



The Welcoming City

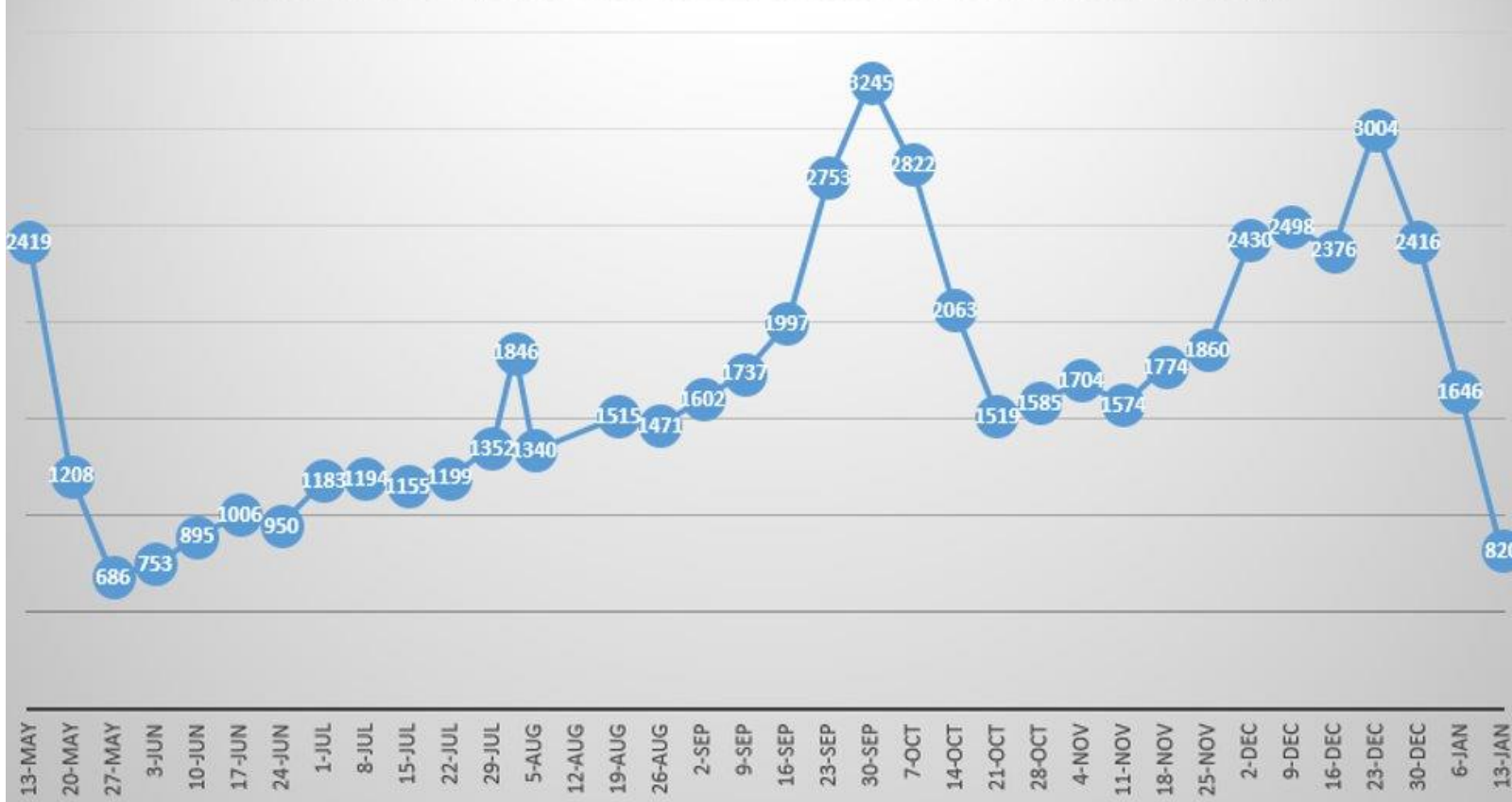


New Arrivals Briefing

January 24, 2024

Intended Destination Data

Individuals Processed at SW Border Destined for Chicago



An estimated 30,000+ asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago since Aug 31st, 2022

As of January 23, the City has **14,241** clients in 28 shelters.



New Arrivals Shelter Map

New Arrivals Shelter Census

There are **14,241** shelter residents in **28** active shelters, across **21** Wards.

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.

Current beds needed: 43 (single males)

- 218 at ORD
- 9 CPD Stations
- 0 at MDW
- 0 at Landing Zone/HWL
- 1 buses expected today

Total Buses this past week received at Landing Zone:
0

Total New Arrivals in Our Care: ~14,500+

- **State**
 - State is announced funding for Illinois Welcoming Centers and a new RFP for municipalities (other than Chicago) to support new arrivals.
 - Ongoing discussion about funding or standing up shelter beds.
- **County**
 - Ongoing conversations and planning with Cook County to open St. Barts.
 - Cook County EMRS can redeploy our assigned staff members from Chicago EOC to landing zone.
- **Federal**
 - FEMA Region 5 starting a planning cell in EOC consisting of all levels of government (OEMC, EMRS, IEMA, FEMA) - Ongoing.
 - Assisting OEMC with supply chain requests to support at shelters.
 - Cots, blankets, and other essential items

