

Accountability Pillar Evaluation Methodology

Each measure within the set of Accountability Pillar measures is evaluated on two bases: achievement and improvement, then given an overall evaluation that combines the achievement and improvement evaluations.

The **achievement** evaluation is based on comparing the current jurisdiction result against fixed provincial standards for each measure. This results in one of the following achievement levels:

- Very high (blue)
- High (green)
- Intermediate (yellow)
- Low (orange)
- Very low (red)

The standards for each measure are set by selecting the 5th, 25th, 75th and 95th percentiles on the distribution of all jurisdictions' baseline three-year average results.

The **improvement** evaluation is based on comparing the current jurisdiction results with the prior three-year average jurisdiction result for each measure using a statistical test. This results in one of the following improvement levels:

- Improved significantly (blue)
- Improved (green)
- Maintained (yellow)
- Declined (orange)
- Declined significantly (red)

The evaluations of improvement and achievement are combined for the **overall** evaluation for the measure.

Similarly, each of the seven categories of measures is given an evaluation that is based on an average of the overall evaluation for each measure within the category. This results in one of the following **category evaluations**:

- Excellent (blue)
- Good (green)
- Acceptable (yellow)
- Issue (orange)
- Concern (red)

For more information on the Accountability Pillar Evaluation Methodology, contact measurement.learning@gov.ab.ca