

WELCOME, SHELTER, INDEPENDENCE:

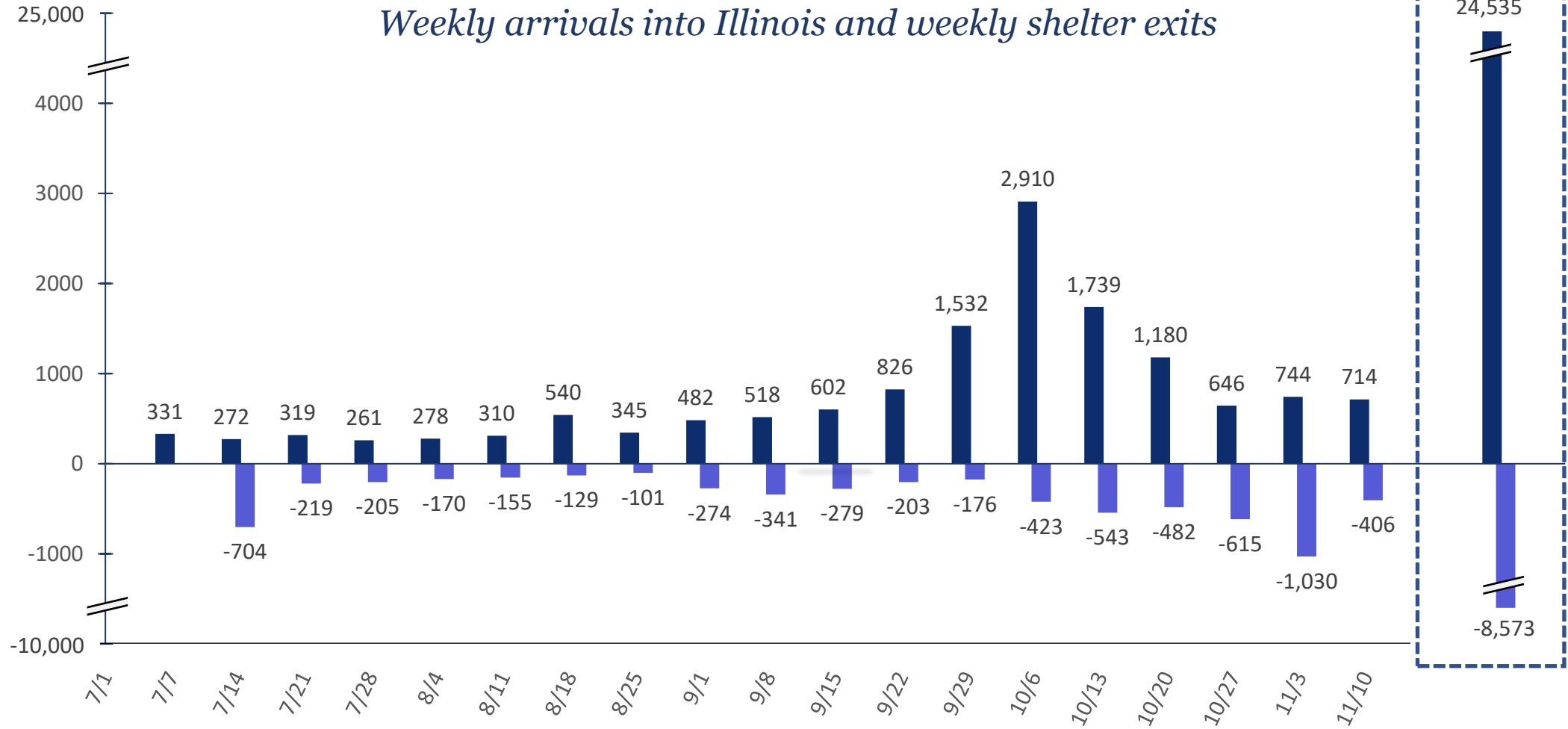
The Asylum Seeker Pipeline



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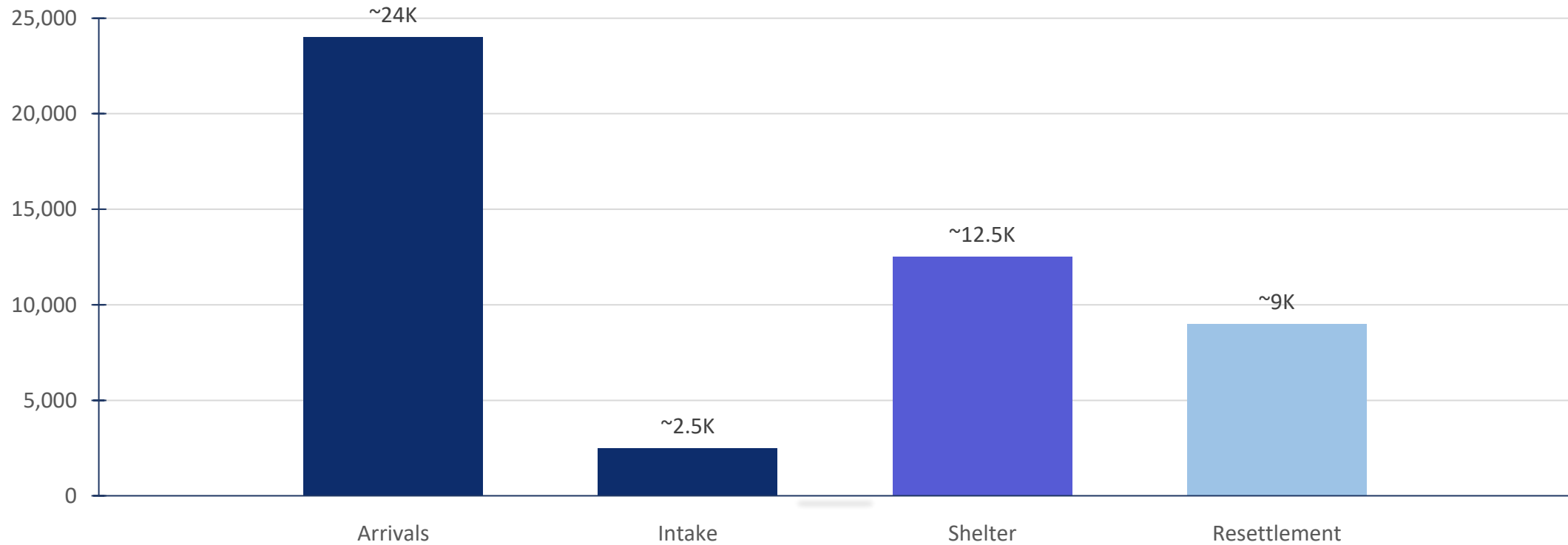


Weekly Total Arrivals





Response Pipeline





Bottlenecks and Plan

Proposed additional \$160 million data-driven investment to address bottlenecks in comprehensive asylum seeker resettlement pipeline

Arrival to Illinois

Police Depts./
Airports

Temporary Shelter

Moved to Housing

\$30M

\$65M

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**Proposed
data-driven
investments**

**Major
bottlenecks
addressed**

- Launch intake center to welcome and coordinate new arrivals, and identify asylum seekers whose final destination is not Chicago/IL or who have sponsors in the state
- Reduce the number of people going to shelters by 10% through a coordinated arrival process
- Create a winterized “soft shelter site” providing temporary housing for up to 2,000 people for up to 6 months
- Ensure a safe and warm place to live during the winter months and allow for the provision of the wraparound services the State currently funds at City shelters
- Expand case management, housing assistance, and legal services
- Resettlement: rental assistance to move out of shelters
- TPS/EAD assistance for ~11,000 shelter residents by Feb. 2024



TPS and EAD

A cornerstone of this plan is a state-led effort to move thousands of individuals through the Temporary Protected Status and Employment Authorization Document processes.

Increasing Resettlement

- TPS and EAD processes will enable asylum seekers to gain employment and achieve self-sufficiency
- The State will stand up workshops with legal aid providers and pro-bono attorneys to facilitate the application process
- Workshops will be co-located with federal immigration authorities and DCEO workforce programming so that federal checks and job search resources can be provided simultaneously

Goals

- The State is taking the lead to increase independence to alleviate the strain on state resources
- By February 2024, we aim to have more than 11,000 applications submitted