



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

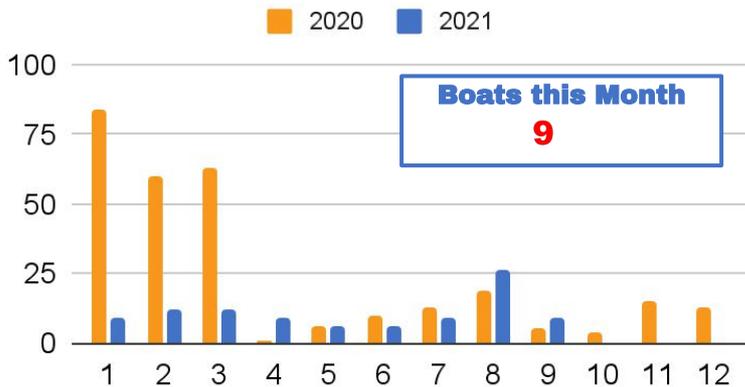
## MONTHLY STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2021

### People Arrived on Aegean islands

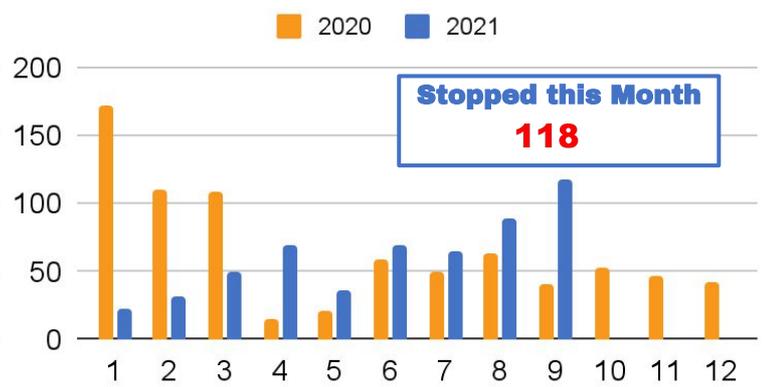


In 2021, people arriving is down 74.3%, compared to 2020. In September 9 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 287 people. Arrivals has decreased 55% compared to August, boats arriving is down 65.4%. Demographics on the islands: Men 50%, Women 21% and Children 29%

### Boats arrived on the islands



### Boats stopped by TCG/Police



Total arrivals has increased 173.3% compared to same month in 2020. 127 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in September, carrying a total of 4053 people. 9 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 287 people, the rest, 118 boats, 3766 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 551 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 16.878 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 4490.



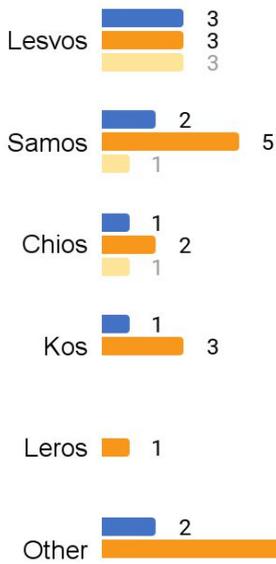
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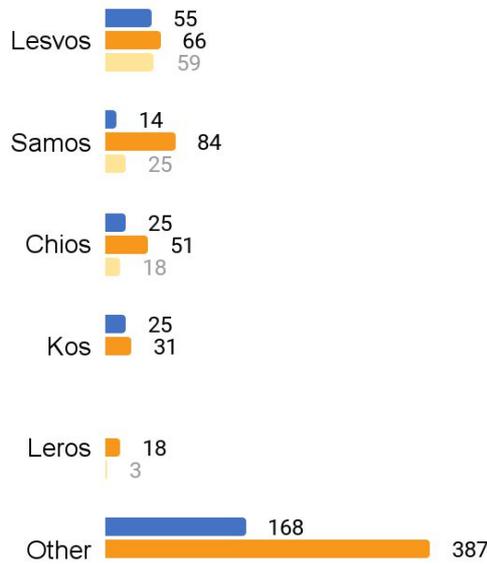
### Arrivals and transfers by island

In September 616 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 25.3% compared to August, when 825 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 79.2%, from 21.564 to 4490 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.

