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Red flags emerge as Americans' debt load hits another record

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Some red flags emerged for the U.S. economy late last year as credit card inquiries fell, student-loan delinquencies remained high and riskier borrowers drove home automobiles, according to a report that could signal a downturn is

The U.S. household debt and credit report, published Tuesday by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, showed that the overall debt shouldered by Americans edged up to a record \$13.5 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2018. It has risen consistently since 2013, when debt bottomed out after the last recession.

While mortgage debt, by far the largest slice, slipped for the first time in two years, other forms of borrowing rose including that of credit cards, which at \$870 billion matched its pre-crisis peak in 2008.

Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of growth in the world's largest economy and it is expected to hold strong this year even as the overall expansion cools after a hot 2018.

However one sign of consumer demand, credit inquiries, slipped in the second half of 2018 to the lowest level recorded by the New York Fed

Another signal of weaker demand, the closing of credit cards and other accounts, jumped to its highest level since 2010, while flows into serious delinquency for credit cards rose 5 percent, up from 4.8 percent in the third quarter.

Serious-delinquency flows, a warning bell for economists because they can prelude defaults, spiked in the third quarter for student debt and remained there in the fourth quarter, with 9.1 percent of the \$1.5-trillion total debt seriously delinquent

These flows have also been rising since 2012 for auto loans, which rose slightly to total \$1.3 trillion by the end of 2018, a year that had the highest number of auto loan originations since at least 1999. New York Fed economists said that while creditworthy borrowers are mostly driving the growth in originations, the performance of auto debt is worsening.



FILE PHOTO: A U.S. five dollar note is seen in this illustration photo June 1, 2017. REUTERS/Thomas White/ Illustration/File Photo

Wall Street advances on trade hopes, deal to avert government shutdown

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Wall Street rallied on Tuesday as investors were heartened by a tentative congressional spending deal to avoid another partial federal government shutdown and by optimism surrounding U.S.-China trade negotiations.

All three major U.S. stock indexes posted their biggest one-day percentage gains for the month so far, each advancing more than 1 percent. The S&P 500 ended the session above its 200-day moving average for the first time since early

President Donald Trump said he would be willing to let the March 1 tariff deadline slide as top U.S. officials arrived in Beijing for high-level talks later in the week to hammer out a solution to the trade dispute between the world's two largest economies

Congressional negotiators cobbled together a tentative bipartisan border security deal late on Monday to avert another partial government shutdown. However, Trump on Tuesday expressed displeasure with the agreement and said he had yet to decide whether to support it. Funding for the Department of Homeland Security and a host of other agencies is due to expire on

Friday.

"It's a combination of hopes that (a) government shutdown is not going to happen and maybe the March 1 (tariff) deadline isn't so firm," said Stephen Massocca, senior vice president at Wedbush Securities in San Francisco. "People were concerned we were going to see a dramatic increase in tariffs, and those fears have been somewhat allayed."

The fourth-quarter earnings season is nearing the home stretch, and 71 percent of S&P 500 companies that have reported have beaten consensus estimates.

The outlook for 2019, however, is less rosy. First-quarter earnings are now expected to post a year-on-year decline of 0.3 percent, which would be the first loss since the earnings recession ended in the second quarter of 2016.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 372.65 points, or 1.49 percent, to 25,425.76, the S&P 500 gained 34.93 points, or 1.29 percent, to 2,744.73 and the Nasdaq Com-

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posite added 106.71 points, or 1.46 percent, to 7,414.62.

Tuesday's rally was broad-based. Of the 11 major sectors of the S&P 500, all but real estate closed in positive territory. Technology stocks provided the biggest boost to the S&P 500, and they also led

Tariff-sensitive industrials headed up the Dow's gain, led by 3M Co, Caterpillar Inc, United Technologies Corp and Boeing Co.

