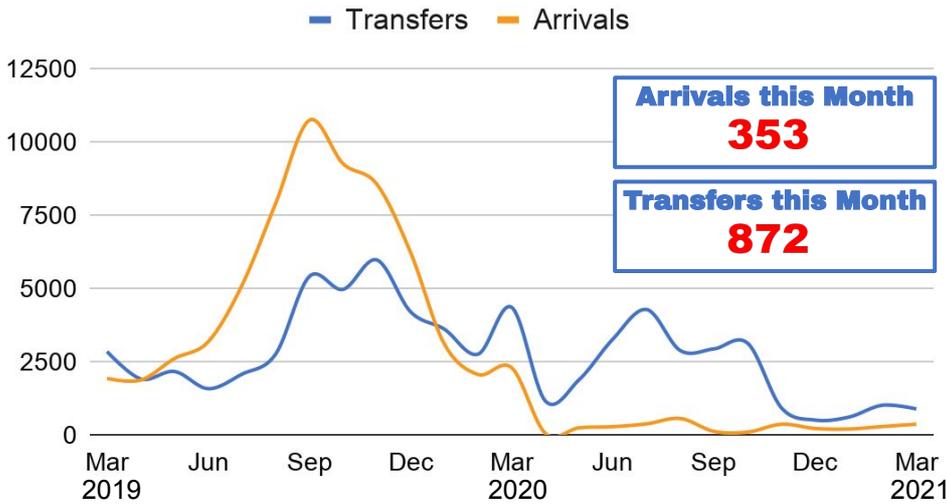




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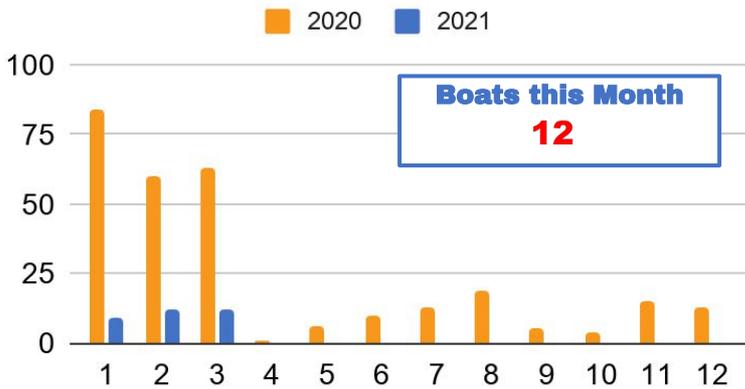
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People Arrived on Aegean islands

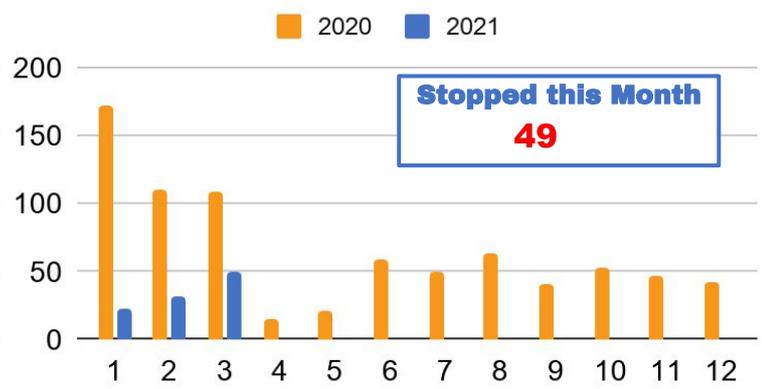


In 2021, people arriving is down 89.1%, compared to 2020. In March 12 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying a total of 353 people. Arrivals has increased 29.3% compared to February, boats arriving is identical as February. Demographics on the islands: Men 53%, Women 21% and Children 26%

Boats arrived on the islands



Boats stopped by TCG/Police



Total arrivals are down by 84.5% compared to same month in 2020. 61 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in March, carrying a total of 1988 people. 12 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 353 people, the rest, 49 boats, 1635 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, most of these boats had been pushed back by Greek Coast Guard.

