



AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

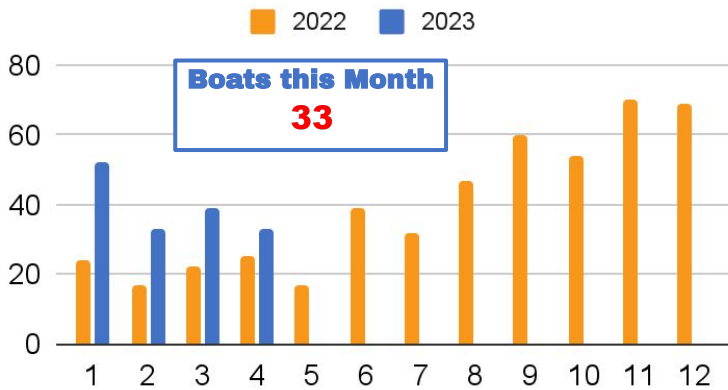
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People Registered on Aegean islands

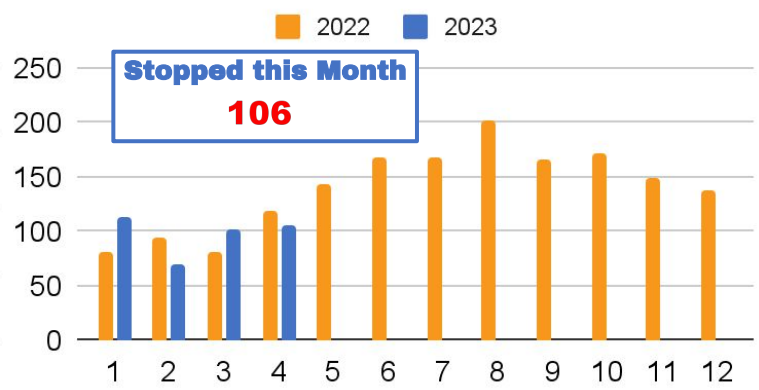


In 2023, people arriving is up 170.4%, compared to 2022. In April 33 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 677 people. Arrivals has decreased 29.5% compared to March, boats arriving is down 15.4%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

Boats Officially Arrived



Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has increased 98.2% compared to the same month in 2022. 139 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in April, carrying a total of 3.746 people. 33 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 677 people, the rest, 106 boats, 3.069 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 53.8% of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

Total numbers so far this year



In 2023 391 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 10.799 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 4.286.



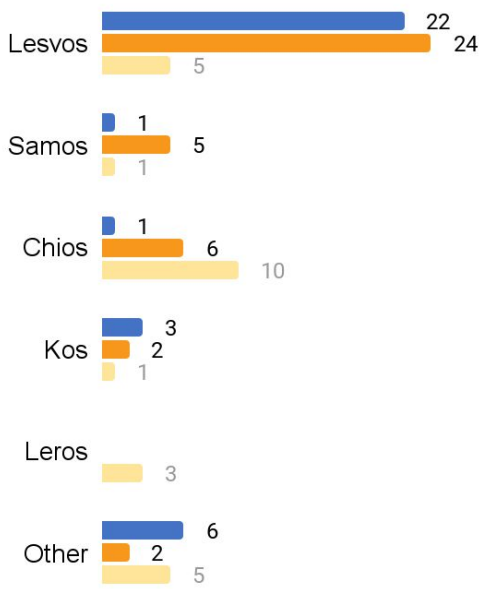
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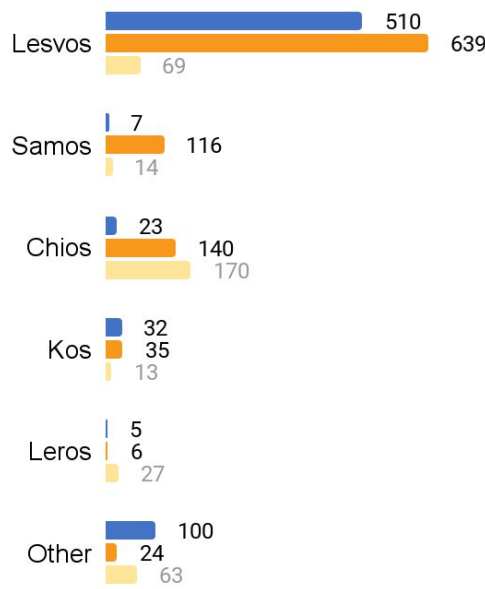
Arrivals and transfers by island

In April 470 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 3.5% compared to March, when 454 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 85.1%, from 2.315 to 4.286 people. The Greek government have drastically reduced arrivals on the Greek island, due to illegal pushbacks performed by the Greek authorities in the Aegean Sea.

