



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

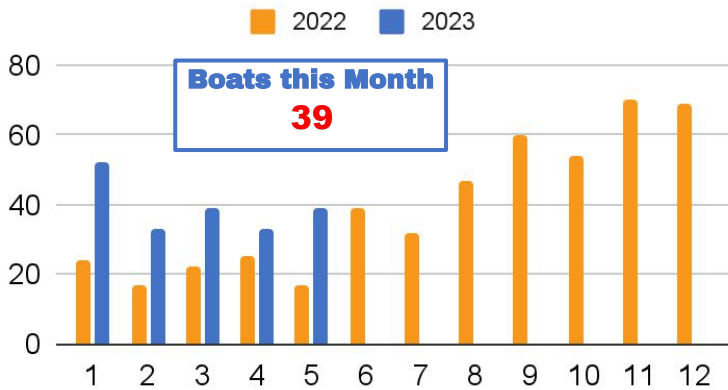
## MONTHLY STATISTICS MAY 2023

### People Registered on Aegean islands

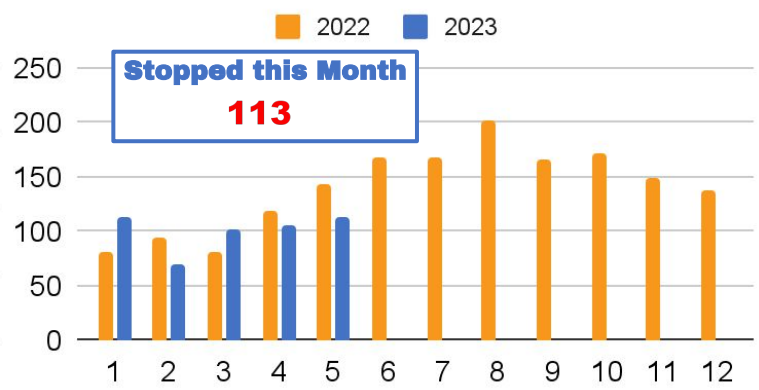


In 2023, people arriving is up 152.1%, compared to 2022. In May 39 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 831 people. Arrivals has increased 22.8% compared to April, boats arriving is up 18.2%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

### Boats Officially Arrived



### Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has increased 93.7% compared to the same month in 2022. 152 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in May, carrying a total of 4.207 people. 39 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 831 people, the rest, 113 boats, 3.376 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 55.1% of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2023 511 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 14.317 people have been arrested. Boats arriving on the Greek island has been reduced due to the Greek governments pushback tactics, on Greek islands and at sea, boats picked up by TCG has increased for the same reason. Population on the islands is 4.075.



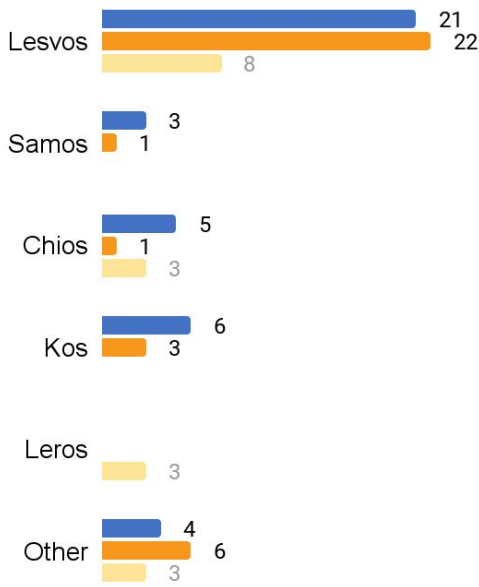
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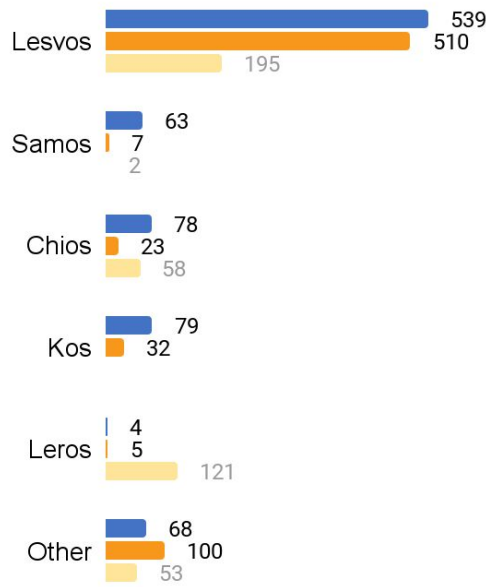
### Arrivals and transfers by island

In May 1.069 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 127.5% compared to April, when 470 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 97.9%, from 2.059 to 4.075 people. The Greek government have drastically reduced arrivals on the Greek island, due to illegal pushbacks performed by the Greek coast guard in the Aegean Sea.

