

FACTS BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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Did you know?...

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Executive Summary

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Large Impacts On Workers

Numerous federal workers are being furloughed or mandated to work without pay, meaning that not only are there shortages in government services including air traffic control shortages, but hundreds of thousands of federal employees are not receiving paychecks.

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- Of those 700,000, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, and active military personal all are [required](#) to [continue](#) working without pay.
- Several transportation coverage incidents related to staffing have already been reported during the government shutdown, with FAA [issued](#) staffing-related ground stops/delays at Austin on October 14, 2025, and [reported](#) shortages at multiple air traffic control towers since the shutdown began.

Service Interruptions

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- Immigration employment verification, E-Verify, was [down](#) for the first week of October, but resumed on October 9, 2025 with a catch up window for users.
- The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has [limited](#) many of their services, including actions needing FHA underwriter review are delayed and multifamily closings limited to pre-committed deals.
- While the Department of State has [confirmed](#) that passport and visa applications have continued with reduced staffing, delays in response and service are expected as the government shutdown continues.

- Many facilities [overseen](#) by Smithsonian Institution, including the National Zoo, have temporarily shut down, with many others [reducing](#) capacity and facilities due to a lack of funding.

Trump Administration's Reactions to Lack of Funding

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- On October 15, 2025, Trump [directed](#) the Department of Defense to issue mid-month pay using unobligated Pentagon funds.
- In October 2025, the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard announced Coast Guard service members would [receive](#) Oct 15 pay despite the on-going shutdown.