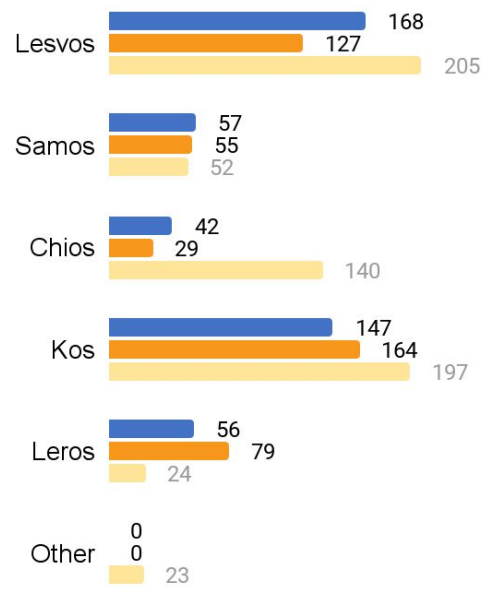
Boats



Arrivals

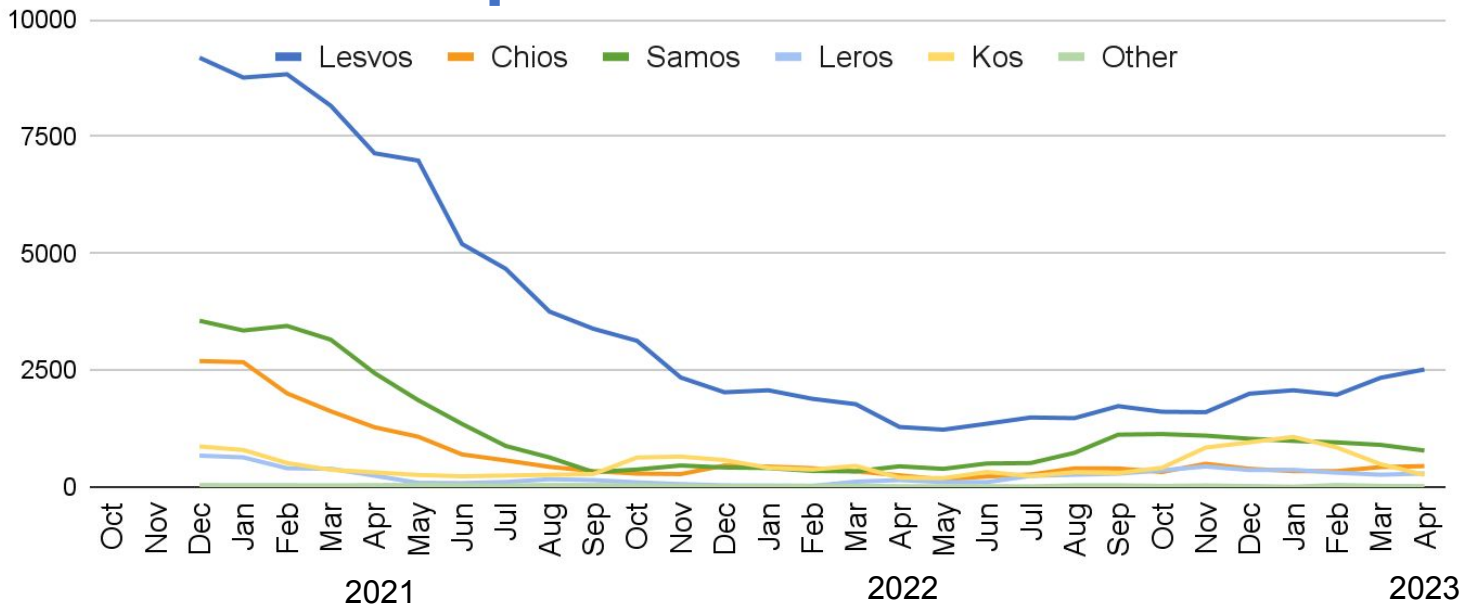


Transfers



■ Apr-2023 ■ Mar-2023 ■ Apr-2022

Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.230 people. Today's population is 11.944 people under max total capacity. In the end of April 2022 total population was 2.315, one year later its 4.286, population has increased by 1.971 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 27.400 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	2512	Kos	256
Samos	776	Leros	286
Chios	443	Other	13

