



Planning for Mass Migrant Arrivals

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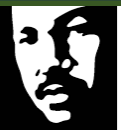
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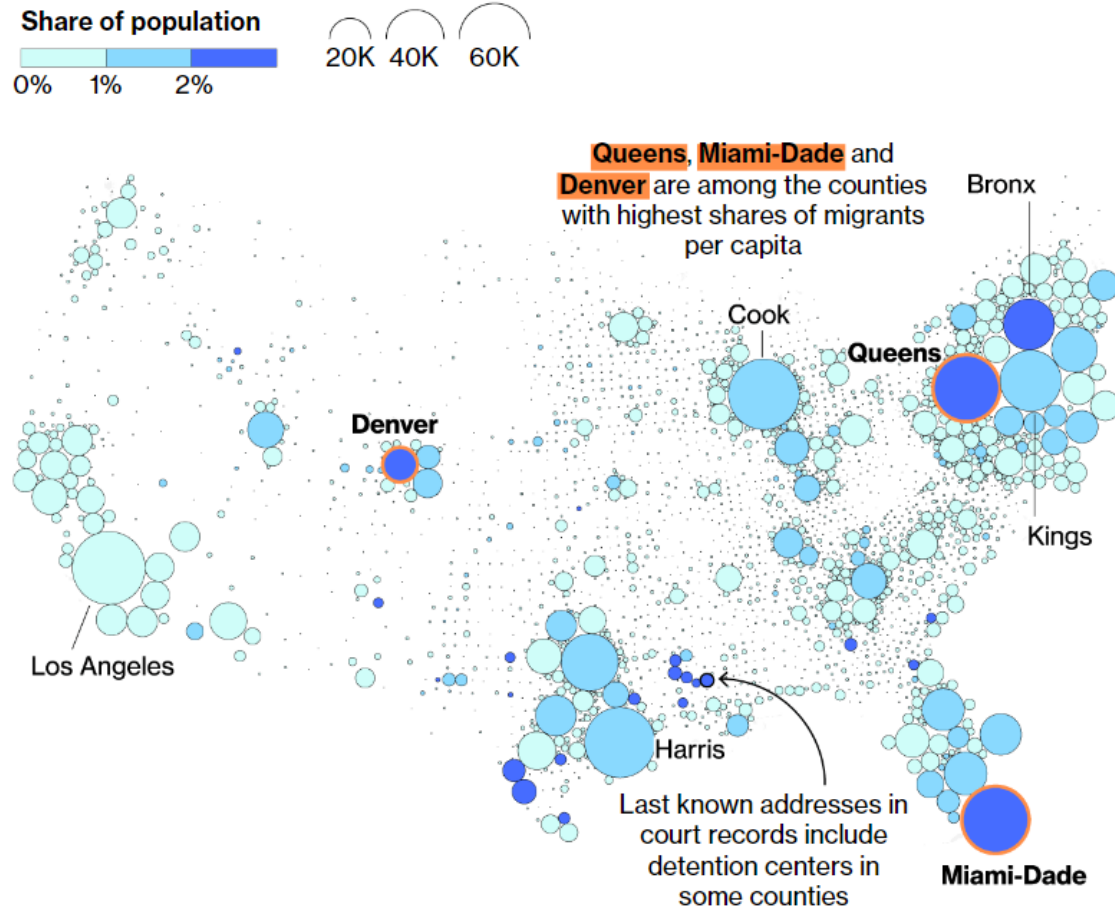
Some Thoughts Up Front

- Don't want to delve into the politics of the issue
- As an EM, our responsibility is to manage community consequence impact w/o passion or prejudice
- This is meant to be a discussion...participation and questions are encouraged
- Distinction between the “trickle crisis” and a sudden influx of a large number of migrants