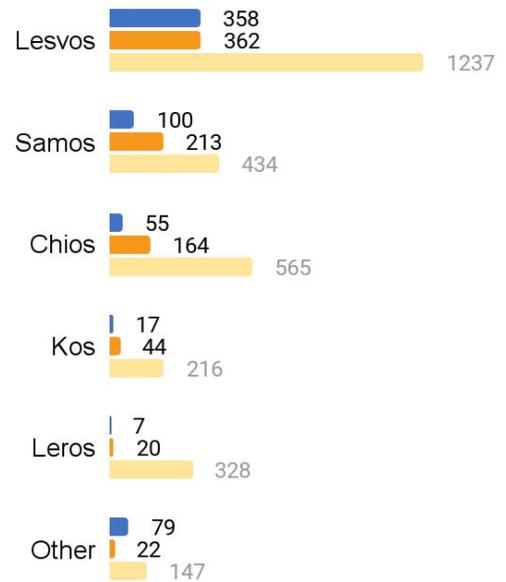
#### Boats



#### Arrivals

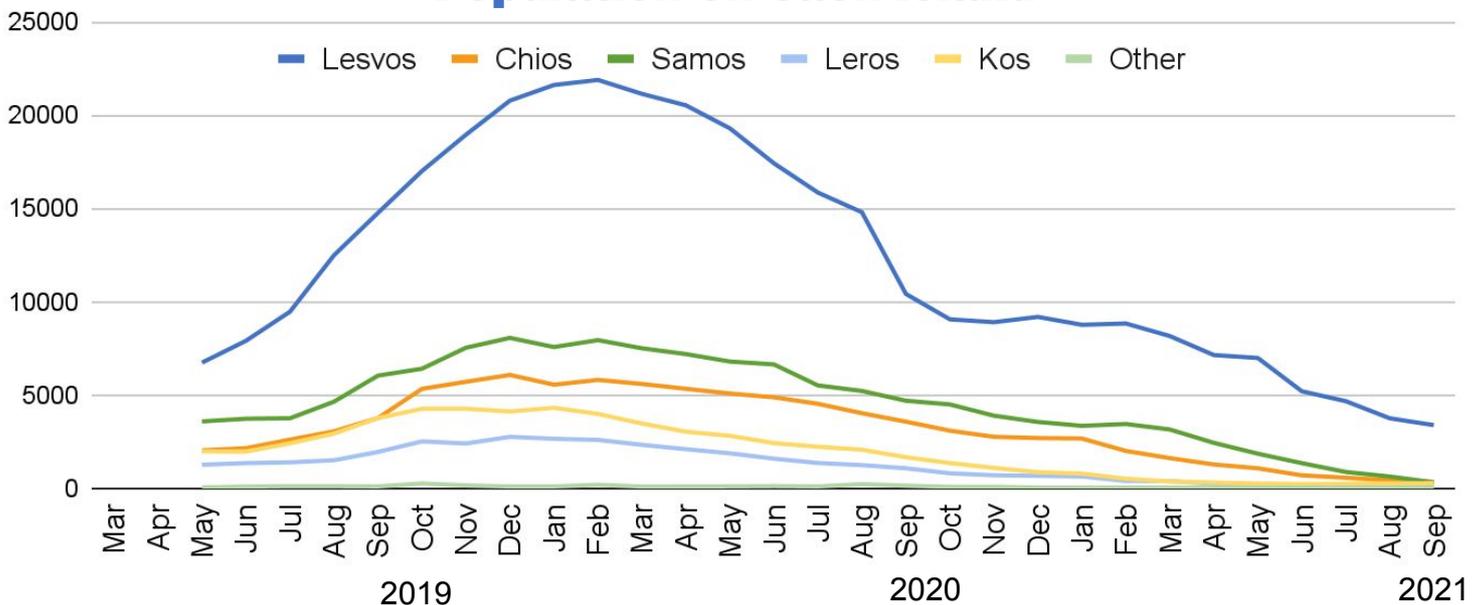


#### Transfers



■ Sep-2021 ■ Aug-2021 ■ Sep-2020

### Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 13.232 people. Today's population is 8742 people under max total capacity. In the end of September 2020 total population was 21.564, one year later its 4490, population has decreased by 17.074 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, inhuman.

