

Warning lights flash on Trump economy

Current stability will be tested by shrinking GDP, tariffs, deportations

BY RACHEL LERMAN

Nearly six months into his second term, President Donald Trump has imposed global tariffs, orchestrated a crackdown on immigration and pushed a sweeping tax-cut bill through Congress — moves that could significantly alter the U.S. economy, but haven't yet.

The country's economy has remained relatively stable and upbeat under Trump, according to many metrics, although economists caution that they see potential warning signs ahead.

Stock markets have rallied, the inflation rate is steady and unemployment remains low, ticking down to 4.1 percent in June. Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill promises to extend massive tax cuts, and benefit corporations and wealthier Americans — provisions that could boost parts of the economy.

The White House takes credit for the good signs in the economy, saying they are "laying the groundwork for a long-term restoration of American Greatness. President Trump's 'America First' agenda of tariffs, deregulation, energy abundance, and tax cuts — such as those in the One Big Beautiful Bill — unleashed a historic economy during his first term," White House spokesman Kush Desai said in a statement.

Still, many analysts say that the future of the U.S. economy under Trump remains uncertain. Gross domestic product shrank in the first quarter of the year in part because of surging imports, and consumers are feeling hesitant and spending less. It's also too soon to know the full effect of Trump's widespread tariffs, especially with a deadline approaching

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Fatal flooding leaves Texas in anguish



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A sheriff's deputy in Hunt, Texas, combs the banks of the Guadalupe River on Saturday near Camp Mystic, an all-girls summer camp.

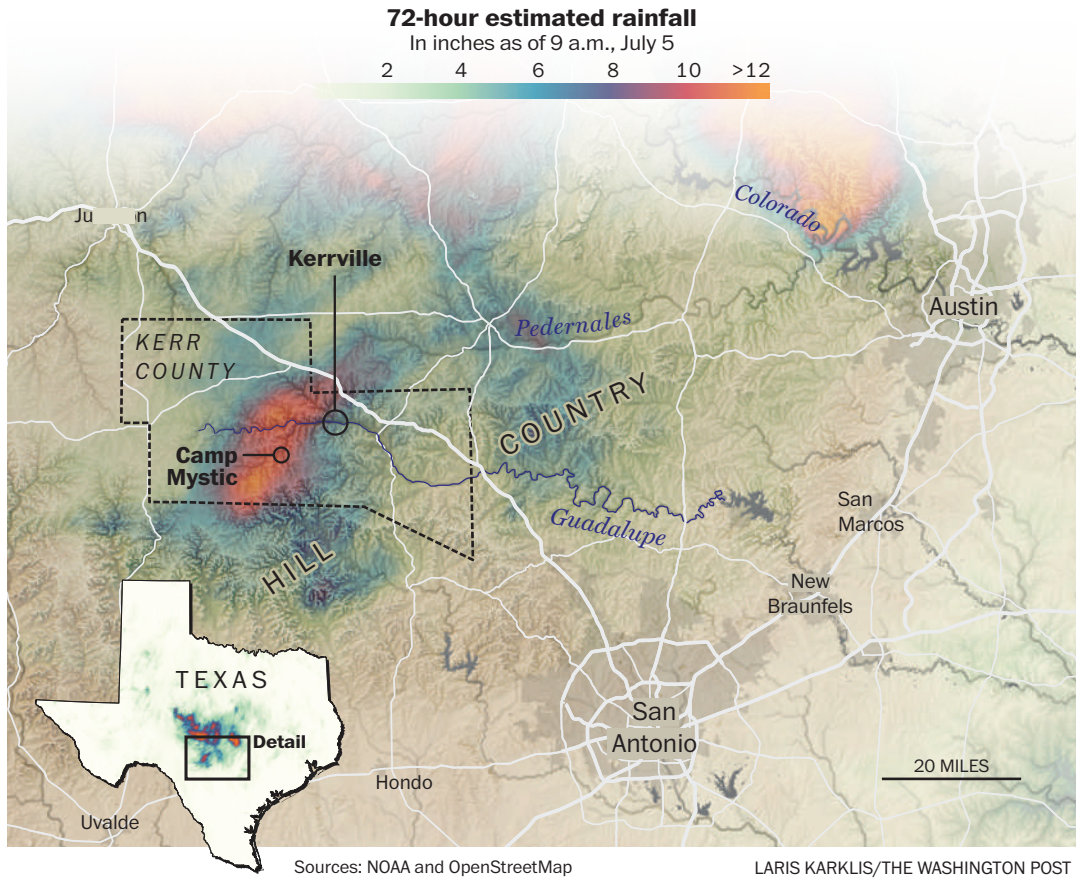
In deadly shock, 4 months of rain falls in 4 hours

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Meteorologists had cautioned there was potential for flooding across Central Texas in the overnight hours late Thursday and early Friday morning. But there was little indication of just how torrential and unrelenting the downpours would become in the predawn hours, killing roughly 50 people, many of them children at camp.

