AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

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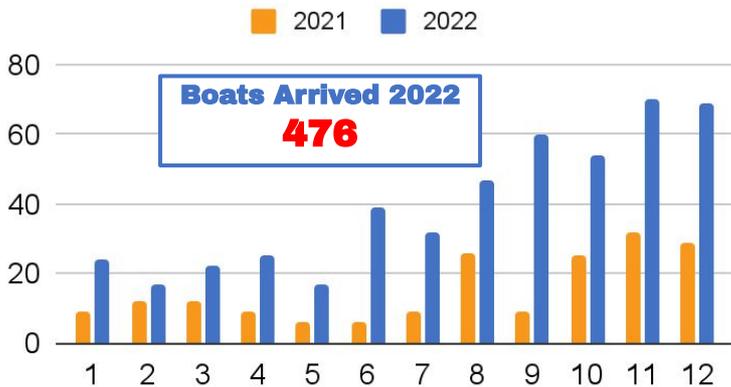
People Arrived On Aegean islands

- ■ Transfers ■ Arrivals

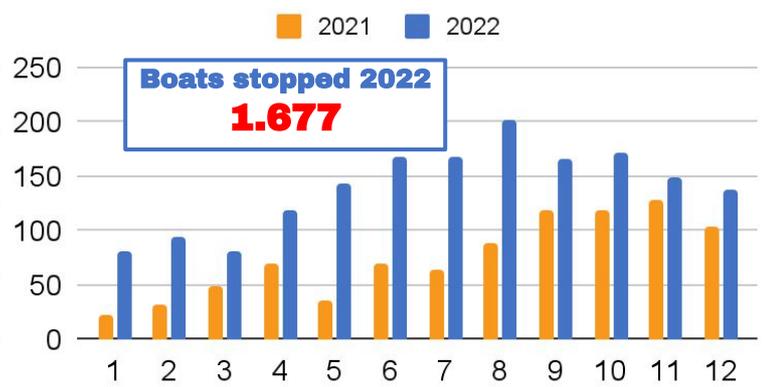**Arrivals 2022**
11.496

Transfers 2022
7.352

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 4342 people. 26.133 people has been illegally pushed back by Greek authorities.

Boats Arrived On The Islands

- ■ 2021 ■ 2022

Boats Arrived 2022
476

Boats Stopped By TCG/Police

- ■ 2021 ■ 2022

Boats stopped 2022
1.677

Total arrivals has increased 164.8% compared to 2021. 2151 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.

Total Numbers 2021/2022

- ■ 2021 ■ 2022

	Total arrivals	Total people stopped	Total transfers	Total Boats arrived	Total Boats stopped
2021	4342	26202	14024	184	902
2022	11496	52088	7352	476	1677

