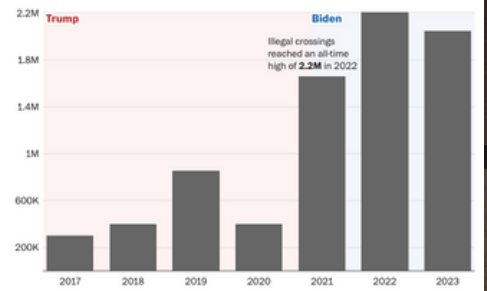


Illegal crossings at the U.S.-Mexico border



JOE BIDEN OWNS THE BORDER CRISIS

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Overview

America's southern border has been overrun following Joe Biden's failed agenda, resulting in record levels of border crossings—more than twice as many as Border Patrol encountered under the Trump administration. In a desperate attempt to win reelection, Biden has come to support immigration policies that he opposed during his 2020 campaign. Two-thirds of respondents to a recent Quinnipiac University survey disapprove of Biden's handling of the border, citing it as one of his worst issues with voters.

On day one, Biden dismantled the Trump administration's immigration reforms, which clearly communicated that the border was wide open. In addition to halting deportations, lifting travel restrictions from countries with known terrorism risks, and stopping border wall construction, he also established additional legal routes to citizenship. Since taking office, Biden has released over 2.3 million individuals who entered the country illegally.

As a result, border crossings reached a record high under Biden as illegal immigrants no longer fear deportation. Since Biden took office, the number of people deported by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has decreased to roughly 35,000 annually. ICE's yearly average was 80,000 before Biden took office.

Taxpayers are footing the bill for Biden's recklessness. An estimated \$3.5 billion has been spent by New York City since Spring 2022. And since the Fall of that same year, Chicago has spent as much as \$194.5 million to care for illegal migrants. Denver spent more than \$42 million last year to address the migrant crisis, with the cost projected to reach \$180 million in 2024.

In An Election Year, Biden Has Sought To Reverse Course From His Reckless Policies That Have Led To The Immigration Crisis

The Border Crisis Has Deepened Under Biden. “Three years later, the border crisis has only deepened, with record numbers of migrants from all over the hemisphere overwhelming the border, and a president on the defense as Republicans make immigration a key issue in his reelection campaign.” (Noah Bierman, “Migrant Shifts Upend Strategy,” *Los Angeles Times*, 2/6/24)

- **“Chaos Engulfs The Border” Amidst Record Level Border Crossings That Is “More Than Double Than In The Trump Years.”** “But those early promises have largely been set aside as chaos engulfs the border and imperils Mr. Biden's re-election hopes. The number of people crossing into the United States has reached record levels, more than double than in the Trump years. The asylum system is still all but broken.” (Michael D. Shear, Hamed Aleaziz and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, “How The Border Crisis Shattered Biden's Immigration Hopes,” [The New York Times](#), 1/30/24)

The Border Crisis That Biden Is Responsible For Has Led Him To Embrace Immigration Policies He Ran Against In 2020. “The rolling chaos along the border has grown to the point that Biden now is embracing immigration policies he ran against in 2020 — such as restricting asylum laws and suggesting he'll ‘shut down’ the border — as the crisis threatens his re-election.” (Alex Thompson and Stef W. Kight, “Exclusive: How Biden Botched The Border,” [AXIOS](#), 2/12/24)

- **Polling Shows Biden's Handling Of Immigration Is Among His Worst Issues He Has With Voters, With Two-Thirds Of Respondents To A Recent Quinnipiac University Poll Disapproving Of Him.** “Polls indicate that immigration is one of Biden's worst issues among voters, and a growing number of Americans rank it as a top priority. A Quinnipiac University poll released Wednesday found immigration was tied with the economy as the second-most urgent issue for voters, after ‘preserving democracy.’ Only 28 percent of respondents approved of Biden's handling of the border, with nearly two-thirds disapproving, the poll found.” (Toluse Olorunnipa, “Biden's Journey To ‘Shut Down’ Border Paved With Political Fault Lines,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/6/24)

Biden Is Responsible For The Border Crisis As His “Day 1” Actions Essentially Opened The U.S. Border

On His First Day As President, Biden Began Rolling Back Trump’s Immigration Policies.

“Almost immediately after he walked into the Oval Office on his first day as president, Joe Biden began rolling back his predecessor’s immigration policies, which he had assailed throughout the 2020 campaign as harsh and inhumane.” (Jonathan J. Cooper, “Biden Is Left With Few Choices As Immigration Takes Center Stage In American Politics,” *The Associated Press*, 2/2/24)

- **Biden Planned To Legalize 11 Million Illegal Immigrants.** “Tipton’s order is an early blow to the Biden administration, which has proposed far-reaching changes sought by immigration advocates, including a plan to legalize an estimated 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. Biden promised during his campaign to issue the moratorium.” (Nomaan Merchant, “Judge Bars Biden From Enforcing 100-Day Deportation Ban,” *The Associated Press*, 1/26/21)

He Signed 17 Executive Orders, Memorandums, And Proclamations That Included Numerous Actions Intended To “Tear Down” Trump’s Immigration Policies.

“President Biden unleashed a full-scale assault on his predecessor's legacy on Wednesday, acting hours after taking the oath of office to sweep aside President Donald J. Trump's pandemic response, reverse his environmental agenda, tear down his anti-immigration policies, bolster the sluggish economic recovery and restore federal efforts aimed at promoting diversity. Moving with an urgency not seen from any other modern president, Mr. Biden signed 17 executive orders, memorandums and proclamations from the Oval Office on Wednesday afternoon. Among the steps the president took were orders to rejoin the Paris climate accord and end Mr. Trump's travel ban on predominantly Muslim and African countries.” (Michael D. Shear, “With His Pen, Biden Moves To Dismantle Predecessor’s Legacy,” *The New York Times*, 1/21/21)

Biden “Created Legal Pathways For Migrants And Began Rebuilding The Refugee System.”

