



New Arrivals Community Briefing
April 24th, 2024

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- Overview & Current Status
- Outmigration, Onward Movement, and Resettlement
- Measles Status
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The Chicago region has welcomed more than 40,000 asylum seekers and other migrants from the southern border



602 buses have arrived since August 2022
297 buses arrived at suburban communities (*285 on 4/12*)



4,761 individuals arrived at O'Hare & Midway

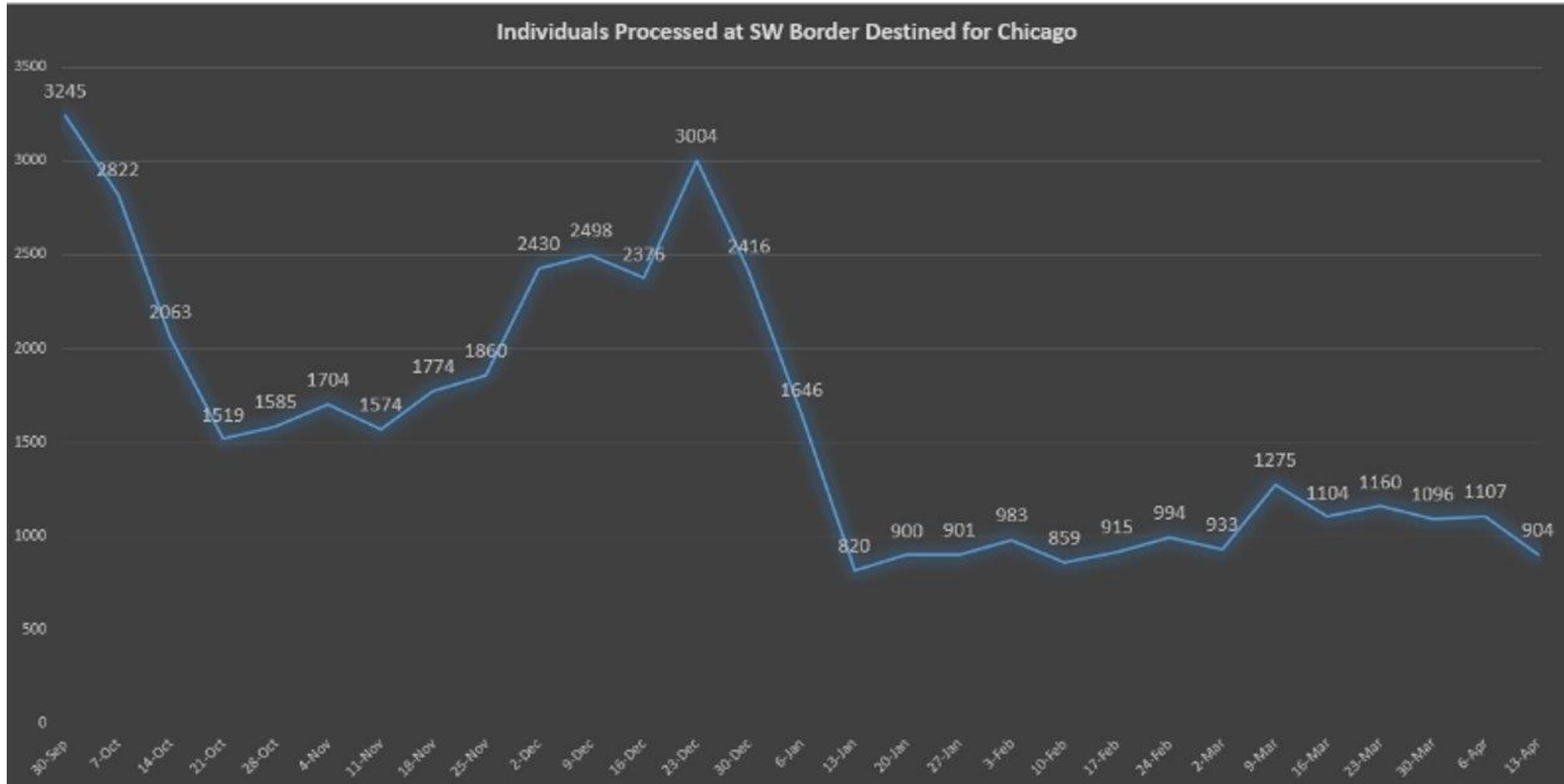


17 shelters in operation across the city
(*YMCA decommissioned on 4/21*)



8,636 current shelter residents (*9,044 on 4/12*)





Nearly 40,000 asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago since 31 AUG 2022



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 large-scale 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.

