



AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

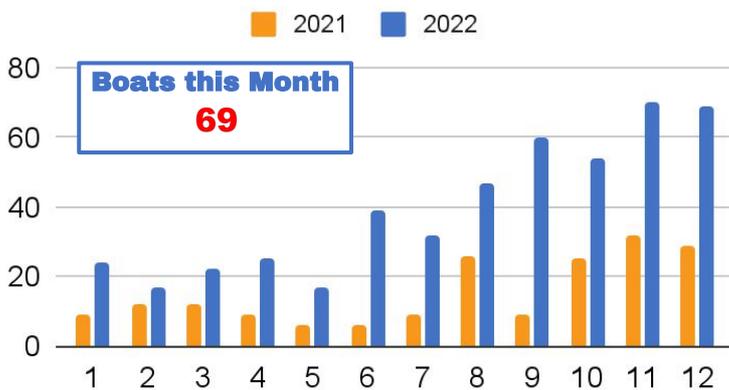
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People Registered on Aegean islands

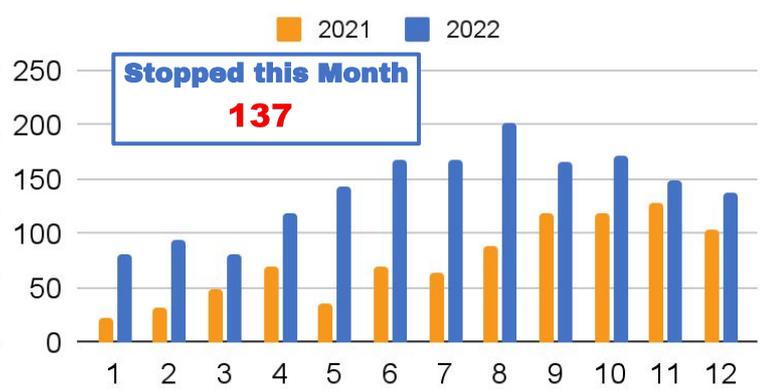


In 2022, people arriving is up 164.8%, compared to 2021. In December 69 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 1760 people. Arrivals has decreased 6% compared to November, boats arriving is up 1.4%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

Boats Officially Arrived



Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Total arrivals has increased 145.5% compared to same month in 2021. 206 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in December, carrying a total of 5809 people. 69 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 1760 people, the rest, 137 boats, 4049 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 55% of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

Total numbers so far this year



In 2022 1677 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 52.088 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 4735.



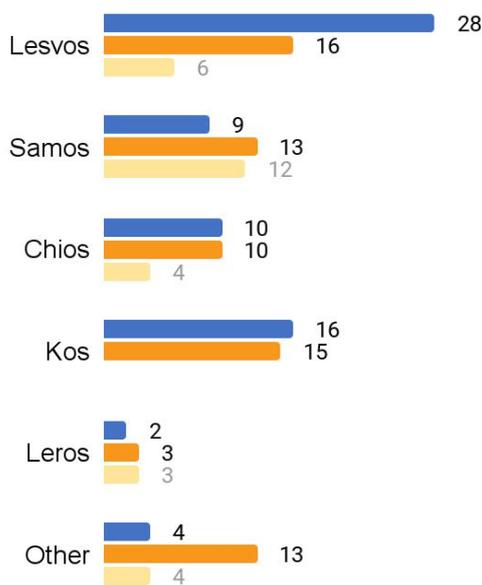
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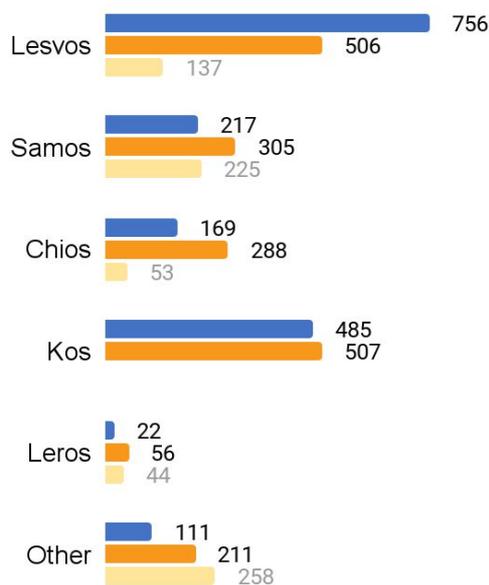
Arrivals and transfers by island

In December 1107 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 13.7% compared to November, when 974 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 35%, from 3508 to 4735 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.