“He created legal pathways for migrants and began rebuilding the refugee system even as he embraced some of former President Donald J. Trump’s more restrictive tactics. But those efforts were quickly overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of people arriving at the border, and at times Mr. Biden failed to appreciate the growing anger in both parties.” (Michael D. Shear, Hamed Aleaziz and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, “How The Border Crisis Shattered Biden’s Immigration Hopes,” *The New York Times*, 1/30/24)

Biden “Paused Nearly All Deportations.”

“On President Biden’s first day in office, he paused nearly all deportations. He vowed to end the harsh practices of the Trump administration, show compassion toward those wishing to come to the United States and secure the southern border.”

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- **Biden’s Pause On Deportations Was Later Blocked.** “On his first day in office, he proposed a vast immigration bill to Congress that would have provided a path to citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants already living in America. The next day, he paused deportations for 100 days, and even though a federal judge later blocked that policy, some migrants took it as a sign that it was worth a dangerous trek to the U.S. border.” (Michael D. Shear, Hamed Aleaziz and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, “How The Border Crisis Shattered Biden’s Immigration Hopes,” *The New York Times*, 1/30/24)

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Biden Also Repealed The Ban On Travel To The U.S. From Several Predominantly Muslim And African Countries.

“Mr. Biden repealed two Trump-era proclamations that

established a ban on travel to the United States from several predominantly Muslim and African countries, ending one of his predecessor's earliest actions to limit immigration.” (Michael D. Shear, “With His Pen, Biden Moves To Dismantle Predecessor’s Legacy,” *The New York Times*, 1/21/21)

- **He Called On The State Department To Address The Harm Done To Those Prevented From Entering The U.S. Due To The Ban.** “The president also directed the State Department to develop ways to address the harm caused to those prevented from coming to the United States because of the ban.” (Michael D. Shear, “With His Pen, Biden Moves To Dismantle Predecessor’s Legacy,” *The New York Times*, 1/21/21)

Biden Ceased Construction Of The Border Wall. “And in a strike at Mr. Trump's most cherished ambition, the construction of a border wall between the United States and Mexico -- which was devised to keep immigrants out of the country -- Mr. Biden halted construction as his administration examines the legality of the wall's funding and contracts.” (Michael D. Shear, “With His Pen, Biden Moves To Dismantle Predecessor’s Legacy,” *The New York Times*, 1/21/21)

- **450 Miles Of The Wall Had Already Been Completed.** “By the end of Trump's administration, the U.S. had completed more than 450 miles (720 kilometers) of new wall construction along the 2,000-mile (3,145 kilometer) border. Much of the construction was in areas where there had already been some form of barrier.” (Jonathan J. Cooper, “Biden Is Left With Few Choices As Immigration Takes Center Stage In American Politics,” *The Associated Press*, 2/2/24)

He Suspended The “Remain In Mexico” Program That Required Migrants To Wait In Mexico While Their Immigration Cases Were Heard. “Mr. Biden also suspended a Trump-era program that forced migrants to wait in Mexico while their immigration cases made their way through the courts. While the Migrant Protection Protocols, or ‘Remain in Mexico’ program was brought to a halt, Mr. Biden did not lift a pandemic emergency rule that has effectively sealed the border to asylum seekers, according to a statement from the Department of Homeland Security.” (Michael D. Shear, “With His Pen, Biden Moves To Dismantle Predecessor’s Legacy,” *The New York Times*, 1/21/21)

Biden’s Actions Sent The Message That The Border Was Wide Open And As A Result, The Crisis Has Only Gotten Worse

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- **Biden Has Released More Than 2.3 Million Of Those Crossing The Border Illegally Into The U.S. Since 2021.** “The Biden administration has released more than 2.3 million border crossers into the United States since 2021.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)
- **A Separate Report From The U.S. House Judiciary Committee Found 3.3 Million Illegal Immigrants Had Been Released In The U.S.** “Since the inauguration of President Biden on January 20, 2021, over 3.3 million illegal immigrants have been released into the U.S., according to the Committee on the Judiciary and Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, which is costing taxpayers billions at the federal and state levels.” (Alexander Fabino, “How Much Do Illegal Immigrants Cost The U.S.?”, [Newsweek](#), 2/2/24)

Biden’s Orders Sent A “Message To The World That The United States’ Border Are No Longer Slammed Shut.” “Many of Mr. Biden's actions on Wednesday were aimed at reversing Mr. Trump's harshest immigration policies, moving swiftly to send a message to the world that the United States' borders are no longer slammed shut.” (Michael D. Shear, “With His Pen, Biden Moves To Dismantle Predecessor’s Legacy,” *The New York Times*, 1/21/21)

- **Because Of Biden’s Border Misdeeds, Migrants Got The Sense That The U.S. Has Become More Welcoming, Which Led To The Largest Number Of People Attempting To Enter The U.S. In Two Decades.** “After taking office, Biden began putting this idea into action. He announced a 100-day halt on deportations (which a judge has blocked). He allowed more migrants — especially children — to enter the country, rather than being detained. And

Central American migrants, sensing that the U.S. has become more welcoming, are streaming north in the largest numbers in two decades. The surge appears to have surprised the Biden administration, as Doris Meissner of the Migration Policy Institute, who ran the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the 1990s, told me. Republicans have pounced, accusing Democrats of favoring an ‘open border.’” (David Leonhardt, “The Democrats’ Immigration Problem,” *The New York Times*, 3/22/21)

