



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

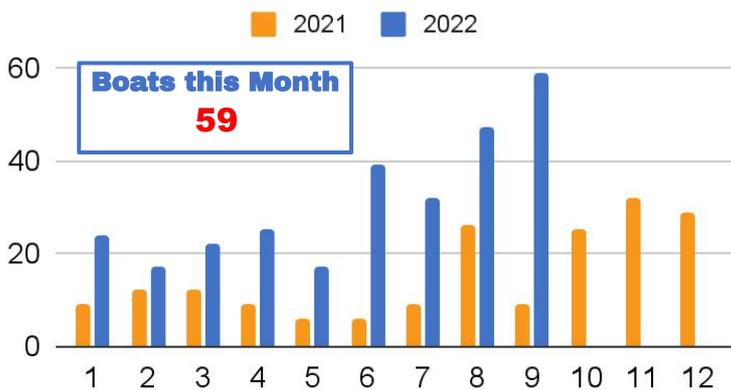
## MONTHLY STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2022

### People Registered on Aegean islands

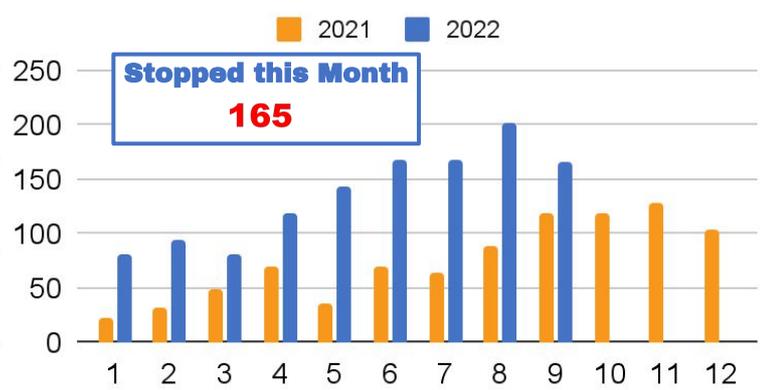


In 2022, people arriving is up 184.8%, compared to 2021. In September 59 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 1526 people. Arrivals has increased 3.8% compared to August, boats arriving is up 25.5%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

### Boats Officially Arrived

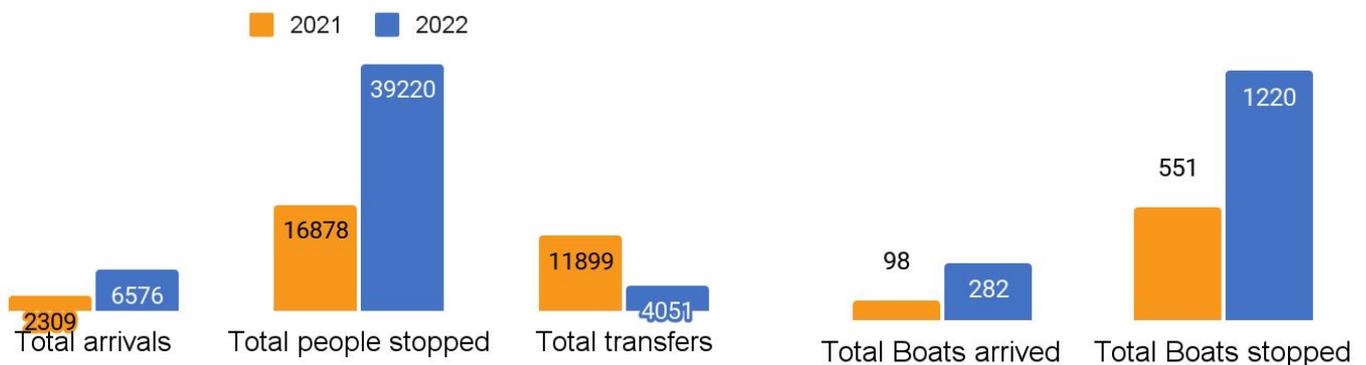


### Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Total arrivals has increased 431.7% compared to same month in 2021. 224 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in September, carrying a total of 7251 people. 59 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 1526 people, the rest, 165 boats, 5725 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 1220 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 39.220 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 3848.



