

# Data Quality Management, Performance Measures, and Traffic Records Inventory

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# Workshop Overview

Introductions

Traffic Records Inventory

Overview of Data Quality Management

Data Quality Management Implementation

Practical Performance Management

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# Traffic Records Inventory



# What is a Traffic Records Inventory?

- NHTSA's *Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory, 2018 Edition* (DOT HS 812 601)
- “Traffic Records Inventory: A compilation of contact information, data dictionaries, data flows, user and instructional manuals, and other system documentation for all components of the traffic records system.”

# What is Included?

- Traffic records data sources
- System custodians
- Data elements and attributes
- Linkage variables
- Linkages useful to the State
- Data access policies

# Why Have One?

- Stakeholders
  - Provides contact information
  - Improves accessibility
- Analysis
  - Identifies data that is collected
- Linkage and Integration
  - Identifies data elements that are common in datasets
  - Allows for more robust analysis

# Tabular Data

System	Agency	Data	Data Type	Website	POC Name	POC Title	POC Email
Citation or Adjudication	ISP	CHRI Criminal History Record Information		N/A- available under LEADS			
Citation or Adjudication	ISP	CCH Computerized Criminal History		N/A- available under LEADS			
Citation or Adjudication	ISP/ILSOS	ADR Automated Disposition Reporting	Data Dictionary available	Not available to outside parties			
Citation or Adjudication	AOIC	Circuit Court Vicil, Criminal, and Traffic Assess	Assessment Reports	<a href="https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/reports/reports-circuit-court-civil-criminal-and-traffic">https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/reports/reports-circuit-court-civil-criminal-and-traffic</a>			
Citation or Adjudication	AOIC	Plead and Pay Traffic/Conservation Tickets (e	Electronic Guilty Pleas	<a href="https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/eservices/Plead-and-Pay-Traffic">https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/eservices/Plead-and-Pay-Traffic</a>			
Citation or Adjudication	AOIC	Illinois Circuit Court Statistics	List of quarterly statist	<a href="https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/courts/circuit-court/illinois-circuit-court-statistics">https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/courts/circuit-court/illinois-circuit-court-statistics</a>			
Citation or Adjudication	ISP	NCIC	Manual	<a href="https://isp.illinois.gov">https://isp.illinois.gov</a>	ISP		ISP
Citation or Adjudication	FBI	LEEP- Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal	Portal	<a href="https://www.cjis.gov">https://www.cjis.gov</a>	FBI		
Crash	IDOT	CIS	Data Dictionary	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Mark Blankenship	Crash Information Section r	23C
Crash	IDOT (NHTSA)	FARS		<a href="https://www-fars.nhtsa.gov">https://www-fars.nhtsa.gov</a>	Greg Gifford	Fatality Data Unit Manager	23C
Crash	IDOT	Third Party XML System	Manual; Database Sche	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Anne Hillen	Traffic Statistics Unit Manag	23C
Crash	IDOT	Crash Data		<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Bureau of Data Collection		IDC
Crash	IDPH	Data Collection		<a href="https://data.illinois.gov">https://data.illinois.gov</a>	IDPH		
Crash	DOT/IDOT	Work Zone Safety and Mobility	Rule	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Doing-Business/Manuals-Guide">https://idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Doing-Business/Manuals-Guide</a>			
Crash	IDOT	ISATe - Enhanced Interchange Safety Analysis	User Manual	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Martha Brown	Safety Policy & Initiatives E	IDC
Crash	IDOT	HSM Crash Prediction Tool Version 3.0	User Manual	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Martha Brown	Safety Policy & Initiatives E	IDC
Crash	IDOT	HSIP Benefit-Cost Tool	DRAFT User Manual	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Martha Brown	Safety Policy & Initiatives E	IDC
Crash	DOT	HSIS Highway Safety Information System	Database	<a href="http://www.hsisinfo.gov">http://www.hsisinfo.gov</a>	Ana Maria Eigen		Tur
Crash	IDOT	HSIP Policy: Safety 1-06	Policy	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Martha Brown	Safety Policy & Initiatives E	IDC
Crash	IDOT	Safety Portal	Safety Portal (Scroll to	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	IDOT		
Crash	IDOT	Illinois Traffic Crash Report	Instruction Manual	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Bureau of Data Collection		
Crash	IDOT	SHSP	Plan	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov">https://idot.illinois.gov</a>	Martha Brown	Safety Policy & Initiatives E	IDC
Crash/EMS or Injury Sur	IDPH	IVRS Illinois Vital Records System	Database	<a href="https://ivrs.dph.illinois.gov">https://ivrs.dph.illinois.gov</a>	IDPH		
Crash/EMS or Injury Sur	IDPH	IVRS Illinois Vital Records System	Data Dictionary				
Crash/EMS or Injury Sur	IDPH	Vital Statistics- Death Statistics		<a href="https://dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics/vital-statistics/death-statistics.html">https://dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics/vital-statistics/death-statistics.html</a>			
Crash/Roadway	IDOT	Data Driven Decisions	Work in progress but o	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov/data-driven-decisions.html">https://idot.illinois.gov/data-driven-decisions.html</a>			
Driver	ISP	LEADS 3.0		<a href="https://isp.illinois.gov/LawEnforcement/LEADS">https://isp.illinois.gov/LawEnforcement/LEADS</a>	ISP		ISP
Driver	ILSOS	CDLIS		N/A	Jamie Daley		
Driver	ILSOS	PDPS		N/A	Jamie Daley		
Driver	ILSOS	Illinois Driver System	Data Dictionary- this w	N/A	Unknown		
Driver	IDPH	IQUERY	Query System in IPLAN	<a href="https://iquery.illinois.gov/iquery/">https://iquery.illinois.gov/iquery/</a>			
Driver	IDPH/CDC	BRFSS- Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System		<a href="https://www.cdc.gov">https://www.cdc.gov</a>	Sam Saini	BRFSS Coordinator	IDP
Driver/Vehicle	IDOT	SafetyNet			Tom Wise	Commercial Vehicle Safety	IDC
Driver/Vehicle	ILSOS	*Microsoft Azure (will be implemented to cre	Data Lake	Not yet created	Jamie Daley		



