



AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

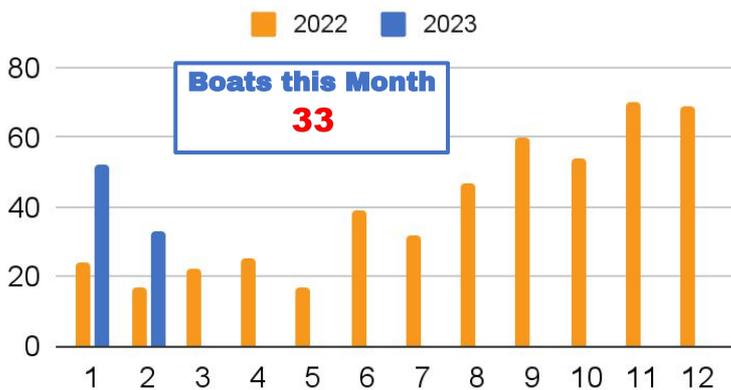
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People Registered on Aegean islands

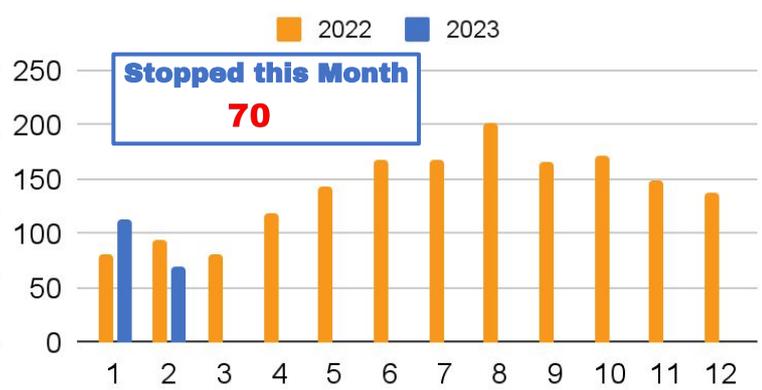


In 2023, people arriving is up 287.9%, compared to 2022. In February 33 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 711 people. Arrivals has decreased 48.2% compared to January, boats arriving is down 36.5%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

Boats Officially Arrived



Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Total arrivals has increased 287.9% compared to same months in 2022. 103 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in February, carrying a total of 2.556 people. 33 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 711 people, the rest, 70 boats, 1.845 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 61.4% of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

Total numbers so far this year



In 2023 70 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 1.845 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 4.438.



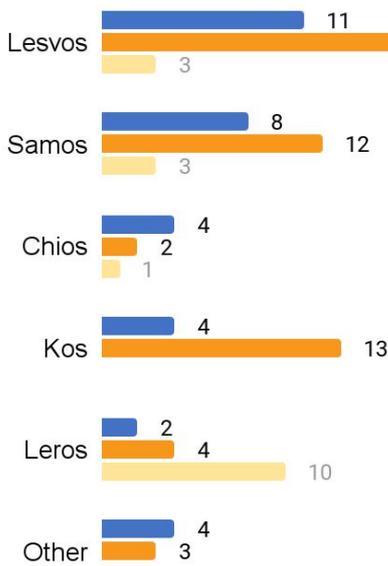
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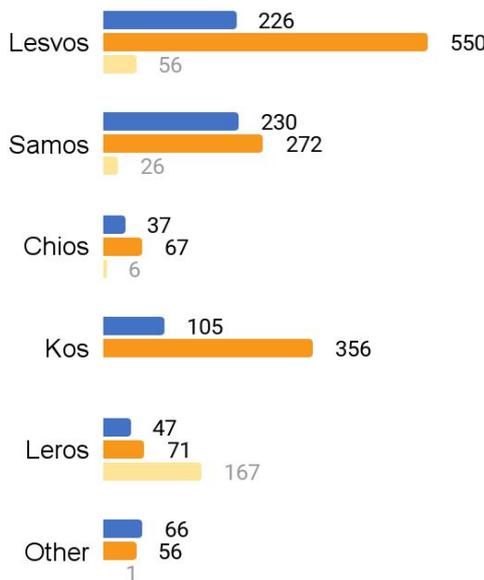
Arrivals and transfers by island

In February 698 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 11.4% compared to January, when 788 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 46.5%, from 3.030 to 4.438 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.

