In 2022, people arriving has increased 164.8%, compared to 2021. 476 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying 11,496 people. Boats arriving has increased 158.7% compared to 2021, when 184 boats arrived, carrying 4,342 people. 26,133 people has been illegally pushed back by Greek authorities.

Total arrivals has increased 164.8% compared to 2021. 2,151 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in 2021, carrying a total of 63,659 people. 476 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 11,496 people, the rest, 1,675 boats, 52,163 people, were picked up and arrested by the Turkish Coast guard and Police.

In 2022 1,675 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 52,163 people have been arrested. Boats arriving on the Greek island has been drastically reduced, due to illegal pushbacks by the Greek government, despite these efforts to prevent people from crossing, boats trying to cross has increased 98.1% in 2022, compared to 2021.
In 2022 7,352 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 47.6% compared to 2021, when 14,024 people were transported. In 2022 population on the Aegean islands has increased 35%, from 3,508 to 4,735 people. The Greek government have prevented 26,133 people from applying for asylum on the Greek island in 2022, by illegal pushbacks, violating international laws and human rights on an industrial scale.

Official capacity on the islands is 16,230 people. Today’s population is 11,495 people under max total capacity. In the end of 2021 total population was 3,508, one year later its 4,735, population has increased by 1,227 people this last year on the Greek Islands.
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 January 2020, with some victims stating they have been beaten by Greek officials before being forced back across borders, or into the sea.

In 2022 Aegean Boat Report have registered 988 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 26,133 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. Over a third of them, 9,656 people, 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 actions. Almost 60% of all boats picked up by Turkish coast guard in 2022 had been pushed back by Greek authorities.

60%, of all pushback cases registered happened around Lesvos and Samos. 15,225 people have been pushed back at sea in 583 rubber boats, engines or petrol removed and left drifting, and in some cases even towed back to Turkish waters by HCG. In 384 registered cases, 9,656 people have been forced into a total of 575 life rafts, and left drifting in the Aegean Sea by the Hellenic Coast Guard, a systematic use of rescue equipment as a deportation tool. The Greek government categorically denies any involvement in these atrocities, but the evidence against the Greek government is overwhelming, there is no doubt who is responsible.