Amazon.com Inc provided the biggest lift to the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq, rising 3.0 percent after Walmart Inc ended its partnership with logistics firm Devi for a rival same-day grocery delivery service. Electronic Arts Inc announced that its Apex Legends video game has signed up 25 million players in the week since its release, sending its stock up 5.2 percent. The video game maker's shares have soared by nearly 28 percent since the game's release.

Under Armour Inc jumped 6.9 percent after the sportswear company beat analysts' profit forecasts for the holiday quarter.

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WORLD NEWS

O'Rourke, Trump duel over wall, immigration in possible 2020 preview

EL PASO, Texas (Reuters) - Potential White House hopeful Beto O'Rourke accused Donald Trump of fear-mongering on Monday and the Republican president mocked the Democrat as a "young man who lost" in dueling rallies that could preview the tenor of the 2020 election campaign.

O'Rourke, who narrowly lost his 2018 bid for a U.S. Senate seat, accused Trump of stoking "false fear" about immigrants and telling "lies" about his hometown El Paso, which Trump said was a dangerous place before it had a border fence.

"We stand for America and we stand against a wall," O'Rourke told a crowd of several thousand supporters, many waving "Beto 2020" signs and wearing "Immigrants Make America Great" baseball caps. "Walls do not save lives, they end lives."

Two hundred yards away in El Paso County Coliseum, Trump told his supporters that O'Rourke had "little going for himself, although he's got a great first name."

"We are all challenged by a young man who lost an election to (Republican Senator) Ted Cruz," said Trump.

He said that O'Rourke's rally was smaller than his, and that was a bad sign: "That may be the end of his presidential bid."

Beto O'Rourke, the Democratic former Texas congressman, addresses supporters before an anti-Trump march in El Paso, Texas, U.S., February 11, 2019. REUTERS/Loren Elliott

Reuters could not verify Trump's claim that 35,000 people attended his rally, with about 10,000 inside. The city's fire department allowed only the capacity 6,500 inside, the El Paso Times reported. Police estimated between 10,000 and 15,000 attended the O'Rourke march and rally, the newspaper said.

As the two men spoke, U.S. congressional negotiators said they had reached a tentative deal to try to avert another partial government shutdown. Aides said it did not contain the \$5.7 billion Trump wanted for his wall that triggered the shutdown last month.

Trump made clear on Monday he would not drop the demand for a border wall that delights his followers, first made in his campaign in the 2016 election. Giant banners

at his rally read "Finish The Wall."

National polls show the wall is not popular with the majority of voters. A Reuters/IPSOS survey found 43 percent of the U.S. public supported additional border fencing.

Trump said he had heard about a possible deal in Washington before he took the stage, but added: "Just so you know - we're building the wall anyway. Maybe progress has been made - maybe not." "BUILD THE WALL"

It was Trump's first direct clash with a potential 2020 rival, albeit on separate stages.

O'Rourke relished the prime-time national platform, sometimes breaking into Spanish, in what sounded like a campaign speech. He decried the Trump administration's separation of immigrant children from their parents at the border.

He said Dreamers - undocumented people brought to the United States by their parents when they were children - should be given citizenship, and their parents a pathway to citizenship.

"With a president who describes Mexican immigrants as rapists and criminals, we have a chance to tell him and the country that immigrants commit crime at a lower rate than Americans who are born in this country," he said to shouts of "Beto, Beto."

Trump was pressing his case on immigration in the Democratic bastion of El Paso county, where the population is over 80 percent Hispanic.

"I will never sign a bill that forces the mass release of violent criminals into our country," he said, referring to a Democratic proposal in the Washington talks to lower the cap on detentions of criminal aliens by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Deal reached to avoid U.S. shutdown: lawmakers Under Monday's tentative agreement, the cap would likely stay around the same as in previous years, a congressional aide said.



O'Rourke, the Democratic former Texas congressman, participates in a march in El Paso

Although O'Rourke's full-throated denunciation of the president sounded like he planned to run against Trump, the two-time congressman declined to discuss a potential bid when asked by reporters on a conference call on Monday.

