These figures are from official statistics published by the INS for each fiscal year. The Hoover figures are drawn from table 24A on page 179 of the "[Annual Report of the Immigration and Naturalization Service](#)" for fiscal year 1952. The historical table details numbers of "Aliens Deported and Aliens Departing Voluntarily Under Proceedings; Years ended June 30, 1892 to 1952."

During Hoover's four-year presidency, roughly 121,000 persons were officially deported or induced to leave through threat of deportation, according to our analysis of official statistics.

It's true that the years of the Great Depression saw an exodus of many persons of Mexican heritage — including some who were U.S. citizens. A report in *USA Today*, published in 2006, stated: "Tens of thousands, and possibly more than 400,000, Mexicans and Mexican-Americans were pressured — through raids and job denials — to leave the USA during the Depression."