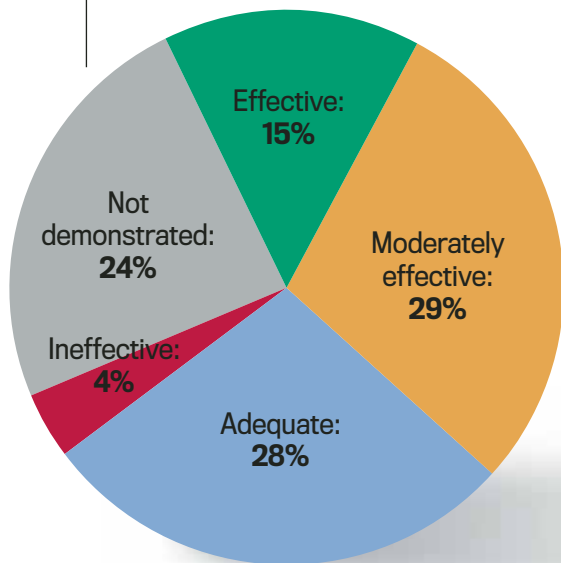


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The Office of Management and Budget uses the Program Assessment Rating Tool to determine whether federal programs are working as well as they should be. Programs that get passing marks receive ratings of “effective,” “moderately effective” or “adequate.” Those that do not meet expectations get an “ineffective” or a “results not demonstrated” rating.



Here is an explanation of those ratings and how 793 programs have scored.

1 Effective: Program has ambitious goals, achieves results, is well-managed and improves efficiency.

2 Moderately effective: Program has ambitious goals and is well-managed. It may be inefficient or have other weaknesses in its design or management.

3 Adequate: Program needs to have more ambitious goals, achieve better results, improve accountability or strengthen its management practices.

4 Ineffective: Program has not used funds effectively. It has been unable to achieve results because of a lack of clarity regarding its purpose or goals, poor management or other significant weakness.

5 Results not demonstrated: Program has been unable to develop acceptable performance goals or collect data on performance.

Source: Office of Management and Budget