



Tell Us Your Story: Impact of the Federal Government Shutdown

On Wednesday, October 1, 2025, the United States Federal Government went into shutdown as Congress could not come to an agreement to pass a federal budget or a continuing resolution. When a shutdown occurs, many programs that people depend on may be delayed or paused. Programs that are often impacted by a shutdown can include healthcare, food assistance, housing, education, and environmental services. Additionally, federal employees and contractors can be furloughed or go without pay, and tribal programs can face funding gaps that limit services to our communities.

The Navajo Nation Washington Office is gathering stories and experiences from individuals impacted by the recent federal government shutdown. Your input will help us document these impacts, advocate for solutions, and tell the story of how shutdowns affect Navajo families, workers, and programs.

When answering the survey, please include as much **specific detail** as you can. You may write from your own experience or on behalf of your family member, program, office, or community. Consider sharing:

- Which programs or services have been interrupted. You can say SNAP, healthcare, education grants, environmental services, etc.
- How those interruptions have affected people, such as delayed paychecks, paused projects, lost services, community hardships
- Who is most affected. It can include elders, students, employees, individuals or families
- What short-term challenges you're currently facing, or long-term concerns you have if the shutdown continues
- What support or action you believe is needed from federal or tribal leaders

Your insight will help the Navajo Nation Washington Office share accurate and powerful information with policymakers and ensure that the voices of those impacted are heard in Washington, D.C. Participation in the survey is voluntary, and your input will be kept anonymous in any reports or communications. You can access the survey on our website, or by clicking [this link](#).