

Caseload Projections Summary

CALWORKS STAGE ONE, STAGE TWO, AND STAGE THREE CHILD CARE

The following reflects the year-to-year CalWORKs Stage One, Stage Two, and Stage Three Child Care actual and projected caseloads, and the percentage change as compared to the prior year. Changes in actual data published in prior cycles are the result of updated data.

ACTUAL CASELOAD

FY	Stage One Children	Year-to- Year % Change	Stage Two Children	Year-to- Year % Change	Stage Three Children	Year-to- Year % Change
2014-15	37,442	4.5%	51,098	-5.3%	33,427	5.4%
2015-16	44,550	19.0%	52,021	1.8%	33,714	0.9%
2016-17	40,956	-8.1%	51,796	-0.4%	33,826	0.3%
2017-18	38,246	-6.6%	55,629	7.4%	39,398	16.5%
2018-19	33,381	-12.7%	60,053	8.0%	50,396	27.9%
2019-20	32,454	-2.8%	55,054	-8.3%	59,290	17.6%
2020-21	27,694	-14.7%	37,304	-32.2%	64,409	8.6%
2021-22	32,745	18.2%	25,767	-30.9%	62,532	-2.9%
2022-23	48,095	46.9%	26,771	3.9%	56,274	-10.0%
2023-24	52,332	8.8%	36,325	35.7%	50,177	-10.8%

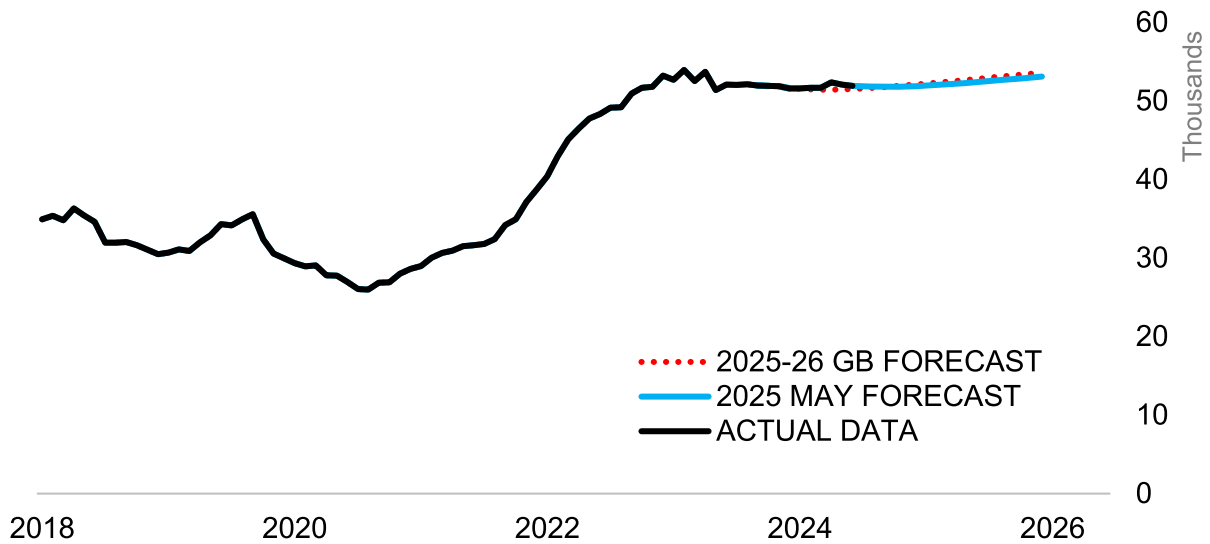
2025-26 GOVERNORS BUDGET CASELOAD PROJECTIONS

FY	Stage One Children	Year-to- Year % Change	Stage Two Children	Year-to-Year % Change	Stage Three Children	Year-to- Year % Change
2024-25	51,660	-1.3%	47,833	31.7%	47,774	-4.8%
2025-26	52,908	2.4%	52,356	9.5%	48,076	0.6%