O'Rourke told Oprah Winfrey last week he would make a final decision about running for president by the end of the month.



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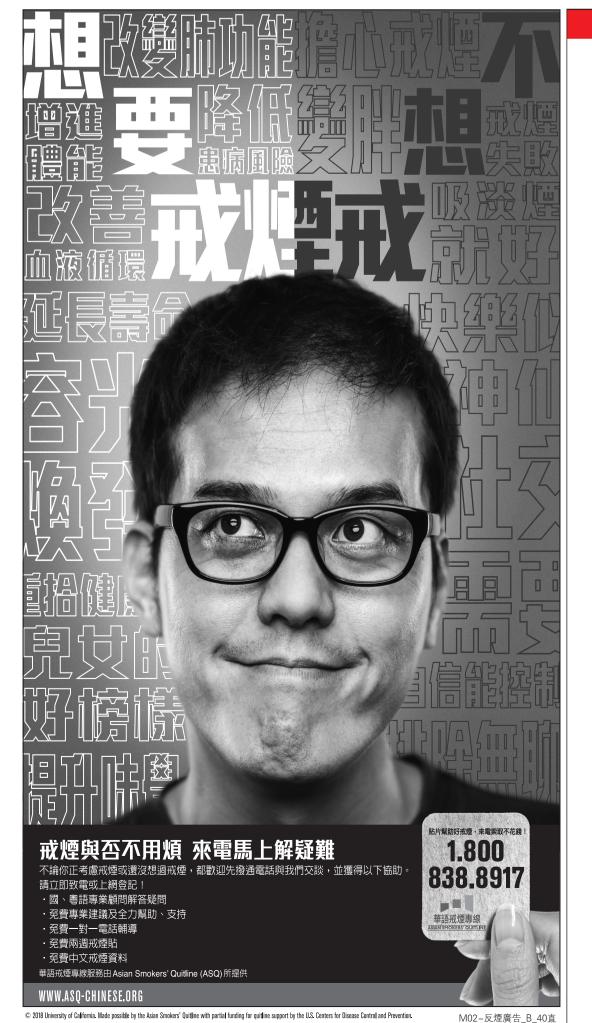
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Editor's Choice



Supporters of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro attend a rally in support of the government and to commemorate the Day of the Youth in Caracas



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell R-KY, speaks to the media at the U.S. Capitol after a tentative deal is set to avert a second partial government shutdown



Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) speaks to the media at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



Pedestrians wait to cross the street in front of the SNC-Lavalin Group Inc., headquarters in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, February 12, 2019. REUTERS/Christinne Muschi



FILE PHOTO: U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Markey hold a news conference for their proposed "Green New Deal" to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in 10 years, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



Soccer Football - Champions League Round of 16 First Leg - Manchester United v Paris St Germain - Old Trafford, Manchester, Britain - February 12, 2019 Sir Alex Ferguson in the stands before the match Action Images via Reuters/Jason Cairnduff



Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex visits the Natural History Museum in London



U.S. government lawyers and U.S. Marshals shortly before the accused Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was found guilty in Brooklyn federal court in New York



COMMUNITY

The mayors of major U.S. cities are watching the clock—most of the time, helplessly—as the federal government's partial shutdown finishes its fourth week, with consequences slowly mounting for their cities and resi-

Already, essential federal subsidies that help low-income people pay rent have expired, and if the shutdown crawls into a second month—which many think is likely—the impacts to federal food aid recipients could be catastrophic.

Thus far, many cities have been working to provide for their residents where the federal government isn't.

"Our cities and counties are the safety net, and we'll continue to have that safety net," said Nan Whaley, the mayor of Dayton, Ohio.

But soon, the longer-term impacts of prolonged federal government absence will start to trickle down to cities in far more dramatic wavs.

