



## LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

# Review of January 2025 Juvenile Correctional Population Projections and Update on Recent Trends

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# Overview

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Twice per biennium, LBB staff conduct five-year population projections of adult and juvenile correctional populations to serve as a basis for funding determinations.

## January 2025 Projections

- Inform updates to LBB recommendations for the General Appropriations Bills
- Inform fiscal notes and criminal justice impact statements during legislative session
- Based on individual data through fiscal year 2024

# Methodology

The LBB juvenile justice projection model predicts the movement of juveniles into, through, and out of the juvenile justice system. Two questions drive population projections:

- How many juveniles will enter the juvenile justice system?
- How long will each juvenile stay in the juvenile justice system?

Projections assume that current law will remain in place throughout the projection period while considering certain trends and changes to practice, including:

- Referrals to juvenile probation departments
- Court activity, including disposition decisions and pending caseloads
- Admissions into TJJD custody
- Length of supervision and detention
- Parole decisions

# Populations

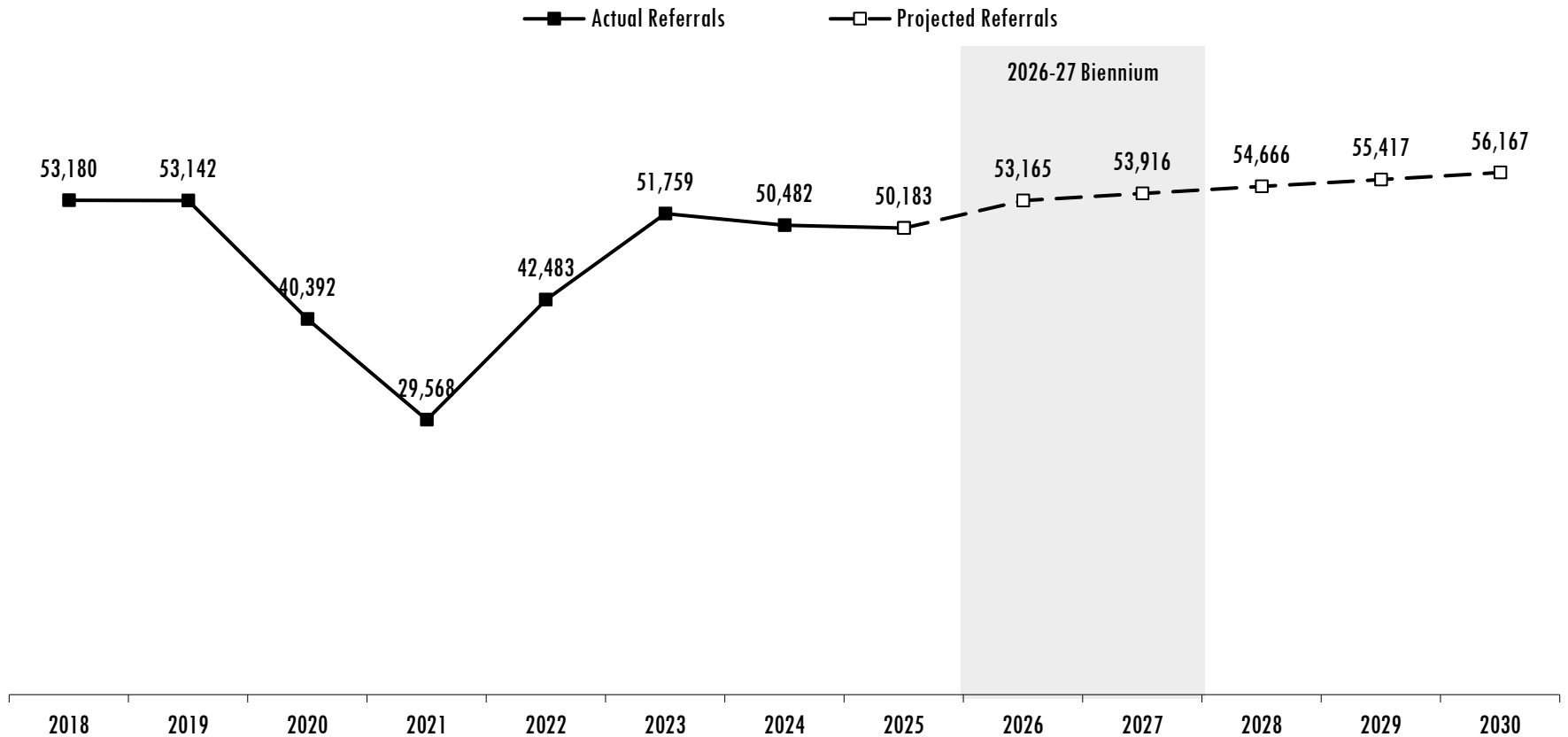
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LBB generates juvenile correctional population projections for the following populations:

- **Formal Referrals**
- **Probation Supervision**
  - Conditional Release
  - Deferred Prosecution
  - Adjudicated Probation
- **State Services & Parole Supervision**
  - State Residential Facilities
  - Parole Supervision

# Juvenile Referrals

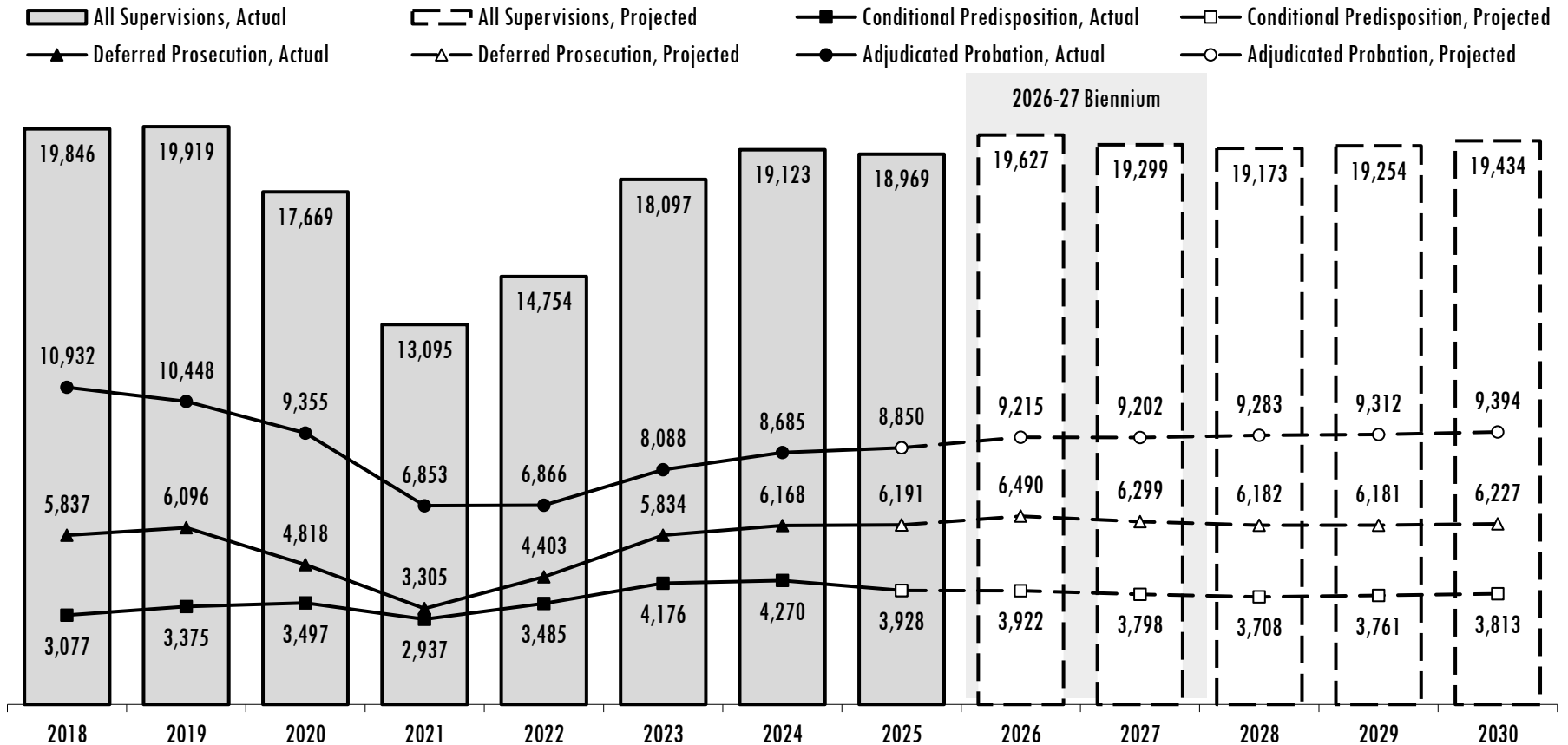
## ACTUAL & PROJECTED REFERRALS TO JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS YEARS 2018 - 2030



