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MEASURES & METRICS EXAMPLES

You may have the words measures, metrics and KPI (Key Performance Indicator) being used by your accountant, business manager or money coach.

A **measure** is a value or number that comes from a measurement. A business can track its different types of measures as an outcome, activity or productivity.

A **metric** is a calculation between 2 measures, a percentage or a ratio. For each metric, the measured quantity has to relate directly to an overall business goal. Signs of a good metric include reproducibility and comparable to universal benchmarks.

A **KPI** is a measurable value when agreed upon by the business and tracked on a regular basis, helps the business owner, key department or an industry reveal their progress in achieving their business objectives compared to the target. The value can be measured over a particular time frame, and compared against past performance or a widely accepted benchmark.

As a business owner you need to determine which measures and metrics should be considered as KPIs in your business, and then track the performance of them on a regular basis.

Some examples:

MEASURES	METRICS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)
 Sales revenue Gross margin Net profit margin Average length of stay Average time to ship 	 Revenue per employee Email open rate Customer acquisition cost Expenses per employee 	 Profit per customer visit Times interest earned Inventory turnover Inventory to sales ratio On-time delivery %