6,363 (+438)	
Applications Submitted to USCIS (Apr 22)	
EAD: 2,270	TPS: 4,093

Approved Documents Received (Apr 22)	
Work Permits received: 2,404	Social Security Cards received: 2,421

TPS documents could take upwards of 6 months to be adjudicated.

Workforce Development Updates:

- On April 4, 2024, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued a new Temporary Final Rule to **increase the automatic extension period for Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) from 180 to 540 days**. The temporary final rule will prevent lapses in work authorization and help US employers continue their operations without interruption
- Citywide Career Fair will be held on April 25th at Malcolm X College. For English/Spanish flyers and a list of employers, visit <https://www.chicityclerk.com/citywidecareerfair24>

Measles Case Count 4/23/2024

- As of 4/23/24 at 10 am there are **64** confirmed cases reported.
- 57 Shelter-associated cases
- **No new cases since 4/5/24**
- 7 cases not associated with Halsted

Measles-Containing Vaccines Administered to Chicago Residents

[Click here to view vaccines administered in 2023 compared to 2024](#)

Doses Administered since 3/7/2024

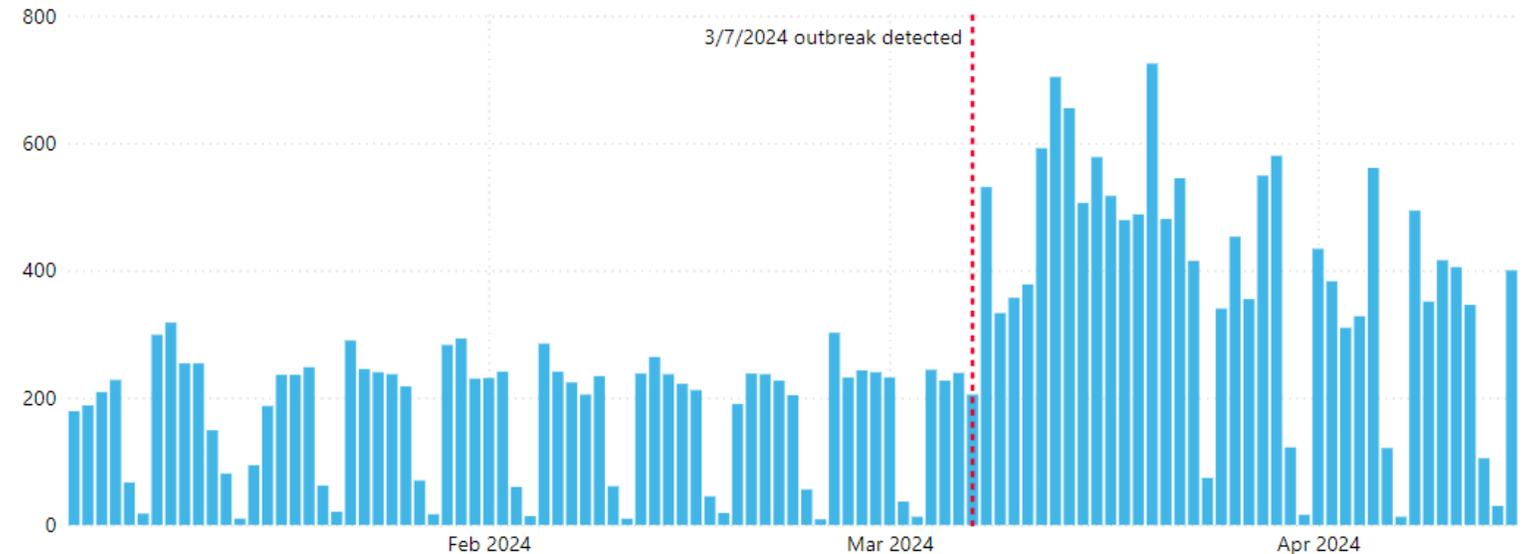
15,675

+ 2,053 from last week

Doses Administered Last Week (4/7/2024 - 4/13/2024)