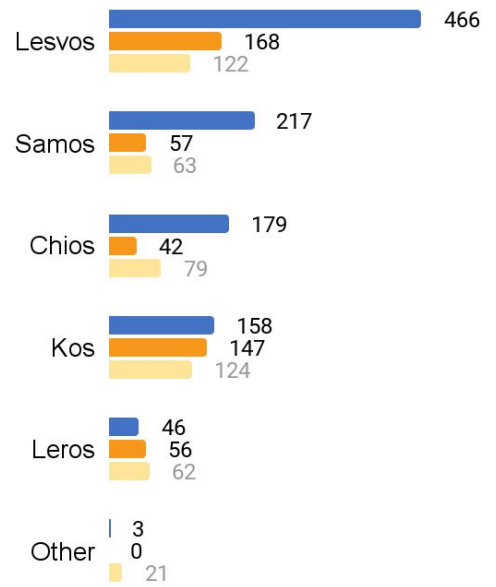
#### Boats



#### Arrivals

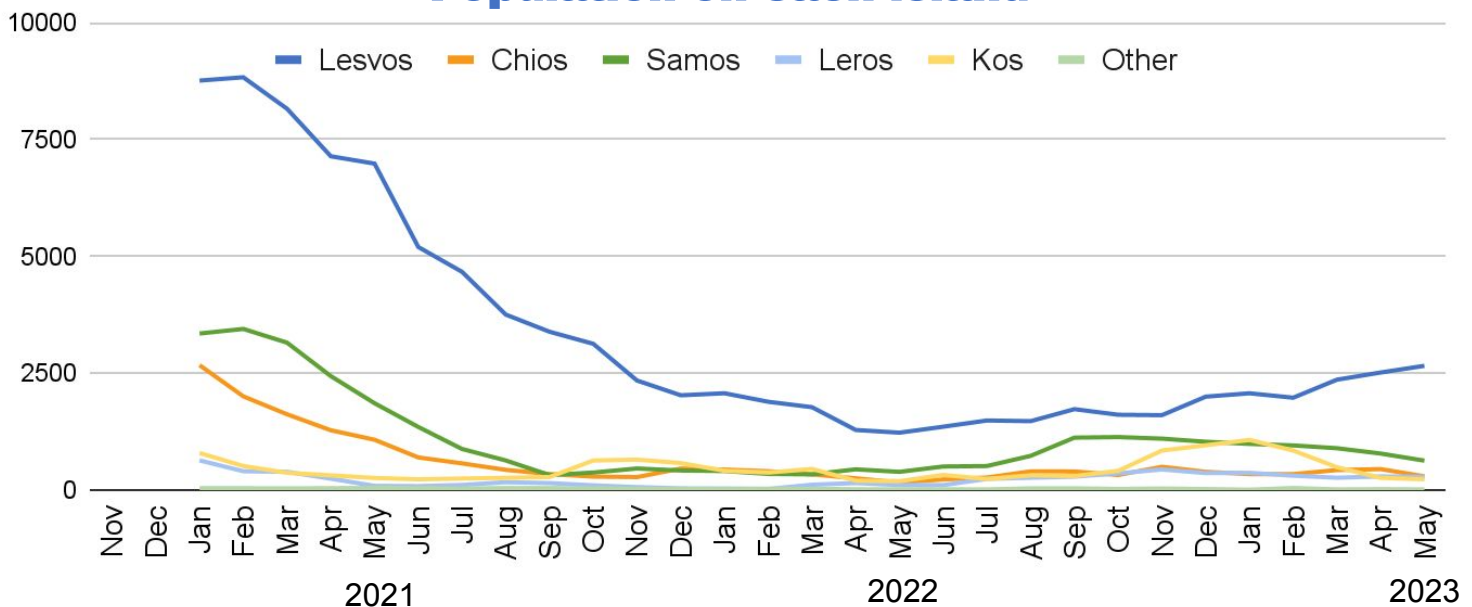


#### Transfers



■ May-2023 ■ Apr-2023 ■ May-2022

### Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.190 people. Today's population is 12.115 people under max total capacity. In the end of May 2022 total population was 2.059, one year later its 4.075, population has increased by 2.016 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 26.949 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	2655	Kos	225
Samos	624	Leros	276
Chios	288	Other	7