Under Biden, There Have Been 6 Million Illegal Border Crossings And 2 Million People Who Were Detected But Not Apprehended. “The U.S. Border Patrol has recorded more than 6 million illegal crossings along the Mexico border since Biden took office, the busiest span in the agency’s 100-year history, in addition to nearly 2 million ‘gotaways’ who were detected but not apprehended.” (Nick Miroff and Toluse Olorunnipa, “Biden Pledge To Shut Down Border Points To Policy Shortfalls,” [The Washington Post](#), 1/27/24)

In December 2023, Illegal Border Crossing Arrests At The U.S.-Mexico Border Hit An All-Time High. “Arrests for illegal border crossings from Mexico reached an all-time high in December since monthly numbers have been released. The Border Patrol tallied just under 250,000 arrests on the Mexican border in December, up 31% from 191,000 in November and up 13% from 222,000 in December 2022, the previous all-time high.” (Jonathan J. Cooper, “Biden Is Left With Few Choices As Immigration Takes Center Stage In American Politics,” *The Associated Press*, 2/2/24)

Daily Encounters Amongst Migrants And U.S. Customs And Border Protection Is Surpassing 10,000. “U.S. Customs and Border Protection is surpassing 10,000 encounters with migrants along the southern border per day, an influx likely to exacerbate strains on New York, Chicago and other cities already swamped by newcomers seeking shelter, food and assistance.” (Nick Miroff, “U.S. Faces ‘Unprecedented’ Border Surge As Immigration Deal Stalls In D.C.,” [The Washington Post](#), 12/20/23)

The Vast Number Of People Arriving At The Border Has Led To 2 Million People Being Taken Into Custody, The Largest Number In Border Patrol History. “Biden warned that he’d still enforce immigration laws, and he temporarily kept in place a Trump pandemic policy known as Title 42 that allowed authorities to quickly expel border crossers. The number of people taken into custody by the U.S. Border Patrol has reached the highest levels in the agency’s 100-year history under Biden, averaging 2 million per year. During the president’s first days in office, his administration announced it would not use the Title 42 policy to turn back unaccompanied minors who arrive without a parent or guardian. Their numbers began to shoot up almost immediately, and images of migrant children and teens packed shoulder-to-shoulder in detention facilities produced the administration’s first border emergency.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

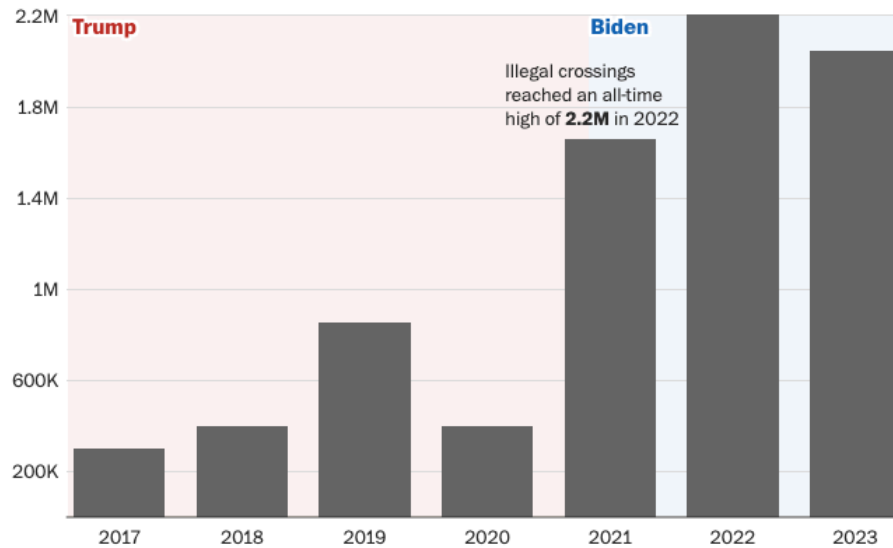
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From The Onset Of Biden’s Presidency, Illegal Crossings At The Southern Border Increased Exponentially, Hitting An “All-Time High Of 2.2M In 2022.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

- **In Trump’s Final Year As President, Illegal Crossings Were About 400,000. In Biden’s First Year, Illegal Crossings Increased To About 1.7 Million.** (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

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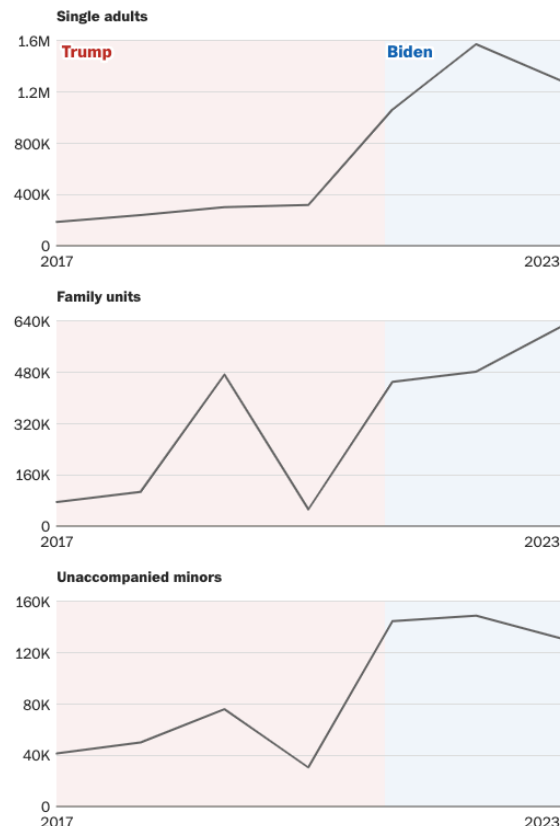


