

## Software Currency

This measure gauges the extent to which commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) software products, widely used by employees throughout the IRS, are at least within one version of the most current releases. Keeping IRS COTS software reasonably current ensures that the latest security updates are available to the IRS to protect taxpayer data and IRS systems, and that the full capabilities of given software can be used to serve taxpayers. The IRS target is to ensure that, by the year 2017, at least 85 percent of such software products used by IRS employees reflect either the most current releases, or the second most current releases.

