

Glossary

Actuals

A common term used to refer to data on actual performance compared to goals.

Baselines

The starting point from which gains are measured and targets are set.

Budget Authority

Authority provided by law to incur financial obligations that will result in outlays.

Demand Reduction

Activities conducted by a National Drug Control Program agency, other than law enforcement, intended to reduce the willingness of individuals to use illicit drugs. Demand reduction activities include: drug use education; drug abuse prevention; drug abuse treatment; drug abuse research; drug abuse rehabilitation; drug-free workplace programs; and, drug-testing.

Domestic Law Enforcement

A Drug Control Budget category that combines resources for the following functional units: investigations, intelligence, state and local assistance, and law enforcement research.

Drug Budget Decision Units

Drug budget decision units correspond to discrete program categories that are identifiable components of budget accounts enumerated in the Budget of the President.

Drug Control Functions

Drug control functions correspond to the nine specific program areas that encompass all possible drug control activities: (1) Prevention; (2) Treatment; (3) Interdiction; (4) International; (5) Investigations; (6) Intelligence; (7) State and Local Assistance; (8) Research and Development; and, (9) Prosecution.

Drug Methodology

The process by which drug-related financial statistics identified for certain agencies or bureaus are calculated. The following bureaus utilize a drug methodology for

calculating their aggregate portion of the National Drug Control Budget: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, and Veterans Health Administration. All bureaus utilize a drug methodology for presenting their drug budget by drug control function.

Efficiency Measures

Metrics that indicate what outcomes or outputs are realized for a given level of resource use.

Enacted

The drug-related budget authority approved by Congress for the current fiscal year.

Final

The drug-related budget authority approved by Congress, net of rescissions and transfers, for the fiscal year most recently closed.

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year is the Federal Government's accounting period. It begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th. For example, fiscal year 2008 begins on October 1, 2007, and ends on September 30, 2008.

Full-time Equivalents (FTEs)

Civilian employment in the Executive Branch is measured on the basis of full-time equivalents. One FTE is equal to one fiscal work year. Thus, one full-time employee counts as one FTE, and two half-time employees also count as one FTE.

Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires Federal agencies to identify both long-term and annual goals, collect performance data, and justify budget requests based on these data.

Intelligence

Activities or programs with a primary focus to provide guarded information for use by national policy makers, strategic planners, or operational/tactical elements, principally in the areas of national security and law enforcement. Activities include collecting, processing,

analyzing, and disseminating information related to drug production and trafficking organizations and their activities (including transportation, distribution, and finance/money laundering). Additional activities include assessing the willingness and ability of foreign governments to carry out effective drug control programs.

Interdiction

Activities designed to interrupt the trafficking of illicit drugs into the United States by targeting the transportation link. Specifically, interdiction involves intercepting and ultimately disrupting shipments of illegal drugs, their precursors, and the profits of drug distribution.

International

Activities primarily focused on areas outside of the United States, including a wide range of drug control programs to eradicate crops, seize drugs (except air and marine interdiction seizures), arrest and prosecute major traffickers, destroy processing capabilities, develop and promote alternative crops to replace drug crops, reduce the demand for drugs, investigate money laundering and financial crime activities, and promote the involvement of other nations in efforts to control the supply of and demand for illicit drugs.

Investigations

Federal domestic law enforcement activities engaged in preparing drug cases for the arrest and prosecution of leaders and traffickers of illegal drug organizations, seizing drugs and assets, and ensuring that federal laws and regulations governing the legitimate handling, manufacturing, and distribution of controlled substances are properly followed.

National Drug Control Program Agency

An agency that is responsible for implementing any aspect of the National Drug Control Strategy, including any agency that receives Federal funds to implement any aspect of the National Drug Control Strategy, but does not include any agency that receives funds for a drug control activity solely under the National Foreign Intelligence Program, the Joint Military Intelligence Program, or Tactical Intelligence and Related Activities, unless such agency has been designated – (A) by the President; or (B) jointly by the Director [of ONDCP] and the head of the agency.

Outcome Measures

Measures that indicate the intended result or impact of carrying out a program or activity. Outcomes may relate to society as a whole or to the specific beneficiaries of programs, depending on the size and reach of the program.

Output Measures

Metrics that indicate the goods and services produced by a program or organization and provided to the public or others.

Performance Measures

Indicators or metrics that are used to gauge program performance. Performance measures include outcome and output measures.

Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)

An analytical device used to evaluate program effectiveness and inform budget, management, and legislative decisions aimed at improving performance. It consists of a series of questions about program purpose and design, strategic planning, management, and results. Answers to PART questions require specific evidence to prove program effectiveness. PART summaries and assessment details are available on the ExpectMore.gov website.

President's Management Agenda

A strategy to improve the management and performance of the Federal Government. The Agenda includes five Government-wide initiatives and multiple program-specific initiatives. The five Government-wide initiatives are: (1) Strategic Management of Human Capital; (2) Competitive Sourcing; (3) Improved Financial Performance; (4) Expanded Electronic Government; and, (5) Budget and Performance Integration.

Prevention

Activities focused on discouraging the first-time use of controlled substances and outreach efforts to encourage those who have begun to use illicit drugs to cease their use.

Prosecution

Federal activities related to the conduct of criminal proceedings against drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, with the aim of bringing a civil or criminal judgment against their members, forfeiting their assets, divesting leaders of their power, and, as appropriate, extraditing, deporting, and excluding their members.

Request

The budget authority proposed in the Budget of the President, which is submitted to Congress for consideration on the first Monday in February of every year.

Research and Development

Activities intended to improve the capacity, efficiency, or quality of drug control activities.

State and Local Assistance

Federal drug control assistance to help state and local law enforcement entities reduce drug-related violent crime and the availability of illegal drugs.

Supply Reduction

Any activity or program conducted by a National Drug Control Program agency intended to reduce the availability of drugs in the United States and abroad. Supply reduction activities include: international drug control; foreign and domestic drug intelligence; interdiction; and, domestic law enforcement.

Targets

Quantifiable or otherwise measurable characteristics that tell how well a program must accomplish a specific performance measure.

Treatment

Activities focused on assisting regular users of controlled substances to become drug-free through such means as counseling services, in-patient and out-patient care, and the demonstration and provision of effective treatment modalities.