



# Oversight Tools: Performance and Evidence

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# Outline

- Introduction and Overview
- Performance Measurement Across the States
- State Examples
- Questions





# Evidence-Informed Policymaking



## Rigorous

Best available evidence and data to inform decisions



## Actionable

Tools and practices you can use to make decisions



## Results-Oriented

Find what works and where more information is needed



## Ongoing

Knowledge to inform future decisions

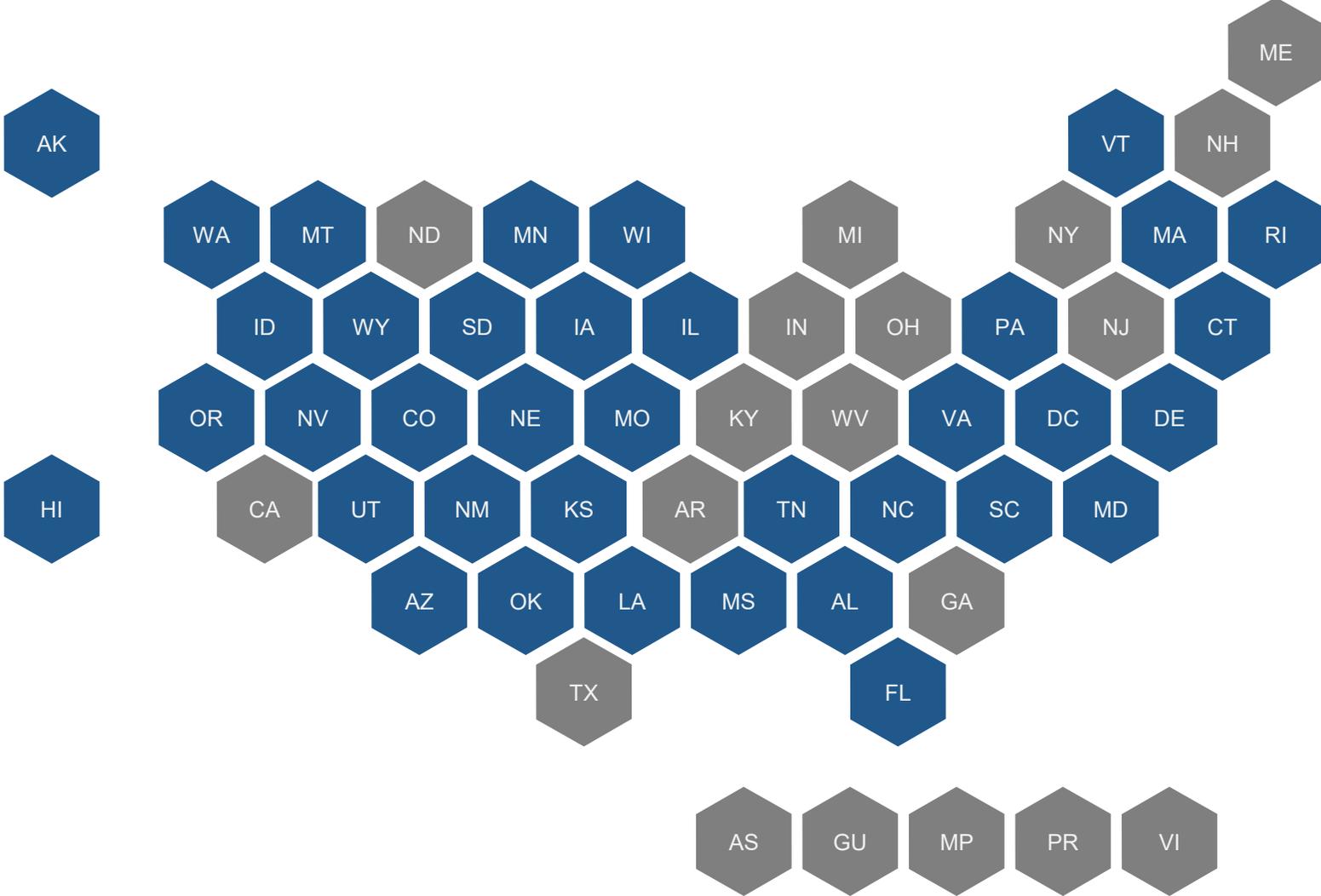
# Performance Measurement Across the States

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36 States and D.C.