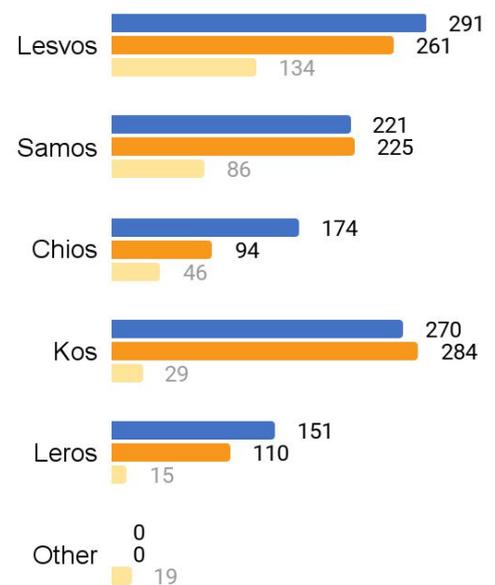
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Arrivals

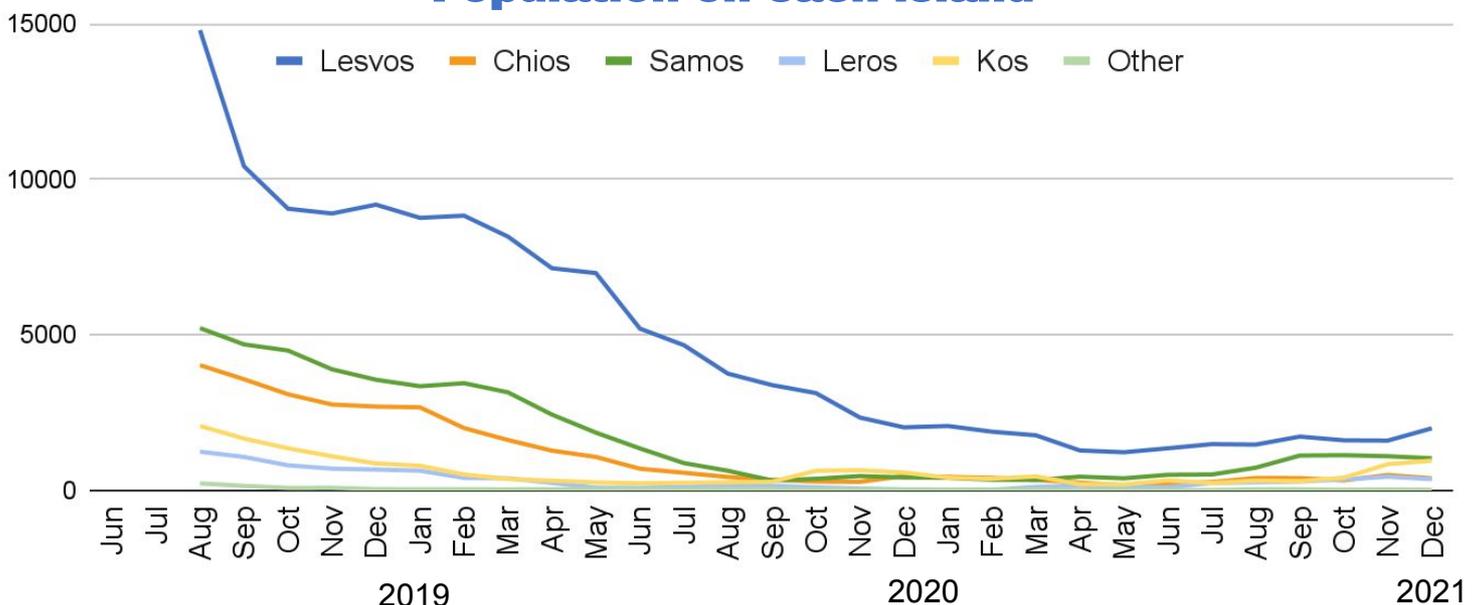


Transfers



■ Dec-2022 ■ Nov-2022 ■ Dec-2021

Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.230 people. Today's population is 11.495 people under max total capacity. In the end of December 2021 total population was 3.508, one year later its 4.735, population has increased by 1227 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 26.134 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

