

The Welcoming City



**New Arrivals Mission
Community Briefing – November 22, 2023**

1. General Updates
2. Shelter Stay Policy and ASERAP
3. Questions

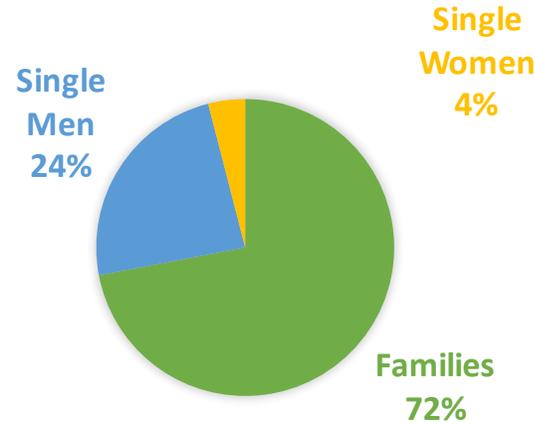
1. **Advocate** for immigrant, migrant and refugee rights
2. Provide **strategic leadership and operations guidance** for the asylum seeker response effort
3. Operationalize the **Welcoming City Ordinance** across city departments and agencies
4. Promote **long-term integration** of immigrants, migrants, and refugees into the life of Chicago through multi-sector partnerships and coalitions
5. Share **resources and accurate information** about immigration policy and immigrant integration



New Arrivals Shelter Map



Current Shelters Overview



Current Census: 12,242

Total Shelters: 25

Wards with Shelters: 19

Current Beds Needed: 2,403

- 1,831 at CPD Police Districts
- 572 at ORD
- 0 at MDW

Total Buses this past week

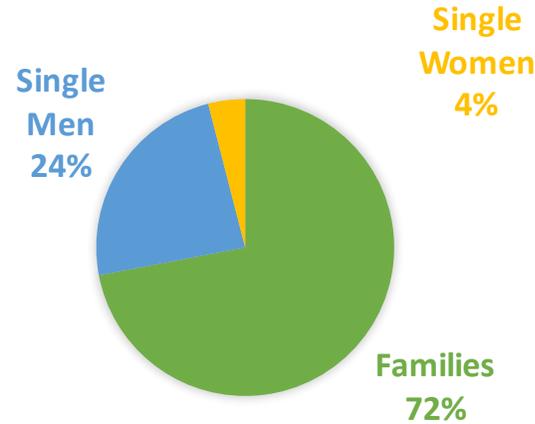
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Total New Arrivals Responsible For: ~15,000

New Arrivals Shelter Map



Current Shelters Overview



Current Census: 12,373

Total Shelters: 26

Wards with Shelters: 19

Current Beds Needed: 1,727

- 1,407 at CPD Police Districts
- 320 at ORD
- 0 at MDW

Total Buses this past week

18

Total New Arrivals Responsible For: ~14,500

New Arrivals Numbers as of November 22, 2023

- Chicago has received over 22,100 New Arrivals since the mission began.
- 415 Buses have arrived in Chicago since 1 JAN 2023
- 406 Buses have arrived in Chicago since 12 MAY 2023
- Number of persons arrived on buses in last 7 days: 712

•NOTE: The census numbers are updated daily and can fluctuate due to resettlement, finding housing independently, onward movement, among other factors. Additionally, the bus numbers are fluid and can change.

From November 12 through November 18:

- Move Outs = 125 (361 individuals)
- New Leases signed = 185
- Outmigration = 141

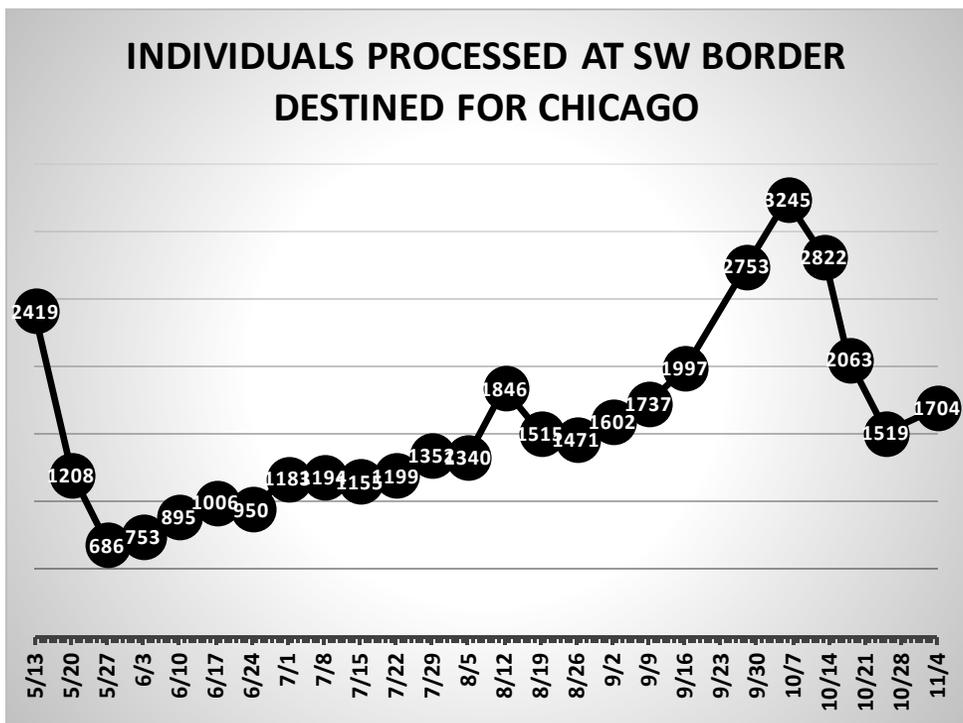
From November 14 – 21, we placed 750 individuals in shelter.