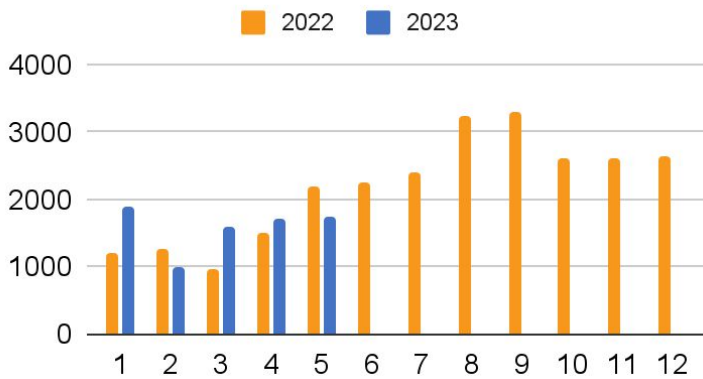


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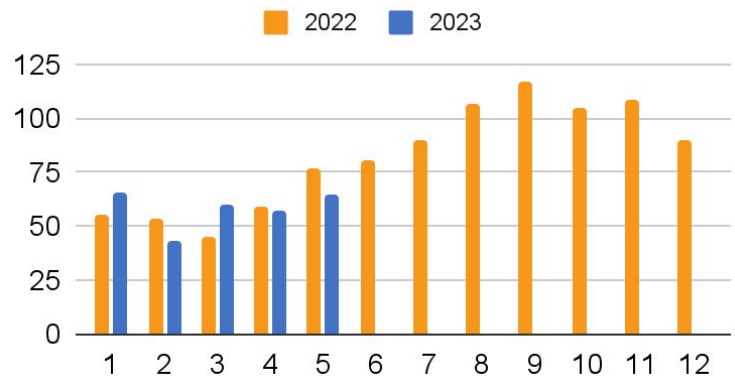
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 7.918**

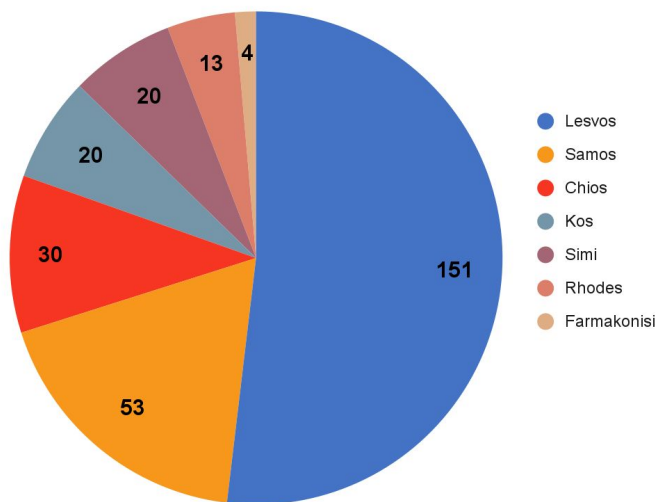
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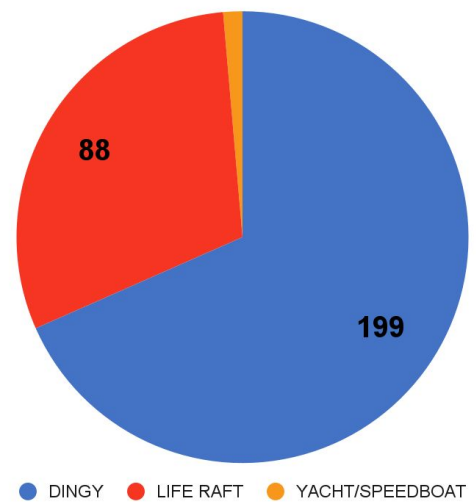
**Total pushbacks 2023: 291**

In May Aegean Boat Report have registered 65 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1.732 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 65 registered pushback cases in May, 18 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 467 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 26 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 3.376 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 118 cases in May, 55.1% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.