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Past Experiences with Federal Shutdowns

September 2025



Annual Federal Spending in Maryland

Wage Income	\$26.9 Billion
Retirement Income	\$8.80 Billion
Contracts	\$46.2 Billion
Grants	\$30.6 Billion
Direct Payments	\$37.7 Billion

Total: \$150.2 Billion

Notes/Sources: Income is for tax year 2023 from Comptroller of Maryland
Spending is for federal fiscal year 2024 from USAspending.gov

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Jobs: Location of Federal Government Jobs and Residents (FFY 2022)

State	Number of Federal Jobs (QCEW)	Number of Federal Jobs Held by Marylanders (QCEW-LODES)	Percent of Federal Jobs Held by Marylanders
Maryland	158,475	128,335	81%
Virginia	189,324	22,479	12%
Washington, D.C.	190,617	78,395	41%
Total	538,416	229,209	

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW); Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES)

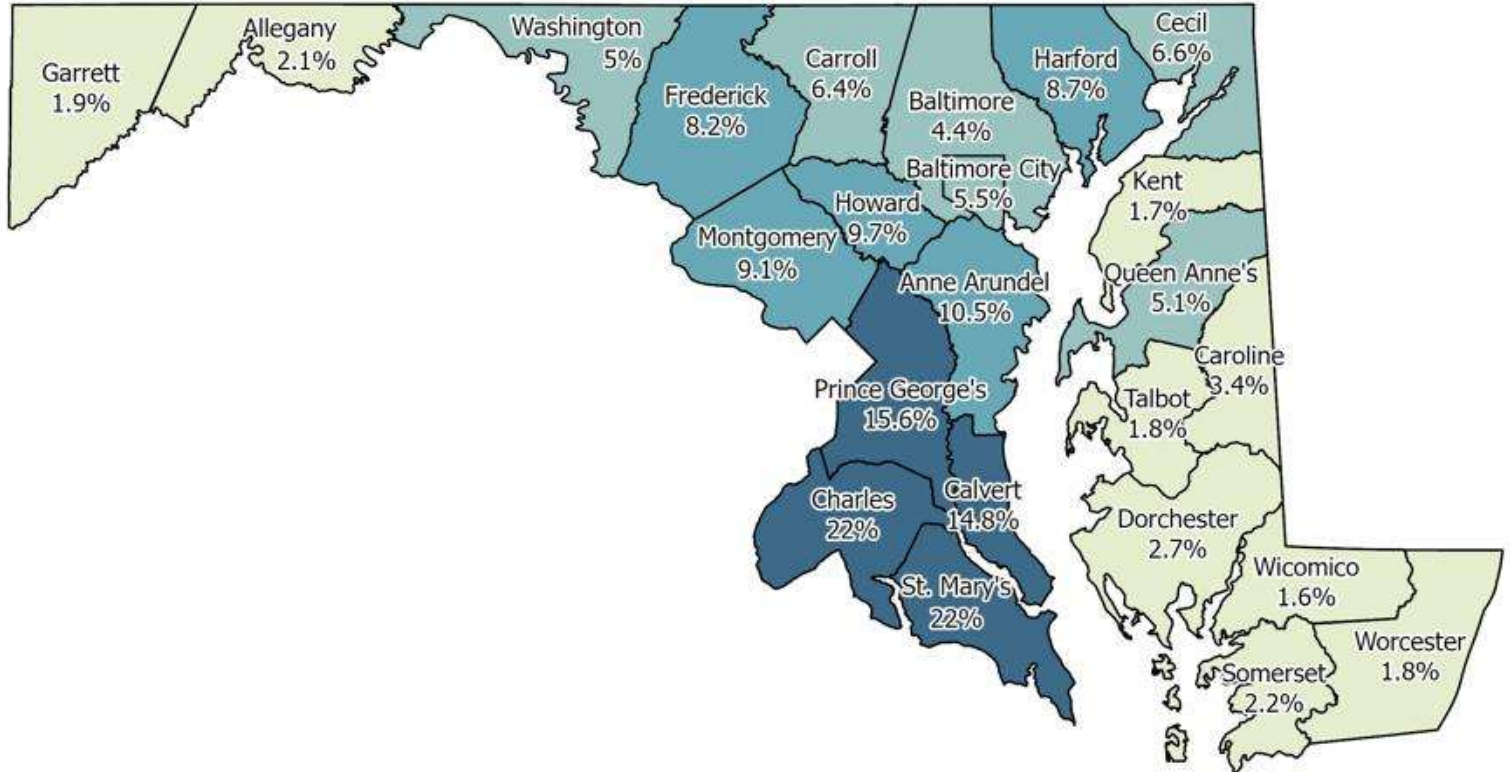
Jobs & Spending: Counties (\$ in billions)