We are **currently averaging 500 individuals exiting our system** due to outmigration and resettlement efforts

Total number of beds by next Tuesday around **1,500**.

Continued **collaboration with mutual aid and CBOs** to coordinate transportation from police stations to shelters.

Continued **conversation with CCH** on expanding services.



For the week ending November 11, 2023, **1,574 noncitizens** provided an intended destination of the Chicagoland area.

The top three nationalities rounded to the nearest hundred are:

- Venezuela
- Mexico
- Colombia

For the week ending **November 4, 2023**, according to the weekly DHS report, **1,704 noncitizens** provided an intended destination of the Chicagoland area. A slight increase from the previous week.



Bottlenecks and Plan

The State of Illinois will invest an additional \$160 million in data-driven investments to, in partnership with the City of Chicago and community-based organizations, address bottlenecks in comprehensive asylum seeker resettlement pipeline



- Launch intake center to welcome and coordinate new arrivals
- Reduce the number of people going to shelters by 10% through a coordinated arrival process

- Create a winterized “soft shelter site” providing temporary housing for up to 2,000 people for up to 6 months

- Reduce ASERAP from six to three months
- Allow all current shelter residents access
- Clear communication on benefits available for new arrivals

- Expand case management, housing assistance, and legal services
- TPS/EAD assistance for ~11,000 shelter residents by Feb. 2024

The City of Chicago has welcomed more than **22,000 asylum seekers** and other new arrivals from the southern border in the past year. Our goal is to welcome them humanely, meet their basic needs for shelter, food, and urgent medical care and connect them to resources that put them on a path to self-sufficiency and resettlement.

There are currently 26 new shelters in operation, and over **1,700 people awaiting shelter placement** in police stations and airports. In recognition of the large scale of ongoing need, we are launching the next phase of our plan to facilitate less time in shelters and provide targeted supports that accelerate our new neighbors moving more quickly through the temporary shelter system on to independent living.

New Arrivals Daily Snapshot	
Total Individuals Seeking Asylum Arriving via Texas Buses*	22,100
Total Individuals Seeking Asylum Arriving via Airplane Since June 2023	3,335
Total Bus Arrivals Since 8/31/2022	516
Total Individuals Resettled **	7,932
Total Individuals Reunited with Sponsors **	2,835
Total Shelter Census	12,373
Total Awaiting Placement	1,727
Total Waiting in Police Station	1,407
Total Waiting at O'Hare	320
Total Waiting at Midway	0

AS OF NOVEMBER 22ND, 2023, AT 8AM

* DOES NOT INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS ARRIVING INDEPENDENTLY OR GREYHOUND.

** REPORTED WEEKLY

- **60-day limited stay policy** for residents of emergency new arrivals shelters run by the City.
 - Establishes exit dates based on arrival dates to shelter, with a written notice.
 - Those who still need shelter at the time of their exit date will be instructed to return to the landing zone to request a new shelter placement.
 - Temporary extensions may be granted for individuals under extenuating circumstances, such as medical crises or extreme cold weather.
- The goal of this policy is to:
 - Support residents and their families in their resettlement in Chicago expeditiously.
 - Be able to serve new households arriving in Chicago and waiting at police stations/airports.
- As a part of this policy, **the City and State are partnering to increase support** for legal immigration services and **accelerate resettlement resources.**

- **New arrivals who entered shelter in 2022** will receive a 60-day notice beginning 11/17/2023. There are approximately 50 people in this group.
- **New arrivals who entered shelter between 1/1/2023 - 7/31/2023** will begin receiving 60-day notices on 12/4/2023. There are approximately 3,000 people currently in shelter who arrived in this time frame.
- **New arrivals who entered shelter between 7/31/2023 - 11/16/2023** will begin receiving 60-day notices on 2/1/2024. There are approximately 8,800 people currently in shelter who arrived in this time frame.
- **All new arrivals to shelter on or after 11/17/2023** will receive a 60-day notice upon intake.

