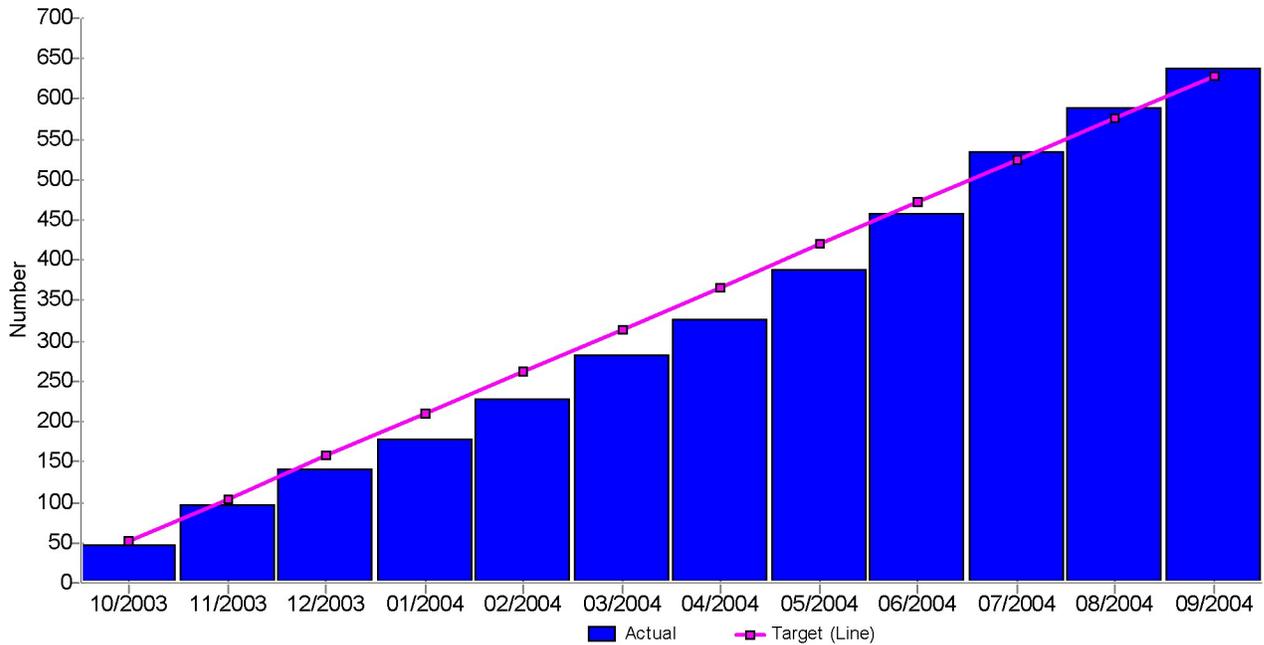


Status of FAA Performance Targets

TGT: A&B Op Errors (FAA) This Year to Date (Sum)



Description

TGT: Reduce the number of most serious (Categories A and B) air traffic control operational errors by 15%, to no more than 563 by FY 2008. (FY 2004 target is no more than 629.)

The chart indicates the monthly total of serious operational errors. The graph shows the cumulative number of serious operational errors versus the target.

Period Table

	Actual	Target (Line)	Target (Line) - Index Range
10/2003	47	52	Green
11/2003	96	105	Green
12/2003	141	157	Green
01/2004	177	210	Green
02/2004	228	262	Green
03/2004	281	315	Green
04/2004	327	367	Green
05/2004	388	419	Green
06/2004	458	472	Green
07/2004	534	524	Red
08/2004	589	577	Red
09/2004	637	629	Red

Commentary (09/2004)

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Cumulative monthly performance Limit: 629

Actual YTD FY04: 637 (preliminary)

Actual performance (Sept 04): 48 (preliminary)

The Fiscal Year 2004 Target (629 Category A&B operational errors) was not met.

The Office of Safety Services is currently reviewing operational error performance data so as to formulate new performance targets that take into account changes in the NAS since the original targets were established.

Despite advances in aviation safety, there are several reasons why the number of reported operational errors could be expected to increase.

Status of FAA Performance Targets

- Changes to Fleet Aircraft Mix
- Reduce Vertical Separation Minima (RVSM)
- Aviation Safety Action Plan (ASAP) for Air Traffic Controllers
- Aging Controller Workforce/New Hires

While improvements in air traffic services and other factors may result in an increase in the numbers of operational errors reported, the relation between such an increase and safety or level of risk in the system will need to be further defined.