



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

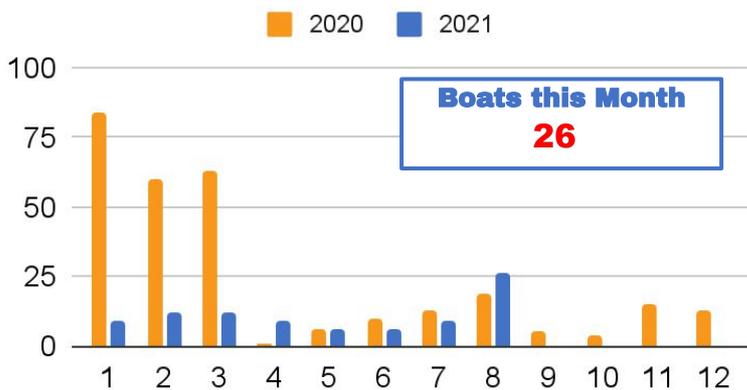
## MONTHLY STATISTICS AUGUST 2021

### People Arrived on Aegean islands



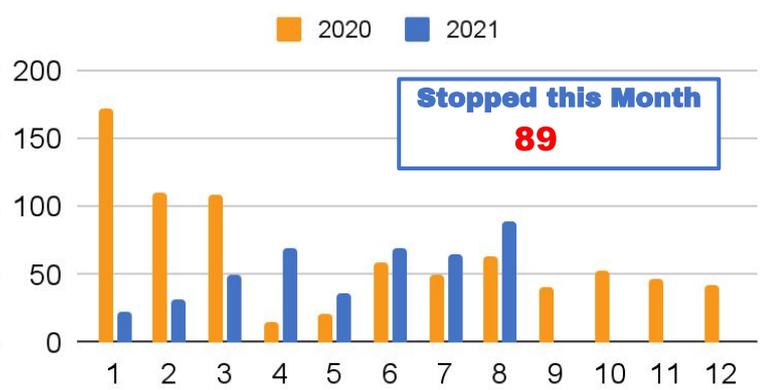
In 2021, people arriving is down 77.2%, compared to 2020. In August 26 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 637 people. Arrivals has increased 311% compared to July, boats arriving is up 188.9%. Demographics on the islands: Men 50%, Women 21% and Children 29%

### Boats arrived on the islands



Boats this Month  
**26**

### Boats stopped by TCG/Police



Stopped this Month  
**89**

Total arrivals has increased 16.5% compared to same month in 2020. 115 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in August, carrying a total of 3309 people. 26 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 637 people, the rest, 89 boats, 2672 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, most of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2021 433 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 13.112 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 5264.



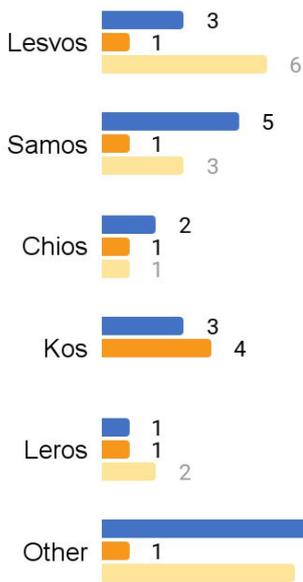
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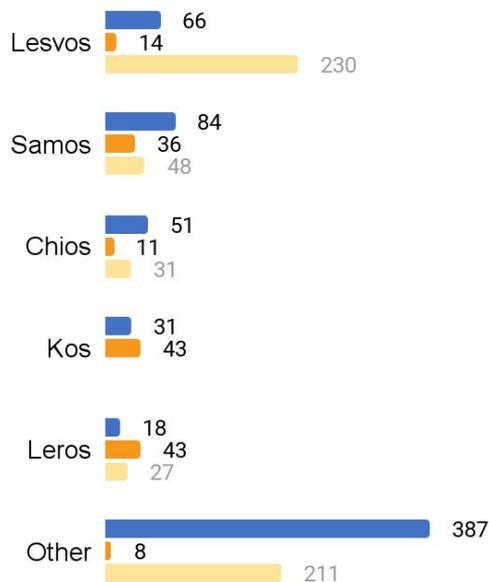
### Arrivals and transfers by island

In August 825 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 24.7% compared to July, when 1095 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 80.9%, from 27.576 to 5264 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.

