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New Data Shows Trump Administration's Progress in Right-Sizing the Federal Bureaucracy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) today released updated data on the size and composition of the federal workforce, providing the first official snapshot of employment trends under the Trump Administration. The data, available through <u>OPM's FedScope platform</u>, reflects employment activity through March 31, 2025.

As of March 31, 2025, there were 2,289,472 federal civilian employees, down from 2,313,216 on September 30, 2024. This reduction of more than 23,000 positions reflects the administration's early efforts to streamline government and eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy.

"The American people deserve a government that is lean, efficient, and focused on core priorities," **Acting Director Chuck Ezell said.** "This data marks the first measurable step toward President Trump's vision of a disciplined, accountable federal workforce and it's only the beginning."

The <u>hiring freeze</u> ordered by President Trump is clearly reflected in the new data. From April 2024 through January 2025, agencies averaged nearly 23,000 new hires monthly. That number dropped by nearly 70 percent to just 7,385 per month once the freeze took full effect in February and March 2025, saving taxpayers billions.

In addition, hundreds of thousands more workers will drop off the rolls in October 2025, when workers depart the federal government as part of the Deferred Resignation Program; and tens of thousands of employees who have received reduction-in-force or termination notices remain on government payrolls due to court orders that the administration is now challenging.

The data is available at <u>https://www.fedscope.opm.gov</u>, and OPM will continue releasing new personnel data more frequently as part of its modernization efforts.