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What does it measure?

Welcome to the Metric Tracking System (MTS). MTS is a performance measurement system that captures key financial management indicators across the Federal Government. The tool's intent is to provide government managers, Congress, and other stakeholders information to assess the financial management health of the Federal Government as a whole and for each individual agency. Tracking performance on indicators helps to guide financial management reforms and targets resources to areas where better stewardship is needed.

How are we doing?

The CFO Council will use this space to summarize trends in the financial indicators. The summary will include progress, trends, and corrective actions (when applicable).

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1. Fund Balance with Treasury (Net)

What does it measure?

Identifies the difference between the fund balance reported in Treasury reports and the agency fund balance with Treasury recorded in its general ledger on a net basis.

Why is it important?

Smaller reconciliation differences translate to greater integrity of financial reports and budget results.

Goals

- Green – fully successful <= 2%
- Yellow – minimally successful > 2% - <= 10%
- Red – unsuccessful > 10%

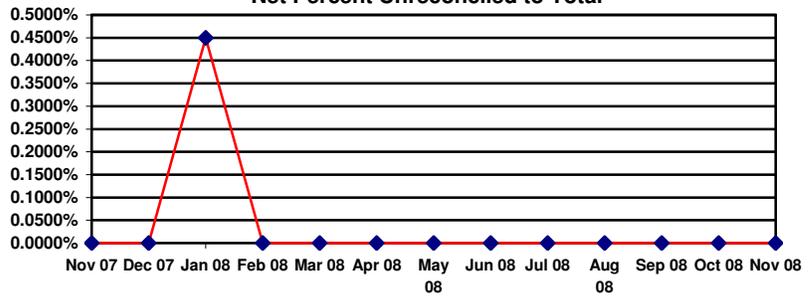
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Nov, 08: 0.0000%

Month	Net Amount Reconciled (Millions)	Net Amount Unreconciled (Millions)	Treasury Cash Balance (Billions)	Net Percent Unreconciled To Total
Nov 08	\$17.6	\$0.000	\$0.0	0.0000%
Oct 08	\$189.8	\$0.000	\$0.2	0.0000%
Sep 08	\$349.2	\$0.000	\$0.3	0.0000%
Aug 08	\$192.9	\$0.000	\$0.2	0.0000%
Jul 08	\$136.1	\$0.000	\$0.1	0.0000%
Jun 08	\$25.5	\$0.000	\$0.0	0.0000%
May 08	\$181.6	\$0.000	\$0.2	0.0000%
Apr 08	\$368.6	\$0.000	\$0.4	0.0000%
Mar 08	\$16.6	\$0.000	\$0.0	0.0000%
Feb 08	\$418.3	\$0.000	\$0.4	0.0000%
Jan 08	\$415.0	\$1.876	\$0.4	0.4499%
Dec 07	\$427.8	\$0.000	\$0.4	0.0000%
Nov 07	\$657.6	\$0.000	\$0.7	0.0000%

Net Percent Unreconciled to Total



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3. Delinquent Accounts Receivable from Public Over 180 days

What does it measure?

The success in reducing or eliminating delinquent accounts receivable from the public. This metric is reported quarterly.

Why is it important?

It shows how well the agency actively collects debt. Actively collecting debt improves management accountability, reduces Treasury borrowing, and increases accuracy in reporting.

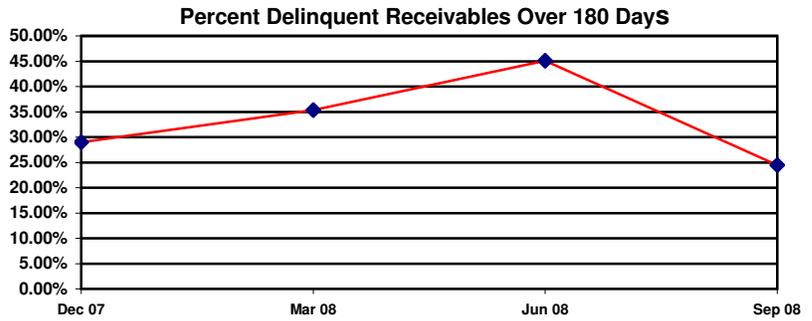
Goals

- Green – fully successful <= 10%
- Yellow – minimally successful > 10% - <= 20%
- Red – unsuccessful > 20%

Status

R Sep, 08: 24.49%

Month	Delinquent Receivables Over 180 Days (Millions)	Total Receivables (Millions)	Percent Delinquent Receivables Over 180 Days
Sep 08	\$300.05	\$1,224.78	24.49%
Jun 08	\$290.25	\$643.62	45.09%
Mar 08	\$293.55	\$830.95	35.32%
Dec 07	\$271.39	\$936.01	28.99%



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4. Electronic Payments

What does it measure?

