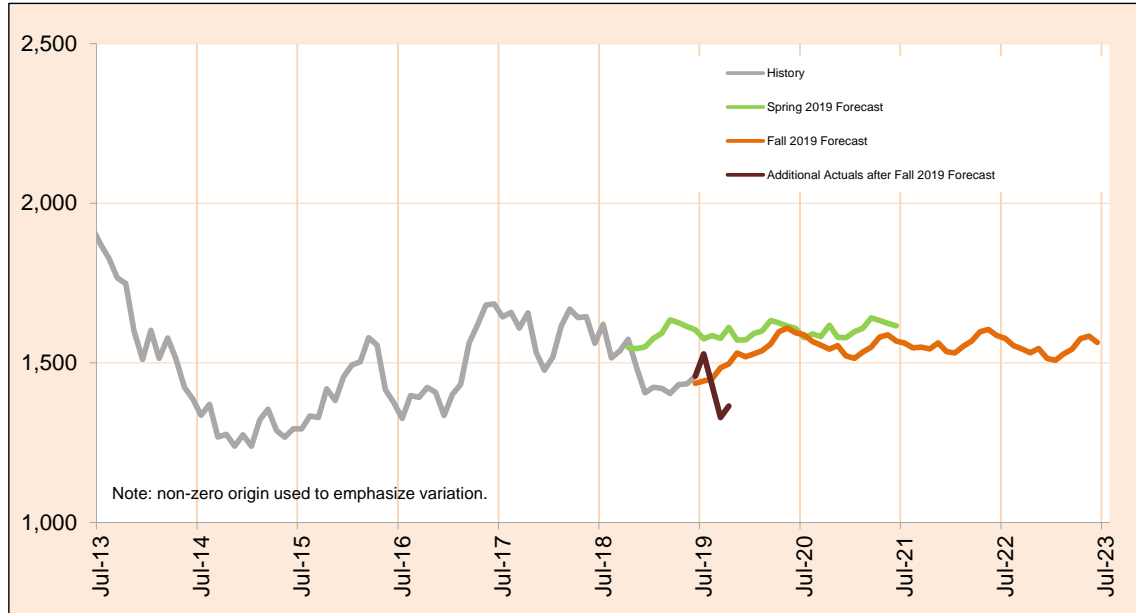
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Child-In-Home

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



| Month | Actual | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2019) | | Spring 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2019) | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Mar-19 | <i>1,404</i> | - | - | - | 1,635 | -231 | -14.1% |
| Apr-19 | <i>1,432</i> | - | - | - | 1,626 | -194 | -11.9% |
| May-19 | <i>1,434</i> | - | - | - | 1,614 | -180 | -11.2% |
| Jun-19 | <i>1,458</i> | 1,436 | 22 | 1.5% | 1,604 | -146 | -9.1% |
| Jul-19 | <i>1,528</i> | 1,443 | 85 | 5.9% | 1,575 | -47 | -3.0% |
| Aug-19 | <i>1,431</i> | 1,450 | -19 | -1.3% | 1,586 | -155 | -9.8% |
| Sep-19 | <i>1,329</i> | 1,485 | -156 | -10.5% | 1,577 | -248 | -15.7% |
| Oct-19 | <i>1,365</i> | 1,497 | -132 | -8.8% | 1,611 | -246 | -15.3% |
| Nov-19 | - | 1,531 | - | - | 1,572 | - | - |
| Dec-19 | - | 1,519 | - | - | 1,572 | - | - |
| Jan-20 | - | 1,528 | - | - | 1,592 | - | - |
| Feb-20 | - | 1,538 | - | - | 1,600 | - | - |
| Mar-20 | - | 1,559 | - | - | 1,633 | - | - |

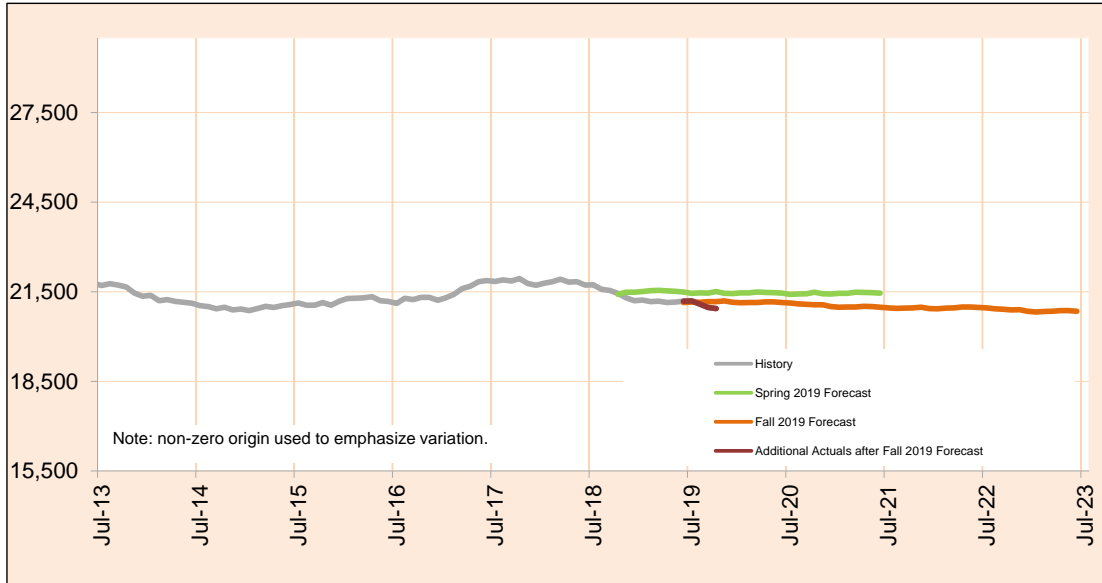
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Total Child Welfare

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 | Fall 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Fall 2019) | | Spring 2019 Forecast | Over/Under Forecast (Spring 2019) | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Mar-19 | 21,183 | - | - | - | 21,546 | -363 | -1.7% |
| Apr-19 | 21,137 | - | - | - | 21,529 | -392 | -1.8% |
| May-19 | 21,153 | - | - | - | 21,513 | -360 | -1.7% |
| Jun-19 | 21,182 | 21,137 | 45 | 0.2% | 21,491 | -309 | -1.4% |
| Jul-19 | 21,194 | 21,152 | 42 | 0.2% | 21,448 | -254 | -1.2% |
| Aug-19 | 21,087 | 21,145 | -58 | -0.3% | 21,458 | -371 | -1.7% |
| Sep-19 | 20,970 | 21,165 | -195 | -0.9% | 21,457 | -487 | -2.3% |
| Oct-19 | <i>20,937</i> | 21,170 | -233 | -1.1% | 21,505 | -568 | -2.6% |
| Nov-19 | - | 21,192 | - | - | 21,448 | - | - |
| Dec-19 | - | 21,148 | - | - | 21,438 | - | - |
| Jan-20 | - | 21,133 | - | - | 21,461 | - | - |
| Feb-20 | - | 21,135 | - | - | 21,459 | - | - |
| Mar-20 | - | 21,141 | - | - | 21,490 | - | - |

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