



News Release

Brookings Publishes Maryland Comptroller's Analysis of Federal Cuts on the State's Economy

**Report highlights job losses, economic risks, and county-level impacts across
Maryland**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 16, 2026) — The Office of the Comptroller of Maryland announced today the publication of a new report in the Brookings DMV Monitor examining the impact of federal workforce reductions and spending cuts on Maryland's economy. The piece, authored by Deputy Comptroller Ben Seigel and Data Scientist Annie Alexander, is adapted from recent analysis performed in partnership with the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business to provide data for state and local leaders navigating ongoing federal changes.

"Maryland businesses, leaders, and families need clarity and transparency to understand the forces at work in our economy," said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. "By sharing this research widely, we are helping policymakers and communities access the information they need to confront for the challenges we are facing."

The article also features perspectives on how states with large federal footprints can respond to shifting federal priorities and plan for long-term economic resilience. In Maryland alone, the Trump administration's extreme cuts have resulted in a [loss of 29,200 federal government jobs](#) between January 2025 and April 2026, upending the state's economic foundation. The article identifies the agencies with the greatest

economic impact, shows how cuts at smaller agencies still create substantial effects, and highlights the dependence of counties like Charles and Frederick on federal jobs and spending.

“The federal government is the nation's largest employer. Rapid downsizing with minimal transparency means state and local leaders need to equip their communities with new tools to understand and address legal, strategic, fiscal, and other impacts,” said **Tracy Loh**, Fellow at Brookings Metro. “This innovative work from the state of Maryland is a national model.”

The new report builds on earlier analyses released in 2025 and 2026 and is accompanied by updated interactive dashboards that allow users to model the financial effects of federal spending changes by county, agency, and program.

The article is available [here](#).

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