Total numbers so far this year



In 2021 104 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 3302 people have been arrested. Boats arriving on the Greek island has been reduced due to the Greek governments pushback tactics, boats picked up by TCG has increased for the same reason. Also the COVID-19 pandemic have had a huge impact. Population on the islands is 13708.

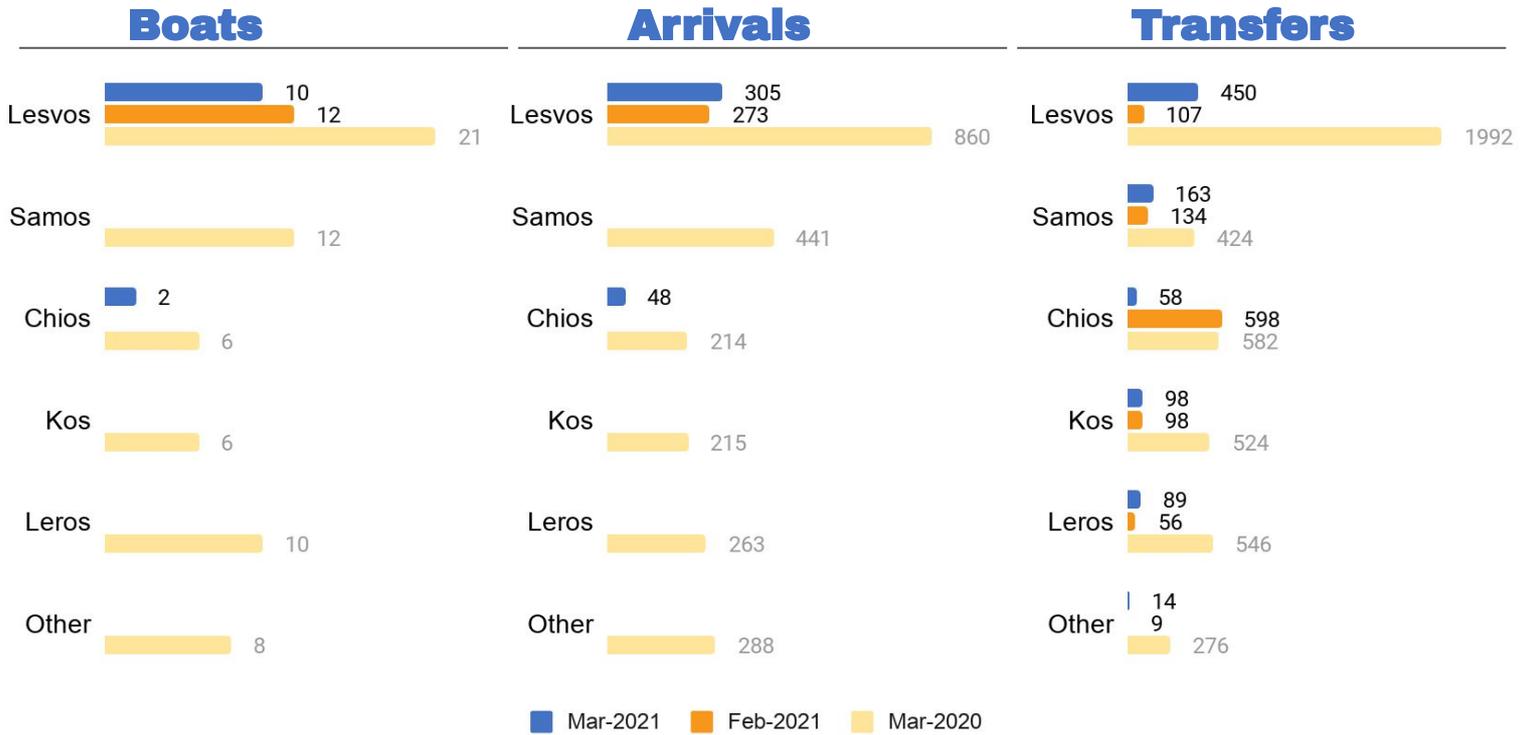


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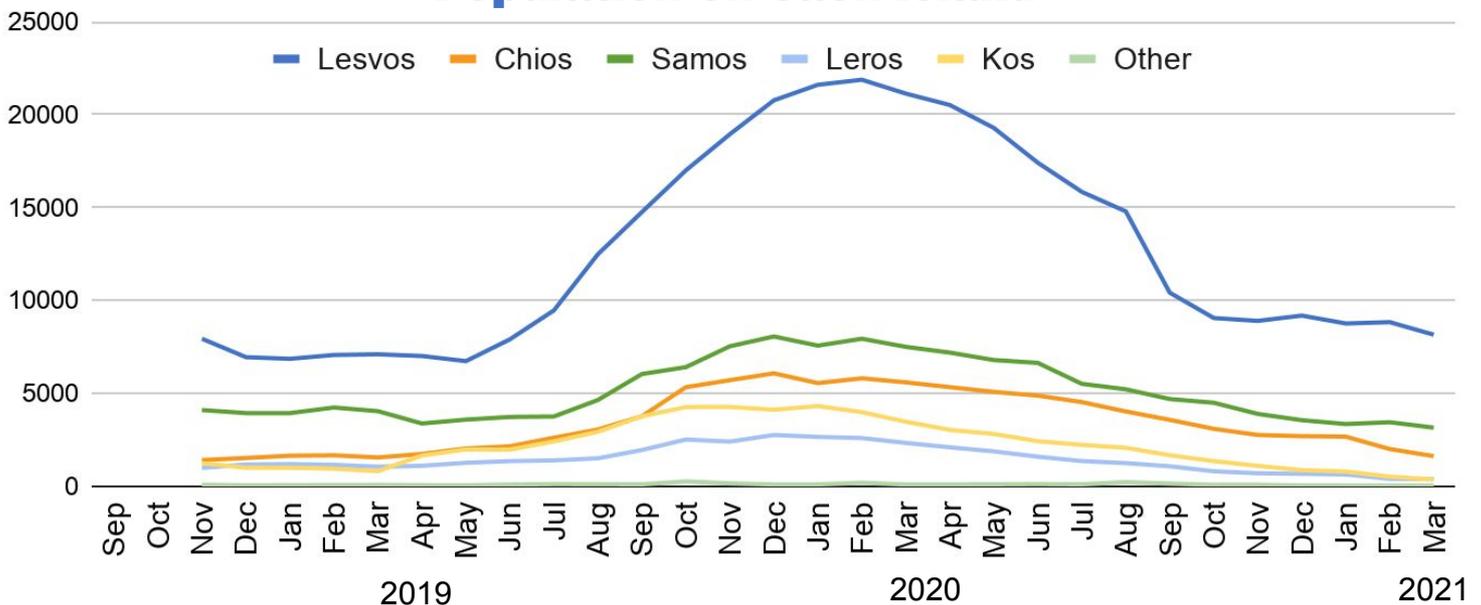
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Arrivals and transfers by island

In March 872 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 13% compared to February, when 1002 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 65.9%, from 40139 to 13708 people. The Greek government have drastically reduced population on the Greek island, population is now the lowest registered since ABR started registration in December 2017.



Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16800 people. Today's population is 3100 people under max total capacity. In the end of March 2020 total population was 40139, one year later its 13708, population has decreased by 26431 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, inhuman.