# Does the Illinois TRCC Have One?



## Illinois

Traffic Records Inventory

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# Walk Through Crash System

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# Crash System

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## Traffic Records Data Systems

### Crash System

#### System Overview

The Illinois Crash system, referred to as the Crash Information System (CIS), is consolidated into a single database housed within the Illinois Department of Transportation. Illinois utilized MMUCC and ANSI D.16 as part of the establishment of their Crash system and referenced MMUCC 5th edition during 2019 revisions to the crash report form.

Illinois has the ability to populate Driver and Vehicle data through its LEADS interface, which improves data quality and accuracy for the Crash system. An interface with the Roadway system data allows for population of centerline and roadway inventory data into the Crash system.

#### Data Sources

*Provide a description of the sources for the data in the system.*

*Example: Crash data is collected by law enforcement officers using [system or form]. There are approximately [number] of law enforcement agencies that collect crash data.*

#### System Architecture

*Database Software and Version*

*[insert information]*

*Web Application Server*

*[insert information]*

*Development Technology*

*[insert information]*

#### Interfaces, Integrations, and Linkage Variables

*Include a list of different interfaces used with the system. Also include possible linkage variables for integration.*

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*Example: The data collection tool in CRS interfaces with the Driver and Vehicle systems to autofill information on the drivers and vehicles involved in the crash.*

*The Crash database includes the following variables that may be used to link to other data systems: Date, Time, Location, Name, Driver License (DL) number.*

- Illinois State Police LEADS 3.0 - Populates Driver and Vehicle data into CIS
- Approved Third Party XML Vendors

## Data Governance

*System Owner (Agency, Point of Contact (POC))*

Agency: Illinois Department of Transportation

POC Name: Mark Blankenship

Title: Crash Information Section Manager

Address: 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Room 019, Springfield, IL 62764

Email: [Mark.Blankenship@illinois.gov](mailto:Mark.Blankenship@illinois.gov)

*Data Access Policies*

*Include policies related to data access.*

*Data Requests*

*Include policies and procedures for data requests.*

*Legislative Requirements*

- Illinois statute (625 ILCS 5/11-408) requires that crash reports be submitted to the Department "...within 10 days after investigation of the motor vehicle accident."