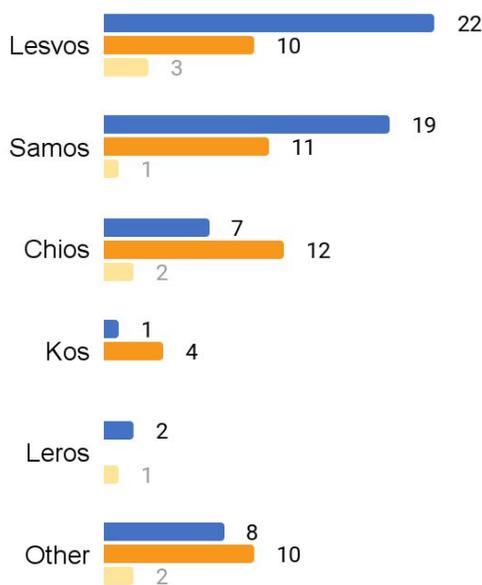
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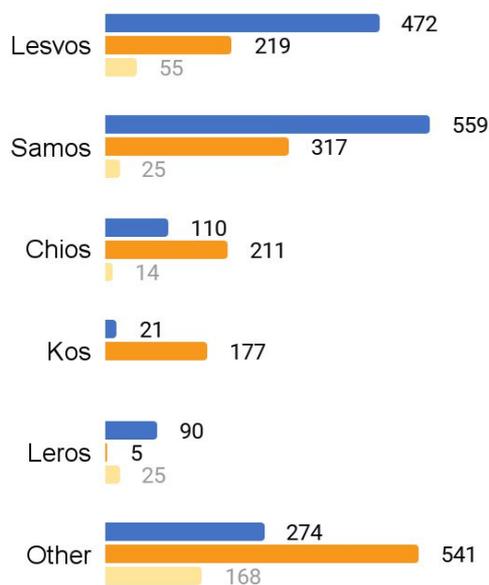
### Arrivals and transfers by island

In September 736 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 47.2% compared to August, when 500 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 14.3%, from 4490 to 3848 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.

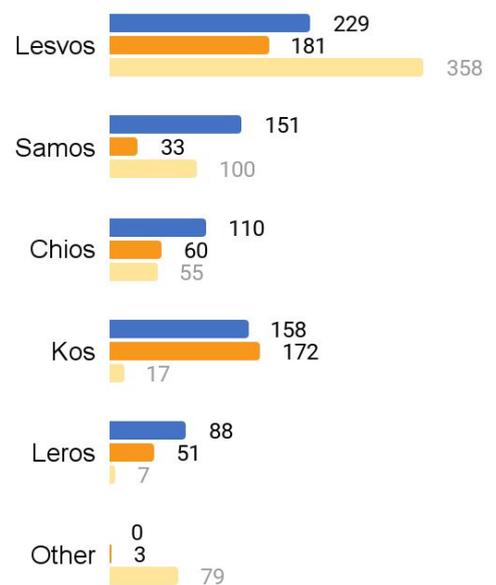
#### Boats



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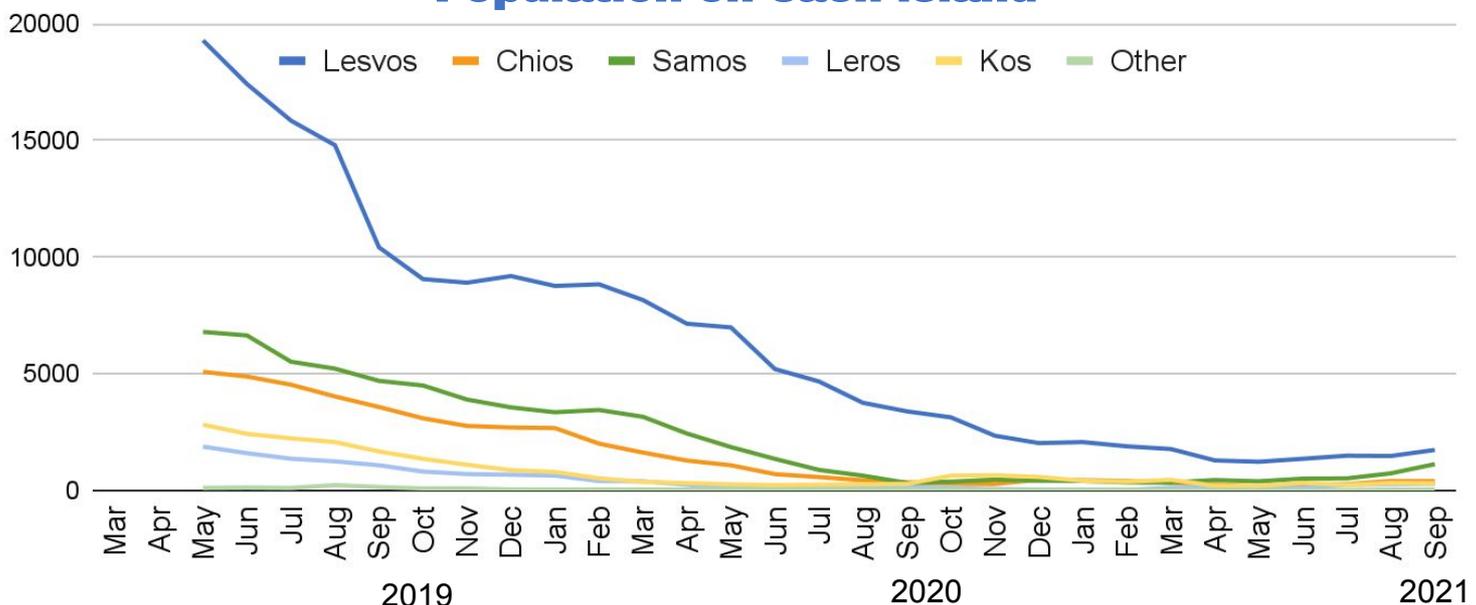


