



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 985 Registered Voters
Conducted February 17-18, 2026

1 Is there a partial shutdown of the federal government at this time?*

57% Yes
24% No
19% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
February 17-18, 2026	57%	24%	+33
November 10-11, 2025	82%	12%	+70
November 3-4, 2025	85%	8%	+77
October 27-28, 2025	85%	9%	+76
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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Margin of Sampling Error: +/- 3.1 percentage points



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2a [Among all voters] How much of an impact has the federal government shutdown had on your daily life?*

- 43% Not asked, did not know there was a government shutdown
- 23% None
- 18% Hardly any
- 10% Some
- 4% A lot
- 2% Not sure

Total				
	None	Hardly any	Some	A lot
February 17-18, 2026	23%	18%	10%	4%
November 10-11, 2025	16%	24%	26%	14%
November 3-4, 2025	16%	23%	28%	16%
October 27-28, 2025	17%	26%	27%	12%
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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2b [Among those who know there is a government shutdown] How much of an impact has the federal government shutdown had on your daily life?*

- 40% None
- 32% Hardly any
- 17% Some
- 8% A lot
- 3% Not sure

Total				
	None	Hardly any	Some	A lot
February 17-18, 2026	40%	32%	17%	8%
November 10-11, 2025	19%	29%	32%	17%
November 3-4, 2025	18%	27%	33%	19%
October 27-28, 2025	20%	31%	31%	14%
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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Methodology

This survey of 985 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on February 17-18, 2026. 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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