



The Welcoming City



Mayor's Office of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights
Community Briefing – October 25, 2023

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



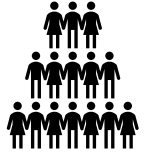
GOALS

1. Fact-Finding
2. Fact-Sharing
3. Building Relationships and Partnerships

TAKEAWAYS

- Increased federal coordination for resettlement
- Building a border city/interior city coalition to advocate for increased funding
- City to city coordination of resettlement





Chicago has welcomed over **19,952** new arrivals since August 2022

•Chartered Buses • Flights • Independent Travel



344 buses have arrived in Chicago since January 1, 2023

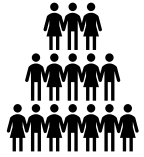
335 buses since May 12, 2023

17 buses have arrived in the last 7 days

741 people have arrived in the last 7 days

For the week ending October 14, 2023, according to the weekly DHS report, **2,063** noncitizens provided an intended destination of Chicagoland, down from **2,822** last week.

Date	# of Buses Arrived
Tuesday, 17 OCT 2023	3
Wednesday, 18 OCT 2023	3
Thursday, 19 OCT 2023	4
Friday, 20 OCT 2023	2
Saturday, 21 OCT 2023	2
Sunday, 22 OCT 2023	2
Monday, 23 OCT 2023	1
Tuesday, 24 OCT 2023	2



30 shelters have been utilized within City network
25 in current operation - 1 every 8 days since May 15

11,753 current bed capacity
 • 3,129 awaiting shelter in Police Stations and Airports



200,000 + meals per week

Migrant Census for 24 October 2023 as of 0800	
Shelter Census	11753
District Census	2523
O'Hare	606
MDW	0
Available Beds	160
Current Need	2969

- Venezuela
- Colombia
- Guatemala
- Russia
- El Salvador
- Afghanistan
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Ecuador
- Angola
- Peru
- Congo
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Ethiopia
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Dominican Republic
- Argentina
- Pakistan
- Costa Rica

Shelter	Ward	Population	Shelter Type
American Islamic College	46th	Families	School
Brands Park	33rd	Families	Park District
Broadway Armory	48th	Families	Park District
Daley College	18th	Families	City College
Gage Park	15th	Single Males & Females	Park District
West Lake	27th	Single Males	Lease
Inn of Chicago	42nd	Families	Hotel
Lake Shore Hotel	5th	Families	Hotel
Leone Boathouse	49th	Families	Park District
MWRD	39th	Families	City Building
Near South	3rd	Single Males	City Building
New Life Community Church	32nd	Families	Church
Casa Esperanza	24th	Families (Pregnant)	Church

Shelter	Ward	Population	Shelter Type
North Park Village	39th	Families	City Building
Ogden	27th	Families	Office Building
O'Hare (Staging area)	41st	All	Airport
Parthenon	34th	Single Males	Lease
Piotrowski Park	22nd	Families	Park District
Social Club	4th	Single Males & Females	Hotel
Super 8 Hotel	49th	Families	Hotel
Wadsworth	20th	Single Males & Females	School
Walnut	27th	Families	Lease
YMCA High Ridge	50th	Single Males & Females	YMCA
YWLA	4th	Single Males	School
Halsted	25th	Families	Lease
Western	36th	Single Males	Lease

Journey Map



Our goal is to welcome new arrivals with dignity, help meet their basic needs, and connect them to resources that put them on a path to self- sufficiency and resettlement.



New Arrival Continuum of Care



Welcome Centers

Base camps to welcome new arrivals with dignity and respect.



Network of Shelters

Transition new arrivals to a City shelter for wrap-around case management services, meals, access to schools, and shelter.



Medical Care

Transportation to and from CCH clinics for comprehensive medical assessments and services.



Resettlement

Assist new arrivals to resettle within or outside Chicago through rental assistance and legal support with expanded TPS.