On top of those impacts to their residents, mayors are grappling with halted, slowed, or imperiled federal funds for development, transportation, police, and other projects. "The lack of federal funds will affect public safety, road repair, housing, and other essential services," Steve Benjamin, the mayor of Columbia, South Carolina, and the president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, said in a



Less Funding For Food Assistance, Escalating Demand

In Dayton, Ohio, one of Mayor Whaley's biggest concerns is food pantries. "In two weeks they won't have any funding for the storage of food," she said. While the Department of Agriculture will continue providing food to local food banks in the area, according to the Dayton Daily News, the department won't be able to shoulder the transportation and storage fees.

A spokesperson for Dayton's food pantry told the Daily News that storage costs typically run about \$14,000 a month. "The community's in the process of trying to fill that void, but it's rather expensive," Whaley said. But food pantries across the country are bracing for an even bigger crisis. Furloughed

The Federal Government Shutdown Is Affecting U.S. Cities And Local **Authorities Are Becoming Impatient**



Furloughed and unpaid working federal employees, union members, contractors and supporters protest government shutdown in D.C. Jan. 10. BAKDC/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM

OVERVIEW

Across the nation, local officials are bracing for a wave of funding crises that will directly affect transit, housing, food assistance and much more

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able to keep the doors open."

Across the country, community-based non-

Patient being treated at an anti-opiod center.

Millions of Americans live in public housing

or make ends meet with the help of govern-

ment-sponsored rent subsidies that help keep

them in their homes. As the shutdown churns

forward, those renters increasingly face

eviction and housing insecurity, as CityLab's

Renters who receive Section 8 Project-Based

Rental Assistance have seen their monthly

payments end, and could face eviction at any

point. The public housing operating fund

and the housing choice voucher program re-

ceived funding through February, but should

the shutdown extend past that, local housing

authorities that help connect low-income

renters to stable housing would run out of

In response to this, the Department of Hous-

Kriston Capps reported last week.

The Looming Threat of Home Loss

profits are struggling to keep doors open.

workers without pay could mean a sudden and dramatic uptick in customers, straining supply and budgets even more, and if the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) loses funding, pantries' supplies will dwindle as another rush of people come

Counties May Foot the Bill to Keep Opioid Services Running

Local nonprofits rely on federal grant funding to provide support to victims of violence. drug abuse, and more. And the consequences of lapsed funding for some of them can be so dire that cities are anticipating trying to foot the bills themselves.



Food pantry workers in Athens, Ohio.

In Cincinnati, Hamilton County could be forced to step in and provide additional funding to keep anti-opi-

oid centers open should the shutdown extend past 30 days. When the government shut down, grants

from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) also

"If no one's there to process the applications or the requests for reimbursements, we are very concerned we won't get funding," Amanda Meyers, executive director of the Wichita Family Crisis Center, told the Wichita Eagle. "Without the funding we won't be rather than evict tenants, says the Washington Post. Renters who receive Section 8 Project-Based

Assistance have seen their monthly payments end, and could face eviction at any

Rental

ing and Urban Development (HUD) sent no-

tices to landlords with federally subsidized

tenants asking them to use their reserves

Lost Paychecks: Should Cities Step In? Nearly 800,000 federal employees have

been furloughed as a result of the shutdown. Last Friday, most of them missed their first paychecks. This particularly impacts cities with the largest federal workforces, and that means more than just Washington, D.C. though that city is particularly affected by To make ends meet, some federal workers

have been thrust into the gig economy. The Washington Post reports that many furloughed workers from across the country are selling their belongings en masse on Craigslist to make ends meet. Buzzfeed reports that furloughed workers are being targeted online with ads to become Uber, Lyft, and Postmates drivers.

But a few local officials are trying to step in. This week, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont and Webster Bank announced a partnership to provide interest-free loans to essential federal employees who are working but can't receive a paycheck.

And a few cities, including San Jose and Atlanta, are considering footing the bill for some federal airport employees working without pay, in an effort to at least keep airport operations running smoothly.