- **Base Camp Tent sites**

- 38th and California
- 115th and Halsted

- **Incoming brick and mortar shelter**

- Multiple locations under assessment
- Shelter opening next week
 - CVS in Little Village

- **Emergency Respite Shelters**

- Places of faith



Incoming Winter Weather Planning

- Continue utilization of CTA warming buses with incoming inclement weather (21 buses)
- Utilize Park District and Library facilities during daytime as needed.
- Cold Weather Clothing – working with philanthropy, corporate partnerships and community-based organizations to collect donations.



Photos by Chicago Tribune

Warming buses are provided by the CTA at 21 police district locations.

Departamento de
Policía de Chicago
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**Donde ir para evitar
temperaturas frías**



Este sitio del Distrito de Parques y la biblioteca local brindarán una oportunidad para que las personas se mantengan calientes y pueden incluir actividades durante



**BIBLIOTECA PÚBLICA DE CHICAGO
SUCURSAL DE CHINATOWN**

2353 S Avenida Wentworth
Teléfono: 312-747-8013

HORAS:

Lunes/Miércoles 12PM – 8PM
Martes/Jueves 10AM – 6PM
Viernes/Sábado 9AM – 5PM
Domingo 1PM – 5PM



**DISTRITO DE PARQUES DE CHICAGO
PARQUE TAYLOR**

39 W. Calle 47
Teléfono: (312) 747-6728

HORAS

Lunes/Miércoles/Viernes
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Centros de calentamiento para el frío

Centros solo abren cuando la temperatura cae por debajo de 32 F

El Departamento de Servicios Familiares y de Apoyo (DFSS, por sus siglas en inglés) activa áreas de calentamiento en los seis centros de servicios comunitarios de la Ciudad. Los Centros de Servicios Comunitarios están abiertos de lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m.

- Las áreas de calentamiento y otras instalaciones de la Ciudad de Chicago están abiertas cuando las temperaturas son de 32 ° F o menos.
- Por las noches y los fines de semana, ciertas ubicaciones de la Biblioteca Pública de Chicago y las instalaciones del Distrito de Parques de Chicago también servirán como centros de calentamiento durante el horario comercial habitual.

**CENTRO DE SERVICIOS
COMUNITARIOS**

King Center
Centro de Servicios Comunitarios

4314 S Cottage Grove Avenue 
Teléfono 312- 747-2300
De lunes a viernes
HORARIO: 9AM – 5PM

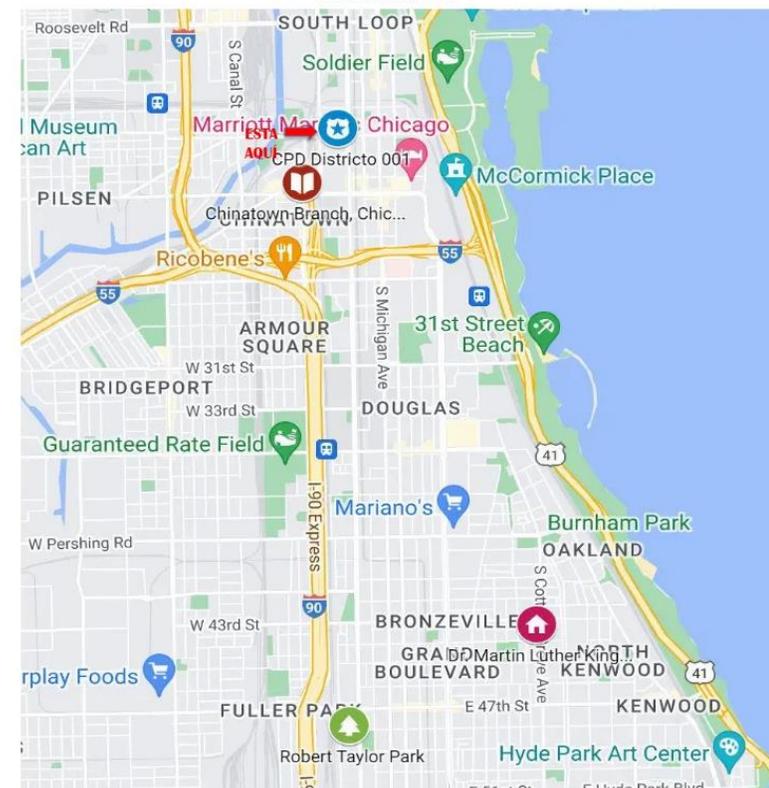
Para obtener un mapa de todas las ubicaciones, días y horarios de atención de los Centros de Calentamiento de la Ciudad de Chicago, escanee este código QR.



