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Protesters gather near the scene of a shooting involving an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent that left a 37-year-old woman dead in Minneapolis. Protests grew and continued throughout the day. Tom Baker / AP

## U.S. seizes tankers carrying sanctioned crude oil

The Trump team is asserting control over Venezuelan oil sales worldwide by relaxing some sanctions.

By Konstantin Toropin  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's administration on Wednesday sought to assert its control over Venezuelan oil, seizing a pair of sanctioned tankers transporting petroleum and announcing plans to relax some sanctions so the U.S. can oversee the sale of Venezuela's petroleum worldwide.

Trump's administration intends to control the distribution of Venezuela's oil products globally following its ouster of President Nicolás Maduro in a surprise nighttime raid. Besides the United States enforcing an existing oil embargo, the Energy Department says the "only oil transported in and out of Venezuela" will be through approved channels consistent with U.S. law and national security interests.

That level of control over the world's largest proven reserves of crude oil could give the Trump administration a broader hold on oil supplies globally in ways that could enable it to influence prices. Both moves reflect the Republican administration's determination to make good on its effort to control the next steps in Venezuela through its vast oil resources after Trump has pledged the U.S. will "run" the country.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio suggested that the oil taken from the sanctioned vessels seized in the North Atlantic and the Caribbean Sea would be sold as part of the deal announced by Trump on Tuesday under which Venezuela would provide up to 50 million barrels of

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A bullet hole is seen in the windshield as law enforcement officials gather at the scene of a shooting involving an ICE agent in Minneapolis.

## ICE officer kills Minneapolis driver amid latest immigration crackdown

**Federal officials insist it was a case of self-defense. The mayor and other Minnesota officials are pushing back.**

By Tim Sullivan  
and Giovanna Dell'Orto  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — An Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer shot and killed a Minneapolis driver on Wednesday during the Trump administration's latest immigration crackdown on a major American city — a shooting that federal officials said was an act of self-defense but that the mayor described as reckless and unnecessary.

The woman, identified as Renee Nicole Good, 37, was shot in the head in front of a family member in a snowy residential neighborhood south of downtown Minneapolis. The shooting occurred just a few blocks from some of the oldest immigrant markets and about a mile from where George Floyd was killed by police in 2020.

Her killing after 9:30 a.m. was recorded on video by witnesses, and the shooting quickly drew a crowd of hundreds of angry protesters. By evening, hundreds were there for a vigil to mourn the death and urge the public to resist immigration enforcers.

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, while visiting Texas, described the incident as an "act of domestic terrorism" carried out

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## Federal workforce plummets in Philly area

**October was the first time the government's deferred resignation program was reflected in local employment data.**

By Joe Yerardi,  
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The number of federal government employees in the Philadelphia region plunged in October, according to new employment data that appear to reflect the departure of thousands who opted into President Donald Trump's resignation program.

Trump's cuts to the federal workforce over his first year in office became clearer Wednesday with the release of new employment data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Across Pennsylvania and New Jersey, thousands of federal jobs were cut from September to October.

It was the first time the government's deferred resignation program has been reflected in local employment data. First offered in January 2025, this program allowed federal employees to resign from their jobs while continuing to

receive pay. For many, the program ended Sept. 30. While it may have been months since they had completed duties related to their federal jobs, the end of the deferred resignation period is when they officially stopped being employed by the government for purposes of employment data.

"The federal workforce is ... in communities like Philadelphia, and we are part of the economy," said Philip Glover, a union leader with AFGE District 3, which represents federal workers in Pennsylvania and Delaware. The recent local job loss will have ripple effects, he said. It "affects stores, transit, it affects tax bases, all of those things are affected," he said.

Federal agencies in the Philadelphia metro area — a region that includes Camden and Wilmington — shed about 2,900 jobs in October, down 5.3% from September. It was the steepest month-over-month decline since July 2010 and the fourth biggest since 1990.

Pennsylvania lost overall about 4,800 federal jobs in October, a 4.8% drop and the largest month-over-month decrease since October 2020.

New Jersey lost about 1,200 federal jobs in October.

In nearly five years, employment overall has grown 12.6% in

## CAMPAIGN 2026

## Shapiro's reelection campaign in Pa. starts now — but 2028 looms large

By Julia Terruso  
and Gillian McGoldrick  
Staff Writers

He's running.

Gov. Josh Shapiro will officially announce his widely expected reelection bid for Pennsylvania governor Thursday, as speculation over a 2028 run for president continues to build. The question now: How will the Democrat's rumored presidential ambitions bolster or detract from his must-win election at home in 2026?

Shapiro is kicking off his reelection campaign with not one but two stops — first stopping in Pittsburgh, then in Philadelphia. He's expected to tout three years of leading a divided legislature and his bipartisan achievements in a politically split state, via a campaign that has already amassed a record \$30 million war chest.

He coasted to victory in 2022, elevating his profile within the



As Gov. Josh Shapiro faces his reelection bid, experts say his interest in a 2028 presidential campaign can't be too conspicuous. Tom Gralish / Staff Photographer

national Democratic Party, and is not expected to face a primary challenger. In the general election, he will likely face Republican

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, who largely consolidated GOP support early.

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