#### Transfers



■ Sep-2022 ■ Aug-2022 ■ Sep-2021

### Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.230 people. Today's population is 12.382 people under max total capacity. In the end of September 2021 total population was 4.490, one year later its 3.848, population has decreased by 1.642 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 24.619 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	1730	Kos	294
Samos	1120	Leros	280
Chios	392	Other	32

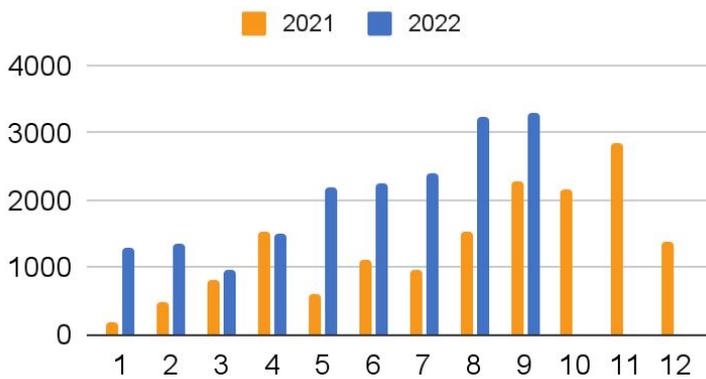


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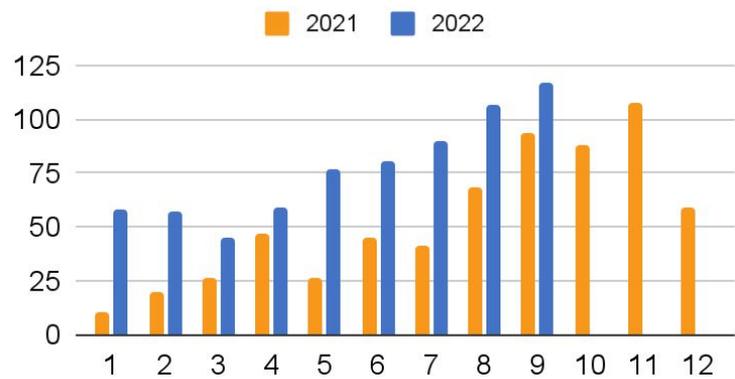
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 18.281**

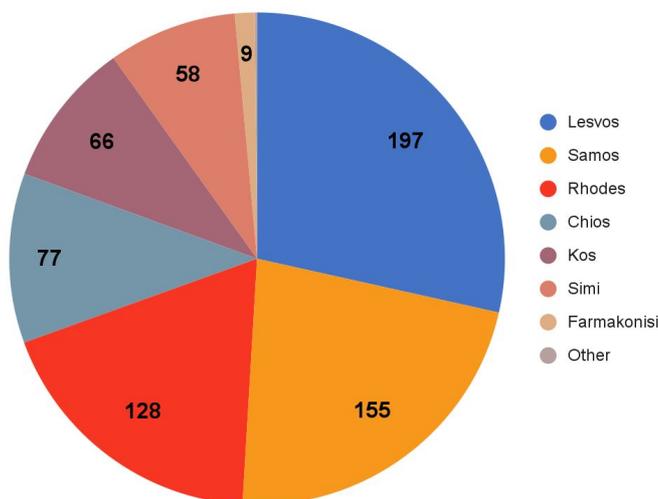
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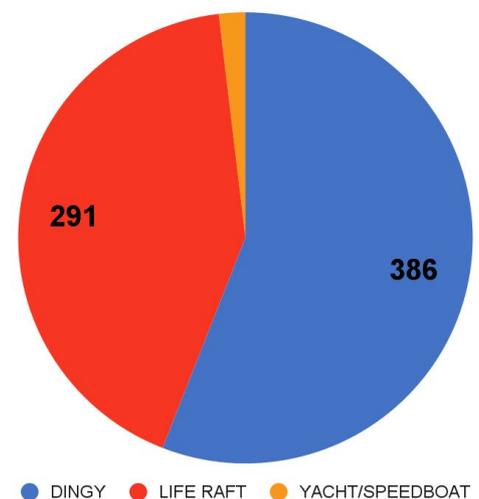
**Total pushbacks 2022: 684**

In September Aegean Boat Report have registered 117 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 3.302 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 117 registered pushback cases in September, 42 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 1.222 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 73 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 5.733 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 166 cases in August, 70.5% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.