

New Arrivals Community Briefing

April 3rd, 2024

# By the Numbers 4/2/24

The Chicago region has welcomed over 38,400+ new arrivals since August 2022.

- **33,739** individuals arriving at Chicago's Landing Zone
- **4,702** who have arrived on flights to O'Hare and Midway

865 buses have arrived in Chicagoland area since August 2022

- **602** arrived at Chicago's landing zone
- 263 buses and 1 plane arrived in the area
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- **21** shelters in operation across the city

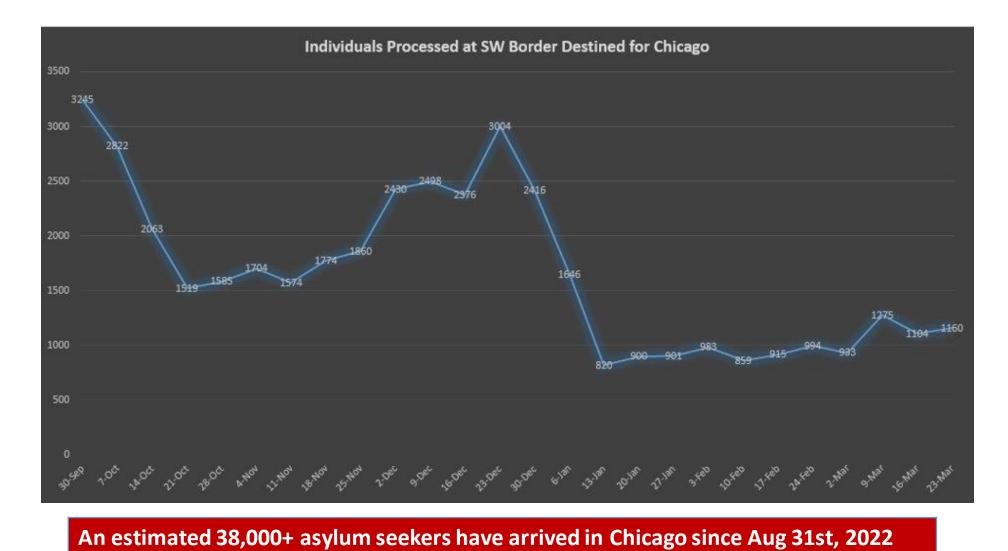


**9,869** current shelter residents awaiting shelter at O'Hare and Midway at Landing Zone at Police Stations





# **Operational Overview**



**25** Total buses since 3/16/24

### **Resettlement & Outmigration**



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**15,763** individuals resettled into an apartment unit since August 2022.



**5,793** individuals reunited with a sponsor across the city, state of IL, and country.







# people exiting our system in the last 7 days.



The Resurrection Project and the State – in collaboration with City and Federal governments, and others – are coordinating efforts to **centralize and expedite application** preparation via largescale workshops for new arrivals who are eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and/or Employment Authorization Documents (EAD).

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Focus: City-run shelters. Began on Nov 9th, 2023.	Focus: Other shelters and those in ASERAP housing. Beginning Feb 20th, 2024.	Focus: New arrivals not in shelters or ASERAP housing.

5,329 Applications Submitted to USCIS (Apr 1)			
EAD: 2,029	TPS: 3,300		

Approved Documents Received (Apr 1)		
Work Permits received: 2,258	Social Security Cards received: 2,249	
TPS documents could take upwards of 6 months to be adjudicated.		

#### Workforce Development Updates:

• April 16 – The 7th annual Hospitality Hires event.

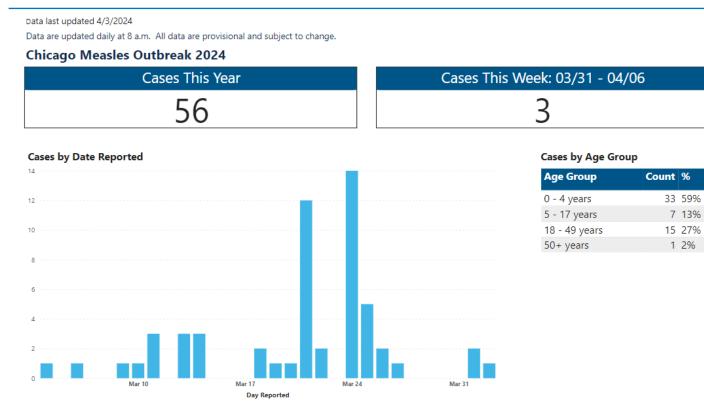
## **Park Districts**

- Beginning March 30, 2024, decompression of temporary shelters in Park facilities began and will continue in phases:
  - Leone Park Boathouse
  - Piotrowski Park
  - Gage Park
  - Broadway Armory Park
  - Brands Park
- Shelter residents will be transported to new shelter locations, prioritizing relocation to the shelters closest to them.
- Children are expected to remain in the same school during and after the transition. CPS will provide support.
- Park facilities will be restored so that park programming and other park operations can resume in time for summer.



## Measles Case Count 4/3/2024

#### Measles Dashboard



- CDPH continues to monitor the situation at the Halsted shelter.
- More than 5,000 new arrivals have received the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine since the first case was identified in Chicago
- CDPH has identified 56 confirmed cases of measles, the majority of which have been associated with Halsted. Of the 56 confirmed cases, 33 are in children below the age of 5.

### Volunteer Program: New Neighbors Campaign

#### ChicagoCares and Chicago Refugee Coalition

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- Merging their two systems to so volunteers can access both the volunteer orientation and scheduling system at the same time.
- Orientation will also include a course for people to understand the population they are serving and a certificate of completion.
- 1 VISTA will be supporting this partnership with any troubleshooting and the creation of the combined system
- People are being scheduled for volunteer opportunities with community partners
  - Onward Neighborhood House IL Welcoming Centers
  - New Life Centers Food Pantries (Little Village and Midway)



#### thehub.chicagorefugee.org/



## **IMRR's Hiring!**



The Senior Community Liaison will ensure that the Office's key priorities and objectives are effectively met, focusing on project management, implementation, and operations.

The Senior Community Liaison will play a pivotal role in ensuring that the needs of African Diaspora immigrants and new arrivals from the southern border are prioritized in all aspects of the Office's work



## **IMRR's Hiring!**



The AmeriCorps VISTAs will ensure that the Office is creating systems that will outlast a VISTAs position (12 mo.) One VISTA will support donation/volunteer efforts. The other VISTA will support Office priorities, focusing on project management and operations.

The VISTA positions will play a pivotal role in the development of the New Arrivals Mission and support the creation of systems to promote long-term growth for the City.



# How to Help

#### Donate

- Donate to Amazon Wish List:
- Donate to non-profits doing the work on the ground
- Donate to mutual aid networks
- www.chicago.gov/support



### Volunteer

- Volunteer at your local non-profit or church assisting new arrivals
- Check out The Hub Chicago Refugee Coalition



### **Advocate**

- Call your federal elected officials to request increased and flexible funding for Chicago
- Voice your support for expansion of TPS and work permits





### Learn More and Get Involved