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Infrastructure Plans and Disaster Recovery Could Reach a Standstill

Small cities rely on federal funding for crucial housing and infrastructure projects, and to recover from disasters.

These funds, via Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), won't be cut off entirely. According to HUD. these grants specifically related to disaster relief will continue to reach municipalities that need them. Non-disaster related funds can be a different

story while HUD workers are furloughed. "We rely on the individuals at HUD to work with us to ensure that these funding sources continue. If it was another two or three weeks of shutdown, and these individuals were not working, we would have to stop our Community Development Block Grant program and the projects that we intend to fund this year, until such time as we receive the funds from the federal government," Erie County, New York's county executive Mark C. Poloncarz said in a statement.

Transportation Funding Will Start to Run Dry

Nearly 90 percent of employees at the Federal Transit Administration have been furloughed, putting local transportation grants and funding in uncertainty. "U.S. mass transit systems have temporarily lost financial aid that supports a wide range of needs, from daily maintenance and service to ongoing repair and expansion projects," the credit rating firm Moody's wrote in a report.

Some transit agencies will have to tap reserves or take out loans should the shutdown continue.



tation's shutdown report, the FTA won't be able to distribute grant money or reimbursements which usually

help cover transit agencies operating expenses

The report also says that FTA employees won't be able to provide "environmental, legal, civil rights, and other reviews essential to advancing projects to the point of obligation," meaning that new transit project plans will stall until the shutdown ends.

According to NASDAQ, New York's MTA depends on funding from the federal government to help fund a quarter of its capital-improvement plan, and Los Angeles' metro-expansion project has had funding interrupted

Meanwhile, officials in Oklahoma announced that they would delay bids on transportation projects worth \$137 million until they could be sure about federal funding. Municipal and local officials, frustrated and

exasperated, are grappling with the results. The U.S. Conference of Mayors released a statement last week pillorying the federal government for failing to solve this problem, and more action could be on the way from the nation's mayors.

"The start of [the U.S. Conference of Mayors convening] is on January 22 in Washington. 250 mayors are gathering there, and prayerfully, this is resolved by then," said Benjamin. "If it's not, it will be the top of the agenda." (Courtesy https://www.nextgov.com)



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BUSINESS

The country would face an economic hellscape if the government shutdown lasts "months or even years," as the president has suggested it might, experts tell NBC News.

The doomsday scenario might be unlikely — the longest the federal government has ever shut down is 21 days, a record that will fall if the current closure lasts until Saturday — but it is chilling.

"We'll be in no man's land," Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, told NBC News.

If the worst were to happen, experts say the devastating impact would be wide-

- spread: • 38 million low-income Americans lose
- food stamps • 6 million face an uncertain timetable for collecting tax refunds
- 2 million without rental assistance and facing possible eviction
- 800,000 paycheck-less federal employees plunged into dire financial straits
- · Shuttered parks and museums while overstressed airports cause tourism to tank •Federal court system slows to a crawl
- Disaster relief money doesn't get to storm-ravaged areas
- Lapsed FDA and EPA inspections lead to dangerous outbreaks
- Private companies looking to go public are stuck in limbo
- Stock market plummets



The end isn't near — yet. But if the standoff persists — talks blew up at the White House on Wednesday — and Congress and President Donald Trump can't reach a deal on raising the debt ceiling in a few months, "it's game over — you'll have a pretty severe recession," Zandi said, adding that given the trade war with China, and Brexit looming, "you could start seeing some pretty dark scenarios" world-

WITHOUT FOOD, HOMES

By the end of February, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, Economists Warn That A Catastrophe Is In The Making If A Second Government Shutdown Should Occur

America's "Doomsday" Scenario: **What Will Happen If Congress Fails To Meet** The 2nd Government Shutdown Deadline This Friday?

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



run by the Department of Agriculture, would be out of funding — meaning almost 40 million low-income Americans could find themselves struggling to pay for food, said Joseph Brusuelas, chief economist for the accounting firm RSM

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, meanwhile, has already seen 1,150 contracts with private landlords housing low-income tenants lapse. Another 500 will expire by the end of this month, and another 550 by the end of February, the agency says.