Statutory requirements for performance measures

Most enacted 1990s or later

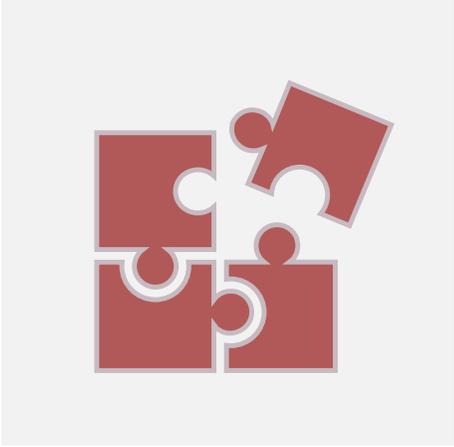


# Common Features and Considerations

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**Timely, Reliable  
Data**



**Big Picture**



**Role of Evidence**



**Structures**

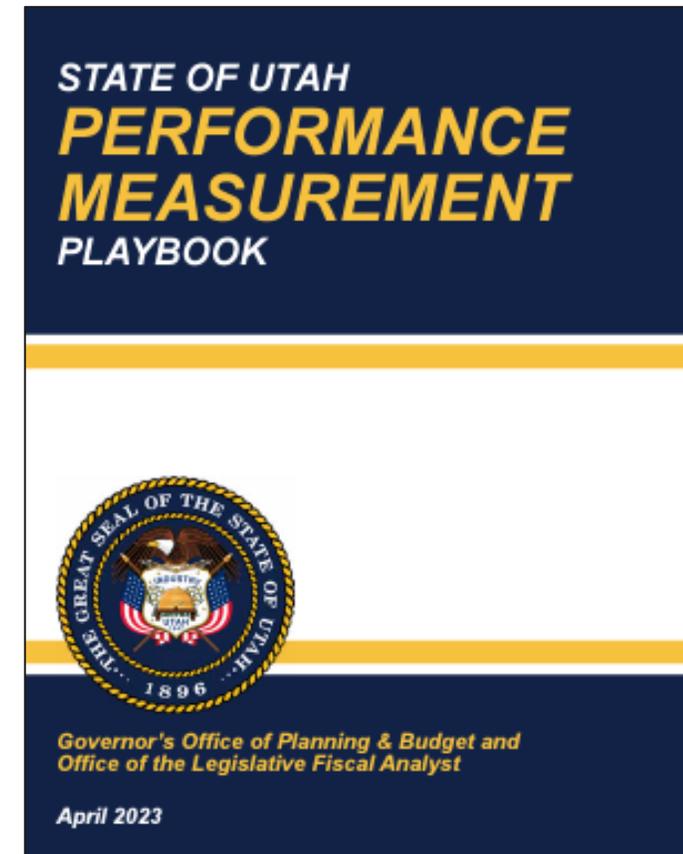


**Reporting and  
Communication**

# Utah Performance Measurement Process



- Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
  - Develop, review, and approve measures
  - Create performance measure dashboard and resources, trainings



[Utah GOPB Performance Measures](#)

# New Mexico Legislating for Results Framework



Identify priority areas and performance



Review program inventory and effectiveness



Budget development



Implementation oversight



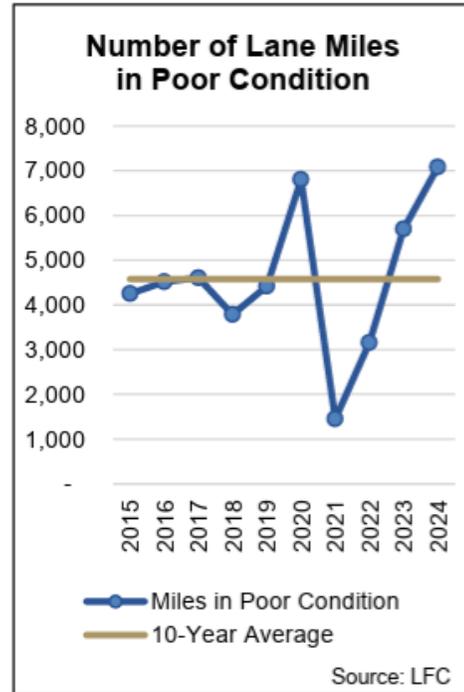
Outcome monitoring

[New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee](#)

# New Mexico Agency Report Cards



Quarterly agency report cards that provide program ratings and analysis of performance data



## Department of Transportation, Q1 FY 26

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Target	FY26 Q1	FY26 Q2	FY26 Q3	Rating
Projects completed according to schedule	85%	94%	88%	88%			G
Statewide pavement lane miles preserved	2,966	3,888	3,500	1,049			G
Lane miles in poor condition	5,696	7,080	4,000	7,080			R
Traffic fatalities	410	431	400	92			Y
<b>Program Rating: Project Design and Const.</b>	G	Y					G
<b>Program Rating: Highway Operations</b>	G	G					Y
<b>Program Rating: Modal</b>	R	R					R
<b>Program Rating: Program Support</b>	G	G					G

\*Measure is classified as explanatory and does not have a target.

