

DATA RELIABILITY AND VALIDITY

The Department views data reliability and validity as critically important in the planning and assessment of its performance. As such, the Department makes every effort to constantly improve the completeness and reliability of its performance information by performing “data scrubs” (routine examination of current and historical data sets, as well as looking towards the future for trends) to ensure the data we rely on to make day-to-day management decisions are as accurate and reliable as possible and targets are ambitious enough given the resources provided. As such, this document includes a discussion of data validation, verification, and any identified data limitations for each performance measure presented. The Department ensures each reporting component providing data for this report meets the following criteria as outlined in the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB), Circular A-11, Section 230 (f):

Performance data need not be perfect to be reliable, particularly if the cost and effort to secure the best performance data possible will exceed the value of any data so obtained. Agencies must discuss in their assessments of the completeness and reliability of the performance data any limitations on the reliability of the data. Additionally, agencies should discuss in their PARs efforts underway to improve the completeness and reliability of future performance information as well as any audits, studies, or evaluations that attest to the quality of current data or data collection efforts.

Although the Department is confident its key performance indicators meet the criteria mentioned above, in FY 2006, the Department plans to examine additional means to attest to the quality and reliability of the data routinely used in the planning and assessment of its performance.

ANALYSIS OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Department’s Strategic Plan for FY 2003-2008 includes specific long-term outcome goals. These outcome goals represent key activities that are considered the Department’s highest priorities. Twenty-eight key measures addressing the accomplishment towards achieving these long-term outcome goals are targeted in the Department’s annual *Budget Performance and Summary* and reported each year in this report. The Department’s full Performance Report for these measures, including an update on our progress towards meeting our FY 2008 long-term outcome goals, is included in Part II of this document.

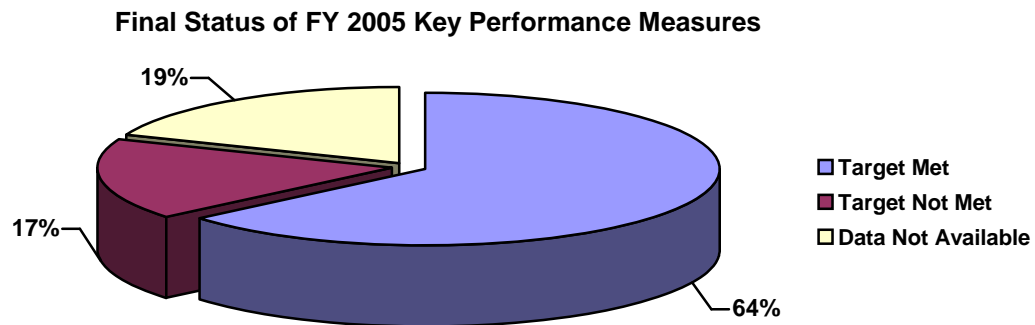
Long-term and annual performance planning and measurement has become part of the culture at the Department of Justice. During FY 2005, Departmental leadership has continued to display a clear commitment to performance management through the implementation of formal quarterly status reviews and the development of a President’s Management Agenda Council. Additionally, Departmental components have worked to improve the quality and timeliness of performance information.

The Department was focused on its mission throughout FY 2005 and achieved 64 percent of its key targets, a 15 percent increase over FY 2004. This improvement was based in part on the Department’s quarterly status reporting requirements implemented in second quarter FY 2005, increased emphasis on long-term and annual performance measures due to OMB’s Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), and placement of key performance indicators on cascading employee work plans beginning in December 2004.

While the Department met 64 percent of its performance targets in FY 2005, performance improvements are still needed in areas where planned performance was not achieved. Knowing that focusing on mission, agreeing on goals, and reporting results are the keys to improved performance, the Department will examine its performance management system overall and seek improvements, where necessary. Additional improvement areas include: continuing to improve the quality and utility of performance information; developing the capacity to use performance information through the use of technology and reliable data systems; and continuing to identify and share effective approaches and best practices in the collection and communication of performance information among its components.

Beyond annual progress, the Department is constantly monitoring progress made against its FY 2008 long-term performance goals for each of the 28 key measures. In areas where the targets we set in FY 2003 have been exceeded, we have set new, more ambitious targets based on the programmatic and resource information currently available. Additionally, 87 percent of the Department's key performance goals are on-track for full achievement against FY 2008 targets. While there are still three full years of performance remaining until the Department reports against planned progress, a number of mechanisms are in place, including quarterly status reporting, performance informed budget submissions to request additional resources, and the OMB's PART to assist in making any serious deficiencies known to Departmental leadership so that they can be corrected and remedied.

The chart below provides a summary of the Department's FY 2005 performance for its 28 key measures by Strategic Goal.



