



Federal Government Shutdown (October 2025)

Current Status

- A federal shutdown can pause non-essential services, affecting contracts, grants, and approvals.
- Essential services (Social Security, national defense, air traffic control) continue.
- Federal contractors and businesses reliant on government funding may face delays in payments, approvals, or regulatory actions.
- Monitor Congressional appropriations and agency operations closely.

Key Resources

- **U.S Government Accountability Office (GAO) – Shutdown FAQs:** Guidance on which federal functions continue
<https://www.gao.gov/government-shutdown-faq>
- **Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB) / Congressional Research Service (CRS):** Nonpartisan overview of shutdown causes and fiscal effects
<https://www.crfb.org/papers/government-shutdowns-qa-everything-you-should-know>
- **GovExec / Federal News Network:** Updates on agency operations and contractor impacts
<https://www.govexec.com/>
- **Spotlight PA:** Local reporting on federal funding impacts
<https://www.spotlightpa.org/>
- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce – Federal Shutdown Resources:** Business-focused guidance
<https://www.uschamber.com/small-business/how-to-survive-a-government-shutdown-a-small-business-guide>
- **Legislative Offices / Appropriations Committees:** Direct updates on funding bills and votes
Contact your U.S. Senator or Representative



PA State Budget Impasse (October 2025)

Current Status

- Pennsylvania is 100+ days past the June 30 budget deadline.
- House passed a **\$50.25 billion proposal** (October 8th); the Senate has not acted yet (had previously passed a **\$47.7 billion proposal**)
- Payments to schools, counties, nonprofits, and human service providers are delayed.
- Local businesses may face delays in contracts, reimbursements, or partnerships with state-funded programs.

Key Resources

- **PA DCED – Budget Impasse Q&A:** Official guidance on agency operations and business impact
<https://dced.pa.gov/>
- **City & State PA – 2025-26 Budget Tracker:** Live updates on proposals, votes, and negotiations
<https://www.cityandstatepa.com/politics/2025/10/city-states-2025-26-pennsylvania-state-budget-tracker/407692/?oref=cspa-homepage-river>
- **Spotlight PA:** In-depth reporting on statewide effects and political developments
<https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2025/10/budget-pennsylvania-impasse-house-senate-conflict-capitol/>
- **Legislative Offices / Budget Committees:** Direct updates from the source
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