Radar and precipitation data and National Weather Service warnings show the floods were the result of extraordinary atmospheric conditions that sent intense plumes of Gulf of Mexico moisture into parts of Texas long known to be vulnerable to flash flooding, when bursts of heavy rain cause water to rise rapidly.

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DOZENS ARE DEAD, MANY MORE FEARED

Rescuers save hundreds; 27 girls among missing

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KERRVILLE, TEXAS — A nightmarish search-and-rescue operation continued Saturday, as authorities frantically fanned out along the roiling Guadalupe River looking for survivors of the fierce flooding that has killed about 50 people in the Hill Country region, 15 of them children.

The death toll was expected to rise. Officials do not know how many remain missing, but managers at one beloved summer camp said that 27 girls were unaccounted for as of late Saturday afternoon.

Anguish was everywhere. Parents raced to the scene, intending to search for their children themselves. At a local reunification center, family members hugged and sobbed. They spoke hurriedly into cellphones and scanned for photographs of their missing loved ones. Online, they posted desperate pleas for information. And at news conferences, police officers and elected leaders alike struggled to compose themselves.

"People need to know — today will be a hard day," said Joe Herring Jr., the mayor of Kerrville, one of the hardest hit cities. His voice caught as he spoke. "It will be a hard day."

Rain fell in sheets as first responders combed over the Guadalupe and several other already-swollen rivers. The downpours prompted additional evacuations and flash flood warnings in and around Texas Hill Country. The forecast offered little relief: More rain was predicted for Saturday night into Sunday.

Swarms of emergency personnel, working in difficult and dangerous conditions, pledged to carry on. They flew helicopters and drones, steered boats and scoured on foot.

"We are literally walking every

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Mexico braced for mass deportations but has yet to see them

A sharp decline in border crossings under Trump has complicated his campaign to expel migrants

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN

TIJUANA, MEXICO — When President Donald Trump pledged to launch the "largest deportation operation in American history," this border city swung into action. The local government declared a state of emergency. Federal authorities built a shelter for up to 2,600 deportees, complete with beds, showers and white-coated chefs.

It was, one local official said, the "zombie apocalypse scenario."

But five months after Trump took office, the shelter is nearly empty. So few deportees have arrived — an average of 38 a day — that one of the two floors has been mothballed.

The situation is similar in other Mexican border communities. While the Trump administration's aggressive immigration arrests have sparked protests in

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People play soccer in February near a temporary government shelter in Nogales, Mexico, part of the country's "Mexico Embraces You" program to receive citizens deported by the United States.

Too many patients, too few nurses at new D.C. hospital

Swamped ER reflects the challenges of treating an underserved community

BY JENNA PORTNOY

As soon as D.C.'s newest hospital opened its doors in April, the emergency room was overwhelmed with too many patients and not enough staff. Nurses were pulled from other departments. The top nursing administrator clacked downstairs in heels to treat patients herself. The chief operating officer cleaned beds.

Hospital and city officials say the all-hands approach is a sign Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center GW Health has dedicated staff. But, they say, it also reflects the challenges of opening a new hospital amid a national nursing shortage in a medically underserved community where residents face barriers to accessing primary care.

City officials have said the hospital could transform health care in a part of D.C. where data show the poor and majority-Black population is more likely to die of chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. The District built the \$434 million hospital in Congress Heights to provide close-to-home services that had been lacking east of the Anacostia River for years, including trauma care, labor and delivery and specialty services.

Residents got the message — quickly.

There were days early on when Cedar Hill saw more than 200 patients in the emergency room. But they had prepared for half that based on United Medical Center, the hospital Cedar Hill replaced, seeing a daily average of 97 visitors.

In its first 45 days, about 5,300 people came into the ER for treatment. About 80 percent of those people could have been treated at an urgent care, which is nearly double the District-wide average

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