AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

MONTHLY STATISTICS APRIL 2022

People Arrived on Aegean islands

Arrivals this Month **356**
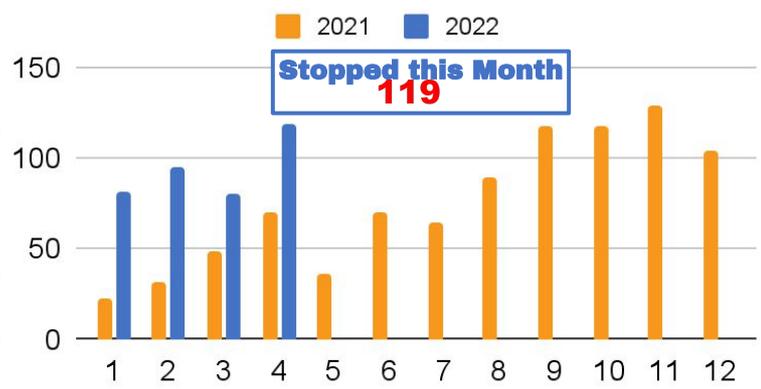
Transfers this Month **641**

In 2022, people arriving is up 35.2%, compared to 2021. In April 25 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 356 people. Arrivals has decreased 26.3% compared to March, boats arriving is up 13.6%. Demographics on the islands: Men 59%, Women 13% and Children 28%

Boats arrived on the islands

Boats this Month **25**

Boats stopped by TCG/Police

Stopped this Month **119**

Total arrivals has increased 74.5% compared to same month in 2021. 144 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in April, carrying a total of 3707 people. 25 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 356 people, the rest, 119 boats, 3351 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, half of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

Total numbers so far this year

In 2022 370 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 11.029 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 2315.
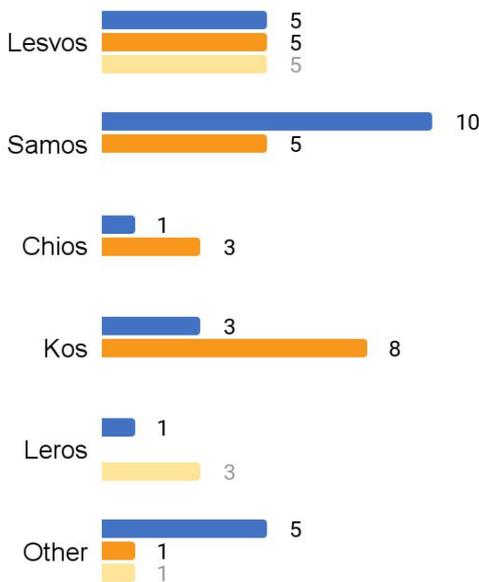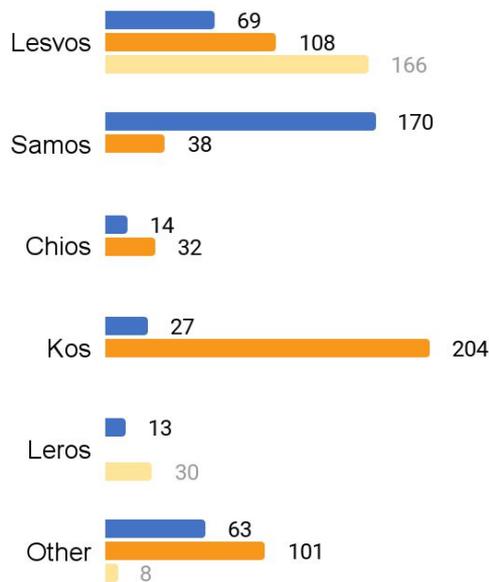
Arrivals and transfers by island