Years shown by fiscal calendar starting on Oct. 1

Source: Office of Homeland Security Statistics

Under Biden, Unaccompanied Children Crossing The Border Is At “Near-Record Numbers” And Families And Single Adults Have Been “Arriving In Historic Numbers As Well.” “Teens and children crossing without their parents continue to arrive at near-record numbers. Families and single adults have been arriving in historic numbers as well.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

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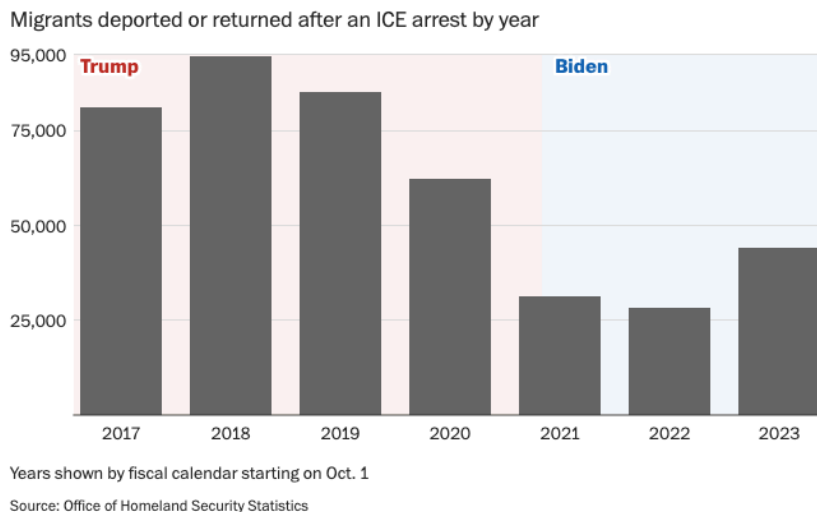


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U.S. interior immigration enforcement



The Migrant Crisis Could Cost American Taxpayers Up To \$451 Billion Annually

A Recent House GOP Report Found That It Could Cost Up To \$451 Billion A Year To Care For Migrants Who Enter The Country Illegally. “Americans could pay up to \$451 billion to care for migrants who entered the US illegally, but have been released into the country or escaped from custody, according to a new report due out Monday from House Republicans and obtained exclusively by The Post. ‘Every day, millions of American taxpayer dollars are spent on costs directly associated with illegal immigration and the unprecedented crisis at the Southwest border sparked by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas’ policies,’ the House Homeland Security Committee interim staff report states. ... The bill for government care and housing could total as much as \$451 billion per year nationwide for apprehended migrants and known ‘gotaways’ who have entered the US since 2021, according to figures the House panel cites from the Center for Immigration Studies.” (Josh Christenson, “Migrant Crisis Has US Taxpayers On The Hook For Up To \$451B, House GOP Report Says,” [New York Post](#), 11/13/23)

- **The Report Was Put Together Using Public Records, Media Reports, And Federal And State Records.** “Compiled from federal and state records, media reports and other public information, the 50-page document outlines the taxpayer costs incurred in medical care, housing, education and other welfare benefits for tens of millions of migrants — to say nothing of the additional costs for law enforcement.” (Josh Christenson, “Migrant Crisis Has US Taxpayers On The Hook For Up To \$451B, House GOP Report Says,” [New York Post](#), 11/13/23)

According To The Non-Profit Federation For American Immigration Reform (FAIR), Between 16.8 And 29 Million Illegal Immigrants Currently Reside In The U.S. “Between 16.8 million and 29 million illegal immigrants currently reside in the US, according to estimates the committee cites from the conservative Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) and Yale University, 3.8 million of which have entered since President Biden took office in January 2021.” (Josh Christenson, “Migrant Crisis Has US Taxpayers On The Hook For Up To \$451B, House GOP Report Says,” [New York Post](#), 11/13/23)

COSTS

The Biden Administration Has Already Given More Than \$1 Billion In Taxpayer-Funded Grants To Cities Receiving Migrants

The Biden Administration Has Provided More Than \$1 Billion In Grants To Cities Receiving Migrants. “The White House national security supplemental request—which remains stalled in Congress over border negotiations—includes an additional \$1.4 billion for local jurisdictions. The administration has already provided more than \$1 billion in grant funding for jurisdictions receiving migrants.” (Priscilla Alvarez, “White House Looks For Federal Spaces To House Migrants Amid Pressure From Cities,” [CNN](#), 1/5/24)

Biden Has Asked Congress To Approve An Additional \$1.4 Billion To Help Cities. “The federal government has already delivered about \$1 billion to the cities most affected, including about \$50 million of a promised \$150 million to New York City. Mr. Biden has also asked Congress for another \$1.4 billion to help cities around the country deal with migrants, but that emergency funding is tied up in debates on Capitol Hill.” (Michael D. Shear and Miriam Jordan, “Biden Faces Pressure On Immigration, And Not Just From Republicans,” [The New York Times](#), 1/4/24)

Cities Throughout The Country Are Spending Millions Of Dollars To Address The Influx Of Migrants

Cities Have Spent Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars On The Migration Crisis. “Cities have already spent hundreds of millions of dollars to house, transport and provide medical care for migrants.” (Sophia Tareen, “Democratic Mayors Renew Pleas For Federal Help And Coordination With Texas Over Migrant Crisis,” [The Associated Press](#), 12/27/23)

