



## 57 ways sequester could sting

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I was going to list 58 but figured I had made the point: The sequester would touch many, many government programs and services. These 57 are a somewhat random **sampling** of what could happen on March 1. (Read this but please also check out my calendar of "**fiscal cliff crazy**" and new **FAQ on the sequester**.)

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- All FBI workers **furloughed** for up to 14 days
- More than 36,000 Bureau of Prisons workers furloughed for average of 12 days
- 5,100 Marshals Service workers furloughed for up to 13 days
- Increased safety risk for prison inmates and staff
- Fewer firearms inspections

### DEFENSE

- Up to 46,000 temporary workers laid off
- Up to 800,000 **full-time civilian workers** furloughed for up to 22 days
- Training curtailed
- Ship, aircraft, weapons-systems and facilities maintenance curbed
- Reduced readiness for two-thirds of active Army brigade combat teams and most Air Force flying units

### EDUCATION

- Up to 70,000 kids lose access to Head Start programs
- More than 14,000 teachers and staff laid off
- Cuts in support for up to 1.2 million disadvantaged students
- 33,000 fewer students on work-study
- 71,000 fewer recipients of supplemental grants



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### ENERGY AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

- Reduced oversight and audits of Energy Department nuclear facilities
- Delayed cleanup of Cold War nuclear weapons sites
- Curtailed operation at basic science labs
- Slowdown in development of oil, gas and coal on federal land and water

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Cuts to foreign and humanitarian aid
- Reduced ability to help Americans abroad
- Constraints on counter-terrorism efforts

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Nationwide shutdown of meat and poultry plants for up to 15 days
- 2,100 fewer FDA safety inspections of food manufacturers
- Increased risk of wildfires
- 1,200 fewer inspections of dangerous workplaces
- Up to 91,000 lose access to substance abuse treatment
- 424,000 fewer HIV tests

## HOMELAND SECURITY

- Many frontline law enforcement personnel furloughed for up to 14 days
- Reduced **border security**
- Scaled back cyber security protection of infrastructure



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## HOUSING

- 100,000 removed from housing and emergency shelter programs
- 125,000 may lose benefits from Housing Choice Voucher program
- 75,000 fewer households get foreclosure prevention, rental, pre-purchase counseling
- Deferred maintenance and repairs in public housing

## JOB TRAINING

- Training centers for low-income youth may be closed
- More than 1 million fewer people get help finding a job

## PARKS AND THE OUTDOORS

- Reduced hours and services at national parks, refuges and public lands
- 128 refuges to close or eliminate programs

## SAFETY NET

- Unemployment benefits cut by up to 9.4%
- 4 million fewer meals to seniors
- \$160 million cut from state grants to help the disabled get work
- Cuts to Native American programs, including those aiding neediest
- 300,000 women and children lose food aid
- Up to 30,000 kids lose child care services



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## SOCIAL SECURITY

- 1,500 temporary Social Security Administration workers let go
- Loss through attrition of over 5,000 workers
- Delays for visitors at field offices and 800-number callers
- 2-week delays for initial disability claims decisions

## TAXES

- Delays in getting answers to tax questions
- Fewer tax return reviews
- Reduced capacity to detect and prevent fraud
- Fewer counter-terrorism and anti-laundering investigations

## TRAVEL

- Increased wait times at airports
- Delays in visa processing by State Department
- Reduced air traffic
- Delays and disruptions during summer travel

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