2,130

Vaccinations Administered by Day



Department of Family and Support Services





Community meeting on Oct 12, 2023, to open a shelter for asylum seekers at 526 N. Western Ave. in West Town. Photo by Block Club Chicago.

- On April 16, DFSS promoted **Daniel Castañeda** to become the **Department's first ever Deputy Commissioner of New Arrivals**.
- Danny has been involved in the mission from day one and was the Director of the New Arrivals mission prior to his promotion.
- Danny will continue to lead the coordination of the shelter operations for the mission and will also be focusing on building out the **New Arrivals Division within DFSS** over the next several months.

DFSS Program Divisions: Overview*

Children Services

What

- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- Child Care Partnership
- Preschool for All
- Prevention Initiative

How

- Community-based early learning sites

Division on Gender-Based Violence

What

- 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline
- Counseling and case management
- Legal services
- Rapid Rehousing

How

- Counseling providers
- Legal advocates
- Youth advocates

Homeless Services

What

- Prevention
- Outreach and shelter
- Housing supports
- System coordination

How

- Service providers
- Call center
- Direct outreach through HOP team

Human Services

What

- Case management
- Public benefits assessment with referrals to services
- Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

How

- Community Service Centers with DFSS staffing
- Service providers

New Arrivals

What

- Emergency Shelter
- Legal Support
- Resettlement Assistance
- Healthcare Coordination
- Education & Benefits Enrollment

How

- Service providers
- Coordination with City departments and sister agencies

Senior Services

What

- Food assistance
- Caregiving supports
- In-home support services
- Legal services
- Information & Assistance

How

- Regional Senior Centers staffed by DFSS employees
- Service providers

Workforce Services

What

- Job preparation, training, and placement
- Connection to supports
- Re-Entry Support

How

- Job training partners and providers
- Community Re-Entry Support Centers

Youth Services

What

- Youth Employment
- Enrichment / Out of School Time
- Services for youth with complex needs

How

- Service providers
- My CHI. My Future. app



Unifying the Homeless and New Arrivals Systems

City and State have agreed to **move toward a unified system approach to unhoused Chicagoans and new arrivals. Systems Integration planning will begin in early 2024, with support from consultants organized through the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness-funded Homelessness Education and Technical Assistance Center at the Supportive Housing Providers Association.**

Current timeline:

- Technical assistance with systems integration to define policy, operational and resource considerations: January – June/July 2024
- Workplans developed out of the TA process will inform the longer-term implementation timelines but anticipate modifications will begin in 2024 where feasible and work will go into 2025.



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The initial focus of the facilitation process will be to identify decisions and work plans in a range of areas that impact both response systems. Key objectives for the first 6 months include:

- **Leadership Structure:** Establish a leadership and decision-making structure for the systems integration team.
- **Operational Structure:** Develop an operational structure for implementing strategies, drafting policies, and program solutions.
- **Cross Training:** Identify and deliver immediate areas for cross-training, policy clarification, and communication.
- **Language Access:** Create a language access plan for the crisis response system.
- **Process Flow Design:** Develop a process flow for services, including shelter diversion, placement, legal services, public benefits, prevention, and housing assessment.
- **Integration with Continuum of Care:** Establish clear linkages with the Chicago Continuum of Care Lines of Action and the Illinois Welcoming Centers Community Alliances structures.
- **Data System Development:** Determine data system needs and options for tracking/reporting, case management information, expansion, training, and reporting.
- **Work Plans:** Develop detailed work plans in multiple areas determined by the broader initiative.