In December 2023, The Mayors Of Chicago, New York City And Denver Pleaded With The Biden Administration For Additional Federal Help To Tackle The Migrant Crisis. “The mayors of Chicago, New York City and Denver renewed pleas Wednesday for more federal help and coordination with Texas over the growing number of asylum-seekers arriving in their cities by bus and plane. The mayors’ requests come as U.S. cities have struggled to manage the increasing number of migrants sent from Texas and other states. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott’s busing operation has transported more than 80,000 migrants to Democratic-led cities since last year. His administration recently stepped up the practice with chartered planes.” (Sophia Tareen, “Democratic Mayors Renew Pleas For Federal Help And Coordination With Texas Over Migrant Crisis,” [The Associated Press](#), 12/27/23)

New York City Has Spent Billions On Migrants Since Spring And Has Estimated That It Will Spend \$12 Billion By 2025

Since Spring 2022, New York City Has Spent An Estimated \$3.5 Billion To Address The Migration Crisis. “The mayor has previously said the lack of federal funding to help northern cities manage migrants’ arrival and care needs is in part responsible for New York City’s budget deficit and cuts. The city spent an estimated \$3.5 billion on shelters and services since spring 2022, Thursday’s announcement said.” (Talal Ansari, “New York City Sues Bus Companies For \$700 Million Over Migrants Sent From Texas,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 1/4/24)

- **New York City Spent \$1.45 Billion On Migrant Care In Fiscal Year 2023.** “Adams announced a \$110.5 billion budget, saying that cuts across all agencies were necessary, with the city having spent \$1.45 billion in fiscal 2023 on the migrant crisis and nearly \$11 billion expected to be spent in 2024 and 2025.” (Adam Shaw and Joe Schoffstall, “New York Democrats Overwhelmingly Say Migrants ‘Serious’ Problem: Poll,” [Fox News](#), 11/20/23)

Democratic New York City Mayor Eric Adams Has Estimated That It Will Cost The City \$12 Billion To Shelter Migrants Over Three Years. “The arrival of more than 160,000 migrants in New York City has consumed much of Mr. Adams’s first two years in office. A decades-old consent decree, unique among major American cities, requires New York to provide shelter to anyone who asks. Roughly 70,000 migrants remain in the city’s care. Mr. Adams has estimated that sheltering the migrants will cost the city \$12 billion over three years.” (Dana Rubinstein, “New York City Sues Bus Companies That Brought 30,000 Migrants From Texas,” [The New York Times](#), 1/4/24)

The Migrant Crisis In New York City Is “Forcing A 5% Across-The-Board Budget Cut” In The City. “The asylum seeker crisis is forcing a 5% across-the-board budget cut in New York City,

with every city agency expected to feel the pain. Mayor Eric Adams warned of ‘extremely painful’ budget cuts to offset hundreds of millions of dollars in cost from sheltering and providing services for migrants. ... The 5% cuts for all city agencies will be followed by another 5% cut in January and possibly yet another 5% cut in April, unless the city receives a lot more federal and state migrant crisis aid.” (“Migrant Crisis To Cause 5% Across-The-Board Budget Cuts For All NYC Agencies,” [ABC7NY](#), 11/16/23)

Chicago Spent More Than \$194.5 Million To Care For Illegal Migrants In 2023 And Will Spend Millions More In The New Year

Since October 2022, Chicago Has Spent \$194.5 Million To Care For Migrants. “In a migrant briefing this week, city leaders were asked – once again – about their plans to pay for the migrant crisis once the money runs out. New numbers show the city has spent \$194.5 million on migrant-related vendors from October 2022 to the present month. That does not include the cost of city agencies and their work in the migrant mission – like how much it cost to educate school-aged new arrivals.” (Sabrina Franza, “Chicago Officials Say Spike Is Expected In Migrant Arrivals – How Will It Be Paid For?,” [CBS 2 News](#), 2/9/24)

A Previous Report Found Chicago Paid More Than \$138 Million To Care For Migrants In 2023. “City officials paid at least \$138 million in 2023 to house, feed and care for the men, women and children sent to Chicago from the southern border, according to data published by Mayor Brandon Johnson’s administration. That tally, which includes all invoices paid through Dec. 15, defies predictions released by city officials in mid-October that the cost of the migrant crisis to taxpayers would top \$361 million by the end of 2023.” (Heather Cherone, “Chicago Paid At Least \$138M To Care For Migrants In 2023, Far Less Than Projections: Data,” [WTTW](#), 1/4/24)

- **Chicago Taxpayers Directly Paid \$59 Million To Care For The Migrants.** “Of the \$138 million spent by city officials to care for the migrants in 2023, more than \$59 million came directly from Chicago taxpayers, according to city data.” (Heather Cherone, “Chicago Paid At Least \$138M To Care For Migrants In 2023, Far Less Than Projections: Data,” [WTTW](#), 1/4/24)
- **“The Rest Came From The State And Federal Governments Via Grants That Totaled \$78.8 Million.”** “The rest came from the state and federal governments via grants that totaled \$78.8 million, according to city data.” (Heather Cherone, “Chicago Paid At Least \$138M To Care For Migrants In 2023, Far Less Than Projections: Data,” [WTTW](#), 1/4/24)

In December 2023, Democratic Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson Shifted \$95 Million In COVID-19 Relief Funds To Cover Costs Of Housing Illegal Migrants. “With the city anticipating a budget surplus to close out the year, Mayor Brandon Johnson will shift \$95 million in COVID-19 relief funds to cover some of the ever-mounting costs of sheltering thousands of asylum-seekers coming to Chicago by the day. Johnson’s top aides said they announced the budget maneuver Friday for the sake of transparency over how the city is paying to care for nearly 15,000 migrants living in city shelters – but acknowledged the revised accounting won’t move the needle in a crisis pushing city resources to the limit.” (Mitchell Armentrout, “City Taps \$95M In Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds For Migrant Housing Costs,” [Chicago Sun-Times](#), 12/29/23)