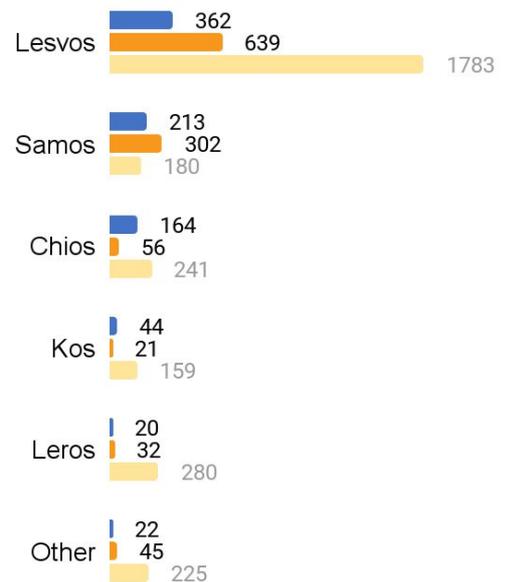
#### Boats



#### Arrivals

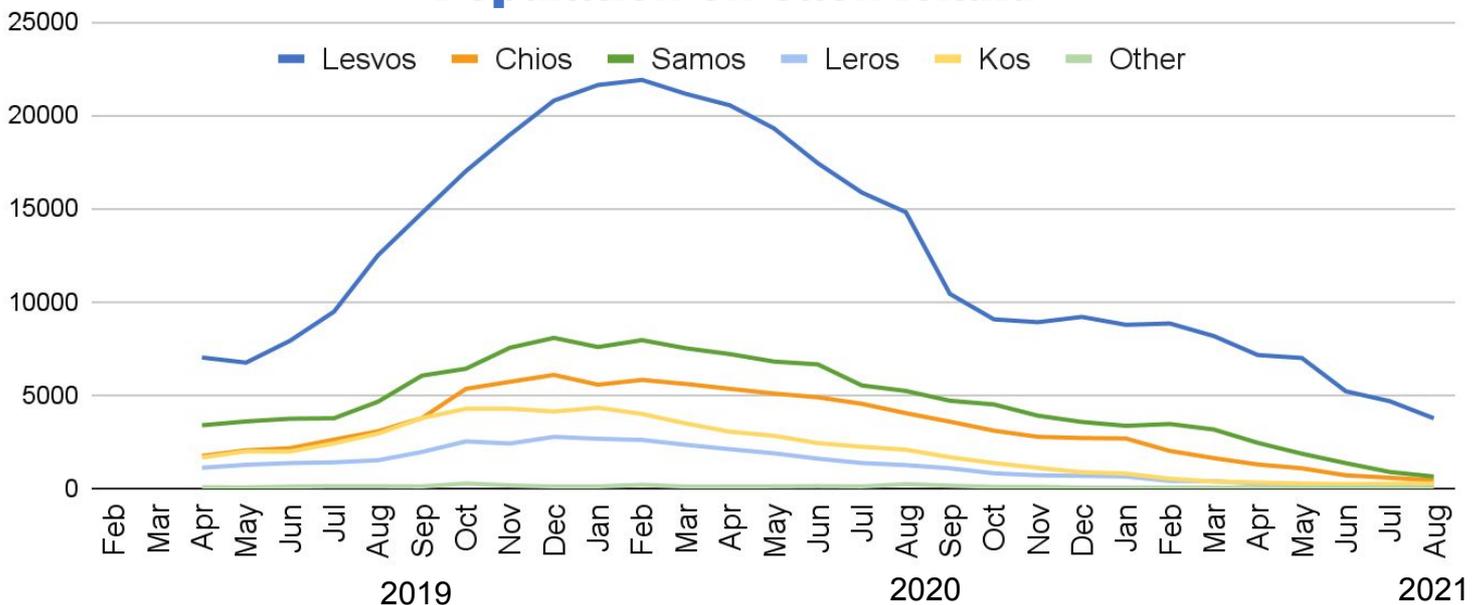


#### Transfers



■ Aug-2021 ■ Jul-2021 ■ Aug-2020

### Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 13.496 people. Today's population is 8232 people under max total capacity. In the end of August 2020 total population was 27.576, one year later its 5264, population has decreased by 22.312 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, inhuman.