*Data Standards*

*Include any data standards that the system uses.*

- MMUCC
- ANSI D.16
- FARS

*Change Management*

*Include any requirements or processes for changes.*

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*Users*

*Include any system users—collectors, managers, and analysts.*

**System Documentation**

*User Manuals*

<b>Title</b>	Illinois Traffic Crash Report Instruction Manual
<b>Agency</b>	Illinois Department of Transportation
<b>Point of Contact</b>	Bureau of Data Collection
<b>Date of Last Update</b>	<i>[Month] [Day], [Year]</i>
<b>Document Location/Hyperlink</b>	<a href="https://idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Transportation-System/Manuals-Guides-&amp;-Handbooks/Safety/Illinois%20Traffic%20Crash%20Report%20OSR%201050%20Instruction%20Manual%202019.pdf">https://idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Transportation-System/Manuals-Guides-&amp;-Handbooks/Safety/Illinois%20Traffic%20Crash%20Report%20OSR%201050%20Instruction%20Manual%202019.pdf</a>
<b>Summary/Description</b>	<i>[Insert]</i>

*Data Dictionary*

<b>Title</b>	Dictionary of Data Elements
<b>Agency</b>	Illinois Department of Transportation
<b>Point of Contact</b>	Bureau of Data Collection
<b>Date of Last Update</b>	January, 2019
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# Crash System

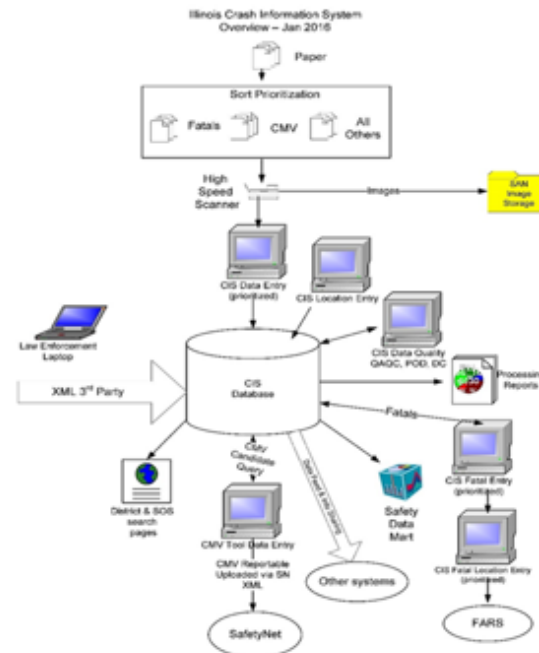
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## Data Schema

Title	[Insert]
Agency	[Insert]
Point of Contact	[Insert]
Date of Last Update	[Month] [Day], [Year]
Document Location/Hyperlink	[Insert]
Summary/Description	[Insert]

## System Diagrams





# Overview of Data Quality Management



# Data Quality Management Overview

- Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory
- Formal
- Comprehensive
- Applies to every system
- A program *and* a plan



# Data Quality Management Overview

- Involves stakeholders
- TRCC role (oversight, support, accountability)
- Roles and responsibilities
- What to do if there are data problems
- How do you *know* when there are problems