According To Illinois State Officials In November 2023, The State Had Spent \$478 Million On The Migration Crisis. “By mid-November, the state spent \$478 million to care for the migrants, state officials said. The bulk of those funds are not tracked by city officials, or included in the city’s database.” (Heather Cherone, “Chicago Paid At Least \$138M To Care For Migrants In 2023, Far Less Than Projections: Data,” [WTTW](#), 1/4/24)

- **In The Same Month, Democratic Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker Announced The State Would Spend An Additional \$160 Million For Migrant Care.** “In mid-November, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced the state would spend an additional \$160 million as part of an urgent effort to care for the migrants. That work began in earnest this week, with crews starting up efforts to transform a vacant CVS drugstore in Little Village into a shelter for 220 people.” (Heather Cherone, “Chicago Paid At Least \$138M To Care For Migrants In 2023, Far Less Than Projections: Data,” [WTTW](#), 1/4/24)

In January 2024, The State Announced \$17 Million In Additional Funding For The Migrant Crisis. “As arctic temperatures sweep the region, Chicago’s migrant situation is intensifying. City officials are working to keep new arrivals safe through shelter and warming buses at its landing zone. Now, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker is offering millions of dollars to suburbs that agree to house migrants. The state, on Tuesday, announced \$17 million in additional funding to address the crisis. According to Pritzker, the funding will be used for welcome centers, work permit applications, housing, and healthcare.” (Kasey Chronis, “Illinois Announces Additional Funding For Migrants, But There’s A Catch,” [Fox 32](#), 1/16/24)

Denver Has Spent More Than \$42 Million On The Migrant Crisis And Is Projected To Spend \$180 Million In 2024. Colorado Spent \$188 Million In 2023

In The Past Year, Denver Has Spent More Than \$42 Million On The Migrant Crisis.

“Standing in his downtown office Tuesday, Denver Mayor Mike Johnston got word that a Senate bill to overhaul U.S. asylum law was doomed. He shook his head as the optimism drained from his face. Washington, once again, had failed to solve his biggest civic problem. This city of 713,000 people has absorbed nearly 40,000 migrants in a little over a year, more per capita than any other U.S. city. It is second only to New York in the total number of foreigners who have arrived since 2022. The influx is straining the city’s budget, crowding schools and hospitals and swelling the ranks of the city’s homeless population. Denver has spent more than \$42 million in the past year to house and feed the new arrivals.” (Alicia A. Caldwell and Michelle Hackman, “Denver Is Furious That Washington Can’t Fix The Border,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/10/24)

- **“Public Schools Have Ballooned By More Than 3,000 Students, Creating A Budget Shortfall Of Roughly \$17.5 Million.”** (Alicia A. Caldwell and Michelle Hackman, “Denver Is Furious That Washington Can’t Fix The Border,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/10/24)
- **“The City’s Safety-Net Hospital Has Seen At Least 9,000 Migrant Patients In The Past Year, Costing At Least \$10 Million In Unreimbursed Care.”** (Alicia A. Caldwell and Michelle Hackman, “Denver Is Furious That Washington Can’t Fix The Border,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/10/24)

“The Cost To Temporarily House, Feed And Transport The Immigrants Has Largely Fallen On Denver Taxpayers, Who Have Assumed Roughly \$6 Out Of Every \$10 Spent.” (Kyla Pearce, “Denver Rents Out Entire Hotel In Aurora For Immigrants, Kicking Out Previous Residents,” [The Denver Gazette](#), 12/16/23)

Denver Mayor Mike Johnston Said The Cost Of Caring For Migrants In 2024 Will Be \$180 Million. “Denver Mayor Mike Johnston told the City Council on Tuesday that the infusion of migrants to their city will cost \$180 million this year and is not sustainable. Johnston said the city had 150 buses carrying migrants arrive in December. He said there were 250 new migrants arriving every day.” (Tom Gantert, “Denver To Spend \$180M On Migrants In 2024, Mayor Calls It ‘Unsustainable,’” [The Center Square](#), 1/3/24)

\$180 Million Would Be 10 Percent Of Denver’s Annual Budget. “Denver Mayor Mike Johnston said the city forecasts spending \$180 million – 10% of its annual budget – assisting migrants with housing, food and other services this year.” (Trevor Hughes, “Hundreds Of Migrants In Denver Tent City Evicted By Authorities Over Health, Safety,” [USA Today](#), 1/3/24)

- **Johnston: “We Think This Is Unsustainable For This City.”** “We are the closest, cheapest bus ticket from El Paso,” Johnston said. ‘It’s the cheapest ticket for [Texas] Governor [Greg] Abbott and anyone else to buy, so they just come to Denver. We think that is unsustainable for this city.’” (Tom Gantert, “Denver To Spend \$180M On Migrants In 2024, Mayor Calls It ‘Unsustainable,’” [The Center Square](#), 1/3/24)

To Address Migrant Costs, Mayor Johnson Has Called On City Departments To Slash 15 Percent From Their Budget. “Denver Mayor Mike Johnston told FOX31 the migrant crisis could cost the city \$180 million this year, and now he’s asking city departments to slash up to 15% from their budgets to cover the cost.” (Jeremy Hubbard, “Denver To Slash Up To 15% From City Budget To Fund Migrant Aid,” [FOX31](#), 1/9/24)

In 2023, Colorado Paid \$188 Million To Address The Immigration Crisis. “Illegal immigration pumps roughly \$2 billion into the Colorado economy, while costing taxpayers nearly

