



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 1,000 Registered Voters
Conducted October 20-21, 2025

1 How closely have you been following recent news stories about the federal budget?*

24% Very closely
42% Somewhat closely
24% Not very closely
8% Not at all closely
2% Not sure

Total	
	Very closely
October 20-21, 2025	24%
October 13-14, 2025	26%
October 6-7, 2025	24%
October 1, 2025	27%
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2 Is there a partial shutdown of the federal government at this time?*

80% Yes
14% No
7% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
October 20-21, 2025	80%	14%	+66
October 13-14, 2025	74%	14%	+60
October 6-7, 2025	81%	10%	+71
October 1, 2025	71%	18%	+53
September 23-24, 2025	16%	56%	-40
August 21-22, 2024	12%	68%	-56
January 16-17, 2024	9%	71%	-62
November 13-14, 2023	14%	66%	-52
November 6-7, 2023	15%	64%	-49
November 1-2, 2023	14%	65%	-51
October 4-5, 2023	16%	66%	-50
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3a [Among all voters] How much of an impact has the federal government shutdown had on your daily life?*

20% Not asked, did not say there was a government shutdown
19% None
24% Hardly any
25% Some
9% A lot
2% Not sure

Total				
	None	Hardly any	Some	A lot
October 20-21, 2025	19%	24%	25%	9%
October 13-14, 2025	24%	28%	15%	5%
October 6-7, 2025	24%	26%	20%	9%
October 1, 2025	22%	21%	17%	6%
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3b [Among those who know there is a government shutdown] How much of an impact has the federal government shutdown had on your daily life?*

24% None
30% Hardly any
31% Some
12% A lot
3% Not sure

Total				
	None	Hardly any	Some	A lot
October 20-21, 2025	24%	30%	31%	12%
October 13-14, 2025	32%	38%	20%	7%
October 6-7, 2025	29%	32%	24%	11%
October 1, 2025	31%	30%	23%	8%
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4 The federal government has been shut down since October 1. Which party is primarily responsible for the shutdown?*

36% Republican
34% Democratic
24% Both equally
6% Not sure

Total				
	Republican	Democrat	Both equally	Net
October 20-21, 2025	36%	34%	24%	R+2
October 13-14, 2025	36%	34%	23%	R+2
October 6-7, 2025	40%	31%	23%	R+9
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5 In order to end the federal government shutdown, which of the following is the better option?*

28% Add spending to the budget
51% Pass a budget with no additional spending
21% Not sure

6 Republicans in Congress have proposed a bill that would keep spending at current levels. Democrats have proposed one that adds additional spending. In order to end the federal government shutdown, which proposal would it be better for Congress to accept?*

52% The one that keeps spending at current levels
33% The one that increases spending
15% Not sure

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Methodology

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on October 20-21, 2025. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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