

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY & PLANNING DIVISION

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2022 Correctional Population Update

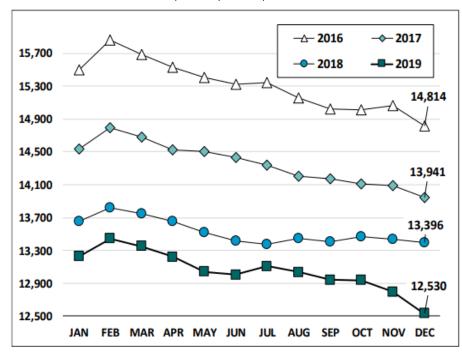
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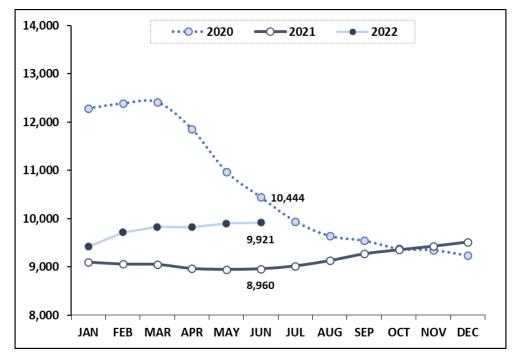
#### 2022-23 CORRECTIONAL POPULATION UPDATE: FIRST OF THE MONTH POPULATIONS PRE- & POST-PANDEMIC

Chart 4 – Prison Population, First-of-Month 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019



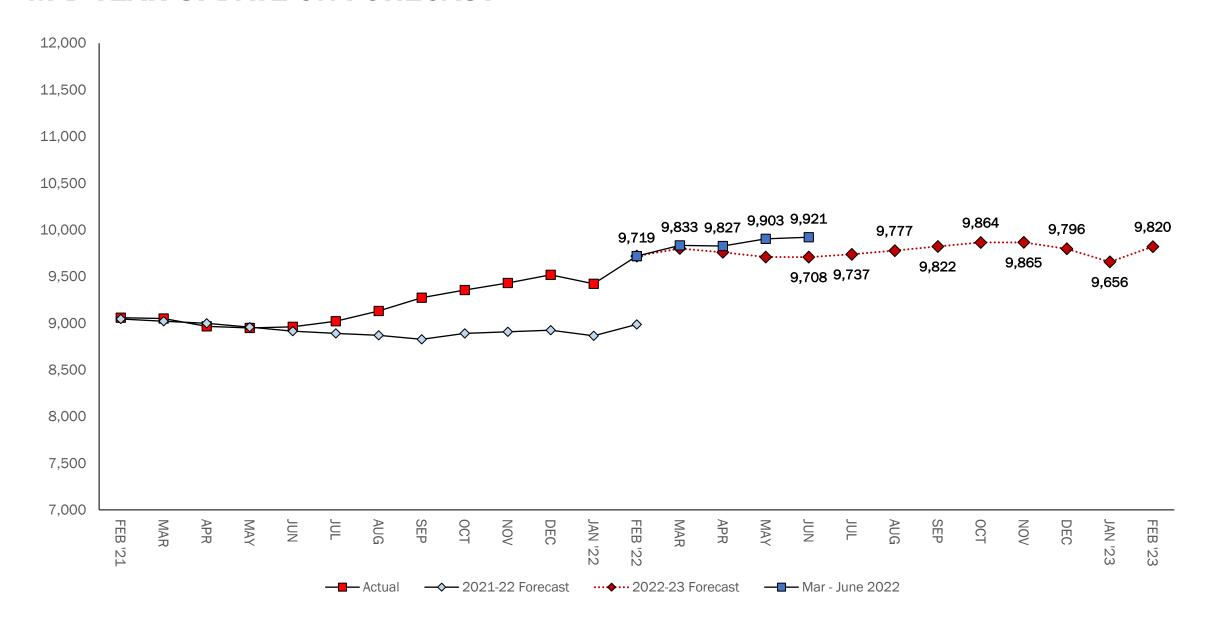
- First-of-the-month population trends pre-pandemic varied but had some commonalities.
  - Between 2016 and 2019, each year demonstrated a strong linear downward trend
  - Many years exhibited two seasonal peaks, one on February 1 and the second sometime between July and November