- **Advocacy by Mayor Johnson**
 - Mayor Johnson convened Mayors from other municipalities across the state to share the latest updates and advocate for more coordination.
 - Mayor Johnson traveled to DC for the U.S. Conference of Mayors to make another push for funding to support the mission.
- **City Council's Committee on Immigrant Rights**
 - Will meet next Tuesday at 9:00 am - City Council chambers
- **Towing Amendment**
 - **215 rogue buses** have dropped in roughly 30+ towns in 9+ Illinois Counties in the Chicagoland Region.
 - Townships and Municipalities have also implemented similar ticketing and towing enforcements. New Arrivals being dropped at outlying locations are traveling into Chicago via train and into main transportation hubs (Union Station, Ogilvie, etc.)
- **Multi Agency and Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Cell**
 - Coordinating efforts to solve supply chain gaps and planning for upcoming challenges.
 - Immediate Incident Stabilization
 - Supply Chain Resiliency, Planning and Operations

- Due to the National Weather Service (NWS) issued warnings the City used the OEMC Emergency Operations Plan to open Harold Washington Library at 400 S. State St opened the lower level as a 24/7 warming center for anyone in need.
- As of this week, Harold Washington was deactivated, and Operations for the Landing Zone returned to 800 S Desplaines location.
 - Warming buses are on site at the landing zone
 - Meals and donations will be coordinated by OEMC with the support of New Life and the new meals vendor
- Warming areas will be available when temperatures are at 32 degrees or below – warming areas are available at the City’s six community service centers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
 - [City of Chicago :: Warming Areas](#)

Management (OEMC)

- Arranges CTA warming buses
- Communicates with Metra and other municipalities
- Overall operations and logistics

Medical (CDPH)

- Coordinating medical providers' mobile units to support with medical intakes
- Medical triage- 3 layers of care
 - Personnel from CDPH-funded healthcare partners
 - Partners providers follow-up care
 - Federally Qualified Health Center partners

External Partners

- New Life Centers
 - Welcoming, Donations, Snacks/water, Outward Migration, Local relocation
- Catholic Charities
 - Outward migration
- Chi-care
 - Meals (x2 per day)

Other Resources

- Chicago Park District and OEMC coordinating showers at nearest Chicago Park District facility
- Ongoing conversations with ShowerUp regarding logistics given the below freezing temperatures



Medical Providers

- CDPH launched a provider informational survey on January 3 to discuss the health needs of the new arrival population and the potential for involvement. Interested providers should fill out the following survey and unaffiliated individuals who would like to volunteer are encouraged to apply to the Medical Reserve Corps.
 - **Volunteer Medical Organization**
survey: <https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=CPNKWRRLLHEX8XLLR>
- **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** – Unaffiliated individuals should **NOT** fill out the survey but are encouraged to apply to the MRC.
 - Information on the MRC can be found [here](#); those interested in applying to the MRC can start through the [Illinois Helps Volunteer Page](#).



New Neighbors Campaign

Philanthropic-funded position housed at Chicago Cares

Partnership between Chicago Cares and the City of Chicago. The New Neighbors campaign will coordinate relief efforts between volunteers, mutual aid groups, aldermanic offices, and partner organizations serving those seeking asylum, helping to foster a sense of belonging and connection to our communities.

Chicago Cares is an organization dedicated to redefining volunteerism. Chicago Cares builds upon community partnerships in core neighborhoods on the city's South and West Sides, challenging Chicagoans' preconceived notions and contributing directly to neighborhood revitalization plans along the way. As a result, our volunteers meet immediate community needs and forge ahead on community priorities.



AmeriCorps recently awarded the City of Chicago (8) VISTA positions to support the New Arrivals mission.

(3) VISTA members housed at the Mayor's Office and collaborate with volunteer-based organizations to promote volunteerism.

(4) VISTA members will support DFSS New Arrivals Sheltering Team

(1) VISTA member who is designated as VISTA Leader.



[**APPLY**](#)

Volunteer Opportunities:

Click [here](#) to join TRP every **Monday at 2:00 p.m. CST** to learn more about volunteering at upcoming workshops: <https://bit.ly/3SgG3q1>

Click [here](#) to sign up for a shift at an upcoming workshop: <https://bit.ly/424HHP0>



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Assist recent immigrant arrivals
apply for work permits

WHERE: Downtown Chicago
WHEN: Every Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm (shifts available)

For more info and to sign up to volunteer, visit:
welcometoil.org/tps-ead-volunteers

- MO IMRR and Chief of Philanthropy are working on revamping the City's donation strategy.
- The donations strategy goal is to facilitate ongoing donations and enhance the current system by engaging:
 - City Departments
 - Municipal Leaders
 - Big Box Retailers and Businesses
 - Philanthropy
 - Past Donors
- Areas of support
 - Shelter (cots, blankets, pillows, essential items, etc.)
 - Operational Support
 - Recreational Items (board games, TVs, puzzles, activity books, etc.)
 - Support Services (Transportation, food, clothing, etc.)

- **Donate or Volunteer**

- With mutual aid groups helping with the migrant mission
- Amazon Wish List: [chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
- Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)

- **Recommend Apartments Units**

Suggest rental units

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

- **Advocate** for State and Federal Action