The number of electronic payments measures the extent to which vendors are paid electronically.

Why is it important?

A high use of electronic funds transfer saves money, reduces paperwork, and improves cash management.

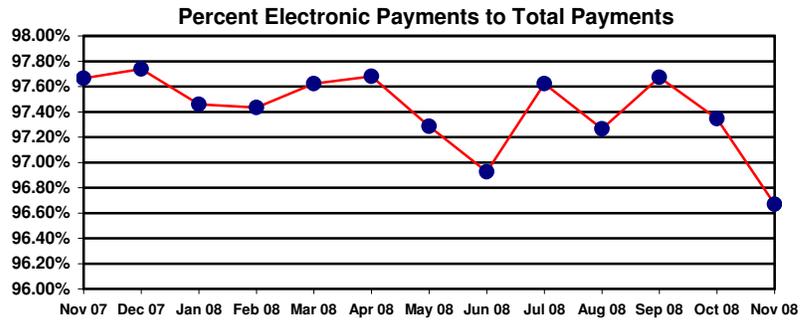
Goals

- Green – fully successful $\geq 96\%$
- Yellow – minimally successful $\geq 90\% - < 96\%$
- Red – unsuccessful $< 90\%$

Status

G Nov, 08: 96.67%

Month	Total Payments (Thousands)	Electronic Payments (Thousands)	Percent Electronic Payments to Total Payments
Nov 08	29.202	28.229	96.67%
Oct 08	28.836	28.071	97.35%
Sep 08	46.189	45.114	97.67%
Aug 08	33.378	32.465	97.26%
Jul 08	32.682	31.905	97.62%
Jun 08	32.945	31.932	96.93%
May 08	31.706	30.845	97.28%
Apr 08	32.188	31.441	97.68%
Mar 08	30.594	29.867	97.62%
Feb 08	30.401	29.621	97.43%
Jan 08	32.675	31.845	97.46%
Dec 07	29.884	29.208	97.74%
Nov 07	33.965	33.172	97.67%



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5a. Percent Invoices Paid on Time

What does it measure?

How many invoices are paid on time in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (PPA). The percentage of the dollar value of those invoices paid on time is also displayed, for contextual information.

[\(Explanation of 6/2007 Changes\)](#)

Why is it important?

Timely payment reduces interest charges and reflects a high degree of accountability and integrity.

Month	Percent \$ Value of Invoices Paid on Time	Percent Invoices Paid on Time (# of Invoices)
Nov 08	94.70%	97.60%
Oct 08	92.99%	97.91%
Sep 08	96.07%	98.89%
Aug 08	95.41%	99.02%
Jul 08	91.13%	98.50%
Jun 08	94.58%	98.72%
May 08	95.65%	99.44%
Apr 08	91.81%	98.95%
Mar 08	95.18%	98.27%
Feb 08	95.97%	97.96%
Jan 08	92.97%	97.23%
Dec 07	96.40%	98.28%
Nov 07	94.99%	98.30%

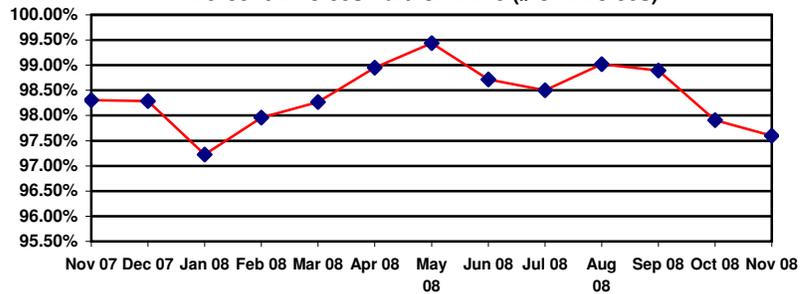
Goals

- Green – fully successful >= 98%
- Yellow – minimally successful >= 97% - < 98%
- Red – unsuccessful < 97%

Status

Y Nov, 08: 97.60%

Percent Invoices Paid on Time (# of Invoices)



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5b. Interest Penalties Paid

What does it measure?