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.
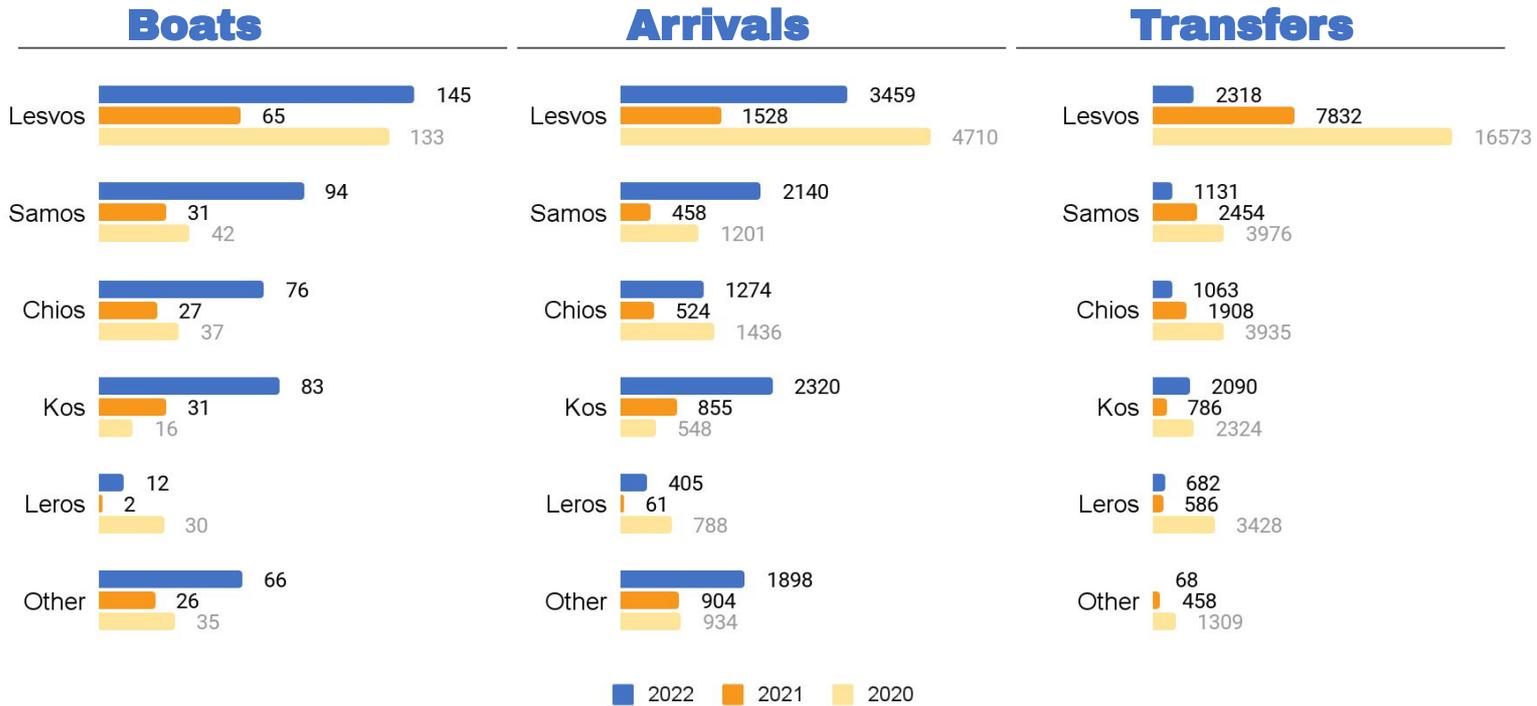
Arrivals And Transfers By Island
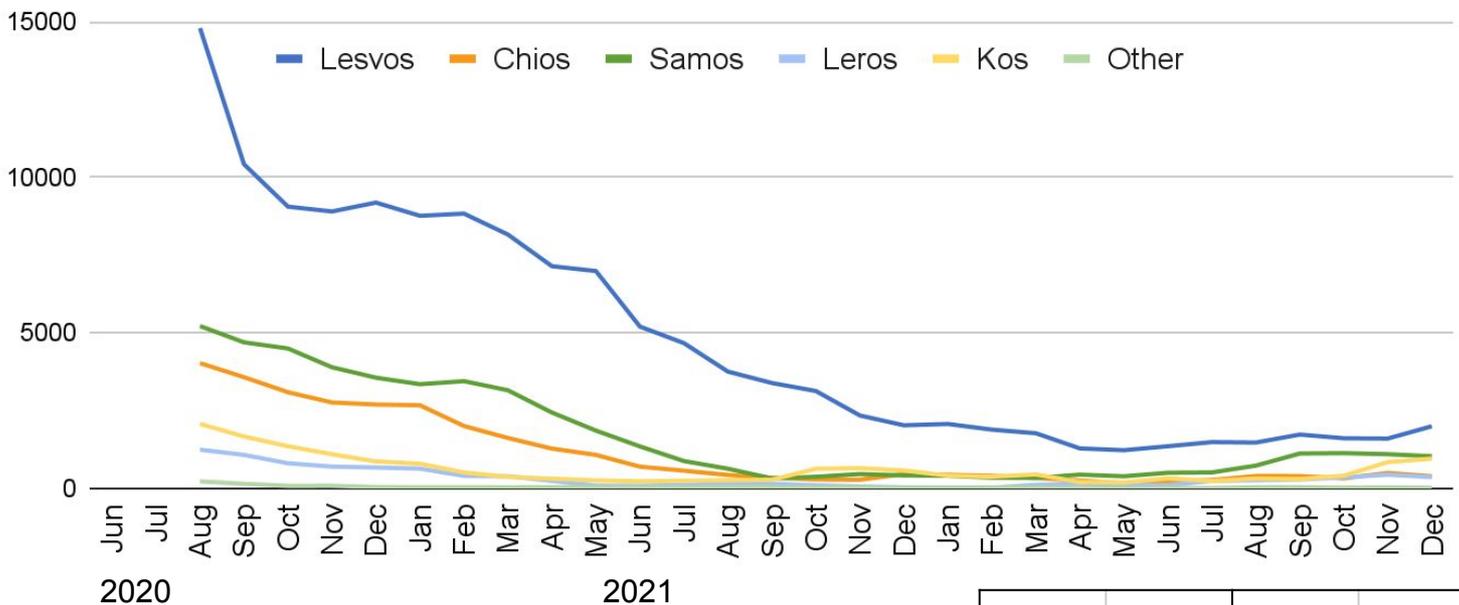
In 2022 7.352 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 47.6% compared to 2021, when 14.024 people were transported. In 2022 population on the Aegean islands has increased 35%, from 3.508 to 4.735 people. The Greek government have prevented 26.133 people from applying for asylum on the Greek island in 2022, by illegal pushbacks, violating international laws and human rights on an industrial scale.