Funding for rental assistance for millions of tenants could be at risk as soon as next month.

"The near-term impact is people getting evicted, having their heat turned off and not having enough food," Brusuelas said. Drawn out over time, that could amount to a sizable hit on the GDP. Loss of the SNAP benefits could mean \$60 billion less in direct spending in a year, and indirect spending of another \$48 billion, which could shave a full percentage point off the country's economic growth, he explained.

Others might find themselves with less money in their pockets.

The IRS has said it won't be able to pay tax refunds during the shutdown, although the Office of Management and Budget said on Monday that it would. Less than 10,000 workers — about 12 percent of IRS staff — are working during the shut-

We Accept Benefits

By the end of February, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, run by the Department of Agriculture, would be out of funding, affecting 40 million low-come Americans. The agency is coming up with a plan to call back more employees, but they'll face an avalanche of backed-up work — by Feb. 2 of last year, the agency had already received over 18 million returns and pro-

cessed 6.1 million refunds. "The people who are waiting on those refunds could face some real consequences," said Michael Pearce, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

Then there are the 800,000 government

employees who aren't getting paid during the shutdown — even though about half of them still have to work.

"Workers are going to to start walking out and find better paying jobs," Brusuelas said. If they don't, some will be in danger of not being able to pay their rents or mortgages and losing their homes — creating a drag on the economy.

TOURISM DEVASTATED

No-shows by airport workers — including TSA agents and air traffic controllers would mean delays and canceled flights, hurting business dealings and tourism.



A TSA agent checks identification at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on Jan. 7.

Tourism would also continue to fall at national parks, a third of which were closed when the shutdown went into effect. Others were kept open — but, without staffing, human waste has piled up in bathrooms and along popular trails.

Some parks are planning to stay open by tapping into collection feesthat were meant to be used for future park projects. Raiding those funds is unsustainable and will hamper future development plans, said Emily Douce, director of budget and appropriations for the National Parks Conservation Association.

In the meantime, parks are losing the \$400,000 in daily fees they typically collect — and neighboring communities aren't benefiting from the average \$20 million a day that visitors spend there.



The entrance gate to a campground is locked at Joshua Tree National Park in

California.

PUBLIC IN DANGER

The Food and Drug Administration has already stopped most food inspections, raising the risk of salmonella, E. coli and listeria outbreaks.

"That puts our food supply at risk," said Sarah Sorscher, deputy director of regulatory affairs at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy

The Environmental Protection Agency, where only 700 of 13,000 employees are working during the shutdown, has scaled back inspections, with senior officials focusing only on properties where "the threat to human life or property is immi-

Areas that have already been affected by hurricanes and storms are facing additional problems because of the shutdown, with emergency recovery funds reportedly tied up in bureaucratic red tape.

It seems unimaginable, but if the impasse continues into October, more vital federal agencies would be forced to shut down, and new dangers would loom. Among the agencies that would turn their lights off is the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A more immediate worry: The federal court system will run out of money by Jan. 18, and will have to cut back operations. STOCK SHOCK

The longer the shutdown goes on, the more likely it is to affect the stock market, experts said.

Analysts had been looking forward to a string of valuable multibillion companies that were expected to go public early this year. But now, as many as 40 initial public offerings are backloggedbecause the Securities and Exchange Commission doesn't have the staff to review them.

"The market was waiting for this huge avalanche of IPOs," said John Coffee Jr., director of the Center on Corporate Governance at Columbia Law School. "All of this stuff is on hold. The market is fluctuating wildly, and this is going to remove a stimulus."

Even with no end to the shutdown in sight, Brusuelas predicted that public outrage will lead to one soon enough.

"Workers are going to start walking out," he said. "People will take to the streets."(Courtesy nbcnews.com)

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