# Data Quality Management Overview

## System Attributes



Timeliness



Accuracy



Completeness



Uniformity



Integration



Accessibility

# Data Quality Management Overview

## Performance Measurements

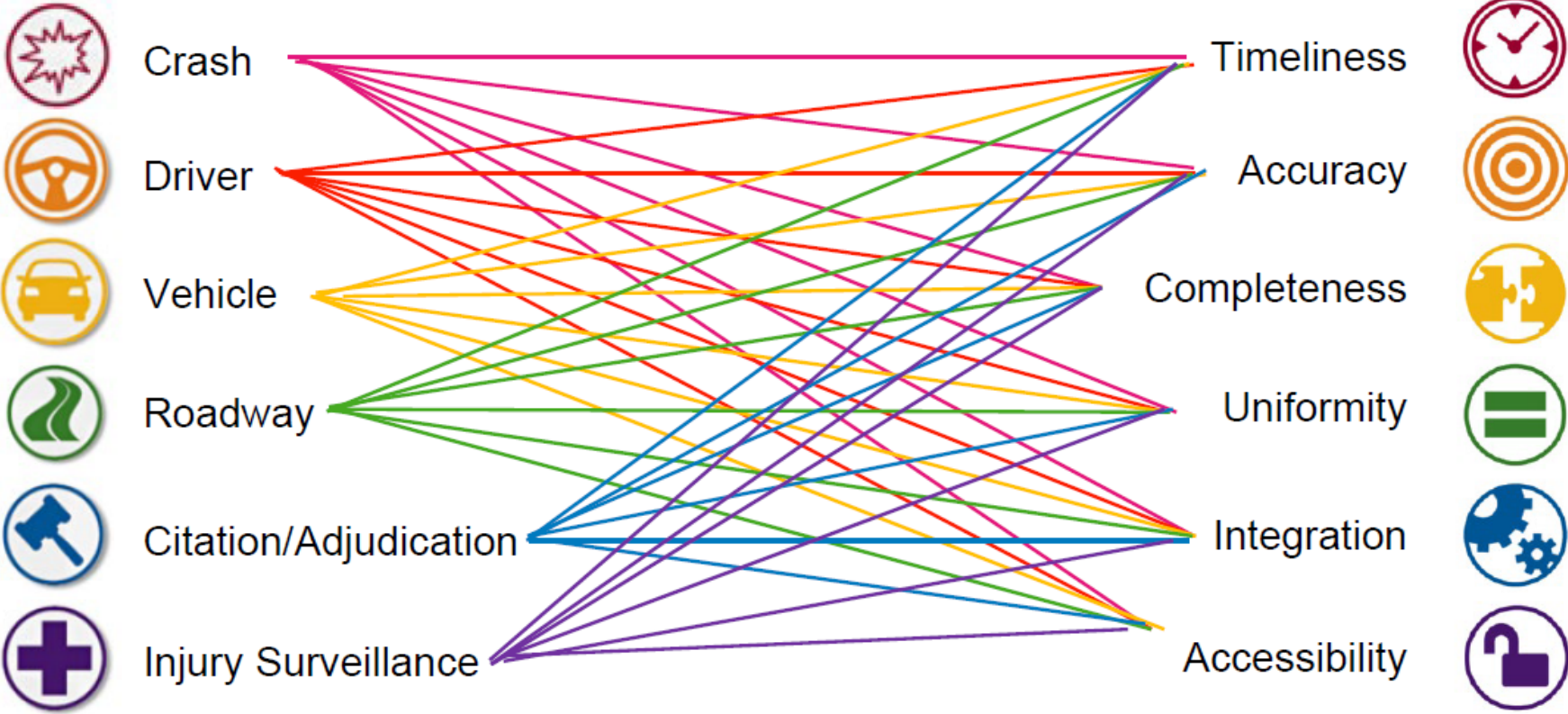
- We will spend more time on this
- It's not the *only* component
- It's important
- States struggle with it
- The six attributes and six systems “issue”

# Data Quality Management Overview

## Data Program Improvements

- All six systems have a set of data quality attributes that TRCCs work to improve
- The next slide shows this interconnectedness

# Data Program Improvements



# Data Quality Management Overview

## Strategic Planning Tie-In

- Data program (system) improvements
- TRCC role
- Project funding
- Goals and objectives
- Traffic Records Strategic Plan

# BREAK

# Open Discussion

- What data do you use?
- Do you use data to support program planning efforts?
- Are there any challenges to accessing data?
- What data do you need?