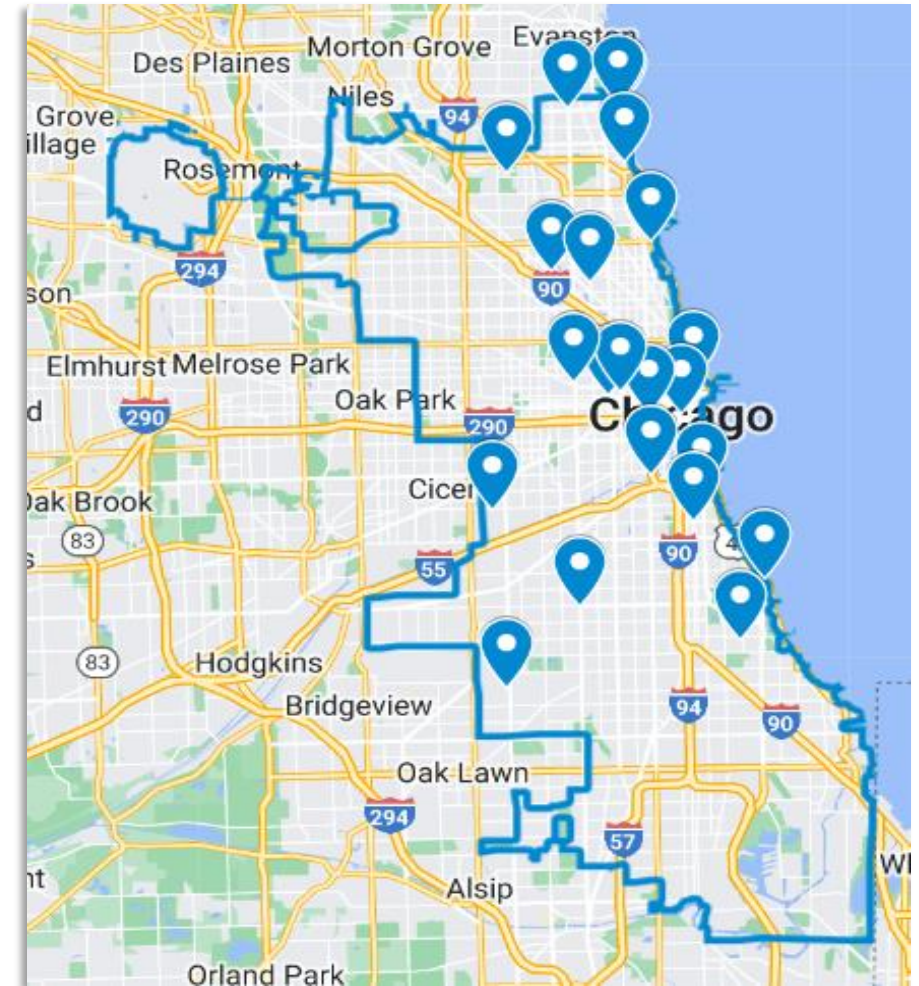
- Base Camps will replace the network of police stations for emergency shelter while beds in brick and mortars become available.
- Depending on increase of new arrivals, may serve as an alternative for brick-and-mortar shelter.
- Base camps will minimally provide sleeping and dining quarters, laundry, shower facilities, and case management. Wrap around services will be layered on top of the baseline provisions, but not included in the costs below.



Lead Agency: City of Chicago

Once placed within a shelter, new arrivals receive:

- Three meals a day
- Cot + blanket + pillow
- Showers, towels, hygiene kits and PPE
- Access to laundry
- Clothing and shoes, when available
- Enrollment in Chicago Public Schools and early learning
- Case management and asylum legal services (including enrollment in City Key).



*Average monthly cost from Jan. - April 2023 was \$16.7M when Chicago was supporting only 8 shelters and had received zero buses from Jan. to April.



Lead Agency: State of Illinois (through Catholic Charities)

By the numbers



15 out of 21 shelters serviced by Catholic Charities



2,366 households (approx. 5,840 individuals) resettled through Catholic Charities (through October 14, 2023)

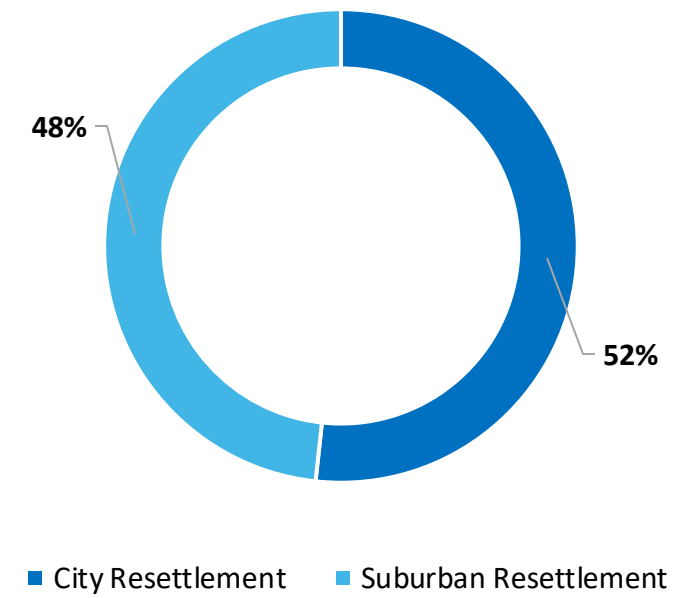


568 household leases signed but not yet resettled (through October 14, 2023)



