

## Department of Defense



### Overall impact

The Defense Department will continue to conduct military operations and training exercises.

### Impact on workers

The roughly 1.4 million active-duty uniformed military personnel will stay on the job. Of the department's 800,000 civilian workers, about half will be furloughed. Those deemed essential because they are critical to safety missions, or are actively participating in or supporting a military operation, will continue to work.

All active duty and civilian employees will receive a paycheck on Oct. 1, because that money was appropriated during the fiscal year that ends that day. They won't be paid on Oct. 15 if the government shuts down and no new money is appropriated by that date.

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## NASA



Total employees  
18,250

Expected to work  
549

Furloughed  
17,701

### Overall impact

In a shutdown, NASA employees will be furloughed unless specifically instructed that their jobs are exempted. Among the agency functions that will continue are those involving the safe operation of satellites and the international space station, and “other activities involving protection of life and property,” according to the agency Web site. NASA also will continue research activities in cases in which suspending the research would do “serious damage to property.”

#### Impact on workers

An internal memo states that NASA will “narrowly construe the available exceptions in determining which activities can continue.” The agency has 18,250 employees across the country, and the shutdown contingency plan indicates that 549 will be exempted from furloughs.

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## Department of Homeland Security



Total employees  
231,117

Expected to work  
199,822

Furloughed  
31,295

#### Overall impact

The vast majority of Department of Homeland Security employees will continue to work under a shutdown because their functions “must be maintained under all circumstances to ensure the safety and security of the nation and its citizens,” or because their jobs are not funded by congressional appropriations, according to the agency’s 2013 contingency plan.

#### Impact on workers

The DHS shutdown plan designates about 86 percent of the department’s roughly 231,000 employees as “essential,” meaning they will remain on the job for the “safety of human life or protection of property.” Some of those workers will also be part of an “emergency relocation group” that responds to possible emergency situations. Among DHS components, the **Transportation Security Administration**, which handles airport screenings, will retain about 93 percent of its workforce, while about 78 percent

of **Federal Emergency Management Agency** and 88 percent of both **Coast Guard** and **Customs and Border Protection** employees will remain on the job. Topping the list with the highest percentage is **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**, at 97 percent, followed by the **Secret Service**, with 92 percent.

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## Department of the Interior



Total employees  
72,562

Expected to work  
13,797

Furloughed  
58,765

### Overall impact

The Department of the Interior oversees the nation's parks, wildlife and a host of issues focused on protecting the country's "natural resources and heritage." During a partial shutdown, it will operate with a significantly smaller workforce, and national parks will be closed to the public. Agencies under its authority include the National Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

### Impact on workers

The Department of the Interior has 72,562 employees. More than 58,000 will face furloughs, and those remaining on the job as exempted workers (6,306) have mostly law enforcement and security-related duties.

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## Department of Transportation



Total employees	Expected to work	Furloughed
55,468	36,987	18,481

#### Overall impact

Air travel should continue as normal because federal air-traffic controllers will remain on the job.

#### Impact on workers

According to the department's 2013 contingency plan, 18,481 of its 55,468 employees will be furloughed.

At the **Federal Aviation Administration**, 15,514 people whose jobs don't involve the air-traffic-control system will face furloughs. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx will furlough 382 of the 501 people who work in his office, the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** will furlough 333 of 597 workers, and the **Federal Transit Administration** will furlough 501 of 529 employees.

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## Department of Energy



Total employees	Expected to work	Furloughed
13,814	5,343	8,471

#### Overall impact

Most of the Department of Energy's activities will cease during the shutdown, with big exceptions for the office overseeing the safety of the **nation's nuclear arsenal** and the administrators in charge of **dams and transmission lines** around the country.

### Impact on workers

The Department of Energy has 13,814 employees. During a shutdown, all but 1,113 will be sent home, according to a contingency plan the agency recently posted on its Web site.

Some 343 employees will stay to work at the **National Nuclear Security Administration**, which oversees the nation's nuclear weapons and naval reactor programs. And more than 400 employees will keep working at the **Southwestern Power Administration** and the **Western Area Power Administration**, which are in charge of overseeing hydroelectric power and transmission lines in the South and the West. The agency will also keep on a few employees in each of its dozens of offices, mainly to oversee “the protection of human life and property.”

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## Department of Labor



Total employees  
16,304

Expected to work  
2,954

Furloughed  
13,350

### Overall impact

During a shutdown, a majority of the Department of Labor's employees will be furloughed.

### Impact on workers

Of the 16,304 employees at the agency, only 2,954 will be expected to work. Those furloughed include employees at the **Bureau of Labor Statistics** and the **Employment and Training Administration**.

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## **National Mediation Board** is closed indefinitely due to lack of funding