2025 MAY REVISION CASELOAD PROJECTIONS

FY	Stage One Children	Year-to- Year % Change	Stage Two Children	Year-to-Year % Change	Stage Three Children	Year-to- Year % Change
2024-25	51,871	-0.9%	48,110	32.4%	47,381	-5.6%
2025-26	52,505	1.2%	56,575	17.6%	45,970	-3.0%

CalWORKs Stage One Child Care CASELOAD TREND ANALYSIS



The Stage One Child Care caseload is comprised of the children in families who are working or participating in WTW activities. This caseload includes children of current CalWORKs recipients as well as eligible former recipients.

Actual caseload data of Stage One Child Care for FY 2023-24 increased by 8.8 percent from the previous FY.

For the 2025 May Revision, CDSS projects that the average monthly caseload for FY 2024-25 will decrease by 0.9 percent from the previous FY and the average monthly caseload for FY 2025-26 will increase by 1.2 percent from FY 2024-25.

CalWORKs Stage One Child Care

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN BY FISCAL YEAR

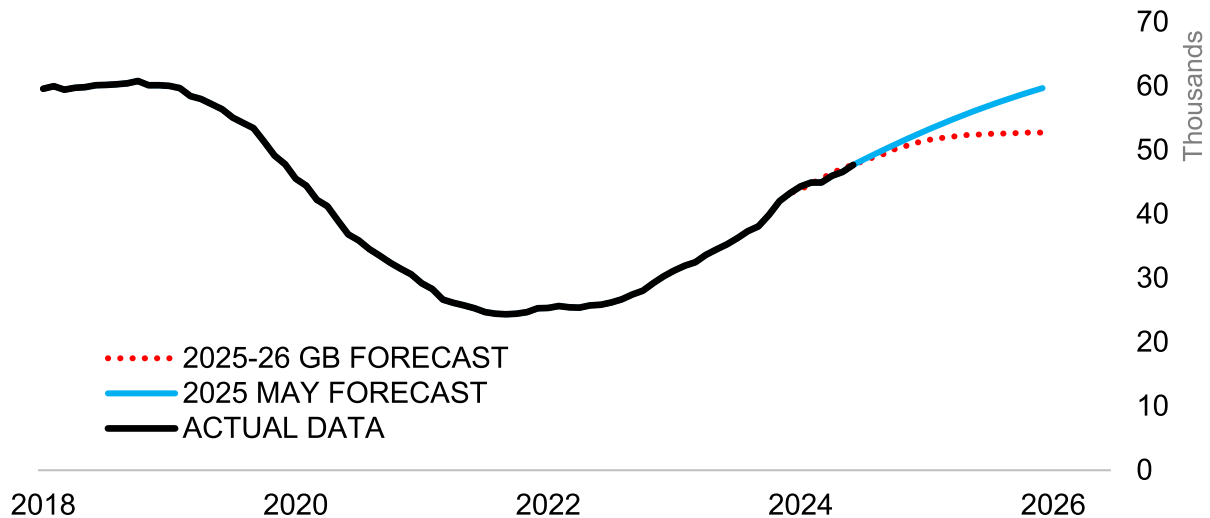
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The 2025 May Revision caseload for Stage One Child Care children is developed using actual reported children through December 2024 from Cell 10 of the CW115/115A Child Care Monthly Report (total children).

FY	2025 May Revision	Change from Prior FY	2025-26 Governor's Budget	Change from Prior FY	Change from Prior Projection
2024-25	51,871	-0.9%	51,660	-1.3%	0.4%
2025-26	52,505	1.2%	52,908	2.4%	-0.8%

CalWORKs Stage Two Child Care CASELOAD TREND ANALYSIS



The Stage Two Child Care caseload is comprised of the children in families whose situations have stabilized or families that are transitioning off CalWORKs. Families leave Stage Two after they have not received cash aid for a 24-month period.