Chart 4 – Prison Population, First-of-Month 2020, 2021, and 2022

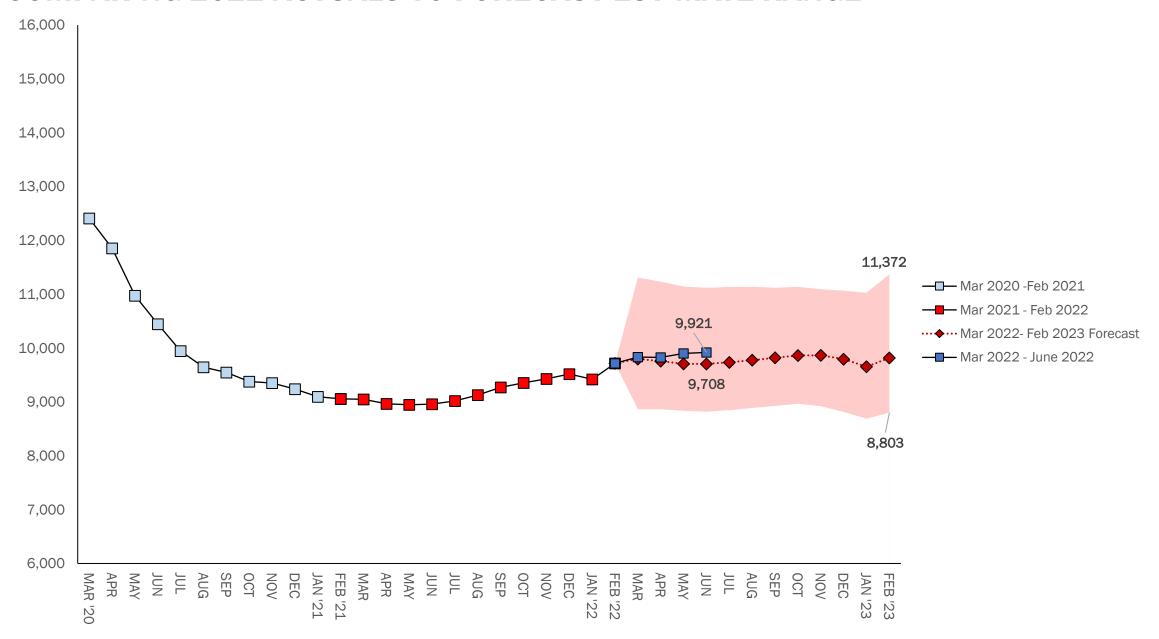


- First-of-the-month trends post-pandemic have been markedly distinct each year.
  - 2020's sharp decline with COVID's onset
  - 2021's modest V shape: a decline then latter year rise
  - 2022's rise and steady spring

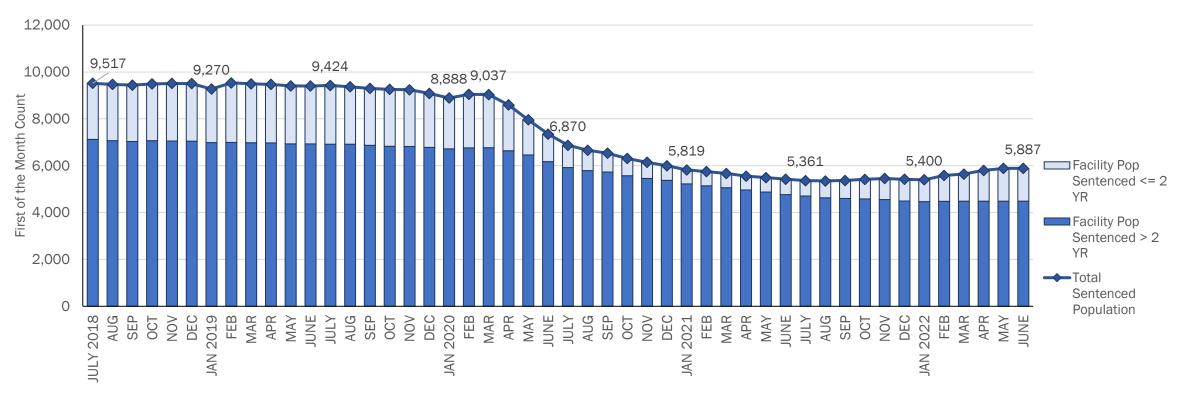
## 2022-23 CORRECTIONAL POPULATION UPDATE: MID-YEAR UPDATE ON FORECAST



## **2022-23 CORRECTIONAL POPULATION UPDATE:**COMPARING 2022 ACTUALS TO FORECAST ESTIMATE RANGE



#### JUNE SPOTLIGHT: SENTENCED POPULATION CHANGES



- The DOC sentenced population decreased notably following the pandemic's onset.
  - Much of the decrease stems from immediate reductions in the population with sentences two years or less after March 2020.
  - The population with sentences longer than two years also declined following the pandemic, .

- Much of the correctional population growth in 2022 has occurred in the pretrial population and the population sentenced two years or less.
  - The population with sentences longer than two years has yet to show signs of significant growth.
  - Changes to the population with sentences more than two years are significant, as they tend to indicate enduring DOC population impacts.