New Migrants Made Up More Than 2% of People in Some Counties

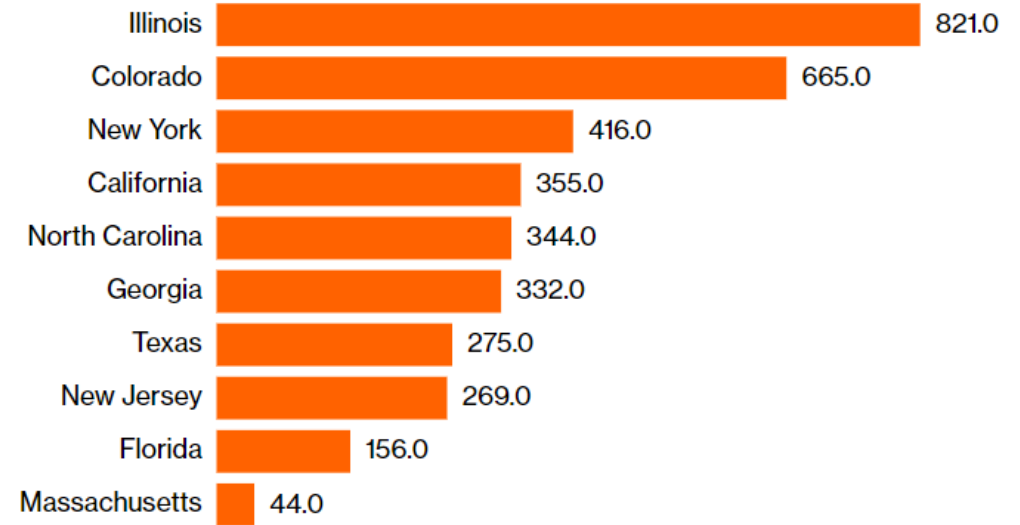
Number of migrants with new immigration court cases in 2023



Source: Department of Justice EOIR case data, released after FOIA requests by TRAC at Syracuse University

The Biggest Changes Are Far From the Southern Border

Percentage increase in the number of new immigration court cases from 2021 to 2023, among states with the most cases last year



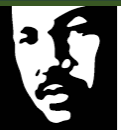
Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) at Syracuse University



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Buses respond to Chicago’s new penalties and restrictions by dropping migrants in secret locations

"When they come without notice and coordination, it starts to undermine what we're trying to do," Mayor Brandon Johnson's office lamented

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By Eden Villalovas

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Chicago to start evicting illegal migrants from shelters Saturday

Around 5,600 illegal migrants are expected to be evicted on a staggered basis over the coming weeks

By Michael Dorgan · Fox News

New Jersey used as 'transit point' for migrant buses headed for NYC after new executive order, governor says

New Jersey officials say migrant buses bypassing New York City Mayor Eric Adams' executive order

By Danielle Wallace · Fox News

Denver cutting some city employees’ hours down to zero in order to support migrants

Those Denver workers who may lose all their hours include lifeguards, front desk workers, and coaches

By Gabriel Hays · Fox News

Denver scaling back migrant services, closing four shelters in effort to reduce budget, save millions

Mayor Mike Johnston says a shelter will close every week over the next month in effort to reduce budget by \$60M

By Stepheny Price · Fox News

Hundreds of migrants dropped off in New Jersey, bypassing New York City restrictions

By Zenebou Sylla and Polo Sandoval, CNN

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Massachusetts closes community center to public to shelter migrants, prompting backlash

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said city officials were 'working with the state to try to identify every other option'

By Lawrence Richard · Fox News



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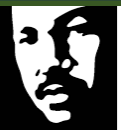
What We Know....

- They will continue to come
 - “Trickle crisis” vs. mass influx
- Many have means to pay for travel inside the US
- A LOT are getting absorbed into existing communities and/or social structures
- Some are not
- FEMA/Feds only have limited assistance to offer



Denver warns new migrants to leave, says lack of resources means they will 'suffer'

Video obtained by 9NEWS shows a city official pleading with migrants to move along to other cities as Denver faces a \$120M budget crisis.



Common Issues

- Funding

- Federal funding is scarce; some funding as available through Shelter and Service Program, but not a lot
- Most jurisdictions are relying on a combination of local, state funding along with private philanthropy
- Stable long-term funding key to development of long-term solutions

- Housing: Short-term rental assistance and long-term rental assistance challenged due to funding and lack of suitable space



Common Issues

- Case management

- Both Denver and Chicago have capitalized on this special expertise of community-based organizations by funding trusted community-based organizations to provide case management support services to people seeking asylum staying in shelters
- One Federal program worth tracking: DHS Case Management Pilot Program: <https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-cmpp>

- Access to legal services



Lessons Learned from Other Cities...

- Embrace out of the box thinking...challenge yourself/organizations to advocate in circumstances that would otherwise prevent response
- Pre-identify and prioritize facilities for sheltering mission
- Develop an emergency staffing plan
- Develop a contingency transportation plan across all modes



Lessons Learned from Other Cities...