The effect of late payments in the amount of interest penalties paid relative to the total dollars of invoices paid. The metric amount represents dollars of interest paid per \$1 million in total payments.

[\(Explanation of 6/2007 Changes\)](#)

Why is it important?

Smaller amounts of interest paid shows that an agency is paying its bills in a timely manner in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act. Not having to pay interest saves agencies money and allows funds to be used for their intended purpose.

Goals

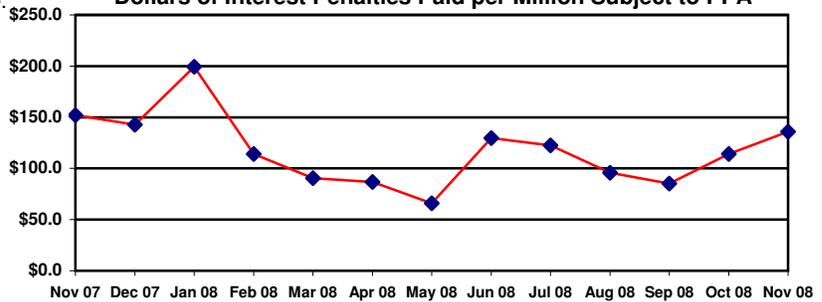
- Green – fully successful <= \$200
- Yellow – minimally successful > \$200 - <= \$300
- Red – unsuccessful > \$300

Status

G Nov, 08: \$135.82

Month	Interest Paid (Thousands)	Total Amount Paid Subj. To PPA (Millions)	Dollars of Interest per Million Subj. To PPA
Nov 08	\$37.909	\$279.1	\$135.82
Oct 08	\$41.945	\$367.1	\$114.27
Sep 08	\$36.827	\$432.8	\$85.10
Aug 08	\$36.408	\$380.3	\$95.75
Jul 08	\$45.110	\$368.6	\$122.38
Jun 08	\$50.539	\$390.2	\$129.53
May 08	\$23.673	\$359.3	\$65.88
Apr 08	\$37.156	\$429.0	\$86.62
Mar 08	\$37.008	\$409.0	\$90.48
Feb 08	\$43.646	\$382.4	\$114.14
Jan 08	\$76.301	\$383.0	\$199.24
Dec 07	\$62.171	\$435.9	\$142.62
Nov 07	\$58.596	\$385.1	\$152.16

Dollars of Interest Penalties Paid per Million Subject to PPA



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6a. Travel Card Delinquency Rates
Individually Billed Account (IBA)

What does it measure?

The percent of travel card balances outstanding over 61 days for Individually Billed Accounts (IBA).

Why is it important?

Reducing outstanding travel card balances helps increase rebates to agencies.

Month	IBA Balance (Thousands)	IBA Rate Percent
Nov 08	\$52.358	5.72%
Oct 08	\$65.100	7.11%
Sep 08	\$37.146	2.38%
Aug 08	\$45.612	1.89%
Jul 08	\$50.576	1.61%
Jun 08	\$69.256	1.92%
May 08	\$58.295	1.70%
Apr 08	\$46.811	1.44%
Mar 08	\$42.520	1.41%
Feb 08	\$72.698	2.08%
Jan 08	\$82.526	2.14%
Dec 07	\$32.509	0.84%
Nov 07	\$78.941	2.10%

Goals (IBA)

Green – fully successful <= 2%

Yellow – minimally successful > 2% - <= 4%

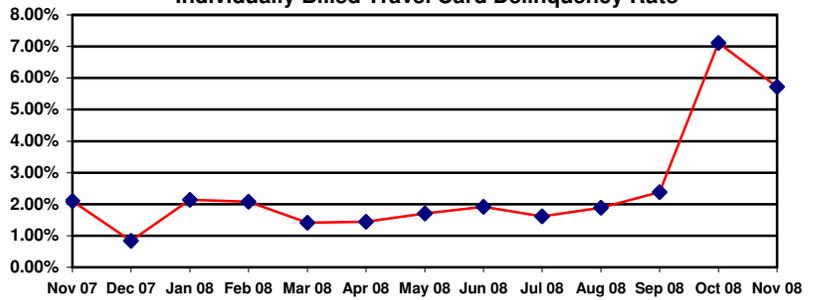
Red – unsuccessful > 4%

Status



Nov, 08: 5.72%

Individually Billed Travel Card Delinquency Rate



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6b. Travel Card Delinquency Rates
Centrally Billed Account (CBA)

What does it measure?