Lesvos	3752	Kos	257
Samos	628	Leros	162
Chios	427	Other	38

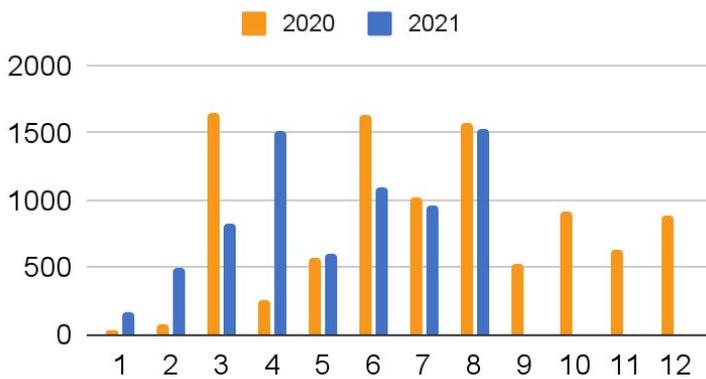


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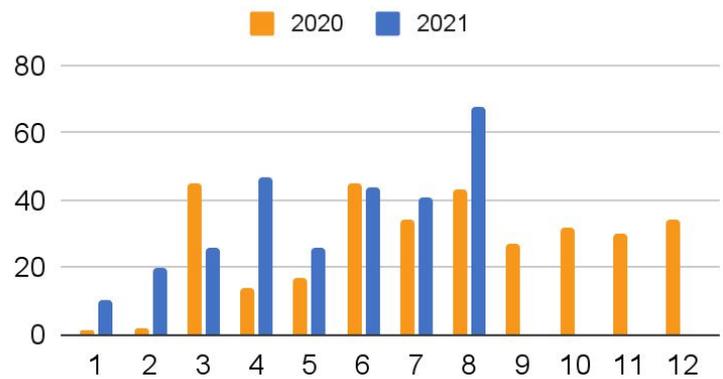
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 7191**

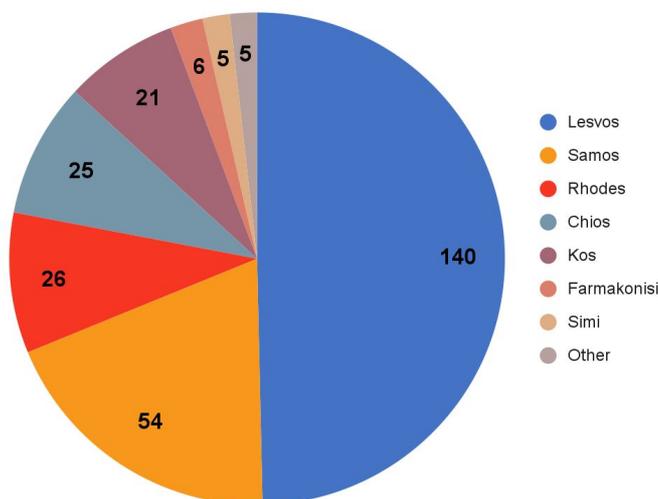
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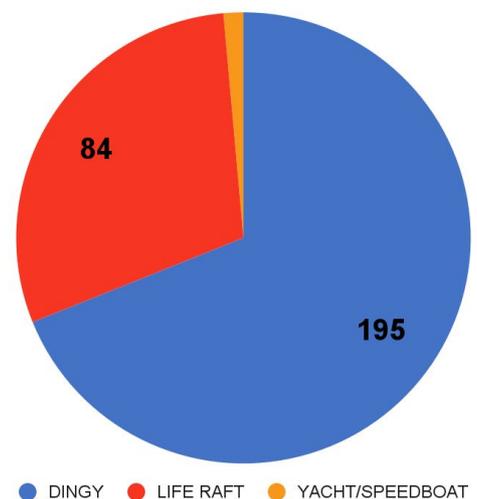
**Total pushbacks 2021: 283**

In August Aegean Boat Report have registered 68 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1530 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 68 registered pushback cases in August, 26 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 506 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 32 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 2672 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 89 cases in August, 76.4% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.