In April 641 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 106.1% compared to March, when 311 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 79.8%, from 11.434 to 2.315 people. The Greek government have drastically reduced population on the Greek island, due to illegal pushbacks performed by the Greek authorities in the Aegean Sea.
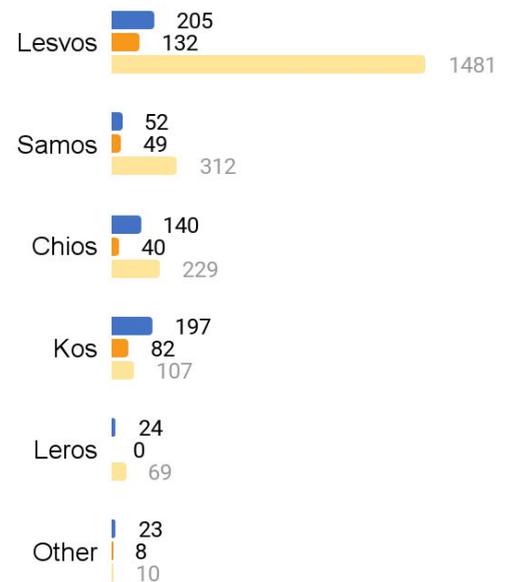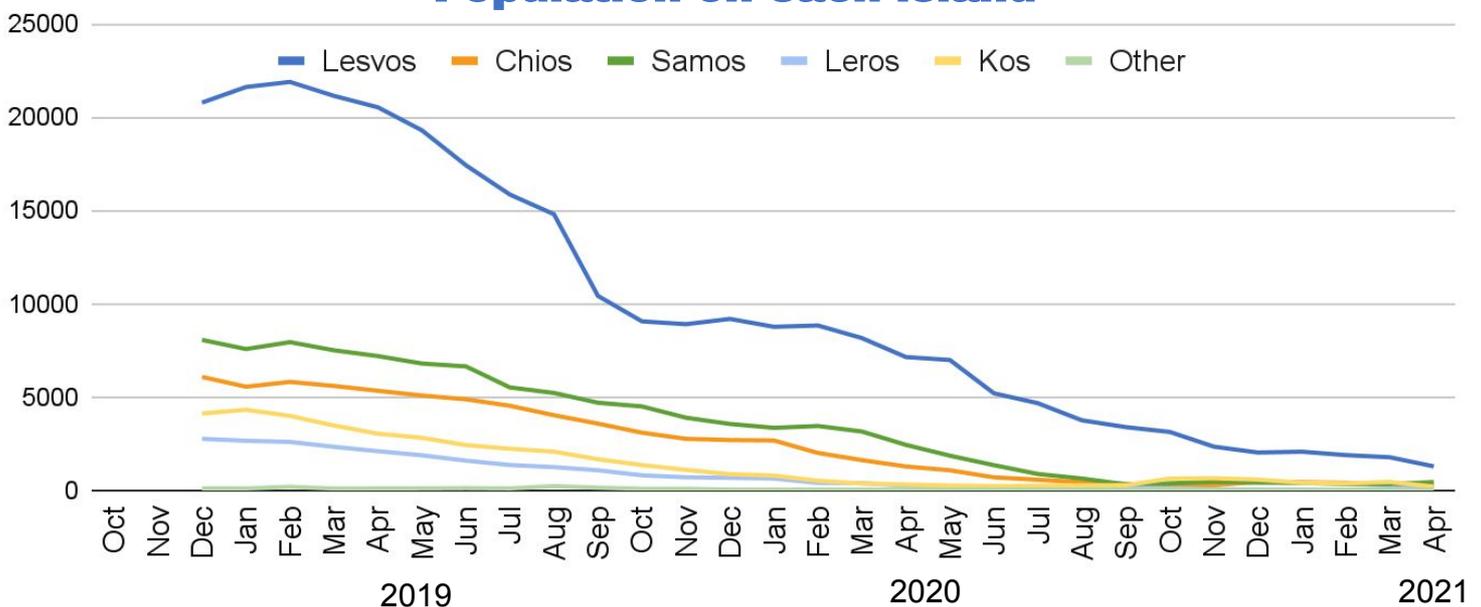
Boats

Island	Apr-2022	Mar-2022	Apr-2021
Lesvos	5	5	5
Samos	10	5	
Chios	1	3	
Kos	3	8	
Leros	1		3
Other	5	1	1

Arrivals

Island	Apr-2022	Mar-2022	Apr-2021
Lesvos	69	108	166
Samos	170	38	
Chios	14	32	
Kos	27	204	
Leros	13		30
Other	63	101	8

Transfers

Island	Apr-2022	Mar-2022	Apr-2021
Lesvos	205	132	1481
Samos	52	49	312
Chios	140	40	229
Kos	197	82	107
Leros	24	0	69
Other	23	8	10

■ Apr-2022   ■ Mar-2022   ■ Apr-2021

Population on each island

— Lesvos — Chios — Samos — Leros — Kos — Other

2019   2020   2021

Official capacity on the islands is 16.237 people. Today's population is 13.922 people under max total capacity. In the end of April 2021 total population was 11.434, one year later its 2.315, population has decreased by 9.119 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 17.722 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