SOURCES: Legislative Budget Board 1/2025; Texas Juvenile Justice Department 10/2024.

# Juvenile Probation Supervision Population

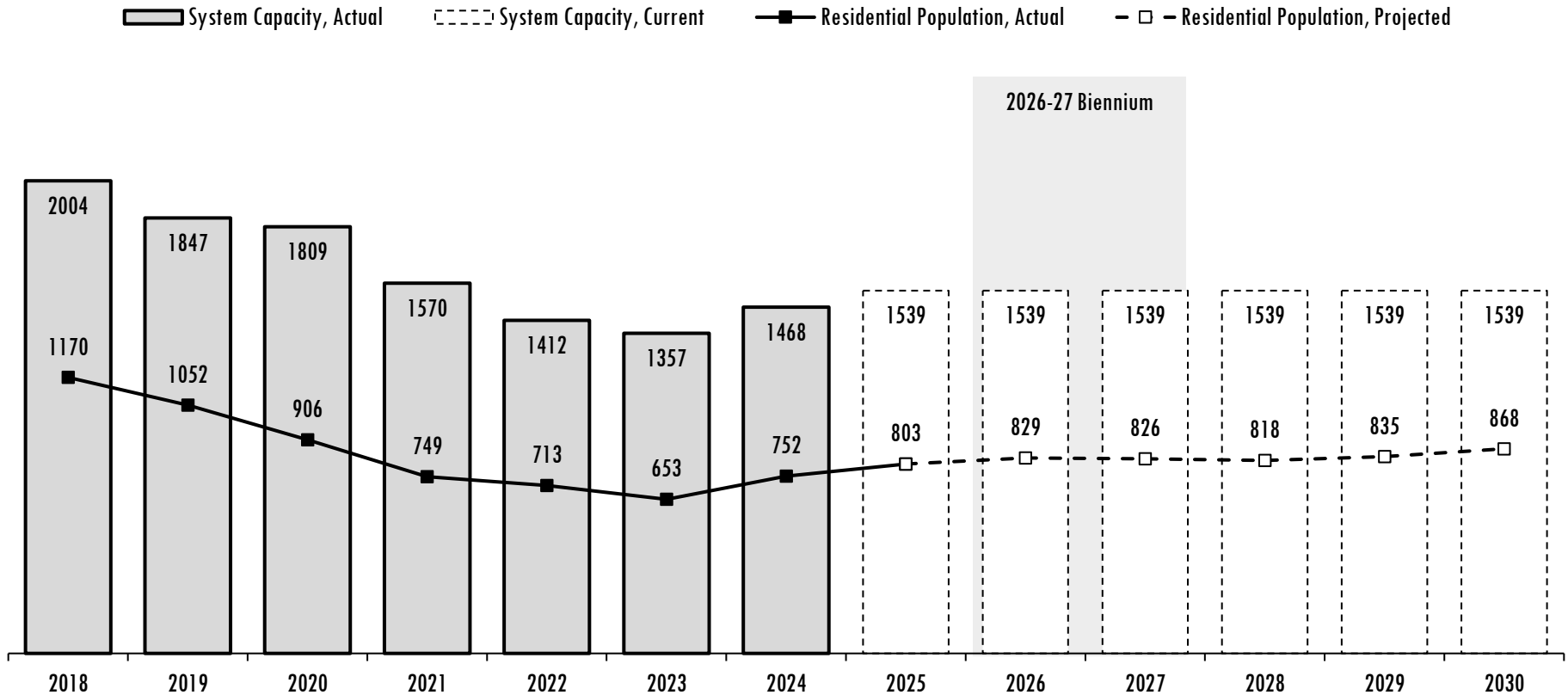
## ACTUAL & PROJECTED AVERAGE MONTHLY POPULATION, FISCAL YEARS 2018 - 2030



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# Juvenile Residential Facility Population