Boats

Island	2022	2021	2020
Lesvos	145	65	133
Samos	94	31	42
Chios	76	27	37
Kos	83	31	16
Leros	12	2	30
Other	66	26	35

Arrivals

Island	2022	2021	2020
Lesvos	3459	1528	4710
Samos	2140	458	1201
Chios	1274	524	1436
Kos	2320	855	548
Leros	405	61	788
Other	1898	904	934

Transfers

Island	2022	2021	2020
Lesvos	2318	7832	16573
Samos	1131	2454	3976
Chios	1063	1908	3935
Kos	2090	786	2324
Leros	682	586	3428
Other	68	458	1309

■ 2022 ■ 2021 ■ 2020

Population On Each Island

Legend: Lesvos, Chios, Samos, Leros, Kos, Other

2020   2021

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.

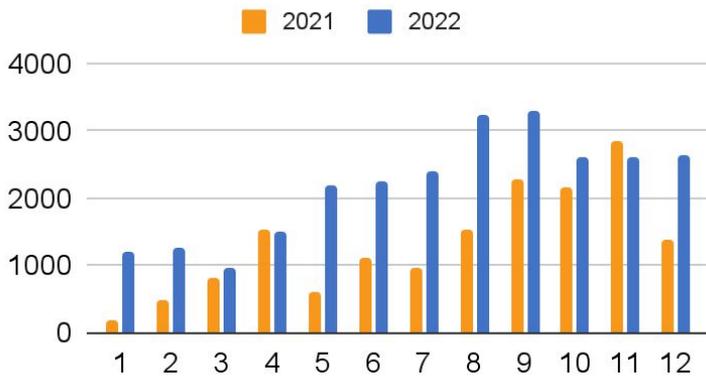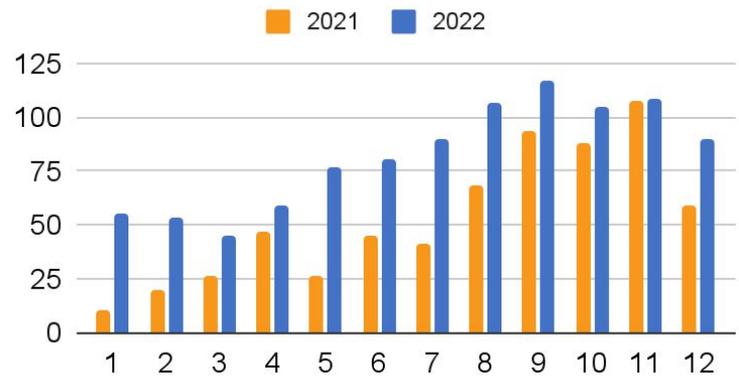|			
Lesvos	1994	Kos	953
Samos	1029	Leros	358
Chios	385	Other	16

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.

Pushbacks - People
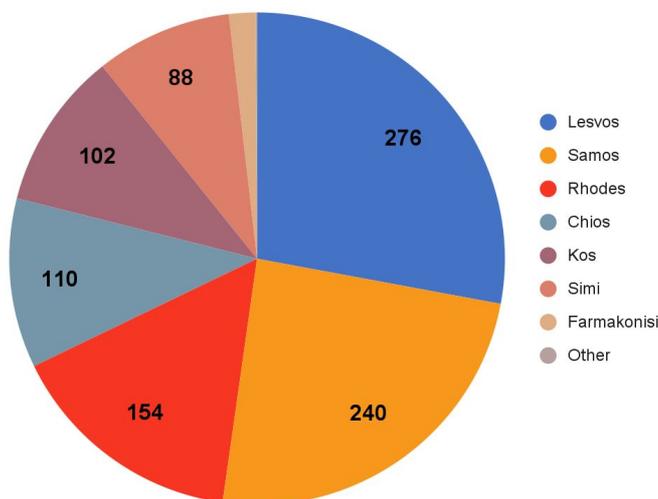

Total people 2022: 26.133
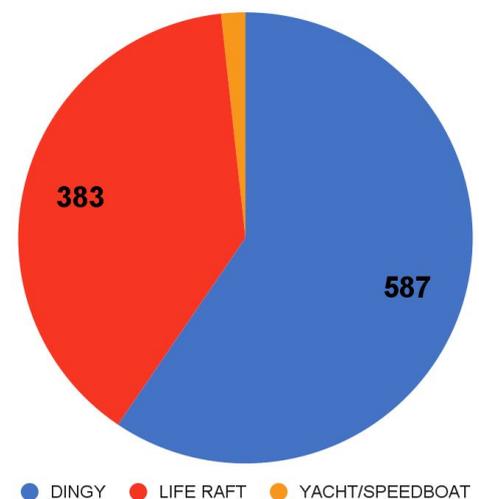
Pushback Cases

Total pushbacks 2022: 988

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.

Pushbacks By Area

- Lesvos
- Samos
- Rhodes
- Chios
- Kos
- Simi
- Farmakonisi
- Other

Pushbacks By Craft Type

- DINGY
- LIFE RAFT
- YACHT/SPEEDBOAT

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.