Lesvos	8161	Kos	364
Samos	3151	Leros	385
Chios	1617	Other	30

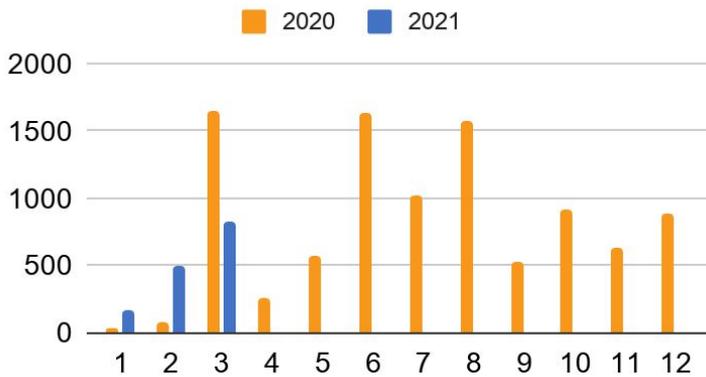


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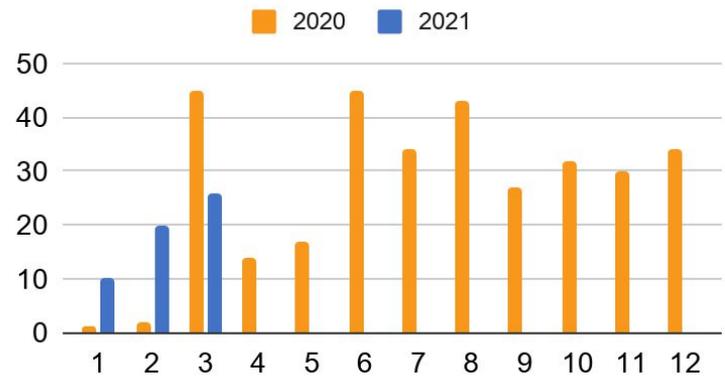
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters of another state. The Greek government has hugely increased illegal pushbacks of refugees since March 2020, with some victims stating they have been beaten by Greek officials before being forced back across borders, or into the sea.

Pushbacks - people



Total people 2021: 1485

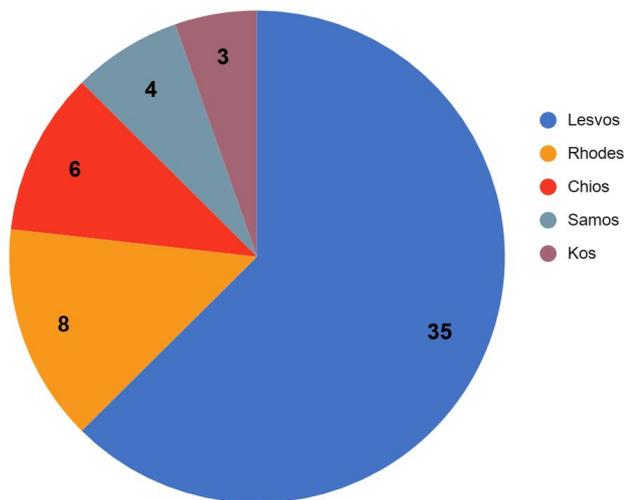
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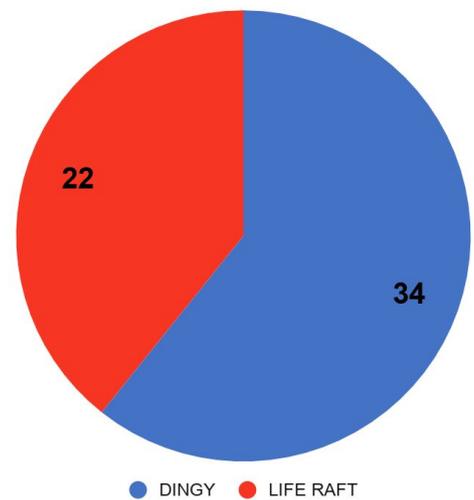
Total pushbacks 2021: 56

In March Aegean Boat Report have registered 26 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 825 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. Many of them had already arrived on the Greek Aegean islands, arrested by police, forced back to sea and left drifting in life rafts, illegally deported by the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG), on orders from the Greek government, so far there has been no reaction from the EU on these illegal atrocities.

Pushbacks by island



Pushbacks by craft type



Of 26 registered pushback cases in March, 7 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 269 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 15 life rafts, and left helplessly drifting at sea by the Hellenic Coast Guard, a systematic use of rescue equipment as a deportation tool. The Turkish coast guard and police picked up 1635 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 49 cases in March, 50.5% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.