## ACTUAL & PROJECTED AVERAGE MONTHLY POPULATION, FISCAL YEARS 2018 - 2030



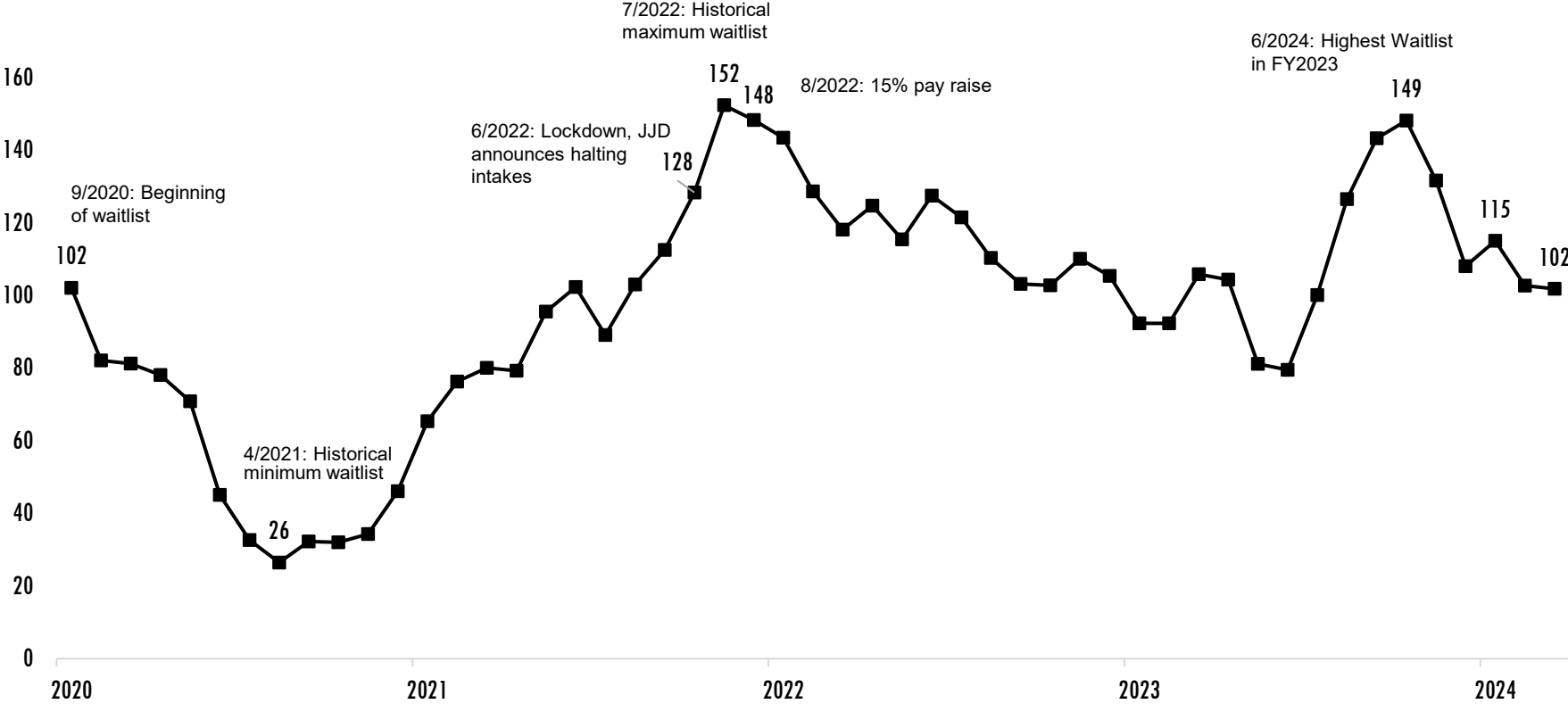
NOTE: Current Staffable Capacity is 802 as of 12/1/2024

