

Federal Government Shutdown Would Cost U.S. Travel Economy **\$140 Million Per Day**

Six in 10 Americans would cancel or avoid trips by air in the event of a government shutdown

According to a new analysis by [Tourism Economics](#), a U.S. government shutdown could result in **economic losses as much as \$140 million per day**. In addition, a new survey from [Ipsos](#) and the U.S. Travel Association shows that a large majority of Americans believe a U.S. government shutdown will cause economic harm and disrupt air travel.

A U.S. GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN HARMS TRAVELERS, THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY AND BROADER ECONOMY.

Using data collected during previous U.S. government shutdowns, Tourism Economics forecasts economic losses as much as \$140 million per day if a similar shutdown were to occur again. The forecast for daily economic losses includes:

- A reduction in air travel demand and spending
- A reduction in rail travel demand and spending
- Closing of National Parks, Federal lands and federally owned museums and attractions
- Declines in government-related business travel

If a U.S. government shutdown were to occur, American travel workers and businesses would incur these economic losses at a time when major segments of the travel industry have yet to fully recover from the pandemic.

AMERICANS OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSE A U.S. GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

Large majorities of Americans, regardless of political party, are not in favor of a government shutdown and believe it would have negative consequences for travelers and the economy:

- **60% of Americans** said they would cancel or avoid trips by air in the event of a shutdown.
- **81% of Americans agree government shutdowns hurt the economy** (81%), and inconvenience air travelers (86%).
- **88% of Americans agree Members of Congress from both parties should work together** to avoid a government shutdown.
- **69% of Americans would be less likely to vote for a Member of Congress** if they supported a government shutdown.

A SHUTDOWN WOULD FURTHER STRAIN OUR ALREADY STRUGGLING AIR TRAVEL SYSTEM.

Based on an analysis of previous government shutdowns, air travelers would likely experience:

- 1. More flight delays**
- 2. Longer screening lines**
- 3. Setbacks in air travel modernization**