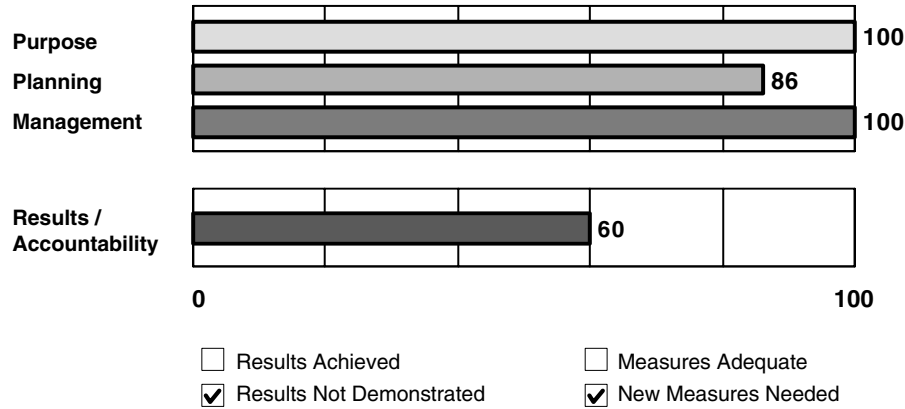


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Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Long-term Measure: Coverage of the entire business sector by labor productivity measures	2001	54%	54%
	2002	60%	60%
	2003	60%	
	2004	61%	
Long-term Measure: Coverage of the service sector by the Producer Price Index (PPI)	2001	47.8%	47.8%
	2002	53.1%	53.1%
	2003	54.0%	
	2004	59.1%	
Annual Measure: Accuracy measure: That only a minimal revision is required to PPI data (that is, referring to a key component of PPI, the measure is the percent of monthly-change data that needs to be revised no more than than 0.2 percentage points.)	2001	90%	100%
	2002	90%	100%
	2003	90%	
	2004	90%	

Rating: Moderately Effective

Program Type: Direct Federal

Program Summary:

The BLS collects and disseminates data on employment and unemployment, price change, compensation, productivity, safety and health, and associated labor-related statistics.

The assessment found:

1. Design for data collection and reporting is sound; BLS fills a unique role in the development of national labor-related statistics.
2. BLS is a pioneer in performance budgeting, but its approximately 364 performance measures (listed in a 56-page table) are too many and do not clearly explain how resources drive performance. The program carefully monitors its operations.
3. Independent, quality evaluations have demonstrated program effectiveness and have been used by BLS to improve its practices.
4. Judging by a variety of informal information, the program's efficiency has been improving. Also, despite their limitations, its long-term goals have been largely achieved. However, BLS lacks outcome-based, quantitative, and transparent performance measures. Many performance targets are established only in terms of completion of activities on schedule. Also, there are no explicit efficiency goals.

In response to these findings, DOL will ensure:

1. The development of more outcome-based, quantitative, and transparent performance measures.
2. That an efficiency measure is developed.
3. That the new performance measures clearly demonstrate improved accuracy to the general data user.
4. The maintenance of BLS' current successes in program monitoring and operations.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
475	498	512