



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

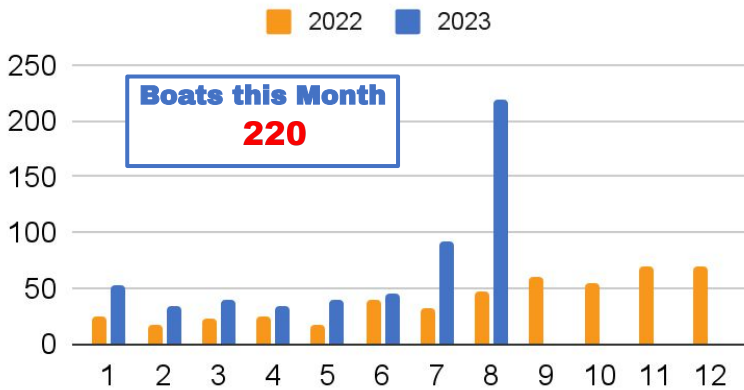
## MONTHLY STATISTICS AUGUST 2023

### People Registered on Aegean islands

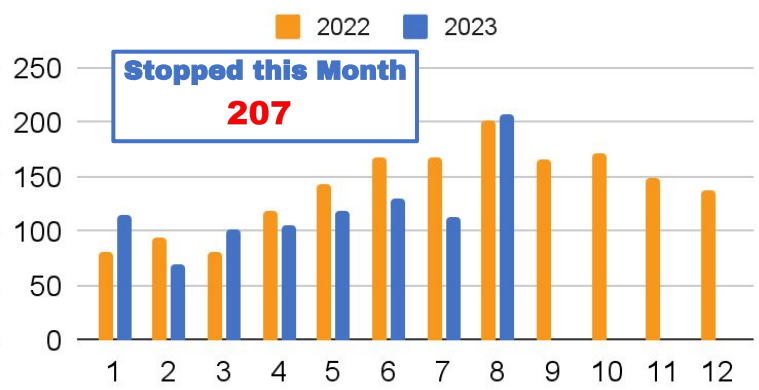


In 2023, people arriving is up 167%, compared to 2022. In August 220 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 5.330 people. Arrivals has increased 107% compared to July, boats arriving is up 140%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

### Boats Officially Arrived

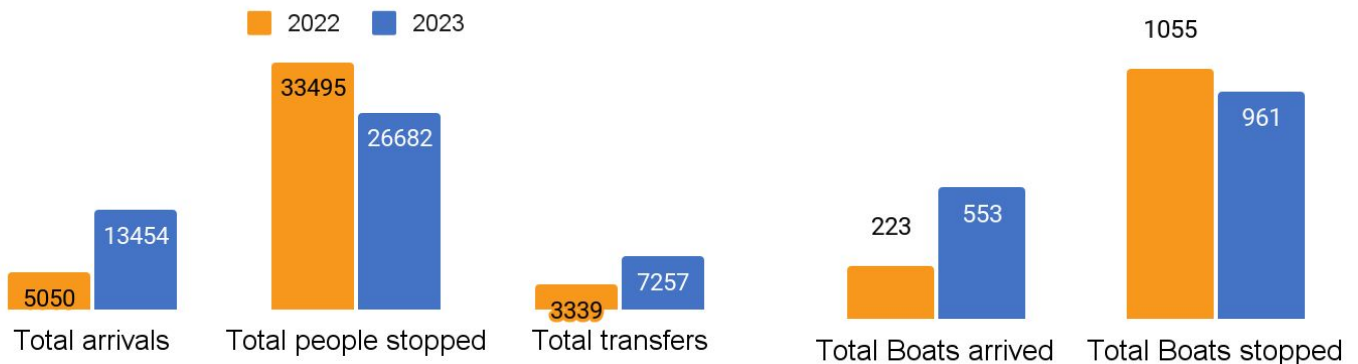


### Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has increased 263% compared to the same month in 2022. 427 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in August, carrying a total of 11.123 people. 220 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 5.330 people, the rest, 207 boats, 5.793 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 43.5% of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2023 961 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 26.682 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 8.430 people.