# Data Quality Management Implementation



# Form a Committee

- TRCC subcommittee
- Data governance subcommittee
- Members should represent all the data systems included in the plan
- Appoint a Chair or Facilitator
- Establish ground rules

# Develop a Plan

- The plan should:
  - Reflect the group's ability to implement and maintain
  - Be updated regularly at committee meetings
  - Frame performance management items respectfully and include possible solutions
  - Contain the components discussed in the next section

# Incorporate These Components

- Stakeholder involvement
- System documentation review
- Edit checks and validation rules review
- Data audit process
- Periodic QC data analysis process
- Error correction processes
- Aids to data collection
- Performance management

# Stakeholder Involvement

Role	Name	Agency
Data system manager	John Doe	
QA/QC supervisor		
Data steward/custodian		
Data entry/quality review staff member(s):		
Data analyst performing QC checks		
Data collector 1		
Data collector 2		
User representatives		
IT system support staff		
Others (TRCC chair, external advisors, liaison to data governance group, etc.)		

# *System Documentation Review*

- System inventory
- Data dictionary(-ies)
- Entity relationships, flow diagrams
- Post processing descriptions
- Data outputs

# *Edit Checks and Validation Rules*

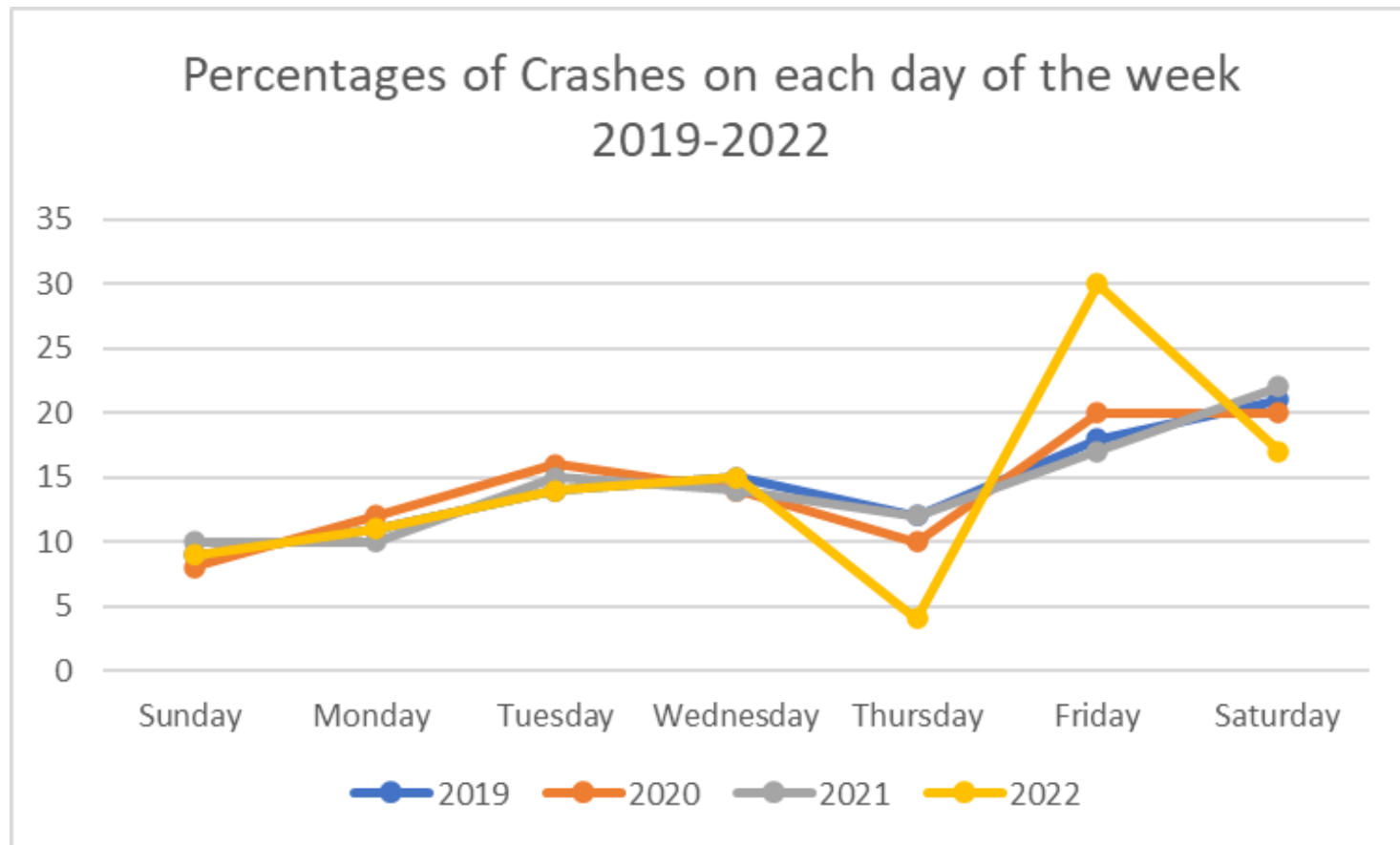
- Establish a working group of stakeholders
- Review “consequential” edit checks
- “Logical” agreement between data values
- Catch errors that matter for accuracy/completeness
- Remember system acceptance

