CORE

There are 3 basic metrics in Kanban. Let's explore them briefly.

KANBAN METRICS

LEAD TIME

Lead time is the time it takes for a single work item to pass through the system from the start (commitment point) to completion



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DELIVERY RATE

Delivery rate is the number of completed work items per unit of time, such as features per week, training classes per months, or new hires per month



3 WIP (WORK IN PROGRESS)

WIP (work in progress) is the amount of work items in the system (or a defined part of it) at a certain point in time



These core metrics
are used in various
graphical
representations to
understand system
behavior and identify
opportunities for
improvement

You can use such charts as lead time run chart, lead time distribution chart, and cumulative flow diagram (CFD) to track and analyze these metrics.