The percent of travel card balances outstanding over 61 days for Centrally Billed Accounts (CBA).

Why is it important?

Reducing outstanding travel card balances helps increase rebates to agencies.

Goals (CBA)

Green – fully successful = 0%

Yellow – minimally successful > 0% - <= 1.5%

Red – unsuccessful > 1.5%

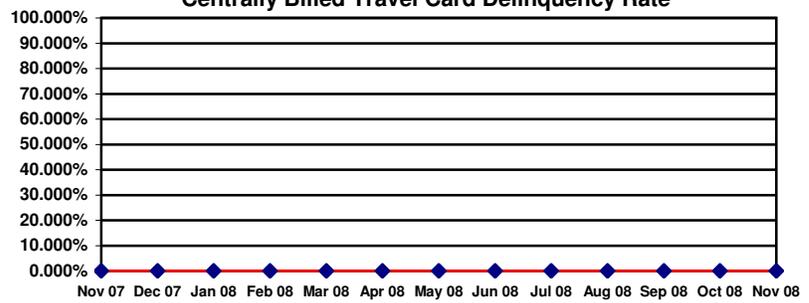
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Nov, 08: 0.00%

Month	CBA Balance (Thousands)	CBA Rate Percent
Nov 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Oct 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Sep 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Aug 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Jul 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Jun 08	\$0.000	0.00%
May 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Apr 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Mar 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Feb 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Jan 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Dec 07	\$0.000	0.00%
Nov 07	\$0.000	0.00%

Centrally Billed Travel Card Delinquency Rate



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6c. Purchase Card Delinquency Rates

What does it measure?

The percent of purchase card balances outstanding over 61 days.

Why is it important?

Reducing outstanding purchase card balances helps increase rebates to agencies and reduces interest payments.

Goals

Green – fully successful = 0%

Yellow – minimally successful > 0% - <= 1.5%

Red – unsuccessful > 1.5%

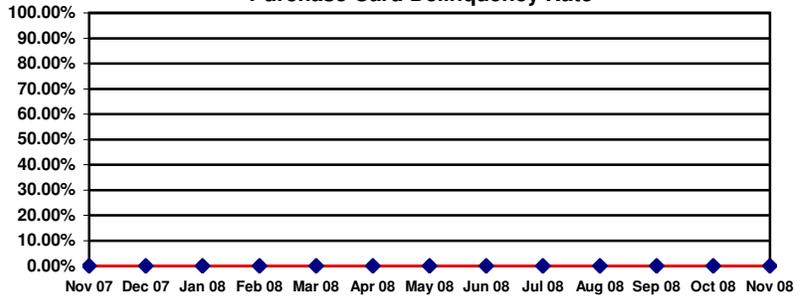
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Nov, 08: 0.00%

Month	Balance (Thousands)	Rate Percent
Nov 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Oct 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Sep 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Aug 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Jul 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Jun 08	\$0.000	0.00%
May 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Apr 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Mar 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Feb 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Jan 08	\$0.000	0.00%
Dec 07	\$0.000	0.00%
Nov 07	\$0.000	0.00%

Purchase Card Delinquency Rate



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How are we doing?

Federal agencies are owed debts from a variety of individuals and entities. A few examples of debt are loan repayments, duplicate or erroneous grant or entitlement payments, as well as fines or penalties and other debts. These debts total billions of dollars government-wide. Improving the management of these debts – especially improved performance in the collection of outstanding debts – is important to ensuring that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

Indicator 3, Delinquent Accounts Receivable from the Public, of the Metric Tracking System (MTS) reports on public debt that has been delinquent for more than 180 days. According to the metric goals, agencies have a way to go to meet the Green standard. What the data doesn't show, however, is why some agencies are reporting more delinquent debt than others. For example, some agencies: (1) have a high percentage of debt in litigation; (2) are attempting to collect from bankrupt debtors; or (3) are collecting debt at guaranteed lenders. Each of these efforts often takes considerable time to resolve.

Agencies are diligently working to reduce the amount of delinquent debt in this category by improving the screening of potential borrowers and improving internal agency collection practices. In the case of credit programs, improvements are also being made in litigating the debt at the Department of Justice, and transferring the debt to the Department of the Treasury for cross-servicing and administrative offset opportunities.