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## Post-pandemic Provisional Federal Residency Forecasts

*Post-pandemic changes in 10-year population forecasts were evidenced for community residency.*

## Why we are doing this study

The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) had experienced an unprecedented decline in the federal community supervision (-903 or 9.6%) population during the COVID-19 pandemic era<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, a pause occurred in the annual forecasting exercise and in 2022 new 10-year community supervision population projections were estimated to fiscal year-end 2031-32.<sup>2</sup> With a sharp rise in federal admissions observed in 2022-23 with the reopening of the courts, refreshed provisional forecasts were undertaken to 2032-33.<sup>3</sup>

## What we did

Weekly snapshots of community residency counts from 1990-91 to year-end 2021-23 was derived from CSC's Offender Management System. On 29 March 2023, residency was a condition for a total count of 2,637 or 32% of those 8,298 recorded to be on community supervision. More specifically, 1,471 (55.8%) were on Day Parole, 84 (3.2%) were on Full Parole with residency, 813 (30.8%) were on Statutory Release with residency and 269 (10.2%) were on Long Term Supervision with residency. The Community residency projections for day parole, full parole with residency, statutory release with residency and long-term supervision with residency were estimated to 2032-33 for men and women combined. SAS / ETS software was used for analyzing univariate time series data and to select the best-fitting model.

## What we found

As tabled below, on 29 March 2023, the actual count on community residency was **2,637** an increase of +81 or 3.2% over the pandemic period from **2,556**. For 2032-33, the 10-year forecast for community residency is estimated to be **2,559**, a decrease by 2032-33 of -38 or 1.4%. With the exception of the Atlantic region, all others are projected to decline.

## Federal Community Residency Forecasts to 2032-33

	Atl.	Que.	Ont.	Pra.	Pac.	Total
<b>21-22</b>	208	520	788	525	515	2,556
<b>22-23</b>	189	596	737	590	525	2,637
<b>32-33</b>	202	577	735	573	513	2,599
<b>Net ▲</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-38</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

Note: Regional and Total forecasts are run separately so numbers will vary.

<sup>1</sup> Pandemic Era Impacts on the Federal Supervision Populations: RIB 22-05;

<sup>2</sup> Pandemic Era Impacts on Provisional Federal Population Forecasts: RIB 22-19

<sup>3</sup> Post-pandemic Provisional Federal Population Forecasts: RIB 23-23

## What it means

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic period there was a significant decline in both the federal institutional and community supervision populations. Then a provisional federal residency forecast was undertaken in 2022 which showed there will be a decline. Notwithstanding the community supervision population is still being projected to decrease over a 10-year horizon<sup>3</sup>, it appears that by 2032-33 those requiring residency will be fewer but with less of a decrease than had been previously estimated.

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