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# Juvenile Waitlist Population

## ACTUAL AVERAGE DAILY WAITLIST POPULATION, SEPTEMBER 2020 – NOVEMBER 2024

—■— Waitlist Population

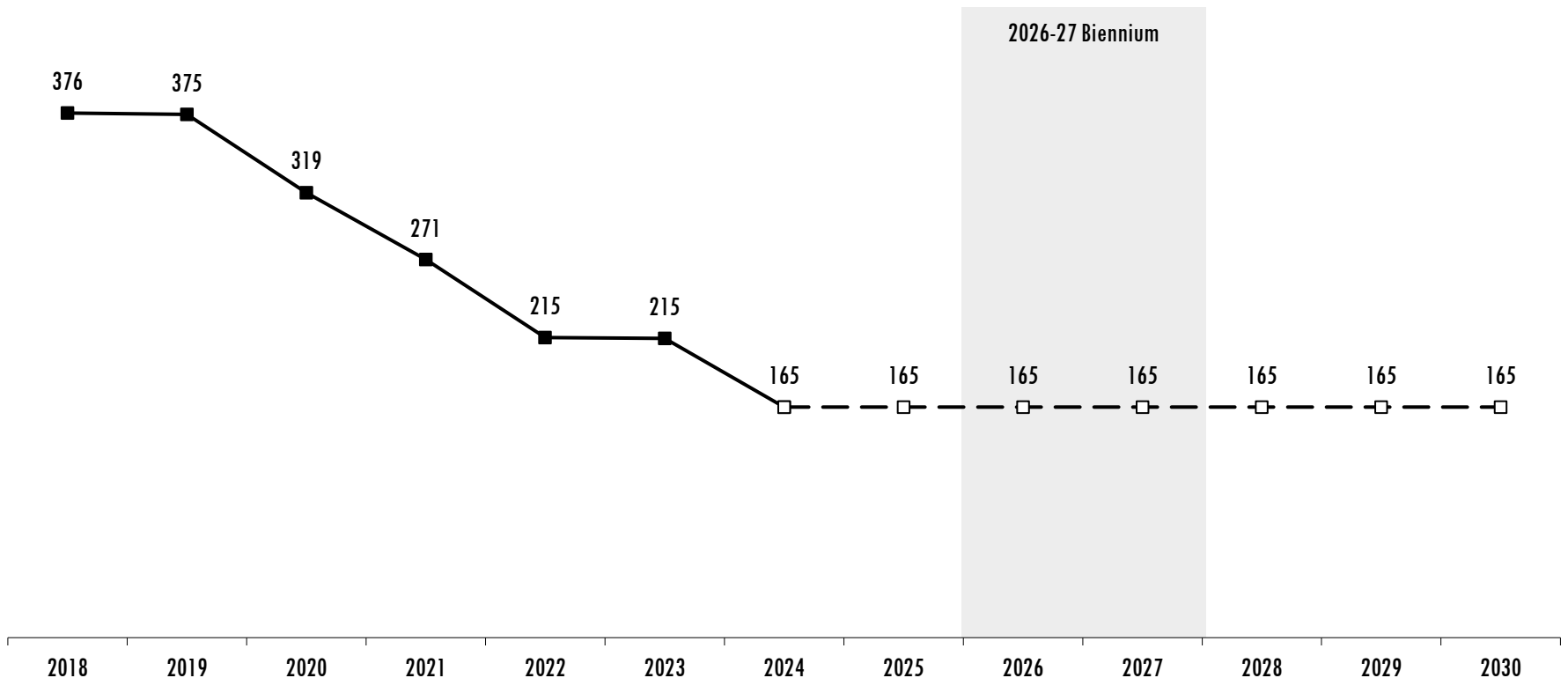




# Juvenile Parole Supervision Population

## ACTUAL & PROJECTED AVERAGE MONTHLY POPULATION, FISCAL YEARS 2018 - 2030

—■— Actual      —□— Projected



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