\$200 million annually, according to an analysis by The Denver Gazette. Extrapolated from the research of prominent social scientists and state agencies, the findings — \$1.9 billion in economic boost and \$188 million in direct expenses a year— surprised community leaders and immigration advocates alike.” (Nicole C. Brambila, “Cost And Benefits Of Illegal Immigration In Colorado: What Does It Cost Taxpayers?,” [Denver Gazette](#), 1/2/24)

The Non-Profit Federation For Immigration Reform Pegged The Total Cost Of Illegal Immigration To Colorado Taxpayers Was More Than \$1.4 Billion. “The group, for example, estimated that the number of immigrants residing in Colorado without authorization is 278,000, and the total cost to state taxpayers more than \$1.4 billion. All told, the group estimate that illegal immigration costs American taxpayers \$182 billion and provides \$31 billion in tax contributions — at a net cost of \$151 billion.” (Nicole C. Brambila, “Cost And Benefits Of Illegal Immigration In Colorado: What Does It Cost Taxpayers?,” [Denver Gazette](#), 1/2/24)

States And Other Jurisdictions Are Spending Millions On Migrants

In September 2023, Washington, D.C. Was On Track To Spend More Than \$52.5 Million On The Migrant Crisis By October. “In the District, the Department of Human Services says it has spent \$36.4 million on migrant services through the end of August, up from about \$15.1 million in May. The agency has said it expects those costs to eclipse \$52.5 million by October. D.C. has requested about \$5.5 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which offers reimbursements for 30 days of temporary housing for migrants — but advocates say migrant families usually require a longer stay, increasing costs.” (Michael Brice-Saddler, “As Migrants Continue To Arrive In D.C. Concerns Remain About Capacity,” [The Washington Post](#), 9/4/23)

Massachusetts Has Spent \$247 Million On Emergency Housing. “New York has already spent \$3.1 billion on housing and feeding the migrants. Massachusetts has spent \$247 million on emergency housing since July, and half of the current occupants are migrants.” (Michael D. Shear and Miriam Jordan, “Biden Faces Pressure On Immigration, And Not Just From Republicans,” [The New York Times](#), 1/4/24)

San Diego County Has Spent \$6 Million To Address The Influx Of Migrants. “San Diego County allocated \$3 million in October for a transition day center for migrants, and another \$3 million in December. Denver, Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities across the country are also spending millions.” (Michael D. Shear and Miriam Jordan, “Biden Faces Pressure On Immigration, And Not Just From Republicans,” [The New York Times](#), 1/4/24)

In Arizona, Yuma County’s Regional Medical Center Racked Up About \$26 Million In Uncompensated Expenses For Migrants. “Yuma County cannot continue to bear the cost of caring for immigrants that are flooding across the border without help from the federal government, a county official testified Wednesday. County Supervisor Jonathan Lines told the House Homeland Security Committee that local communities are willing to help migrants but should not have to shoulder the entire cost of health care, food, shelter and more. Lines pointed to the Yuma Regional Medical Center, which he said racked up nearly \$26 million in uncompensated expenses last year from caring for migrants.” (Adrienne Washington, “Yuma Official Says Cost Of Caring For Migrants ‘Not Sustainable’ For County,” [Cronkite News](#), 9/20/23)

MIGRANTS DISPLACING AMERICANS

In Aurora, Colorado, Americans Residing In A Hotel Were Kicked To The Curb To Make Available Housing For Migrants

In December 2023, Homeless Americans Living In An Aurora Hotel Were Kicked Out On The Streets To Make Way For Migrant Housing. “Aurora resident Joe Saucedo was living with his dog and partner in a hotel in Aurora for about a year when he learned he could no longer renew his lease for the next week. With nowhere else to go, Saucedo moved his family into a car and turned the ignition on in the middle of the night to stay warm. ... It turned out Denver wanted the hotel's rooms to house an influx of immigrants who arrived in the city just as temperatures plummeted. The latest surge of immigrants is straining city resources, forcing Denver to pause

discharging people from shelters and to allow families to stay longer under the city's care.” (Kyla Pearce, “Denver Rents Out Entire Hotel In Aurora For Immigrants, Kicking Out Previous Residents,” [The Denver Gazette](#), 12/16/23)

Current Residents Were Kicked Out Of The Hotel. “In an interview with The Denver Gazette, Coffman said he did not realize the neighboring government would need the entire hotel, thereby kicking current residents out in the process.” (Kyla Pearce, “Denver Rents Out Entire Hotel In Aurora For Immigrants, Kicking Out Previous Residents,” [The Denver Gazette](#), 12/16/23)

In Chicago, An After School Program Was Relocated With No Notice In Order To Provide Shelter For Migrants

In May 2023, An Avondale After School Program Was Relocated To Provide Shelter For Migrants. “A Chicago Park District after school program in Avondale is being relocated in order to help migrants arriving in the City. The City of Chicago is converting the building found at Brands Park on North Elston Avenue into a temporary shelter for migrants, meanwhile, the park district is moving children enrolled in programming at the park to Horner Park on Montrose Avenue and Linne Elementary on Sacramento Avenue.” (Dani Rebik and Eli Ong, “Chicago Park District After-School Program Relocated To Accommodate Migrants,” [WGNTV](#), 5/3/23)

- **Parents Had No Advance Notice That The After School Program Would Be Relocated.** “Parents who picked up their kids from after school programming at Brands Park Wednesday learned their children couldn’t come back. ‘Honestly the kids were confused. My child was very upset,’ said Courtney Roman. ‘I told my son to clean out his locker and bring everything home because we wouldn’t be returning. That was really inconsiderate.’” (Dani Rebik and Eli Ong, “Chicago Park District After-School Program Relocated To Accommodate Migrants,” [WGNTV](#), 5/3/23)

