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## Report: U.S. likely saw negative net migration



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### 2025 could be first time in decades trend was reported

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USA TODAY

For the first time in decades, net migration for the United States was likely negative in 2025, and the trend could continue amid President Donald Trump's aggressive immigration enforcement actions, according to a new think tank report.

A "significant" drop-off in new entries into the country coupled with an increase in immigration enforcement activity leading to more removals and voluntary departures contributed to the close to zero or negative net migration, according to a report released Jan. 13 from the Brookings Institution. Net mi-

gration for 2025 was estimated in the report to be between negative 10,000 and negative 295,000.

Negative net migration - when more people leave the country than enter - hasn't been seen in the United States in at least 50 years, the report said.

"For 2026, we project net migration is likely to remain in negative territory," the Brookings Institution said, noting that a recent reduction in data transparency makes the estimates more uncertain. "The slowdown implies weaker employment, GDP, and consumer spending growth."

The sharp drop in migration flows is due to "dramatic" changes in immigration policies under the Trump admini-

stration, the Brookings Institution said. That includes a suspension of refugee and humanitarian parole programs.

Trump has also sent federal immigration agents into Democratic-led cities in waves of escalated immigration enforcement actions over the several months leading up to the report's release. The increased patrols and immigration sweeps have prompted outcry from protesters and sometimes have led to clashes. Most recently, during a surge of agents to Minneapolis, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer fatally shot a U.S. citizen, Renee

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## Trump threatens Insurrection Act in MN

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President Donald Trump on Jan. 15 threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act, which would give him power to deploy armed forces domestically, as tensions ratcheted up yet further in Minnesota following a second shooting involving a federal agent.

The agent shot a person in the leg in Minneapolis on Jan. 14 after allegedly being assaulted during an arrest, the Department of Homeland Security said.

"If the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don't obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrectionists from attacking the Patriots of I.C.E., who are only trying to do their job, I will institute the INSURRECTION ACT," Trump wrote in a Truth Social post.

Trump's threat followed another night of clashes between protesters and federal agents in Minneapolis. Local media reported that hundreds of protesters gathered near the second shooting scene, clashing with federal officers who deployed gas and rubber-coated bullets. The city has been on edge since an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer shot and killed Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old mother of three, on Jan. 7. The killing sparked nationwide demonstrations.

DHS said on X that federal officers were conducting a "targeted" traffic stop in Minneapolis at about 6:50 p.m. CT. The traffic stop involved a Venezuelan national, who the agency claimed was in the United States without authorization.

The person fled in a vehicle, crashed into a parked car and took off on foot, according to DHS. An officer attempted to apprehend the person and was assaulted. While they were on the ground struggling, the department said "two subjects came out of a nearby apartment and also attacked the law enforcement officer with a snow shovel and broom handle."

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## Event will bring casino night and disco party to Shelby

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Have the winter blues?

The Cleveland County Arts Council can help lift that mood with card games and a dance party.

The Arts Council's largest fundraiser - the Big Chill Casino Night and Silent Disco - is back Jan. 31 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Cleveland Country Club, 1360 E. Marion St.

"I look forward to the Big Chill because it brings together the people who make our work possible," said Stephanie Pasour, Cleveland County Arts Council president and executive director. "As our largest fundraiser, this night is essential for the Arts Council, and I am personally inviting everyone to join us for an eve-

ning where great food, fun games, a silent auction with amazing items, and fellowship with old friends and new meet a truly meaningful cause."

### Here's what to know before you go:

Tickets are \$125 per person There will be black jack, craps, roulette, Texas Hold 'em, and a poker tournament.

There will be a silent auction, 50/50 split raffle and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

The silent disco is a new component of the Big Chill this year, thanks to the sponsorship of the Shelby Hearing Center.

At a silent disco, guests wear wireless headphones to listen to music, allowing them to switch between multiple channels.

"Participants get headphones, tune into different music streams via radio frequency, and dance to their own beat, creating a unique visual spectacle of people dancing to 'nothing.' You get to choose your music and control volume," said Kay Young, Cleveland County Arts Council secretary.

### Interested in sponsoring the Big Chill?

Check out the following tiers: Jackpot Sponsor \$2,000

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- Recognition in press releases, website and social media posts
- Recognition at casino night
- Night Royal Flush Sponsor \$1,000
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- Logo on signs/posters/flyers
- 1 signature drink per guest (4)
- Recognition in press releases, website and social media posts
- Recognition at casino night
- Full House Sponsor \$500
- 2 tickets
- Logo on signs/posters/flyers
- 1 signature drink per guest (2)
- Recognition in press releases, website and social media posts
- Recognition at casino night

For more information on the Big Chill, visit ccartsCouncil.org, call 704-484-2787, or stop by the Cleveland County Arts Council at 111 S. Washington St. in Shelby. Find the event, The Big Chill Casino Night and Silent Disco, on Facebook. The Arts Council is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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