

Migrant Support

November 2023



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The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated in December 2022 due to an unprecedented arrival of new migrants.

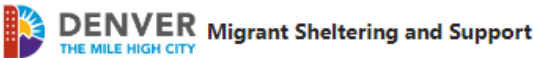
Denver Human Services (DHS) was activated as the Mass Care Branch of the EOC to provide shelter and feeding for emergency needs. Typically, emergency resources are employed for 2 weeks, however, this emergency response has been in place for nearly a year, with DHS and other city agencies deploying many staff, as well as hiring nearly 200 “on call” staff to continue to provide these services.

October Migrant Numbers

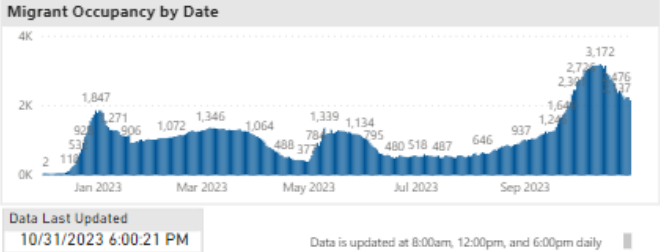
Migrant shelter population down from high of 3,120 individuals

4,000+ migrant arrivals

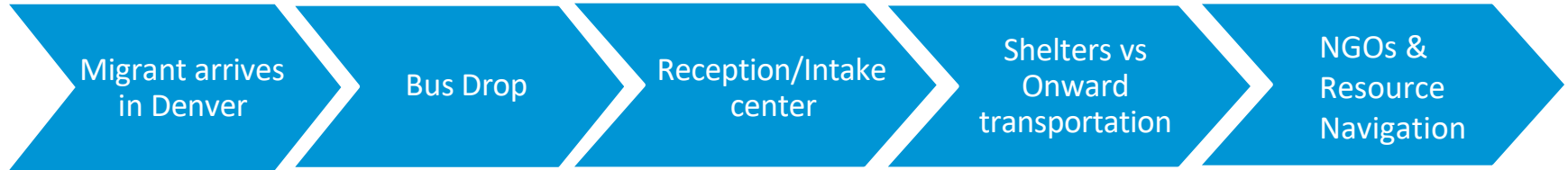
[Link to chart here](#)



Migrants Arrived Yesterday: (10/30/2023)	91
Migrants Arrived Today: (10/31/2023)	162
Total Migrants Served by the City:	25,986
Number of Migrants Sheltered in City Facilities:	0
Number of Migrants Sheltered in Non-City Facilities:	2,096



Migrant Arrival in Denver



Intake / Reception

Individuals arriving at the Reception Center are taken through the following process and provided the following resources:



Screening



Resource Navigation

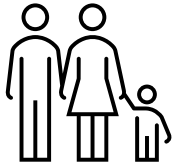


Transportation Options & Information

Length-of-Stay Policy



Individuals without children are allotted
14 days in city-run shelters



Families are allotted **37 days** in city-run
shelters

Length-of-Stay Policy



This policy is based on current arrival numbers and allows us to provide sufficient care and manage capacity



Discharges from migrant shelters are paused during cold weather events



Individuals leaving shelter are advised of the resources available to them and connected with state-funded nonprofits that specialize in case management and housing opportunities

Shelter Policies

Migrant shelter guests are provided with several resources, including food and donated items.

Guests are also instructed of shelter policy, which is designed to ensure the safety and health of guests.



Food



Donations



Rules

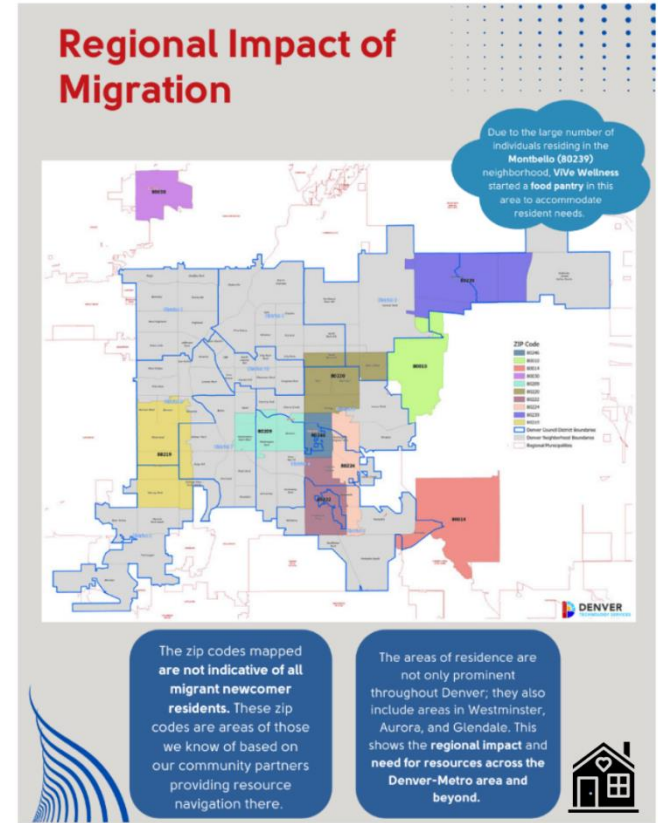


Discharge

Adjusting to Life in Denver

Participants in a recent listening session conducted by DOIRA were most surprised by the positive treatment of migrants in Denver. They especially noted the attention, support and help they received from the city and communities.