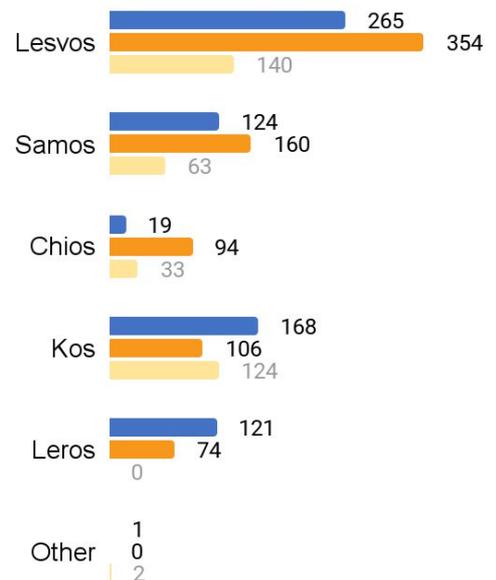
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Arrivals

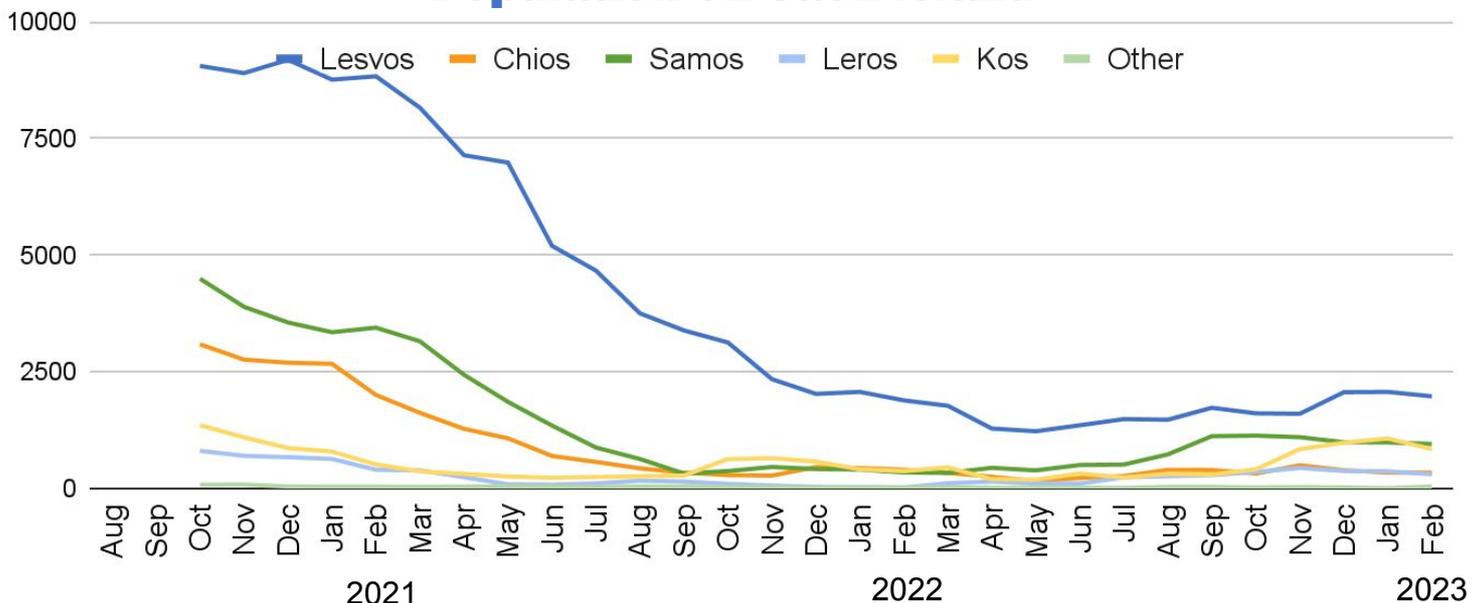


Transfers



■ Feb-2023 ■ Jan-2023 ■ Feb-2022

Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.230 people. Today's population is 11.792 people under max total capacity. In the end of February 2022 total population was 3.030, one year later its 4.438, population has increased by 1.408 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 26.543 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	1972	Kos	841
Samos	950	Leros	302
Chios	336	Other	37

