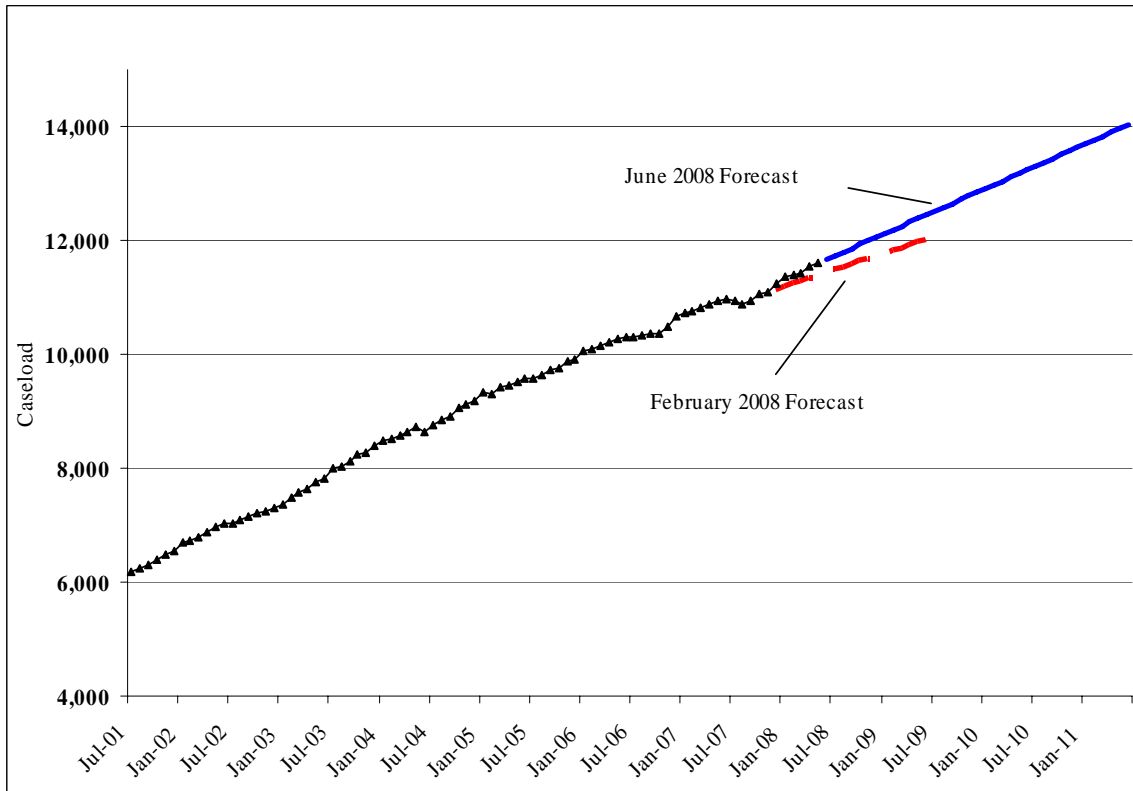


**Adoption Support – Maintenance Payments**

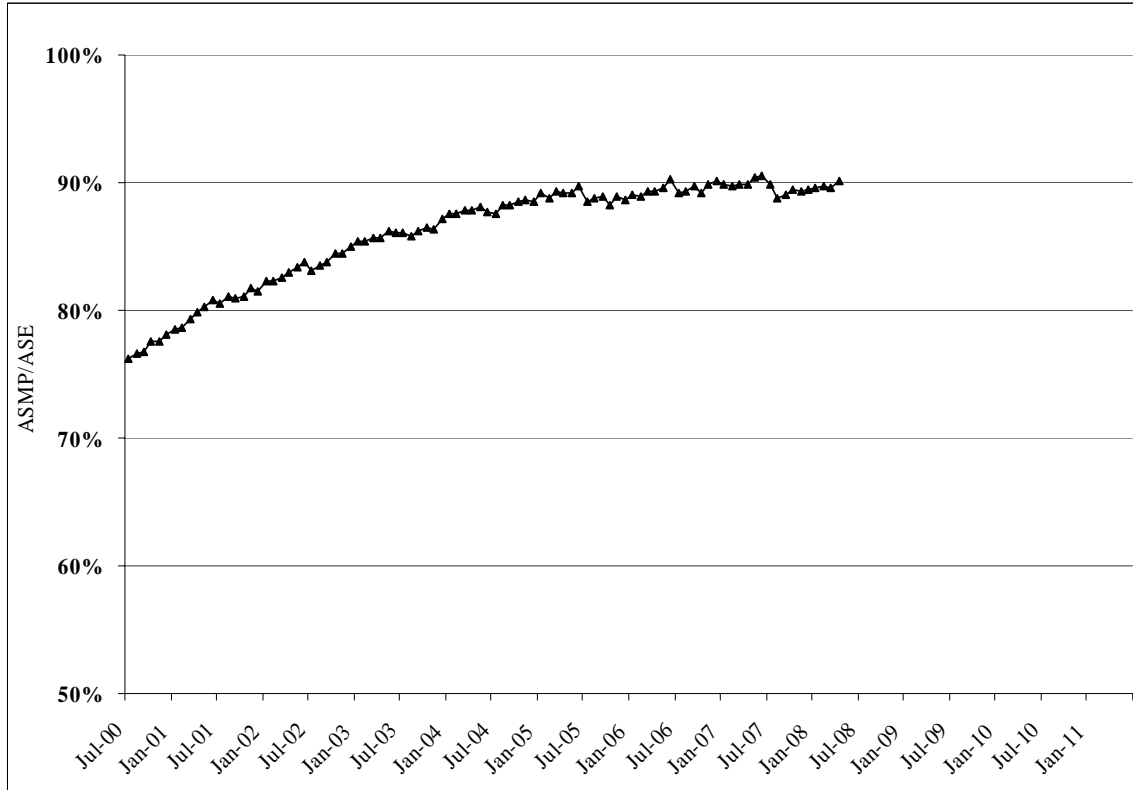


**Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)**

Fiscal Year	Feb-08 Forecast	Jun-08 Forecast	Feb-to-Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2008	11,155	11,260	105	0.9%
2009	11,741	12,089	347	3.0%
2010		12,878		
2011		13,668		

The Adoption Support Maintenance Payment (ASMP) caseload forecast is a forecast of those eligible adoptions receiving adoption support maintenance payments. The June forecast was revised upward from the February forecast by about 3 percent. This increase reflects a increase in the percent of those eligible for adoption support maintenance payments who are actually receiving payments and efforts to speed the completion of adoptions of children in foster care.

## Adoption Support Maintenance Payment (ASMP) Caseload as Percent of Adoption Support Eligible (ASE) Caseload



### Tracking the Current Forecast

	Feb-08 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Dec-07	11,129	11,238	109	1.0%
Jan-08	11,179	11,352	173	1.5%
Feb-08	11,229	11,393	164	1.5%
Mar-08	11,279	11,429	150	1.3%
Apr-08	11,328	11,533	205	1.8%
May-08	11,377	11,595	218	1.9%

### Adoption Support Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2002-2003	789	12.0%	Actual	7,392
2003-2004	995	13.5%		8,387
2004-2005	821	9.8%		9,208
2005-2006	756	8.2%		9,964
2006-2007	668	6.7%		10,632
2007-2008	627	5.9%	<i>Forecast</i>	11,260
2008-2009	829	7.4%		12,089
2009-2010	790	6.5%		12,878
2010-2011	790	6.1%		13,668

#### Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the Adoption Support Maintenance Payments forecast are low as this caseload has been growing at a relatively stable rate over time and should continue to do so in the absence of changes to program eligibility.

This caseload is, however, sensitive to efforts to increase adoptions. One such initiative, described below, is planned to begin shortly. An adjustment for this initiative, based on early results from the effort, will be included in the November forecast.

A Children's Administration initiative to reduce a backlog of about 1,700 cases of children "legally free" to be adopted but still in foster care is scheduled to begin in July 2008. The only remaining impediment to adoption for these children is the completion of required criminal justice and background checks of the adoption placement. The Children's Administration has hired a private contractor to complete these investigations so that the adoptions can be finalized. This project is expected to shift children from the Foster Care/Relative Placement caseloads to the Adoption Support caseload. The degree and speed with which this happens will depend on the performance of the contractor.