Lesvos	3385	Kos	273
Samos	316	Leros	143
Chios	337	Other	36

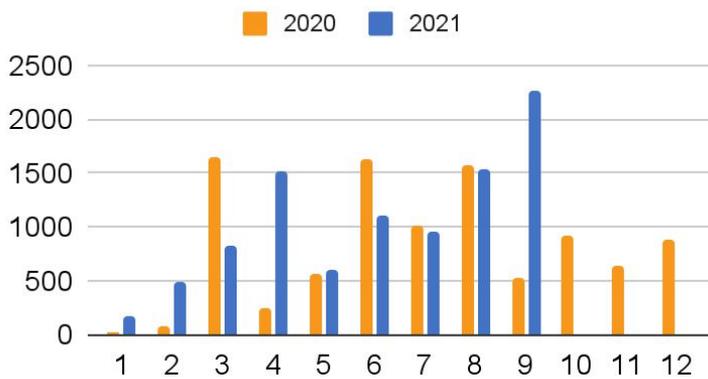


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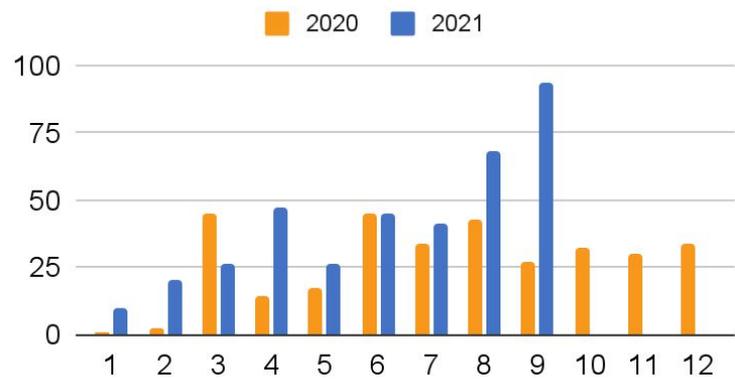
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters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

### Pushbacks - people



**Total people 2021: 9465**

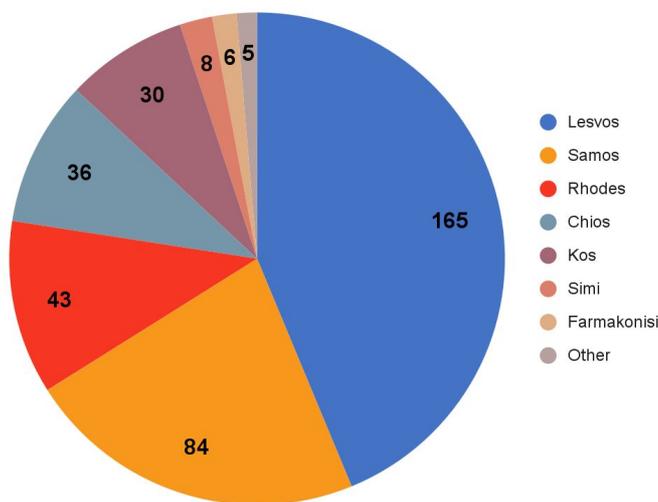
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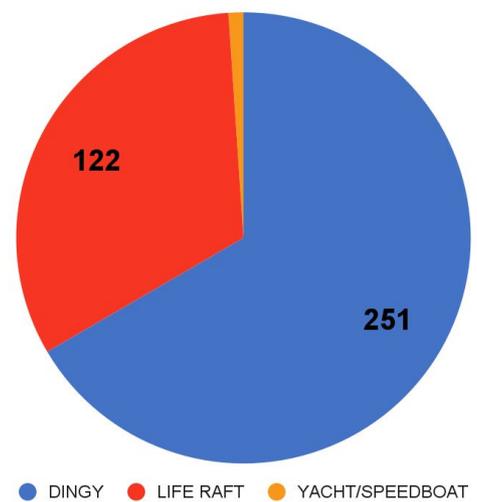
**Total pushbacks 2021: 377**

In September Aegean Boat Report have registered 94 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 2274 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 94 registered pushback cases in September, 38 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 1131 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 64 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 3766 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 118 cases in September, 79.7% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.