In New York City, Students Had To “Pivot” To Remote Learning As 2,000 Migrants Were Relocated To Their School

- **In January 2024, New York City Mayor Eric Adams Relocated 2,000 Migrants To James Madison High School.** “Mayor Adams’ administration began relocating nearly 2,000 migrants Tuesday from shelters at Floyd Bennett Field to a southern Brooklyn high school due to extreme weather forecasts. The migrants will stay overnight at James Madison High School in Midwood, according to a city official.” (Michael Gartland, “City Hall Orders Nearly 2,000 Migrants To Be Evacuated To Brooklyn High School,” [New York Daily News](#), 1/9/24)
- **The Move Forced Students To “Pivot” To Remote Learning.** “But it is controversially moving them to James Madison High School, which confirmed it was being used as a ‘temporary overnight respite center’ and would be closed as a result on Wednesday – with students being forced to ‘pivot’ to remote learning as a result.” (Adam Shaw, “NYC High School Students Forced Into Remote Learning As 2,000 Migrants Sheltered In School Instead,” [Fox News](#), 1/9/24)
- **A Neighboring Resident To The High School Was Concerned About The Location, Saying “This Is F—ed Up,” Adding That The Migrants Had Not Been Vetted.** “‘This is f—ed up,’ said a local resident who identified himself only as Rob. ‘It’s a litmus test. They are using a storm, a legitimate situation, where they are testing this out. I guarantee you they’ll be here for the entire summer. ‘There’s 1,900 people getting thrown into my neighborhood, half a block from where I live and we don’t know who they are,’ he said. ‘They’re not vetted. A lot of them have criminal records and backgrounds and we don’t even know.’” (Steven Vago, Kevin Sheehan, Desheania Andrews, Craig McCarthy and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, “NYC Students Forced To Go Remote As City Houses 2K Migrants At Their School, And One Mom Goes Off: ‘Does It Feel Good?’,” [New York Post](#), 1/9/24)

Soon-To-Be Newlyweds Had Their Weddings “Upended” After Their Booked Hotel Rooms Were Canceled To House Migrants

- **In May 2023, A Couple Who Planned To Marry In New York Had Their Reservation For 30 Rooms “Abruptly” Cancelled To Make Way For Migrant Housing.** “A Florida couple has had their wedding upended after an Orange County hotel — set to take in migrants from New York City — abruptly canceled the rooms she booked for her guests, she told The Post.

‘We felt discarded, disappointed and angry that they just tossed us aside to make an extra dollar for the hotel. It’s just not right,’ Deanna Mifsud, 35, fumed. ... But everything was upended when they learned the Crossroads was set to accept migrants from NYC, who are being bused to hotels in Westchester and the Hudson Valley as the city struggles to deal with the influx of immigrants pouring over the border.” (Georgett Roberts and Bernadette Hogan, “Hotel Set To Take NYC Migrants Abruptly Cancels 30 Rooms Soon-To-Be Newlyweds Booked For Their Guests,” [New York Post](#), 5/14/23)

- **Another Couple Planning To Wed Had Their 37 Rooms Cancelled.** “A Queens couple claimed the 37 rooms they booked months in advance at the Crossroads Hotel for guests of their May 20 wedding were also suddenly canceled. ‘What we feel right now is, we feel very cast aside,’ groom-to-be Sean Plunkett told CBS.” (Georgett Roberts and Bernadette Hogan, “Hotel Set To Take NYC Migrants Abruptly Cancels 30 Rooms Soon-To-Be Newlyweds Booked For Their Guests,” [New York Post](#), 5/14/23)

In Massachusetts, Veterans Planning To Attend The Army Navy Football Game Had Their Hotel Reservations Cancelled

In October 2023, Veterans And Their Families That Planned To Attend The Army Navy College Football Game Had Their Reservations Cancelled In Order To House Migrants. “With one of college football's most watched rivalries coming to Gillette Stadium in December, thousands of military veterans and their families are coming to the state to catch the game. But some have had their hotel reservations cancelled because the hotel is full, housing migrants, according to an area travel agent.” (Amanda Keane, “Veterans’ Hotel Reservations Cancelled For Army-Navy Game; Hotels Full Housing Immigrants,” [SpectrumNews1](#), 10/6/23)

- **“Mark Mansbach Of Hillsdale Travel Told Spectrum News That His Hotel Block Full Of Mostly Veterans And Their Families Was Cancelled.”** “Mark Mansbach of Hillsdale Travel told Spectrum News that his hotel block full of mostly veterans and their families was cancelled. ‘I’m very distressed to learn that any veteran may have been moved from a hotel who had booked a hotel for that game. As I understand, it was a decision made by area hotels,’ explained Gov. Maura Healey (D-Massachusetts). ‘But I was very concerned and troubled to hear that any veteran may have had their room cancelled.’” (Amanda Keane, “Veterans’ Hotel Reservations Cancelled For Army-Navy Game; Hotels Full Housing Immigrants,” [SpectrumNews1](#), 10/6/23)

Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey Pleaded With Residents To Take In Migrant Families

In August 2023, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey Called On Residents To House Migrant Families. “As of last week, just over 40 hotels and motels in Massachusetts were being used as emergency shelters, a spokesperson for the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities said. ‘It’s reached a point where the capacity just isn’t sustainable,’ Healey said later Tuesday on GBH’s ‘Boston Public Radio.’ And with the state’s shelter system pushed to its limits, the administration also used Tuesday’s press conference to urge landlords, churches, synagogues, universities, businesses and private residents to open their homes and businesses to help house immigrants.” (Sam Drysdale, “State Asks Residents To Host Immigrant Families As Shelter System Reaches Capacity,” [WWLP](#), 8/8/23)