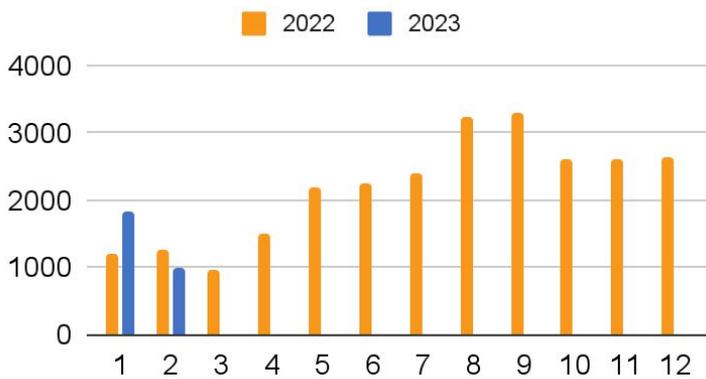


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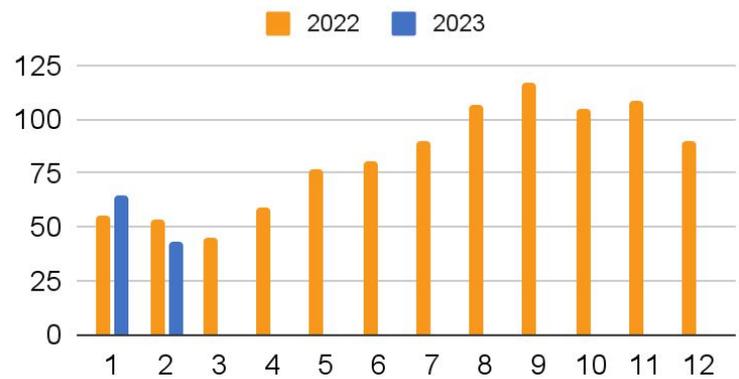
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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 2023: 2.885

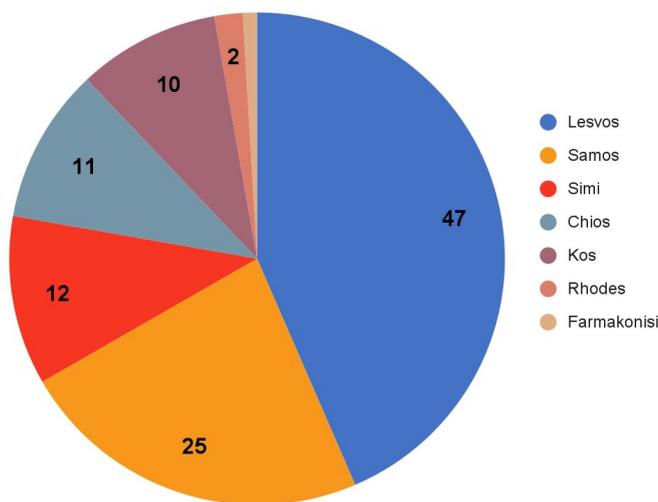
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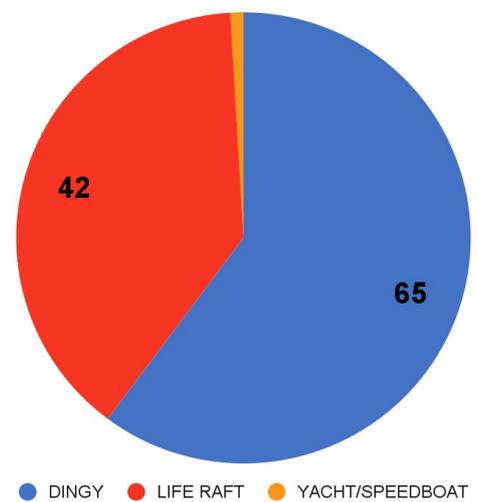
Total pushbacks 2023: 109

In February Aegean Boat Report have registered 43 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1.004 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 43 registered pushback cases in February, 17 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 292 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 22 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 1.845 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 70 cases in February, 61.4% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.