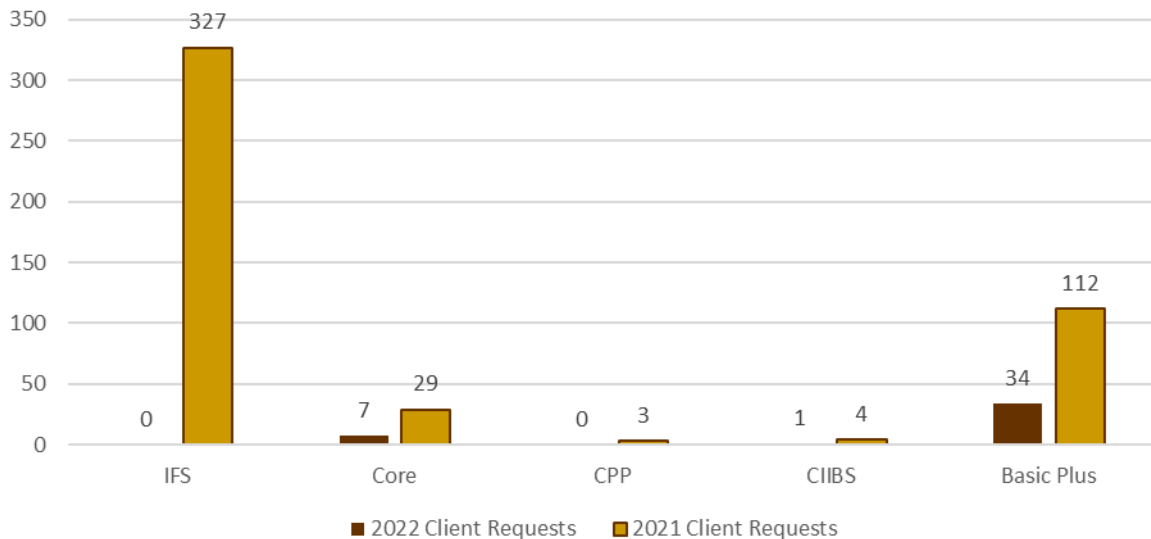
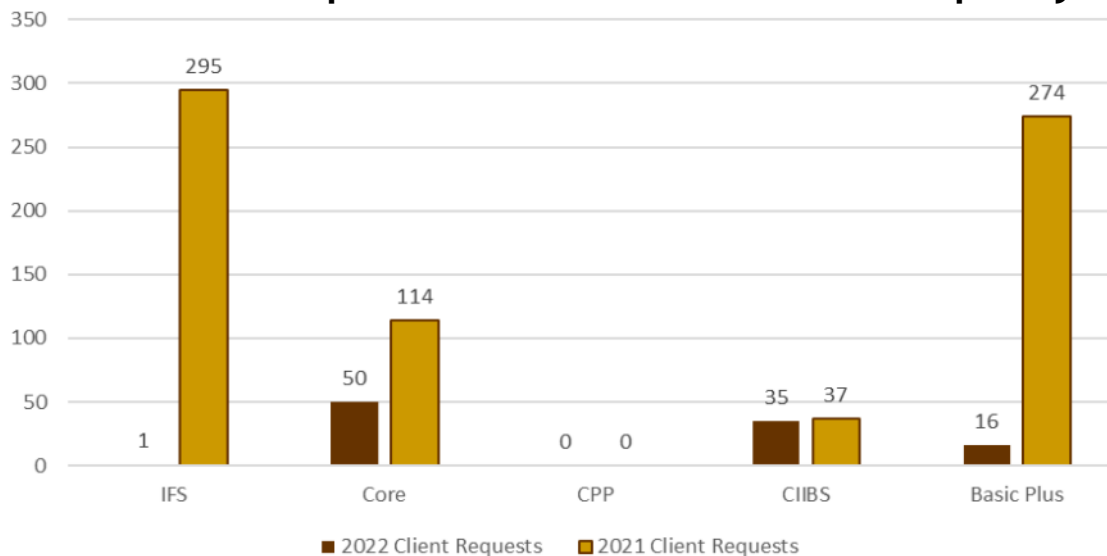


Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Waiver Requests and Denials

DDA Clients on the No Paid Services Caseload With Waiver Requests Denied Due to Lack of Capacity



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Summary

- A total of 144 clients in 2022 have a documented service request that was denied due to lack of capacity. 1,195 clients had requested to be on a service request list in 2021.
- There are 12,085 clients on the No-Paid Services (NPS) Caseload. 42 clients (0%) in 2022 (475 clients or 4% in 2021) are on the NPS Caseload and have a documented service request that has been denied due to lack of capacity. The status/needs of the other 12,043 clients on the No-Paid Services Caseload is unknown.
- There are 37,919 clients on the Paid Services Caseload. 102 clients (0%) in 2022 (720 clients or 2% in 2021) on the Paid Services Caseload have a documented service request that has been denied due to lack of capacity.
- In the 2021 legislative session, the legislature provided additional waiver openings, which is why there are so few requests for 2022. Most people on the NPS don't know to ask to be on a request list.

