

Air Traffic Control System Command Center Activities and Perspective

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Air Traffic Management Goals

Demand = capacity

Apply the right amount of control

Promote a system view

→ Collaborative Decision Making

Flight Operator Desires

Predictability

Resource utilization

Communication

Adaptability

Minimal delay

How to Quantify Forecasting Benefits

Forecast confidence

→ Make the best decision based on available information

Over vs. Under-forecasting

→ Demand ≠ Capacity

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

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Operation counts

Cancellations

Diversions

Holding

Go-arounds

Taxi-backs

Completion rate

Delays

Combine to tell a story...

Saturday, July 20th KPI Overview

System Operations: 98,629 System Delays: 1,642

Facility	OPSNET Operations	Cancellations Departures / Arrivals	Diversions	Ground Stop Events / Minutes	Airborne Holding Events / Minutes	Taxi Out 90-119 / 120-179 / 180+ / Taxibacks	Completion Rate
ATL	2,350	74 / 55	82	0/0	92 / 3,161	12/5/1	95.49
DFW	1,749	27 / 20	25	6 / 281	41 / 1,045	1/1/0	97.67
DEN	1,567	13 / 14	9	16 / 485	33 / 607	0/0/0	98.16
ORD	2,372	38 / 53	9	8 / 310	19 / 377	0/0/0	95.32
IAH	1,277	16 / 8	6	11 / 411	18 / 386	0/0/0	98.71

Metrics and KPIs are more than just numbers...

All the reporting and analysis in the world is of no value if it doesn't result in changed behavior.

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