\$12.75 million in ERAP/ASERAP Funding Expended (City's contribution is \$3.4 million) (through mid-September)

Number of Households



1 Replace police stations with base camps and other brick and mortar facilities

- One or more locations
- Weatherized
- City-owned properties, parks, schools, libraries
- Motels, warehouses, office buildings and other brick and mortar spaces

2 Improve safety and shelter operations

- Comprehensive community safety strategy
- Integration of community partners and coordination with city council members

3 Apply cost saving strategies

- Replace contract staffing with CBOs
- RFP for shelter operations and meal service to employ Chicagoans

4 Accelerate resettlement

- Additional housing case management
- Partnerships with adjacent municipalities
- Advocate for "significant public benefit" designation by DHS for expedited work authorization
- Coordinate TPS resources across shelters

5 Manage number of people arriving

- Coordination at the border
- Communicating weather and resource limitations

Chicago is a resettlement city.

By investing in each of these areas we are improving Chicago's community infrastructure.

Short Term: Basic and urgent needs

- Mutual Aid Rapid Response
- In-Kind Donations
- Food Insecurity- Meals and Water
- Staffing & Volunteer Coordination
- Medical and Education Supports

Mid-term: Improving Shelter System and Resettlement

- Shelter and community safety
- Social Emotional Supports
- Recreational and wellness activities
- Expanded Medical care
- English classes
- Funding faith-based and other shelter providers

Long-term: Resettlement and Community Intergration

- Legal aid and work authorization
- Workforce development training
- Community integration
- Housing Models
- Sustained educational supports

- **Advocacy and community organizing**
 - **Capacity-building and Staffing**
 - **Cross-sector Coordination**
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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.

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

- Approval of State expedited work authorization with "Significant Public Benefit" designation by DHS
- Waive fees for work authorization requests
- Improve backlog on asylum applications and workforce authorization request

- **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

- **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



Additional Updates

Dashboard

New Arrivals Situational Awareness Dashboard

Since August 31, 2022, the City of Chicago has welcomed over 18,000 new arrivals from the southern border. The following dashboard reflects current and historical data regarding the City's new arrivals response. The New Arrivals Situational Awareness Dashboard provides a visual of the extent of this humanitarian endeavor.

The Data

The City of Chicago receives limited information about the timing and number bus and airplane arrivals, as well as passenger composition and verification of sponsors. However, since the early days of this operation, our Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) has recorded and reported the number of chartered buses that arrive to our "landing zone", people who arrive by airplane in our airports, and those who independently arrive to emergency staging areas in police stations.

An unprecedented increase and frequency of buses has accompanied the announcement of Chicago as the host of the Democratic National Convention. In response to this fluid and dynamic situation, the City of Chicago has stood up 25 temporary congregate shelters across the city at a current rate of 1 shelter every 6 days, and provide case management for new arrivals to embark on a path of resettlement and self-sufficiency. Due to the amount of time it takes to retrofit buildings into congregate shelters, the City has relied on police station districts and airports to serve as emergency staging areas while people await shelter placement.

To protect the safety of our new arrivals, the data visually illustrates shelter census aggregates only and does not disaggregate the census at individual police stations and airports. Given the shifting landscape, this dashboard will continue to evolve as we expand our data collection and management capacity.

