



AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

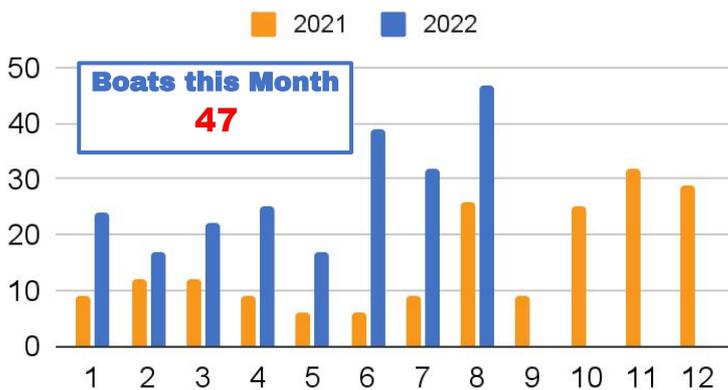
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People Registered on Aegean islands

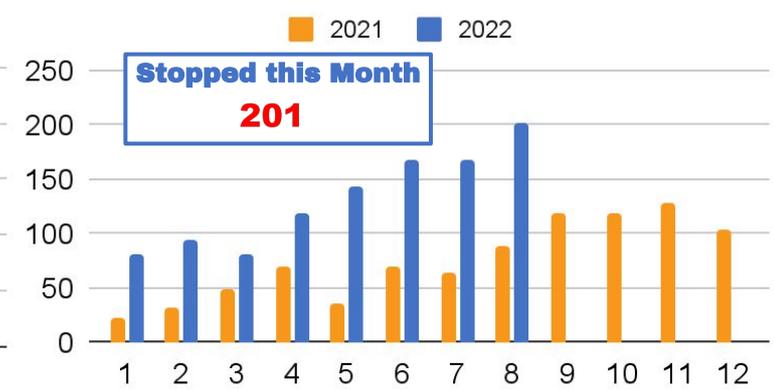


In 2022, people arriving is up 149.8%, compared to 2021. In August 47 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 1470 people. Arrivals has increased 106.2% compared to July, boats arriving is up 46.9%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

Boats Officially Arrived



Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Total arrivals has increased 130.8% compared to same month in 2021. 248 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in August, carrying a total of 8029 people. 47 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 1470 people, the rest, 201 boats, 6559 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 1055 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 33.495 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 3190.