Session participants who did **not** go through the city's migrant shelter system were surprised by how difficult it was to navigate the city and identify basic resources.



Temporary Protected Status (TPS)



Eligibility



Applying for TPS



Processing Time



More Information Here



Temporary Protected Status (TPS)



Temporary Protected Status (TPS) allows individuals from certain countries to remain in the United States if it is unsafe for them to return to their home country. TPS enables recipients to work in the United States lawfully and protects them from deportation as long as the TPS designation is in effect.

This flyer contains information, not legal advice. Anyone needing legal advice should consult with a licensed attorney.

TPS REGISTRATION OPEN FOR VENEZUELAN NATIONALS

The federal government announced an expansion of TPS for Venezuelans who entered the United States before July 31, 2023. This means that Venezuelans nationals who entered the United States before July 31, 2023 might be eligible to apply for TPS and a work permit.

If you wish to apply for TPS for the first time, you may now apply. First-time applicants must apply before April 2, 2025.

To apply, you must submit the following forms to USCIS:

- Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

To qualify, you must:

- Be a Venezuelan national/citizen.
- Have been continuously residing in the U.S. since July 31, 2023.
- Have maintained a continuous physical presence since October 2, 2023 and
- Must register within the specified registration period (October 3, 2023 - April 2, 2025).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

As part of your application, you will need to gather evidence that:

- You are a national/citizen of Venezuela
 - Examples: birth certificate, national identity document with your picture/fingerprint, issued by your country.
- You have been continuously residing in the U.S. since July 31, 2023.
 - Examples: bank statements, utility bills, cellphone bills, entry documents, receipts.
- You have maintained a continuous physical presence in the U.S. since October 3, 2023.
 - Examples: rent receipts, utility bills, letters from companies, school records, hospital or medical records, or letters from your church.

MISSING ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS?

If you don't have the above documentation, there are secondary forms of evidence that immigration will accept. These scenarios will be examined on a case-by-case basis.

APPLYING FOR TPS AND ASYLUM

Individuals who have applied for asylum or are seeking to apply for asylum may still apply for TPS. Individuals who missed their one-year deadline to apply for asylum can still apply for TPS.

TPS FILING FEE

You may be asked to pay a fee to apply for TPS. For more information on the cost visit <https://www.uscis.gov/i-821>

AVOIDING TPS SCAMS

Only a licensed attorney or a DOJ accredited representative can file applications on your behalf.

- Beware of fraudulent providers who may make false promises such as:
 - A way to get a work permit or visa immediately
 - Statements indicating there are no risks or consequences
 - Claims of special influence with immigration authorities.

Funding for Migrant Response

\$30 million has been spent on Denver's migrant response since late 2022
(this figure accounts for invoices paid to date)

Funding Sources

- \$ State Funding: \$3.5 million
- \$ Federal funding: \$909,000
- \$ Additional funding assured by FEMA: \$9 million
- \$ Special revenue fund from contingency, ARPA, and DHS dollars: \$20 million

Donations of winter gear
needed, especially layered
thermal gear, hats and gloves

Donations must be scheduled
and dropped off at the
Richard T. Castro building at
1200 N. Federal



DENVER

WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED

Please help individuals in need by donating clean new or used winter gear

WHILE ALL ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED, THE FOLLOWING ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED:

- WINTER HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES – MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
- HOODIES, THERMALS AND LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS – MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
- CLOSE TOED OR WINTER SHOES – KIDS
- CLOSE TOED OR WINTER SHOES – WOMENS, SIZES 4, 5, 6, 7

Please Call Ahead to Schedule a Drop-Off
(303) 514-0643

Drop-Off Location

Richard T. Castro Human Services Center
1200 N. Federal
Denver, Co 80204

For Additional Information:

The Newcomers Fund is also accepting monetary donations from the general public. Donations will go directly to the city's nonprofit partners who are supporting migrants with resource navigation, shelter and other services. A link to the donation page can be found through the QR code above.



Next Steps

Increased calls for federal support:

- Letter sent by Mayor Johnston to Biden Administration requesting additional assistance
- Mayor Johnston met with White House and Congress to advocate for additional funding and quicker approvals for work authorization and TPS