- When developing policies, identify the limits of your jurisdiction to implement said policy; be prepared for cascading effects and consequences
- Public-private partnerships act as force multipliers, capitalizing on the resources, funding, and infrastructure of public agencies while harnessing the community trust and expertise of local nonprofit organizations
- If you're not affected, help those who are





Denver Mayor Mike Johnston recently announced major city government budget cuts so that it may better deal with its migrant crisis. (RJ Sangosti/MediaNews Group/The Denver Post via Getty Images)



People camp as they wait to cross the border between Mexico and the United States in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on December 27, 2023. (Christian Torres/Anadolu via Getty Images)



People who've recently arrived from the nation's southern border wait in line for food and clothes offered by community groups near a Green Valley Ranch Microtel, where many of them have been living. Jan. 21, 2024. Kevin J. Beaty/Denverite



The Melnea Cass Recreation Center has been closed since Sunday as it undergoes renovations to be converted to a migration shelter. (Melnea Cass Recreation Center/Facebook)





A bus carrying Venezuelan migrants to New York prepares to depart from the Centro de los Trabajadores Agrícolas Fronterizos in El Paso, Texas, in September 2022. Paul Ratje/Reuters



Illegal migrants sit on cots and the floor of a makeshift shelter operating at O'Hare International Airport on Aug. 31, 2023. (Armando L. Sanchez/Chicago Tribune/Tribune News Service via Getty Images)



A group of migrants receives food outside a migrant landing zone during a winter storm in January in Chicago, Illinois. (KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/AFP via Getty Images)



A group of migrants exits a bus near a Greyhound station after being transported from Texas Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, in Chicago. (Armando L. Sanchez/Chicago Tribune/Tribune News Service via Getty Images)



A migrant flight takes off from Texas to Chicago on Tuesday. (Gov. Greg Abbott's office)





Tents line the grounds of Riverton Park Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon in Tukwila. (Kevin Clark / The Seattle Times)



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Refugees in Tukwila demand help with housing, healthcare and job services

After spending months sleeping in camps outside a church, they're calling on the government to fund better temporary shelter and permanent housing.



Adriana Figueira, center, leads a group of primarily Venezuelan asylum seekers, once housed at the Sleep Inn in SeaTac, to Seattle City Hall along with activists, mutual aid organizations and allies to ask for further assistance with housing from Seattle city councilmembers on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, in Seattle.

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CALL 2 ACTION!

Emergency Support for Refugees in Tukwila

100+ African refugees from Congo, Angola, and Cameroon are explicitly denied clean, safe shelter and supplies this coming **BELOW FREEZING** weekend

Venmo @Super_Familia

Read about the urgent situation + how you can help >>>

Venezuelan migrants booted from Seattle-area hotel after nonprofit credit card maxes out

Gustavo Sagrero Álvarez
January 23, 2024 / 9:18 pm



Frey is an organizer with the Venezuelan asylum hopefuls. He says they've been so busy trying to find safety. He's speaking here alongside an interpreter in front of the Kent Quality Inn Jan. 29th.

KUOW Photo/Gustavo Sagrero

Tukwila is swelling with asylum-seekers. What can be done?

By Dyer Osley · Libby Denkmann · Sarah Leibovitz
March 06, 2024 / 4:27 pm



Rita Kuemba of Angola holds hands with her 6-year-old son, Wilson Pedro, while helping to set up tents outside of the Biverton Park United Methodist Church, where nearly 200 people are sheltering while seeking asylum, on Monday, October 16, 2023, in Tukwila.

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NEWS: King County announces \$1 million in additional support for asylees and refugees in Tukwila

City of Seattle to cover Kent hotel costs for refugees for a week

Venezuelan migrants testified before Seattle City Council to seek emergency housing help

By Steve Hunter · February 2, 2024 4:36 pm



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Migrants to be booted from Logan Airport, governor says sanctuary state is full

Migrants will no longer be able to stay at Logan Airport from July 9
By Michael Dorgan · Fox News
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Blue state deploys officials to the border with surprising warning for migrants

Officials will tell migrants about the 'lack of shelter availability'

DHS docs reveal where paroled migrants under controversial Biden flight program are landing

The Biden-era parole migrant program was expanded in January 2023

Measles breaks out at massive NYC migrant shelter

At least two people staying at the Brooklyn shelter have contracted measles
By Michael Dorgan · Fox News
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Marriott sues franchisee for turning New York hotel into migrant shelter

MIGRANTS IN CHICAGO

Migrant arrivals in Chicago slowed down around time of DNC, city officials say

by: Lourdes Duarte, Ethan Illers
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Venezuelan gang activity confirmed by Aurora officials after release of Colorado woman's surveillance video