# Indiana Management Performance Hub



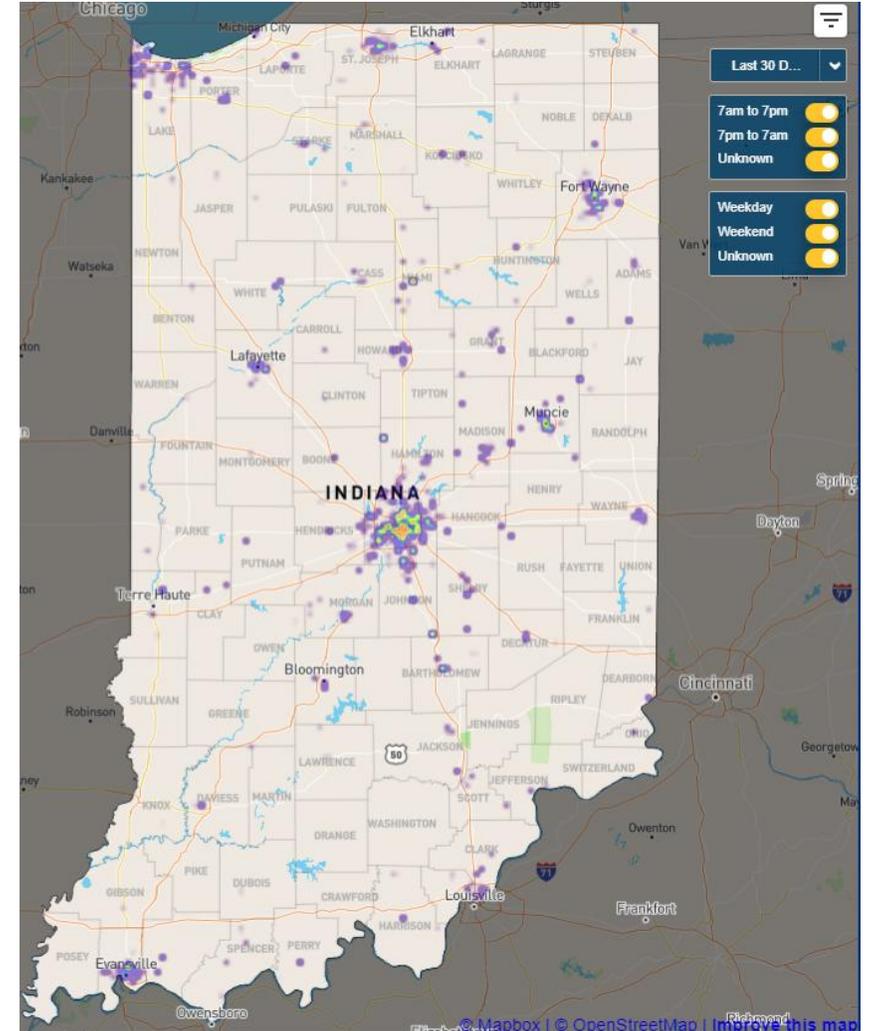
Supports data integration, data sharing and data analytics across state government to enhance data-driven decision making.

- Indiana Data Hub
- Data dashboards
- Online training for state workforce



[Indiana Management Performance Hub](#)

[Indiana Data Hub](#)