In FY 2023-24, the caseload showed an increase of 35.7 percent from the previous FY.

For the 2025 May Revision, CDSS projects that the average monthly caseload for FY 2024-25 will increase by 32.4 percent from the previous FY and the average monthly caseload for FY 2025-26 will increase by 17.6 percent from FY 2024-25.

CalWORKs Stage Two Child Care

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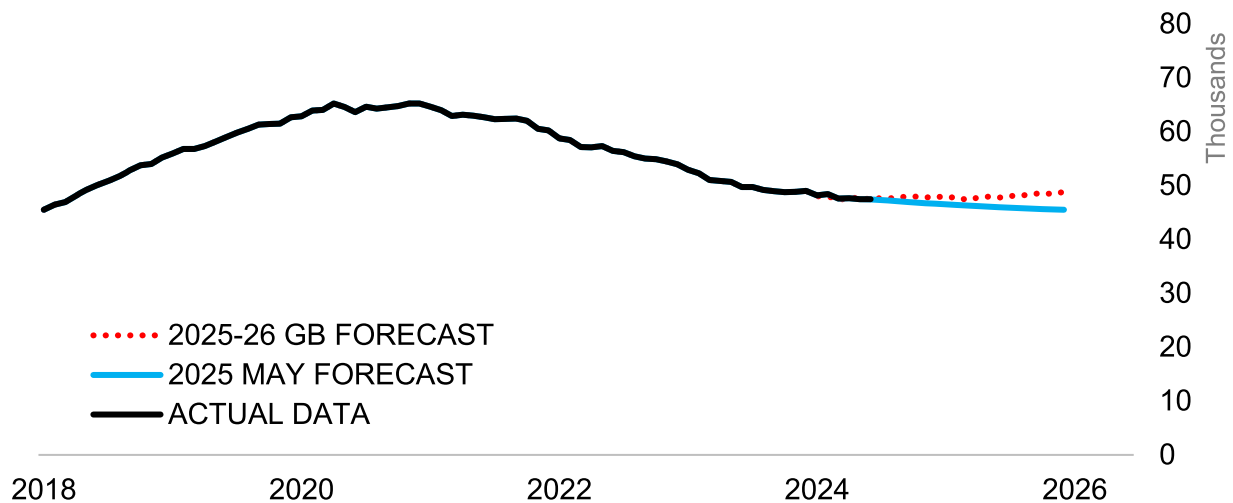
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2020-21	37,304	-32.2%
2021-22	25,767	-30.9%
2022-23	26,771	3.9%
2023-24	36,325	35.7%

The 2025 May Revision caseload for Stage Two Child Care children is developed using actual reported children through December 2024 on the CalWORKs Caseload Report for Alternative Payment Programs.

FY	2025 May Revision	Change from Prior FY	2025-26 Governor's Budget	Change from Prior FY	Change from Prior Projection
2024-25	48,110	32.4%	47,833	31.7%	0.6%
2025-26	56,575	17.6%	52,356	9.5%	8.1%

CalWORKs Stage Three Child Care CASELOAD TREND ANALYSIS



The Stage Three Child Care caseload is comprised of the children of CalWORKs families who stopped receiving cash aid more than 24 months ago. Families remain in Stage Three until their income exceeds 85 percent of the state median income, or until the child is over the eligibility age.

In FY 2023-24, the caseload continued a declining trend and showed a decrease of 10.8 percent from the previous FY.

For the 2025 May Revision, CDSS projects that the average monthly caseload for FY 2024-25 will decrease by 5.6 percent from the previous FY and the average monthly caseload for FY 2025-26 will decrease by 3.0 percent from FY 2024-25.

CalWORKs Stage Three Child Care

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2018-19	50,396	27.9%
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2020-21	64,409	8.6%
2021-22	62,532	-2.9%
2022-23	56,274	-10.0%
2023-24	50,177	-10.8%

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2024-25	47,381	-5.6%	47,774	-4.8%	-0.8%
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