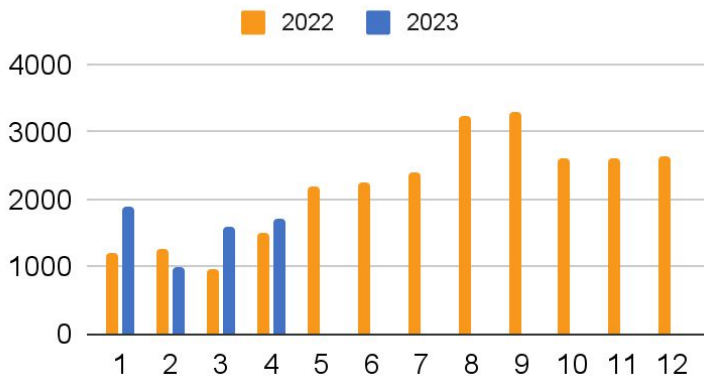


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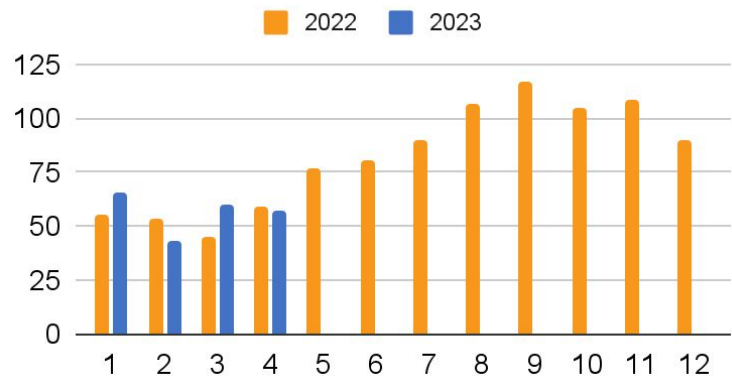
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 6.186

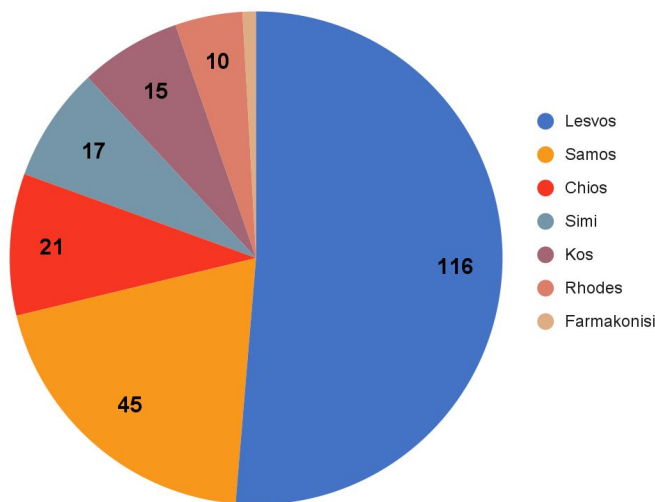
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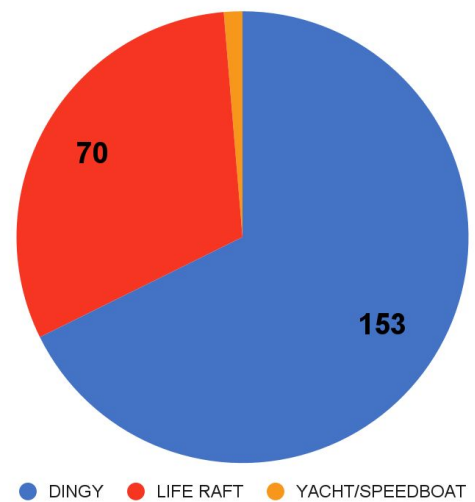
Total pushbacks 2023: 226

In April Aegean Boat Report have registered 57 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1.711 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 57 registered pushback cases in April, 12 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 289 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 16 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 3.192 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 106 cases in April, 53.8% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.