# *Data Audit Process*

- Periodic random sample
- Use experts to judge the sample
- Train to criterion agreement
- Use results for training content & new edit checks



# Periodic QC Data Analysis Process





# *Error Correction Processes*

TABLE NAME	<i>ErrorLog</i>
Record_Num	Key field
Data_Element	Variable containing error
Error_Type	Code value
Error_Descr	Description of Error
Reported_By	Person reporting error
Reported_Date	Date error was reported
Correction	Exact change made to the database
Corrected_By	Person entering the correction
Correction_Date	Date correction was entered into database

# *Aids to Data Collection*

- Smart map technology
- Human factors design
- Linkage/autocompletion

# *Performance Management*

- Observable
- Quantifiable
- Meaningful
- Intentional
- Goal oriented

Performance management ties data to actions.

# *Data Quality* Performance Management

- Uses data about data (metadata)
- Describes “how good”
- Focuses on usefulness for decision-making
- Informs collectors, managers, and users
- Establishes goals

Data quality performance management turns metadata into actions to improve the data to meet quantified expectations.

# *Benefits of Performance Management*

- You *know* your quality
- You can plan improvements
- Tie budgets to size of improvement
- User communication
- Data collector outreach
- Build support among decision makers
- Decide what *not* to do (benefit/cost)
- **Other?**



# Practical Performance Management





Start small

Prioritize

Involve

Redefine the measures

Use the results

# Start Small

- What can we do easily?
- What can we automate?
- What do we *really need*?

# Prioritize

- Which systems are most critical? Most at risk?
- Which attributes matter most?
- What problems are we trying to solve?
- Which data elements do decision makers use?

# Involve

- **Data Collectors**

*How would you like to be measured?*

- **Data Managers**

*What do you need to know about the data?*

- **Data Users**

*What would give you confidence in the data?*

# Redefine

- There should be variability
- There should be movement
- If it's stable for years on end, why measure?  
(if it's at 99.9% maybe retire the measurement)

# Does It *Ever* Change?

- Do you have any measurements right now that aren't changing or aren't telling you much new information from year to year?

# Use the Results

- Measure change
- Repeat
- Report
- Consider

# *Measure Change*

- Did data quality really improve or get worse?
- Is it a meaningful change, reflecting reality?
- How much should it change before we agree the change is meaningful?
- Face validity



# *Repeat*

- Can we measure every month, quarter, year?
- Can we report it frequently enough?

# *Report*

- How often should we measure something?
- How often should we report it?
- Are there differing needs depending on who's asking?

# *Consider: Scalability*

- Do the local numbers add up statewide?
- Can we measure combined impacts of programs?
- Do the numbers roll-up over time and jurisdictions?

# *Consider: Roll-ups and Efficiency*

- Are there any measurements that make sense to roll-up from daily (for data managers), to monthly or quarterly (for data collectors and the TRCC), to annual (for data analysts and decision makers)?

# Re-cap

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# Wrap Up

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