Story by Tori Mason • 3h • 4 min read



Asylum-seekers rally for housing at vacant King County hotel amid ongoing shelter crisis



State announces where \$16.4 million in asylum-seeker aid will go

July 25, 2024 at 11:47 am



Kent asylum-seeker camp grows as calls for help go unanswered

Aug. 23, 2024 at 6:00 am | Updated Aug. 23, 2024 at 6:00 am



Seattle isn't claiming Tukwila's migrant crisis. But it did start here



Migrants flee suffering, endure jungle to seek asylum in Seattle

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Situation and Assumptions

- **Assistance for Immigrant and Refugee communities**
 - Current lack of resources (housing, funding)
 - Sheltering funding directed at homeless population
 - Also need case management, other services
- **Emergency Management**
 - Large, rapid influx of immigrants/refugees/asylees by bus or plane (>100)
 - EOC activation with ESF 6
 - Stand up reception center and short-term (2-3 days) sheltering operation
 - Executive Office
 - Affected jurisdiction(s)



KC OEM Migrant Arrivals Playbook

- Training aid to familiarize roles and responsibilities
- Operational guidance to partners and decision-makers
- Information flow and communication
- Builds on existing roles and responsibilities in CEMP and annexes



KC OEM Migrant Arrivals Playbook

- Address initial roles and responsibilities of King County Agencies and partners
- Unplanned mass arrival of migrants/refugees into King County
- Not for Federal-sponsored and State-managed repatriation efforts

- Preparedness activities
- Advanced notification of mass arrival
- Imminent mass arrival
- Mass arrival (no-notice)



KC OEM Migrant Arrivals Playbook

- **Establish coordination group**
 - Review guidance from state and federal partners
 - Sharing of situational awareness
 - Inventory of potential housing options
 - Review contracts with service providers
- **Equipment and supplies**
 - Mass care caches (cots, blankets, pillows, other mass care supplies)
 - Hydration, washing, sanitation
 - Feeding, security, other wrap-around services
- **Other considerations**
 - Interpreters
 - Case management services



KC OEM Migrant Arrivals Playbook

- Notify appropriate and relevant officials (city, County)
- Engage coordination group
- Assess reception center, shelter, and other resource capabilities
 - County-owned/operated facilities for potential options
- Ensure law enforcement is aware
- Determine need for health/medical assets
 - Engage Medical Reserve Corps as necessary
- Determine/choose sheltering/housing options
- Call with State partners for long-term sheltering needs
- Coordinate messaging



Early Seattle Planning: No Notice Bus Arrival

- Asked the question: What if a bus shows up in the middle of the night?
- A: Leverage existing processes beginning with emergency sheltering
- Planning assumption: this would be a short-term solution
- Mission: Get them off the street and out of the elements
- Limitation: Using emergency shelters/rec centers only buys a few days and cannot be extended



DHS Toolkit

- Toolkit aims to equip local jurisdictions with tools and lessons learned from DHS's visits and meetings across the country
- Uses the extensive experience in incident management and response and immigration policy of DHS

Receiving Communities Toolkit	
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Receiving Communities Toolkit

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WA Intergovernmental Task Force on Asylum Seekers

- Initially convened to address situation in Tukwila
- Co-chaired by WA DSHS and Seattle OIRA
 - State, county (King), and city (Tukwila) officials (elected and appointed)
- Information sharing and situational awareness
 - Individual efforts of various entities
 - Coordination
- Expansion of Task Force
 - Federal agencies
 - Congressional staff
 - Other cities in King County



HB 2368

- Coordinate statewide efforts of immigrant needs and includes \$32 million
- Gives the authority to serve those ineligible for federal assistance and engages with locals on doing that
- More than \$25 million is poised to go to the State's Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (DSHS)
 - \$5 million to King County
 - \$2.5 million to the City of Tukwila, which is home to Riverton Park United Methodist Church
 - \$1 million of it would go to school districts that have seen a significant increase in homeless students seeking asylum
- Contract with CBP to provide services (in other words DSHS coordinates and does not provide services)



FEMA Shelter & Services Program (SSP)

- SSP provides financial support to non-federal entities to provide humanitarian services to noncitizen migrants following their release from the Department of Homeland Security
- Allocated (SSP-A): \$300 million
- Competitive (SSP-C): \$341 million
- SSP-C awards were released on Aug. 28, 2024
 - Washington State was awarded just over \$4 million to support non-citizen migrants and asylum seekers specifically living in King County



Thank You!

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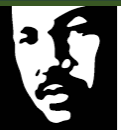
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