County	Wage Income/ Jobs/ Workers	Contracts	Grants	Direct Payments	Total/%
Montgomery	\$6.5/ 48,461/54,729	\$17.4	\$7.9	\$8.3	\$40.1/ 27%
Prince George's	\$5.1/ 30,399/54,379	\$5.3	\$1.0	\$4.0	\$15.4/ 10%
Anne Arundel	\$3.4/ 15,676/21,107	\$5.2	\$0.2	\$3.4	\$12.2/ 8.1%
Howard	\$2.1/ 1,854/13,252	\$3.8	\$2.1	\$3.3	\$11.3/ 7.5%
Baltimore	\$1.7/ 11,446/16,919	\$2.5	\$1.0	\$4.8	\$10.0/ 6.7%
Baltimore City	\$0.8/ 12,189/10,014	\$2.5	\$2.9	\$2.1	\$7.5/ 5.0%
St. Mary's	\$1.1/ 10,297/7,881	\$4.4	\$0.02	\$0.6	\$5.0/ 3.3%
Harford	\$1.1/ 11,432/11,267	\$2.4	\$0.01	\$1.5	\$5.0/ 3.3%
Frederick	\$1.2/ 4,726/9,178	\$1.8	\$0.1	\$1.4	\$4.5/ 3.0%
Charles	\$1.6/ 3,711/15,574	\$0.4	\$0.07	\$0.9	\$1.4/ 0.9%

Notes/Sources: Income, COM, QCEW TY/FFY 23; USAspending.gov, FFY 24



Share of Gross Income From Federal Wages

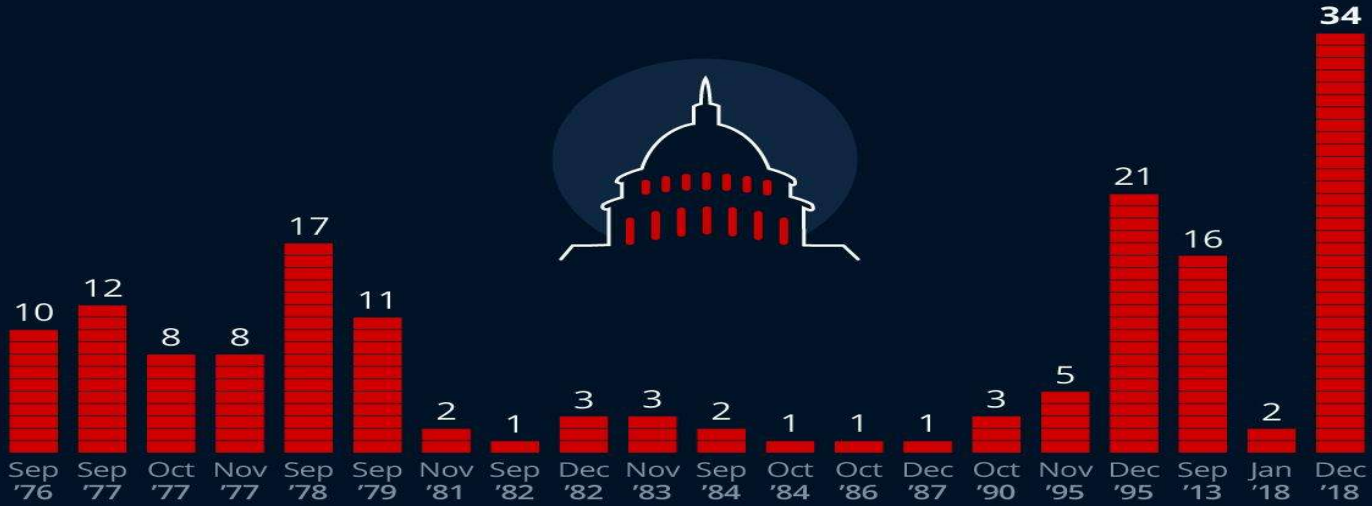




Past Federal Shutdowns

The Timeline of U.S. Government Shutdowns

Duration of U.S. government shutdowns between 1976 and 2019 (in days)



Sources: Axios, The New York Times



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Recent Near Shutdowns

- Mar. 23, 2024 — Congress passed and the President signed a \$1.2 trillion spending package, averting an expected shutdown at the end of that fiscal period
- Nov. 2024 — temporary CR averted a near-term shutdown — Congress passed a short term funding measure that held agencies open into the following month
- Mar. 17, 2025 — Senate passed a continuing resolution late on a Friday and the President signed it over the weekend, narrowly averting a partial government shutdown

Measuring Impacts

- Difficult to accurately measure
- Can certainly affect cash flows – for governments, businesses, and households
- CBO analysis of last shutdown estimated \$3 billion in lost economic activity
 - Over 34 days, equates to ~ \$88 million per day
 - If assume 15% of that is Maryland – then \$13.2 million per day
 - Based on various assumptions -- ~ \$550 thousand lost state revenue per day
 - After inflation, ~ \$700 thousand lost State revenue per day

Measuring Impacts (cont)

- Historically, unaware of any grants, direct payments, or direct federal wages that went unpaid – **Only Discretionary Spending Is Impacted**
 - Current law requires direct federal employees to be paid for shutdown time
 - Federal payroll withholding is about \$65M every two weeks (about \$840M in wages paid!)
- Contractors have documented mixed results
 - No requirement to pay those on time and materials
 - Some contractors have, in past shutdowns, announced intentions to pay their employees
 - Tighter labor market for these services now
- Have witnessed changes in discretionary spending

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