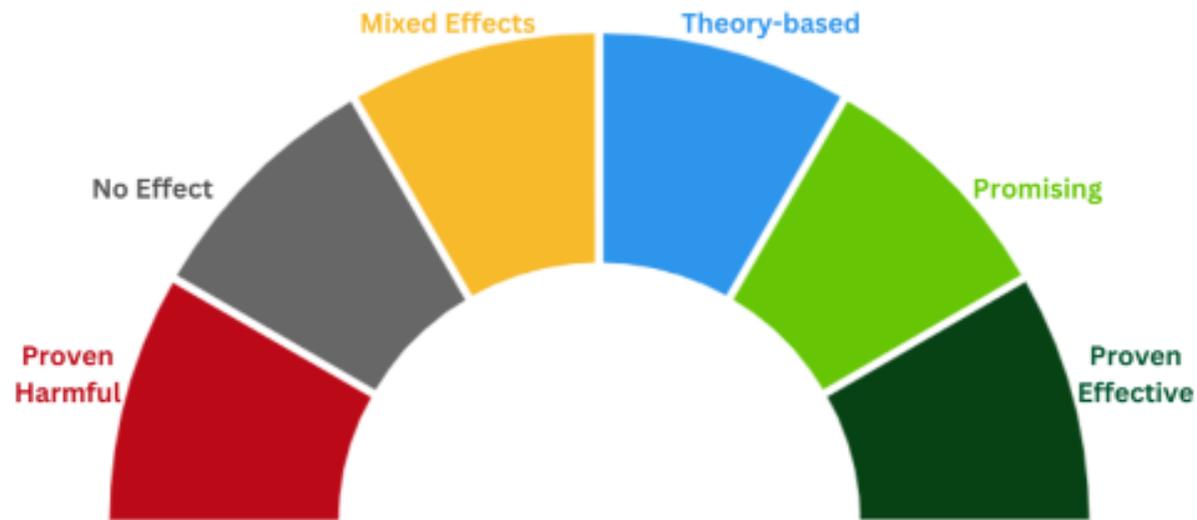
# Colorado Evidence Designations



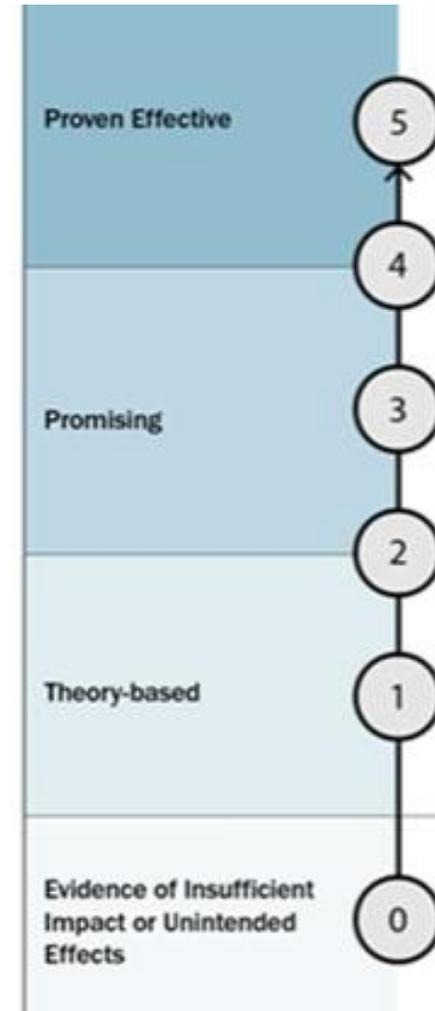
Prioritize funding requests by describing effectiveness of programs and practices based on best available research evidence:

- Proven
- Promising
- Evidence-informed
- Insufficient evidence
- Harmful

# Other Evidence Scales



[North Carolina Office of State Budget & Management](#)



[Rhode Island Office of Management and Budget](#)

# Government Efficiency and Effectiveness



## EXECUTIVE

- **California** Efficient and Effective Government
- **Iowa** DOGE Task Force
- **Louisiana** Fiscal Responsibility Program
- **New Hampshire** Governor's Commission on Government Efficiency
- **Oklahoma** Division of Government Efficiency (DOGE-OK)

## LEGISLATIVE

- **North Dakota HB 1442:** Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency
- **Texas SB 14:** Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office
- **Kansas** Senate Government Efficiency Committee
- **South Carolina** House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee

# Resources

## NCSL Resources

- [Policy Snapshot: Evidence-Informed Policymaking](#)
- [ABC's of Evidence-Informed Policymaking](#)
- [How States Are Using Evidence to Drive Better Results](#)
- [Using Data and Evidence to Make Strategic Budget Decisions](#)
- [Taking a Cue from DOGE, States Adopt Efficiency Initiatives](#)

## Other Resources

- [National Association of State Budget Officers \(NASBO\): Budget Processes in the States 2021](#)
- [Evidence-Based Policymaking Resource Center](#)
- [Results for America](#)



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