Todas las oficinas e instalaciones de la Ciudad de Chicago estarán cerradas los siguientes días festivos: jueves 23 de noviembre de 2023, lunes 25 de diciembre de 2023 y lunes 1 de enero de 2024.

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- An estimated **11,000 new arrivals** in Chicago are eligible for work permits.
- In a partnership between city, state, and federal governments, a pilot project offering immigrant asylum-seekers the ability to apply for work permits begins in Chicago.
- In collaboration with State, City, sister agencies, delegate agencies, and USCIS, new arrivals are submitting their applications for TPS or EAD.
- Ongoing workshops from November through early 2024 to capture people that are eligible for TPS and EADs
- Applicants from the 11/9 workshop have received their approvals.
- [Volunteer Opportunities: TPS-EAD Volunteers](#)



- The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership identified **6 Priority Centers** to provide pre-employment support to individuals with or applying for work authorization and are listed [here](#).
- Employers can begin working with American Job Centers to help boost the recruitment and retention of their workforce
- Most efficient way for an employer to connect to a Center would be to submit information at <https://levelupajc.org/>, and a local representative will be in touch

WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE JOBSEEKERS





- **Meals RFP**
 - Proposals extended to **December 1st**
 - Up to two awards with opportunity for subcontracting to local caterers and restaurants
 - For technical support call the procurement help line: 312-744-4357
- **Shelter Operations RFP**
 - The RFP closed on Friday, October 6th
 - In motion: Phase 2 of the RFP evaluation with oral presentations for 19 proposals representing 7 agencies across 11 sites.
 - Targeting award recommendations by mid-December

Designation as Sanctuary City - R2023-0004224

- [Submission of public question by referendum to Chicago voters at March 19, 2024 election on whether Chicago should continue its designation as Sanctuary City](#)
- [Referendum question text](#)
- Introduced on 11/4/2023, deferred and published to City Council
- 13 co-sponsors

Repeal of Welcoming City Ordinance - Municipal Code Chapter 2-173

- Introduced on 11/7/2023 and assigned to Committee of Immigrant and Refugee Rights Committee)

Shelter Limits past 12 months

- [Establishment of policy prohibiting property owned by city and used as shelter for migrants to continue such use beyond 12 months](#)
- Introduced on 11/9/2023 and assigned to Committee on Budget and Government Operations
- 4 co-sponsors

Coordinated federal advocacy with County, State, Illinois Congressional delegation, and external partners to reduce the financial and operational burdens, and to secure increased funding that will cover comprehensive sheltering and resettlement work in Illinois. ***Five core asks:***

1. Nationwide coordination of resettlement to receiving cities/States with a single federal leader,
2. Donated use of Federal land and buildings for sheltering throughout Illinois such as military bases and training facilities,
3. Flexible use of federal funding for sheltering operations and overall expenses.
4. Resources and technical assistance for expedited Temporary Protective Status (TPS) and employment authorization document (EAD) processing, and
5. Expansion of TPS and EAD for all non-citizens

Policy specific

- Waive fees for work authorization requests
- Improve backlog on asylum applications and workforce authorization request

President Biden's supplemental budget requests **\$1.4 Billion** for state and local governments providing food, shelter, and other services to new arrivals.

Our ask, along with Mayors from a border city/interior city coalition, is for the President to increase that funding to **\$5 Billion.

We hope that all of you will work to ensure that local and state governments receive the most amount of funding possible, and advocate specifically for Chicago to be a primary recipient.

1. Establish Shelter and resettlement hubs in at least two other municipalities directly supported and operated by the State
2. Increase Asylum Seeker Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ASERAP) to \$50M
3. Additional Support for Chicago Public Schools
 - Increased STLS services for all students
 - Additional resources and flexibility in licensing of Bilingual educators
 - Expedite existing capital projects and new construction for replacement purposes
4. Create sustainable funding stream for Chicago to cover costs from shelter to resettlement services.

- **Donate or Volunteer**

- With mutual aid groups helping at police districts
- Amazon Wish List: [chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
- Winter items (new preferred) dropped off at **4401 W. Ogden** (Mon-Friday, 8AM-5PM)
- Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)

- **Recommend Sites for Shelters or Apartments**

Suggest potential shelters or rental units

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>

- **Advocate** for State and Federal Action





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→ Delta College Transportation Center
→ Loop/Lawstreet
← Greyhound

Thank you for your partnership.