



The Welcoming City



Community Briefing

December 28, 2023

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New Arrivals Shelter Census

There are **14,895** residents in **27** active shelters.

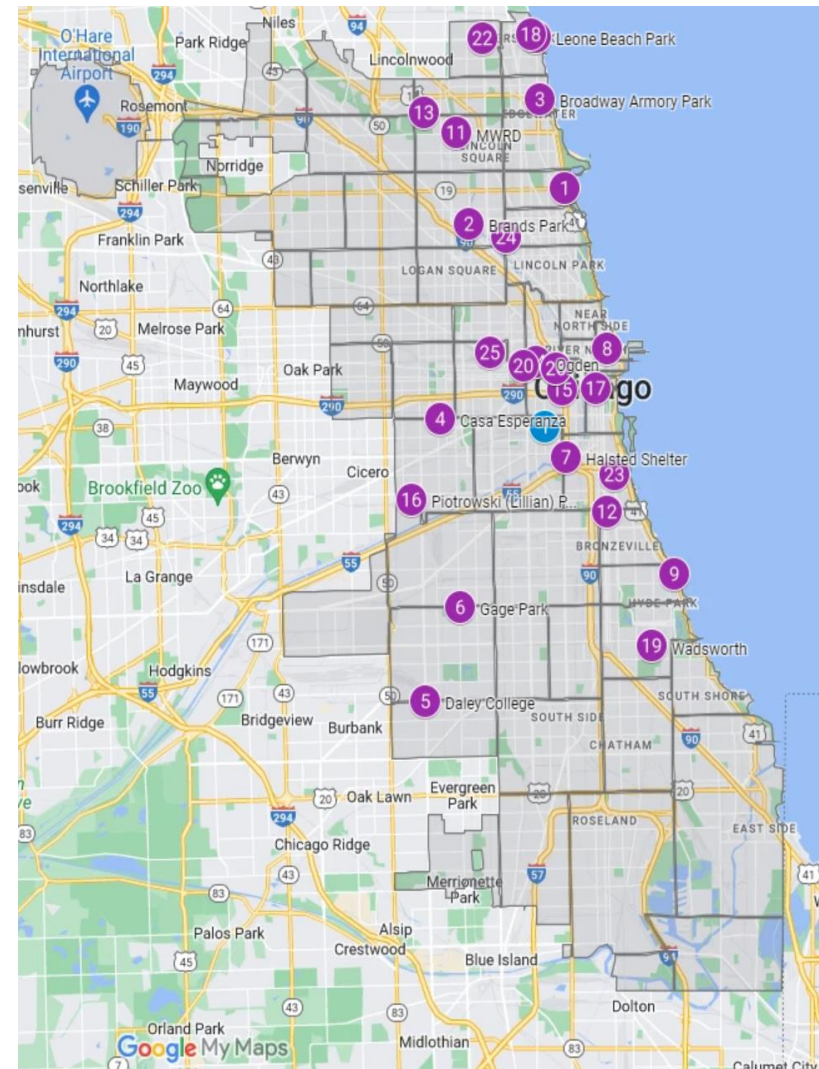
NOTE: The census numbers are updated daily and can fluctuate due to resettlement, finding housing independently, onward movement, rogue bus drop-offs, among other factors. Additionally, the bus numbers are fluid and can change.

New Arrivals Waiting for Shelter: 313 (this number is fluid and will change throughout the day)

- 13 at CPD Police Districts
- 255 at ORD
- 0 at MDW
- **45 adults waiting at the landing zone as of this morning**
**this number is fluid*

Total New Arrivals in Our Care: ~14,000+

New Arrivals Shelter Map



Despite the City's efforts to coordinate a comprehensive approach, the State of Texas continues to send buses and charter flights without coordination nor communication.

City agencies were notified of the imminent arrival of **10 buses** from Texas on **December 27, 2023**, posing a significant challenge as the city's temporary shelters are at full capacity.

On December 27, 2023, the City of Chicago was notified that **15 buses or more arrived in the suburbs**. New arrivals made their way to the landing zone via Metra or other means.

Mayor Brandon Johnson joined New York City Mayor Eric Adams and Denver Mayor Mike Johnston in a virtual press conference to call for federal support and coordination to alleviate the burden on cities dealing with the asylum-seeker crisis.



Mayor Brandon Johnson
@ChicagosMayor

Join me, [@NYCMayor](#) and [@denversmayor](#) as we discuss a nationwide response to the asylum seeker crisis.

Watch below:



Mayor Eric Adams ✓ @NYCMayor · 1h

The asylum seeker crisis is a national crisis that needs a national solution. We're convening local elected officials from across the country to call for that solution. Join me and the mayors of Chicago and Denver now:

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Considering the impending uptick in bus arrivals and to avert thousands of new arrivals from sleeping outdoors in winter conditions, we urgently call upon the State of Illinois and Cook County to assist with additional resources, including:

- **Providing additional shelter beds effective December 27:** In response to the impending uptick of bus arrivals, we urgently advocate for the allocation of supplementary shelter beds. This measure seeks to promptly address the increase demand for shelter capacity.
- **Establishing an Intake Center at the Landing Zone:** Recognizing the need for an organized and streamlined process, we urge the establishment of an intake center. This centralized facility will optimize the reception and assessment of individuals.

We also call upon federal authorities to provide immediate assistance to ensure these individuals receive the care and shelter they deserve, by:

- **Allocating an additional \$5 billion in Federal Funding: We urgently seek federal support** to immediately shelter new arrivals and for the ongoing development of a comprehensive system of care extending beyond the confines of Chicago, as shelter capacity has reached its maximum within city limits.

Sheltering Updates

- Little Village Site
- Unity Initiative
- Exploring Archdiocese sites

Emerging issues