[] Designates the reporting entity	FY 2005 Target	FY 2005 Actual	Target Achieved/ Not Achieved
Strategic Goal 1: Prevent Terrorism and Promote the Nation's Security			
Terrorist acts committed by foreign nationals against U.S. interests within U.S. borders [FBI]	Zero	Zero	Yes
Strategic Goal 2: Enforce Federal Laws and Represent the Rights and Interests of the American People			
Number of transnational criminal enterprises dismantled [FBI]	19	28	Yes
Number of child pornography websites or web hosts shut down [FBI]	2,300	2,088	No. Target not achieved due to focus on large international cases.
Percent of high-crime cities (with an ATF presence) demonstrating a reduction in violent firearms crime [ATF]	55%	TBD*	N/A
DOJ's reduction in the supply of illegal drugs available for consumption in the U.S. (2002 Baseline) [OCDETF]	N/A	TBD**	N/A

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Consolidated Priority Organizations Target-linked drug trafficking organizations			
Disrupted (DEA, FBI [Consolidated data - ADAG/Drugs])	151	202	Yes
Dismantled (DEA, FBI [Consolidated data - ADAG/Drugs])	37	119	Yes
Value of stolen intellectual property [FBI]	\$34 billion	Data not available until after December 2005	N/A
Number of top-ten Internet fraud targets neutralized [FBI]	7	10	Yes
Number of criminal enterprises engaging in white-collar crime dismantled [FBI]	45	143	Yes
Percent of cases favorably resolved: (ENRD, ATR, CRM, USA, TAX, CIV, CRT, [Consolidated data - JMD/BS])			
Criminal Cases	90%	91%	Yes
Civil Cases	80%	84%	Yes
Percent of Assets/Funds returned to creditors: [USTP]			
Chapter 7	54%	Data not available until January 2006***	N/A
Chapter 13	80%	Data not available until April 2006***	N/A
Strategic Goal 3: Assist State, Local, and Tribal Efforts to Prevent or Reduce Crime and Violence			
Reduction in recidivism (from 2% in FY 2004 to 1.5% in FY 2008) for the population served by the Re-entry initiative [OJP]	5% reduction from 2004 baseline (or 1.9%)	3% reduction from the 2004 baseline (or 1.94%)	No. Target not achieved due to low number of grantee sites that currently track/report recidivism.
Reduction of homicides per site (funded under the Weed and Seed Program) [OJP]	1.2% reduction in average homicide rate	Data not available until after December 2005	N/A
Percent increase in Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) inquiries [OJP]	5% above FY 2004 actual (1,597,723 million inquiries)	11.5% above FY 2004 actual (1,697,283 inquiries)	Yes
Percent reduction in DNA backlog [OJP]	Casework: 18% Convicted Offender: 21%	Casework: 21.2% Convicted Offender: 67.4%	Yes Yes
Number of participants in the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program [OJP]	12,500	Data not available until April 2006	N/A
Percent increase in the graduation rate of program participants in the Drug Courts Program [OJP]	Establish baseline	Baseline established	Yes
Strategic Goal 4: Ensure the Fair and Efficient Operation of the Federal Justice System			
Number of interrupted judicial proceedings due to inadequate security [USMS]	Zero	Zero	Yes

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Percent and number of total fugitives apprehended or cleared [USMS]	48% or 85,832	45% or 77,426	No. Target was not achieved due to the shift of investigative full time equivalents to violent fugitive apprehension and other reasons.
Per day jail cost [OFDT]	\$62.92	\$61.78	Yes
Number of escapes during confinement in federal detention [OFDT]	Zero	6	No. Target not achieved due to six escapes. OFDT continues to evaluate quality control mechanisms. Five of the six detainees have been recaptured.
Rate of assaults (federal detention) [OFDT]	Establish baseline	Re-establish data collection method	No. OFDT worked throughout FY 2005 to re-establish the data collection methodology for this performance measure.
System-wide crowding in federal prisons [BOP]	35%	34%	Yes
Number of escapes from secure BOP facilities [BOP]	Zero	Zero	Yes
Comparative recidivism for Federal Prison Industries (FPI) inmates versus non-FPI inmates [FPI / BOP]	Establish baseline	Baseline established	Yes
Rate of assaults in federal prisons [BOP]	130/5,000 assaults/inmates	118/5,000 assaults/inmates	Yes
Inspection Results—Percent of federal facilities with ACA accreditations [BOP]	99%	99%	Yes
Percent of Executive Office for Immigration Review priority cases completed within established timeframes [EOIR]	90% (all 5 categories)	Asylum: 92%; Institutional Hearing Program (IHP): 89%; Detained 91%; Single Appeals: 100%; Panel Appeals: 100%	Yes for all except IHP Cases, which were missed by 1% due in part to a lockdown situation at a facility that prohibited Immigration Judges from hearing cases at that location.

Note: The Department of Justice has 28 Key Performance Measures. Some measures have one or more annual target; therefore, when calculating the pie chart above, the denominator equals 36.

N/A – Not applicable at this time. See the “FY 2005 Actual” column for when data will be available.

* ATF data lags two years due to time lag in publication of Uniform Crime Report.

** Measuring reduction in the drug supply is a complex process reflecting of a number of factors outside the control of drug enforcement. Moreover, the impact of enforcement efforts on drug supply and the estimated availability are currently not measurable in a single year. Accordingly, DOJ is unable to set interim goals; however, we remain focused on achieving a long-term reduction of 10%, when compared to the baseline supply of drugs available for consumption.

*** Data lags one year due to the requirement to audit data submitted by Trustees prior to reporting. (FY 2004 Report due to data lag, FY 2004 Actuals: Chapter 7: 58%; Chapter 13: 86%)