- DFSS seeks applications for the operation of emergency shelters for new arrivals.
- This **RFP is an update to the initial RFP #9335 issued in August 2023**, and includes sites for which DFSS either made no award under #9335 or which have been newly added to the New Arrivals shelter system since the prior RFP release.
- Operate shelters at any of the **six specific** City-owned or City-leased facilities.
- Respondents may apply to operate more than one shelter facility.
- Applications are **due on Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 at 12:00pm, Noon CST**.
- A Pre-Proposal Webinar was held on **Friday, April 19th, 2024 at 1:00pm – 3:00pm**. A recording of the webinar will be available on the DFSS website shortly.

Office of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights



- On Friday, April 19th, a significant stride was made as the City Council decisively **voted 30-18 to allocate an additional \$70 million** towards the shelter, food, and other essential service.



- The council also unanimously **approved \$48 million** in grant money from the state and federal government

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Yes	02 Hopkins, Brian	Yes	19 O'Shea, Matthew J.	Yes	36 Villegas, Gilbert			
Nay	03 Dowell, Pat	Nay	20 Taylor, Jeanette B.	Nay	37 Mitts, Emma			
Yes	04 Robinson, Lamont J.	Yes	21 Mosley, Ronnie L.	Nay	38 Sposato, Nicholas			
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Nay	13 Quinn, Marty	Yes	30 Cruz, Ruth	Yes	47 Martin, Matthew J.			
Yes	14 Lopez, Jaylu B.	Yes	31 Cardona, Jr., Felix	Yes	48 Manaa-Hoppenworth, Leni			
Nay	15 Lopez, Raymond A.	Yes	32 Waguespack, Scott	Yes	49 Hadden, Marie E.			
Nay	16 Coleman, Stephanie D.	Nay	33 Silverstein, Jay Cassana	Yes	50 Silverstein, Debra L.			
Nay	17 Moore, David H.	Nay	34 Conway, William					



- **Please provide some detail about the \$48M from state and federal government. What are the funds for, & when can they be used?**
 - The \$48M grant from the state consists of a \$9M pass through grant from FEMA and \$39M direct funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services. The FEMA grant will cover the costs of shelter leases for those buildings that the city leases for new arrival shelter. The grant from IDHS will cover staffing costs incurred by the city to support our shelters.
- **What does the City estimate will be needed to cover all remaining costs of this fiscal year, and next FY?**
 - The City estimates it will spend over \$380M over the course of 2024, which will be funded by a combination of city, state, county and federal funds.



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Welcoming Centers
Application Due Date: May 6th

- **Funding is available through the Illinois Welcoming Centers (IWC) Program** for organizations serving immigrant, refugee, asylee, and Limited English Proficient (LEP) populations in Illinois.
- Applications are due May 6.
- Apply [HERE](#)

**CITYWIDE
CAREER FAIR**

Thursday, April 25, 2024
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Malcolm X College Gymnasium



Employers will be available to share employment opportunities

Open Registration

Doors open at 10:00 AM

Bring updated resumes and be prepared to complete online applications

For assistance with resumes and interviewing skills, visit your neighborhood American Job Center, levelupajc.org

- **Open to all residents** including new arrivals
- Hosted by Clerk's Office, Cook County, COPA, CTA, CCC, The Partnership, Skills for Chicagoland's Future, and the Chicago Is With You Taskforce
- Complete List of Employers in Attendance: <https://www.chicityclerk.com/citywidecareerfair24>