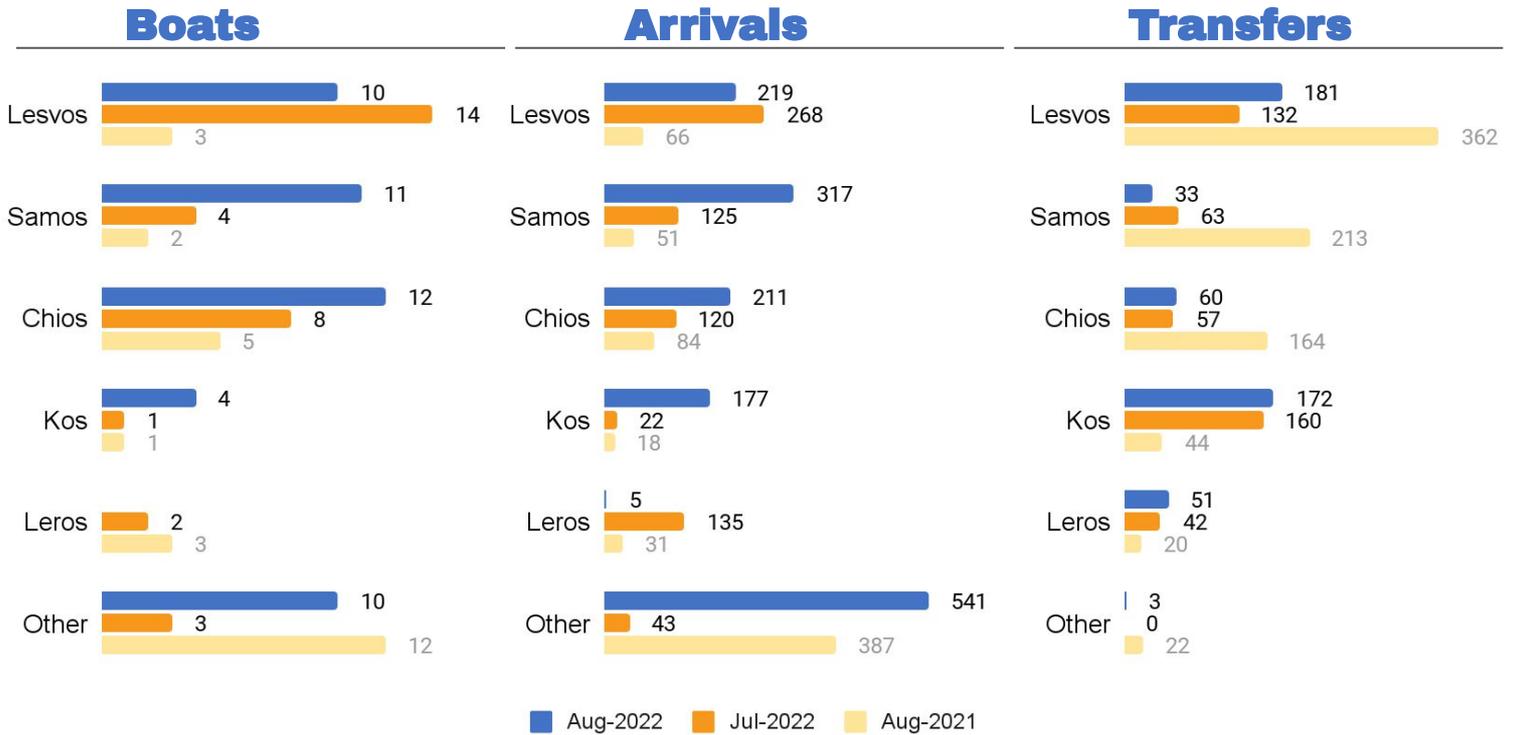


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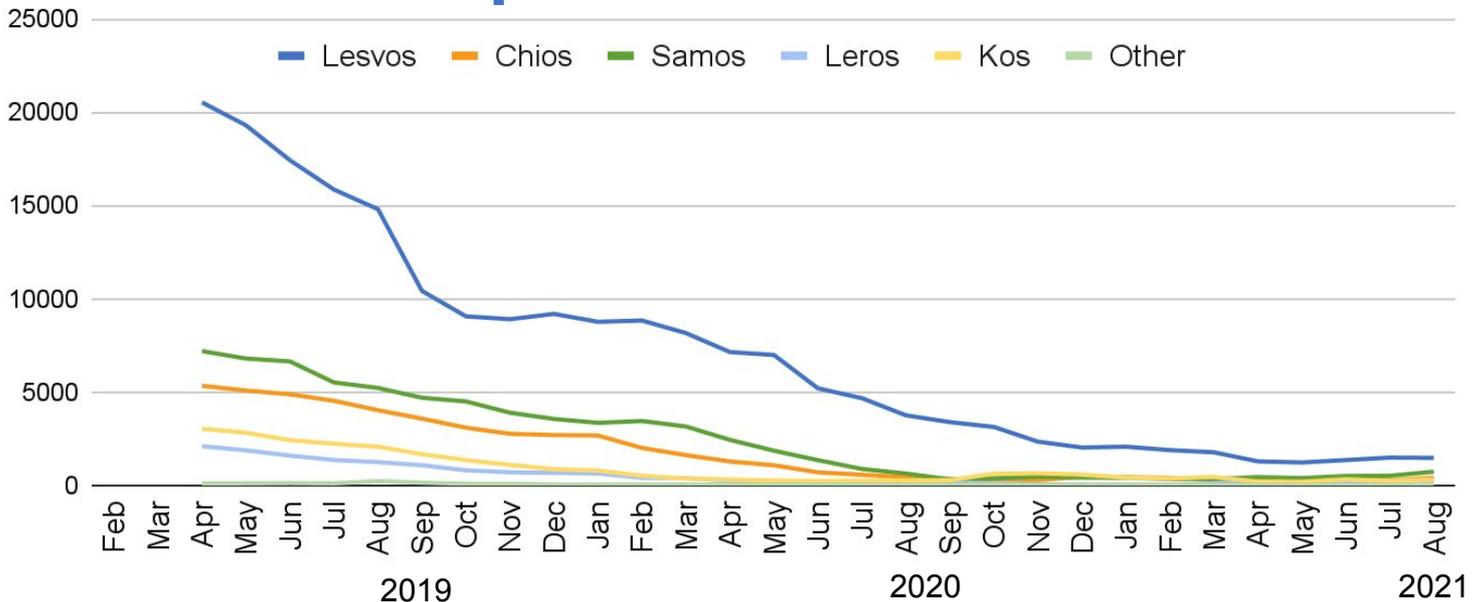
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Arrivals and transfers by island

In August 500 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 10.1% compared to July, when 454 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 39.4%, from 5.264 to 3190 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.



Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.230 people. Today's population is 13.040 people under max total capacity. In the end of August 2021 total population was 5.264, one year later its 3.190, population has decreased by 2.074 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 23.591 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	1470	Kos	310
Samos	727	Leros	258
Chios	394	Other	31

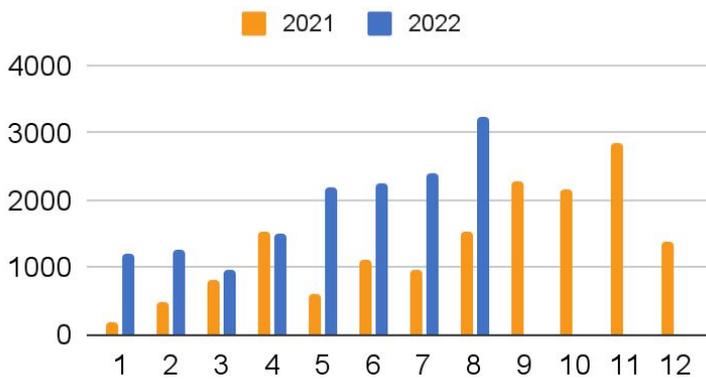


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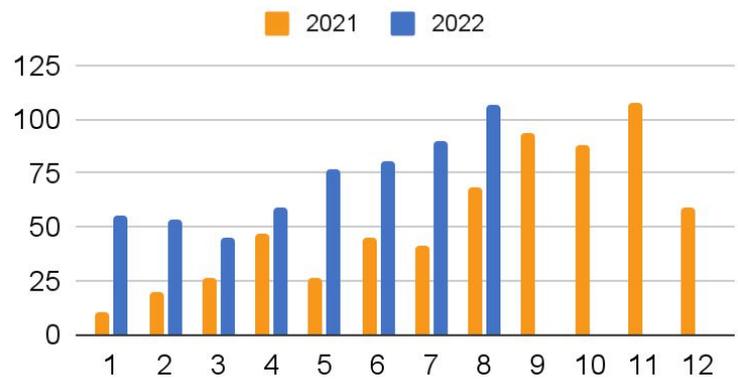
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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 2022: 14.979

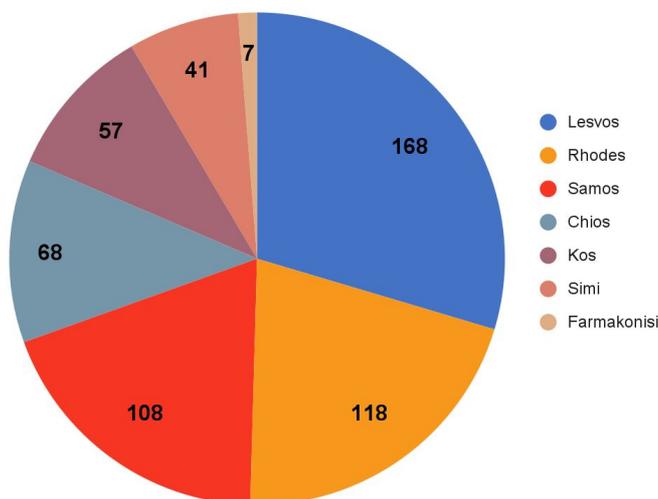
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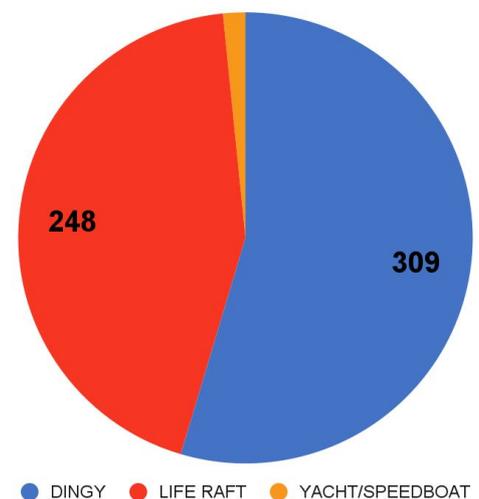
Total pushbacks 2022: 567

In August Aegean Boat Report have registered 107 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 3232 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 107 registered pushback cases in August, 48 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 1.570 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 90 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 6.558 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 201 cases in August, 49.3% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.