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

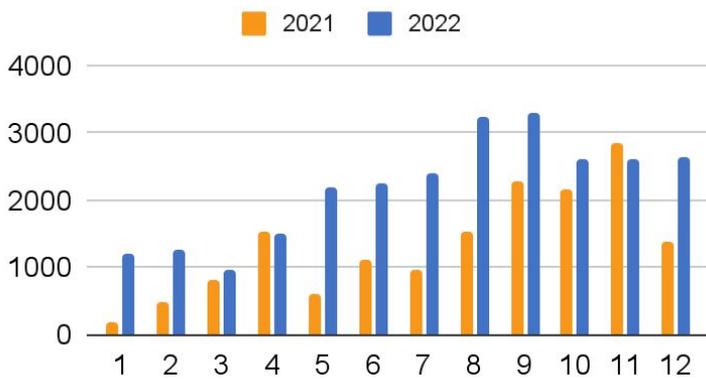


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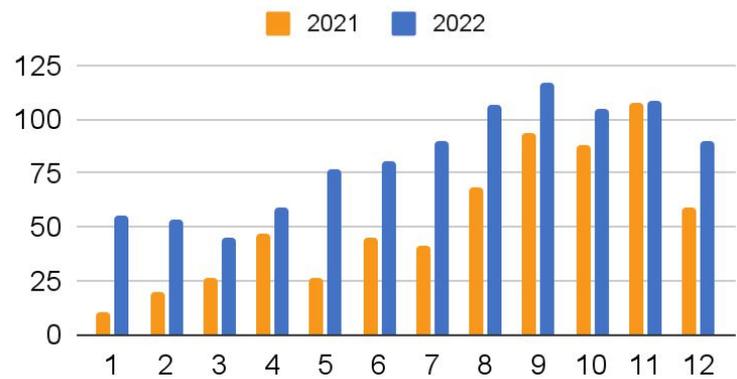
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: **26.134**

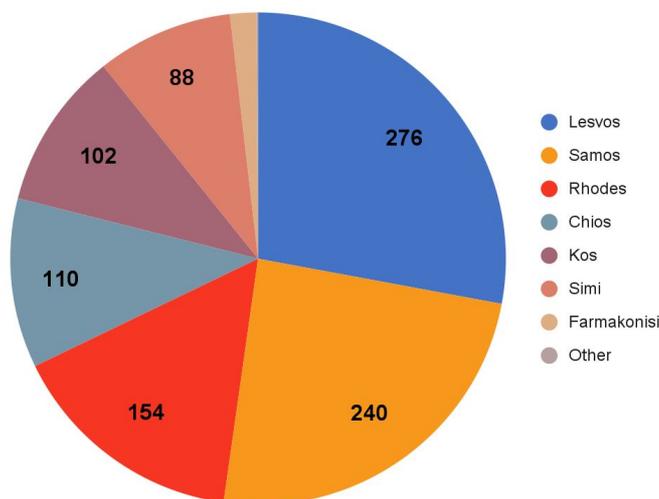
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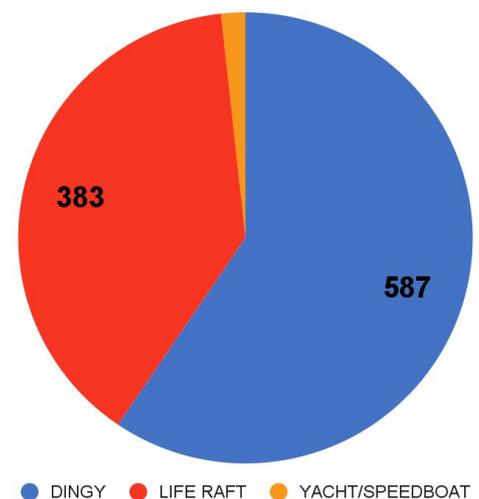
Total pushbacks 2022: **988**

In December Aegean Boat Report have registered 90 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 2.643 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 90 registered pushback cases in December, 34 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 978 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 46 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 4.134 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 140 cases in December, 64.3% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.