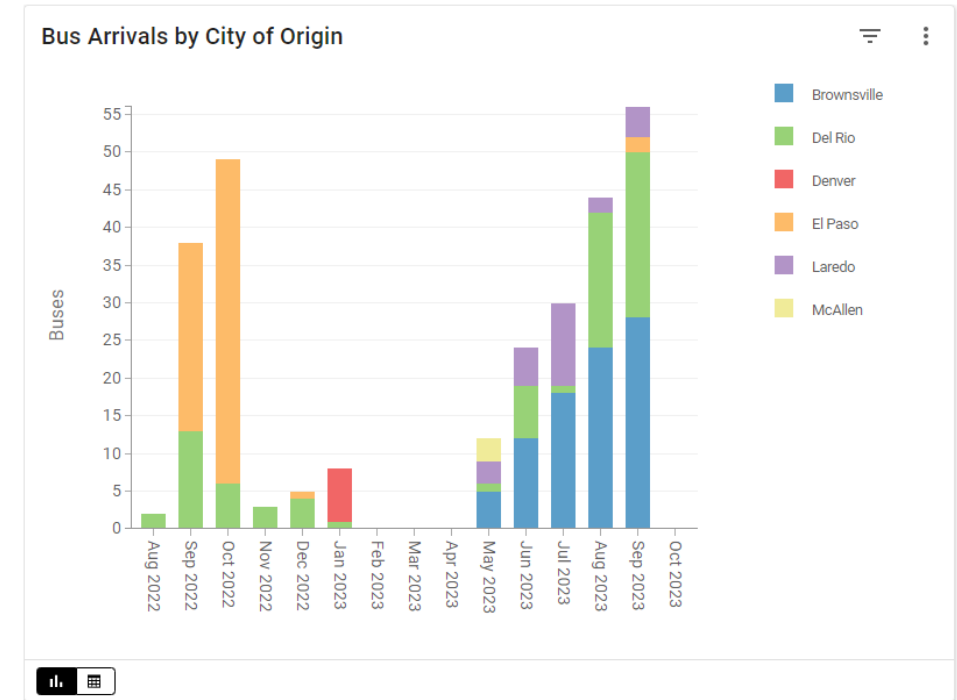
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New Arrivals Daily Snapshot	
Total Shelter Census	11,307
Total Awaiting Placement	3,739
Total Waiting in Police Station	3,080
Total Waiting at O'Hare	653
Total Waiting at Midway	6
Total New Arrivals Served	18,500
Total Buses Arrivals Since 8/31/2022	433

AS OF OCTOBER 18TH, 2023, AT 8AM

chicago.gov/support

Illustrates the number of buses arriving to Chicago based on origin city or town since August 2022.



Donations

As a welcoming city, we know Chicagoans are ready to show their generosity and are looking for ways to support. Below please find more information about how you can help Chicago's newest arrivals.

Opportunities to Support New Arrivals Ahead of Fall and Winter Seasons

You can now purchase urgently needed items directly from an Amazon Wish List set up by Instituto del Progreso Latino. You can find the Wish List by visiting [InstitutoChicago.org](https://www.institutochicago.org). You can also drop new items at New Life Centers, 4401 W Ogden Avenue.

For a complete list and how to donate visit [Chicago.gov/Support](https://www.chicago.gov/Support).







ONLY NEW ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.


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MUTUAL AID

Mutual Aid is a form of public and political participation for neighborhoods, organizations and groups of all sizes. They provide an avenue for looking after and tending to each other's health and well-being to create more livable, sustainable environments. The process and goal of mutual aid is to create accessible and collective care by accepting and sharing mutual responsibility within one's community space. Mutual aid networks across the city have mobilized to fill the gaps at our police stations.

- **Community Care Collective 33**
 - Community Care Collective is made up of engaged community members, grassroots organizations, faith-based organizations, and elected officials working together to build a community based on mutual aid and collective care. They formed around supporting the needs of new arrivals staying at the 17th precinct. To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **PSRT**
 - The Chicago Police Station Response Team is a network of volunteers meeting the needs of recently arrived asylum seekers sheltering in police stations. PSRT has organized to meet needs for food, bedding, and supplies as well as connecting new arrivals to medical services and showers. PSRT is in every police station across the city, with more than 150 volunteers. To donate directly, see [here](#).
- **19th Ward Mutual Aid - Neighbors Helping Neighbors**
 - 19Aid supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. The 19th Ward Mutual Aid group began in May 2020 to address the needs of neighbors that were left behind in the pandemic. Volunteers reached out food sources to establish a food pantry at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church. To learn more about their efforts and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Turpin Cares**
 - Turpin Cares supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. It was founded by Olive Rogers and Greg Owen-Boger, friends and neighbors in the Beverly neighborhood in Chicago. The name Turpin Cares comes from Turpin Communication, which originally funded the project. To learn more about their efforts, see [here](#).
- **OCAD**
 - Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) is a group of undocumented, unapologetic, and unafraid organizers building a resistance movement against deportations and the criminalization of immigrants and people of color in Chicago and surrounding areas. To learn more about the organization and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Edna White Community Garden**
 - At Edna White Community Garden supports new arrivals at the 22nd precinct. They believe in nurturing both the plants and the people who tend to them. By pooling their resources and sharing their knowledge, they amplify their impact and provide a comprehensive network of support for those who have sought refuge among us. To learn more about the organization and donate directly, see [here](#).
- **Nuevos Vecinos Ayuda General Support - Open Collective**
 - To donate directly, see [here](#).



Thank you for your partnership.