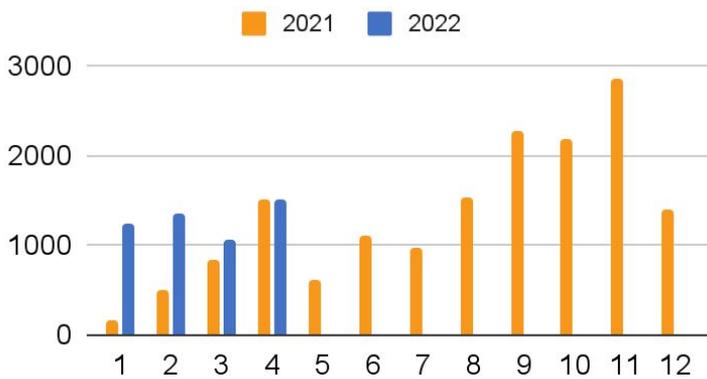|			
Lesvos	1281	Kos	195
Samos	438	Leros	144
Chios	246	Other	11

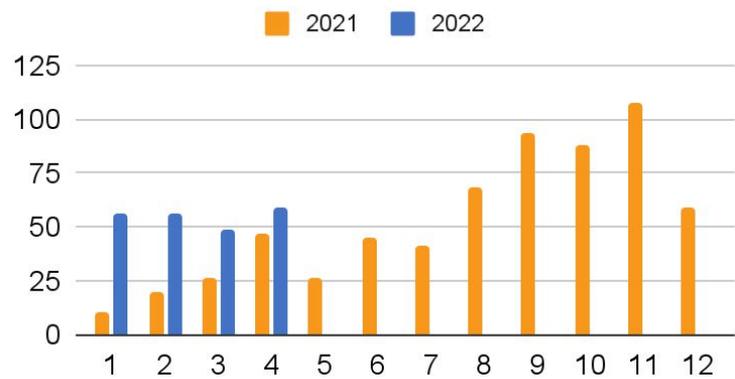# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT
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It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering 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

■ 2021 ■ 2022

Total people 2022: 4.919

Pushbacks

■ 2021 ■ 2022

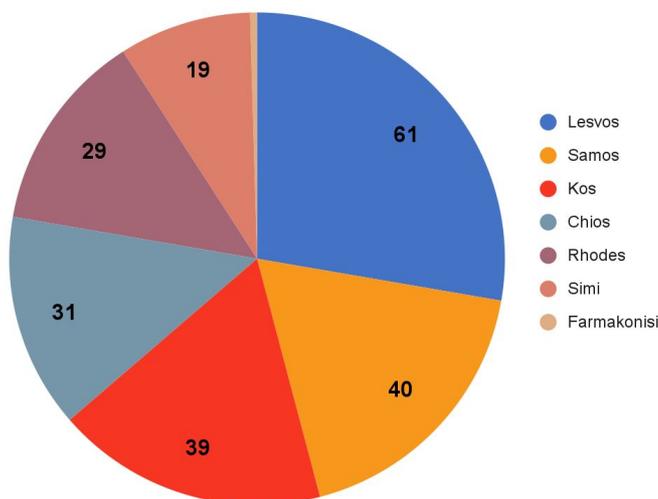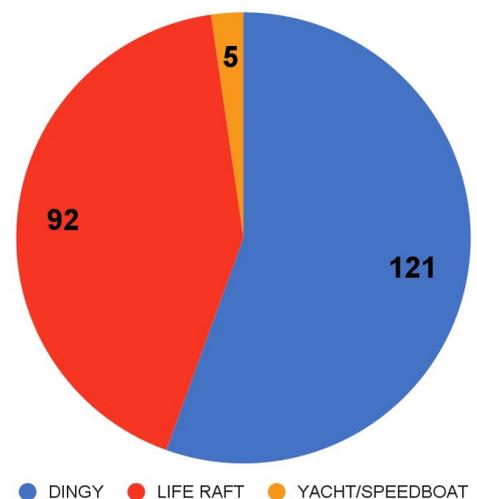**Total pushbacks 2022: 212**

In April Aegean Boat Report have registered 59 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1497 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

- 61 ● Lesvos
- 40 ● Samos
- 39 ● Kos
- 31 ● Chios
- 29 ● Rhodes
- 19 ● Simi
- ● Farmakonisi

Pushbacks by craft type

- 121
- 92
- 5

● DINGY ● LIFE RAFT ● YACHT/SPEEDBOAT

Of 59 registered pushback cases in April, 23 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 440 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 30 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 3.351 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 119 cases in April, 49.6% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.