Data Source: Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) as of November 2022

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Home & Community Based Services Waivers Courtesy Forecast

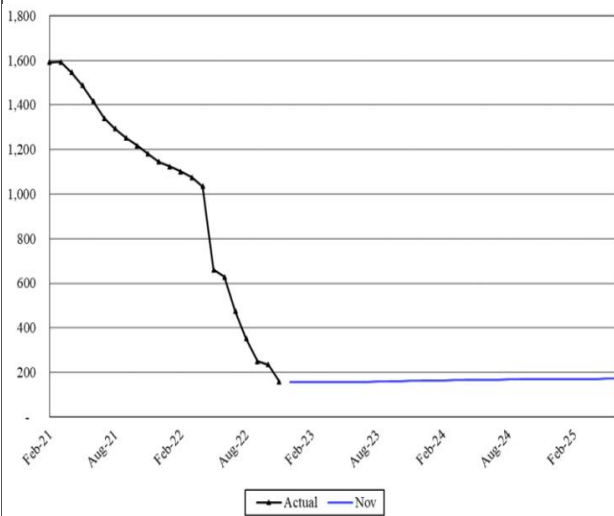
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Although the intent was good, the “request list” numbers do not accurately provide the true number of clients waiting, as the No Paid Services (NPS) caseload has over 12,000 people who have not been assessed and who do not know they have to ask to be placed on a request list.

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DDA Total Waiver Requests (Courtesy Forecast)



Fiscal Year Caseload Change

	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	137		
	2017	137	0	-0.3%
	2018	141	4	3.0%
	2019	152	11	7.4%
	2020	193	42	27.5%
	2021	207	13	6.9%
	2022	212	5	2.4%
Forecast	2023	224	12	5.6%
	2024	240	17	7.5%
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The 2022 Legislature passed ESSB 5268 which added several new duties to the CFC’s forecast portfolio, including the number of individuals who have requested services through waiver programs administered by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The “Total Waiver Request” forecast is comprised of individuals requesting and being placed on the waiver enrollment database due to lack of capacity for any of the following five waivers: the Basic Plus (BP), Individual and Family Services (IFS), Core, Community Protection (CP), and Children’s Intensive In-home Behavioral Support (CIIBS) waivers. Each of these waivers offer specific services to meet health and safety needs in the community, as opposed to an institution. The Total Waiver Request forecast is a roll-up of five separate forecasts of individuals requesting one of these waivers:

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- The IFS waiver supports individuals who require waiver services to remain in their family homes. Individuals must live in their family home.
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- The CP waiver offers therapeutic residential supports for individuals assessed to require 24-hour, on-site staff supervision to ensure the safety of others.
- The CIIBS waiver supports youth at risk of out-of-home placement due to challenging behaviors.

The Total Waiver Request caseload is projected to decline substantially based on DDA’s recent efforts to actively pursue outreach to those on the waiver request lists. For all of the waivers except for CIIBS, there remains sufficient waiver capacity to serve those clients on the request list who are both Medicaid-eligible and still requesting to receive services. Medicaid waiver eligibility, based on both functional and financial criteria, is not determined until an individual on the waiver request list says that they want a service; they may opt to remain on the list and will continue to do so until they either are no longer interested in the service, or until they are interested, are determined to meet Medicaid eligibility criteria, and are enrolled into the waiver if capacity allows. Those who are no longer wanting to receive services, or who are determined ineligible for Medicaid waived services upon expressing interest in receiving services currently, are removed from the waiver request list. The slight growth projected in FY 2025 is solely due to the CIIBS waiver request caseload since it is the only waiver currently lacking any capacity.

Data Source: Caseload Forecast Council, Elaine Deschamps, 360.664.9371, November 9, 2023

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) State Operated Living Alternatives (SOLA) Courtesy Forecast

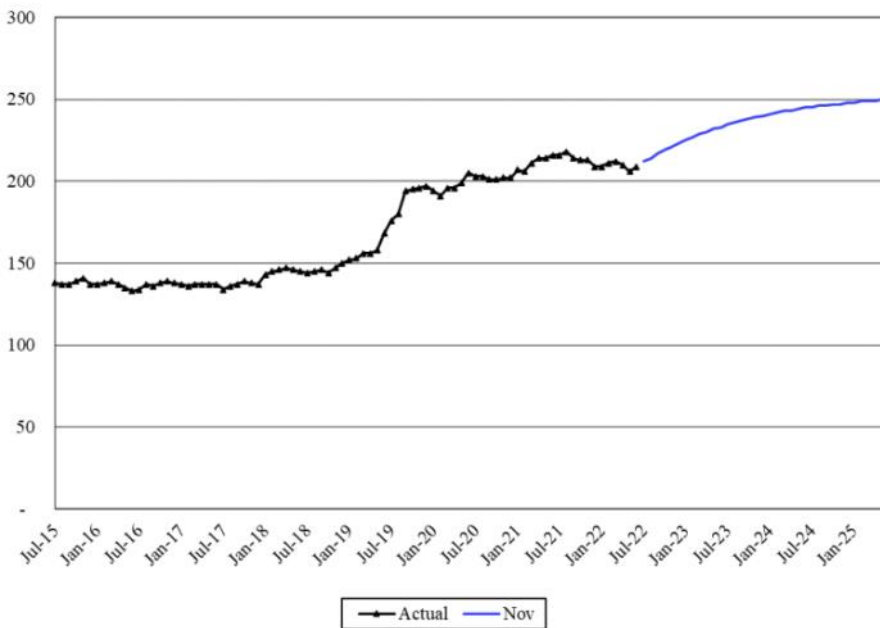
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**State-Operated Living Alternatives
(Courtesy Forecast)**



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SOLAs provide community residential services which may include assistance with activities of daily living, behavioral, habilitative, interpersonal, protective, medical, nursing and mobility supports.

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The projected growth in the caseload is largely based on funded capacity provided by the legislature.

The agency has the funding to exceed the current forecast, but the ability to meet that capacity is contingent upon several factors. These factors include specific client needs and compatibility with other residents, sufficient staffing availability, and available housing for new expansion homes.