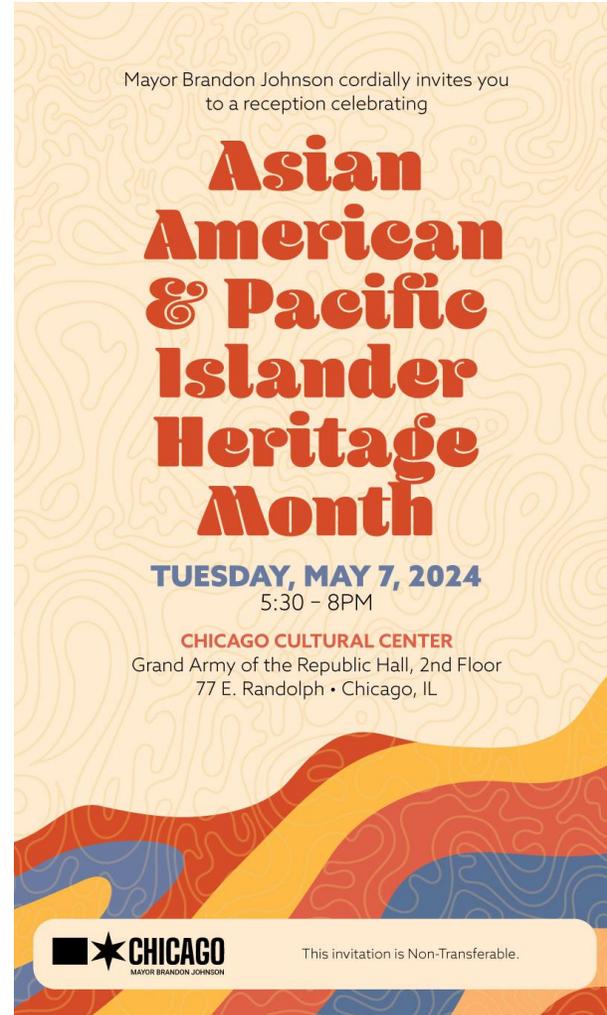
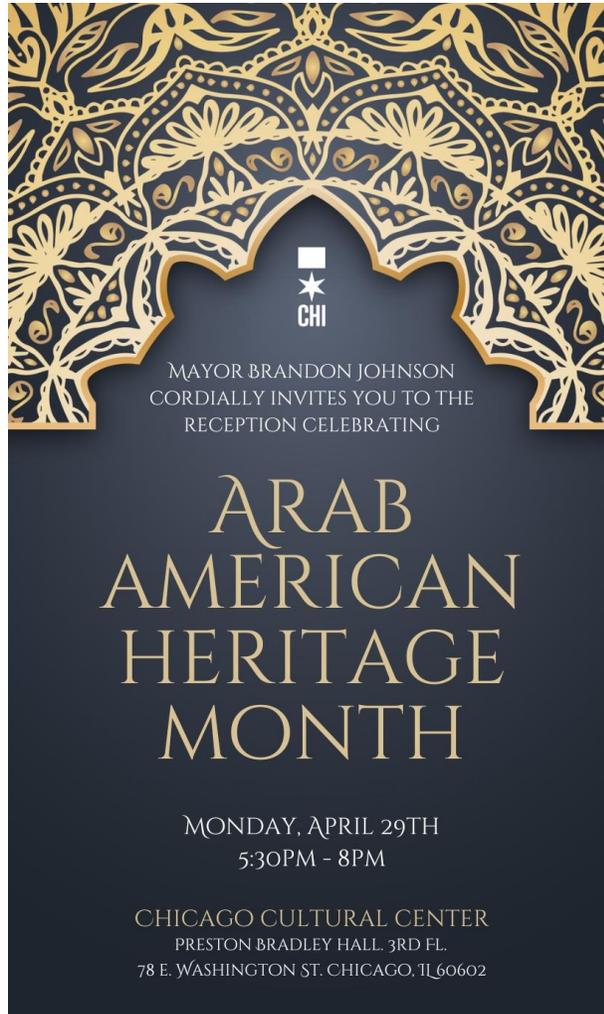


CITY COLLEGES
OF CHICAGO





- This free event in the Little Village neighborhood will showcase local vendors and art at [Saucedo Elementary School](#) on **April 27, 2024 from 11am–2 pm**.
- Families are invited to partake in a day of art and fun while learning about migrant experiences and the many communities that call Chicago home.
- Drawings will take place during the celebration, with prizes including two pairs of General Admission tickets to the [Sueños Music Festival](#).
- Register [HERE](#)



- **Arab American Heritage Month** on April 29th, 5:30PM @ Cultural Center
 - REGISTER HERE
- **Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, May 7th, 5:30PM @ Cultural Center
 - [REGISTER HERE](#)