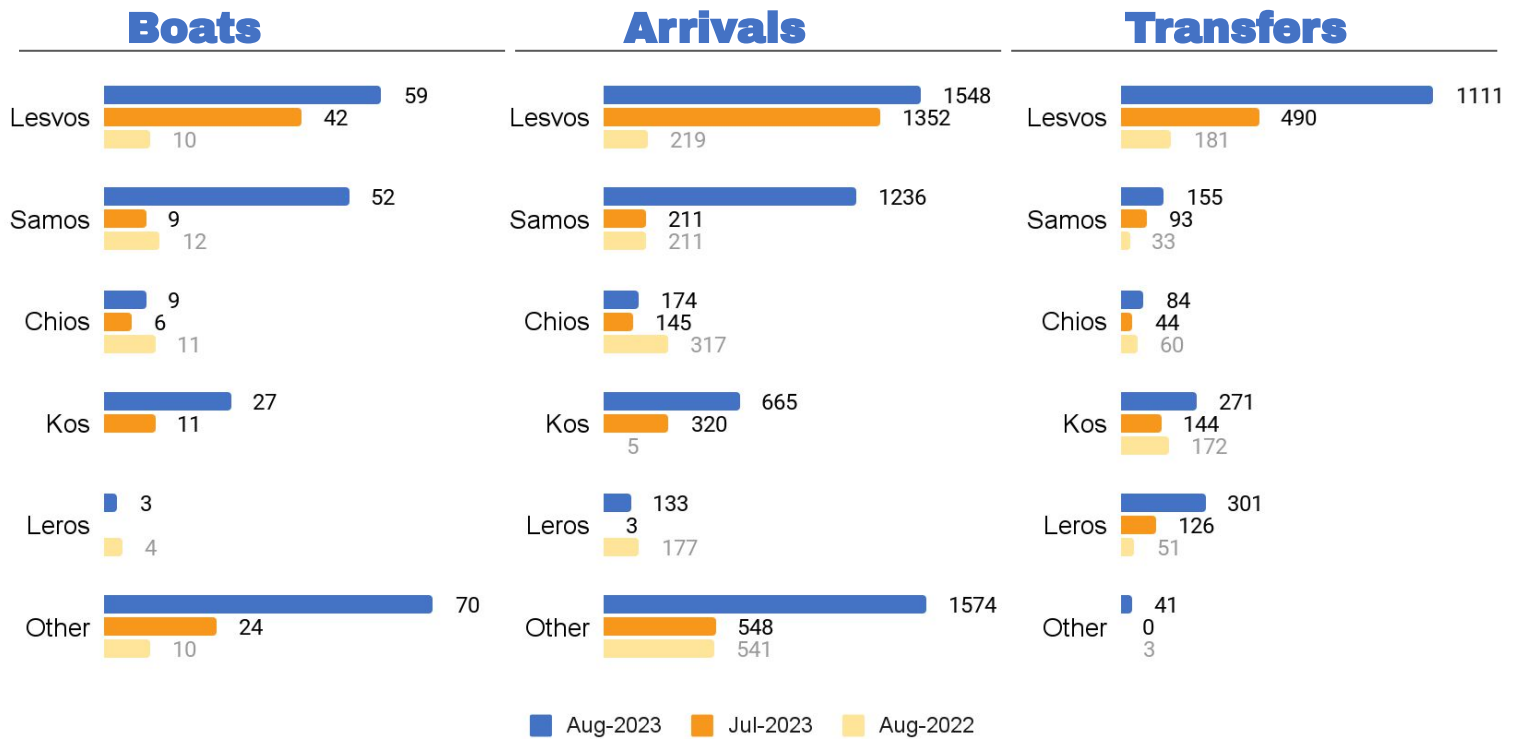


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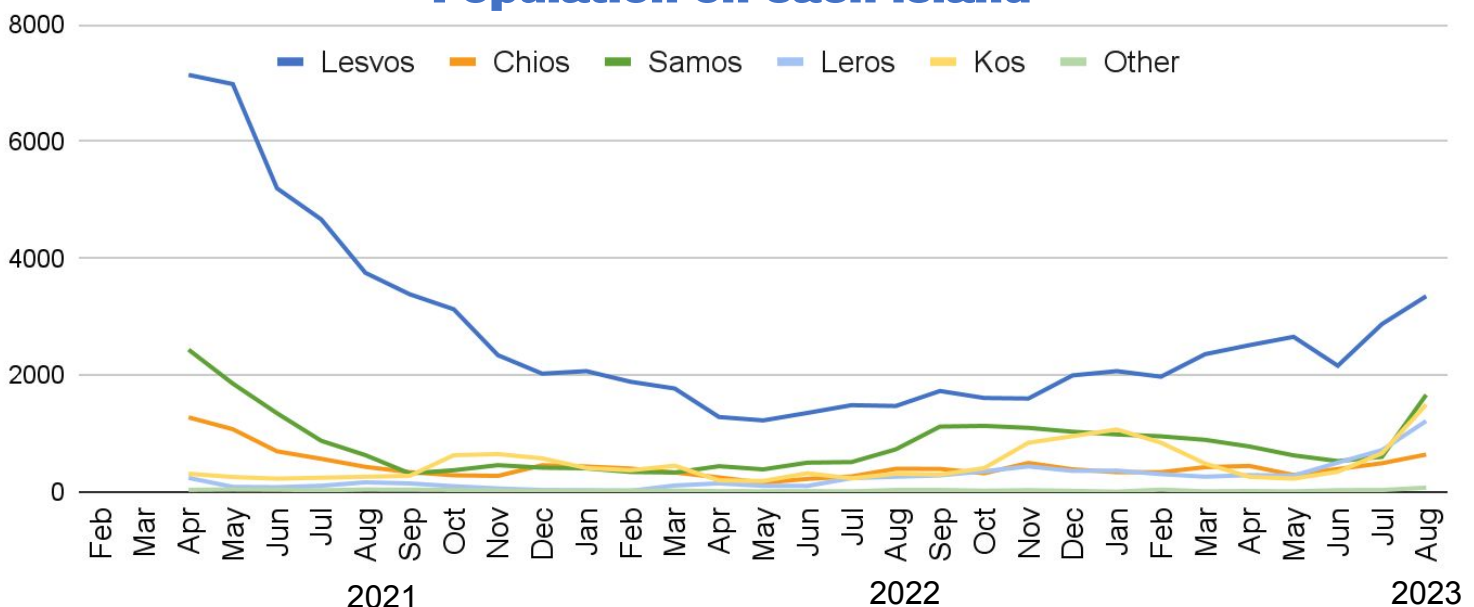
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In August 1.963 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 119% compared to July, when 897 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 164%, from 3.190 to 8.430 people. The Greek government are trying to reduce arrivals on the Greek islands by illegally pushing back people crossing from Turkey towards the islands in small rubber boats.



### Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.208 people. Today's population is 7.778 people under max total capacity. In the end of August 2022 total population was 3.190, one year later its 8.430, population has increased by 5.240 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 24.000 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	3351	Kos	1495
Samos	1662	Leros	1213
Chios	638	Other	71

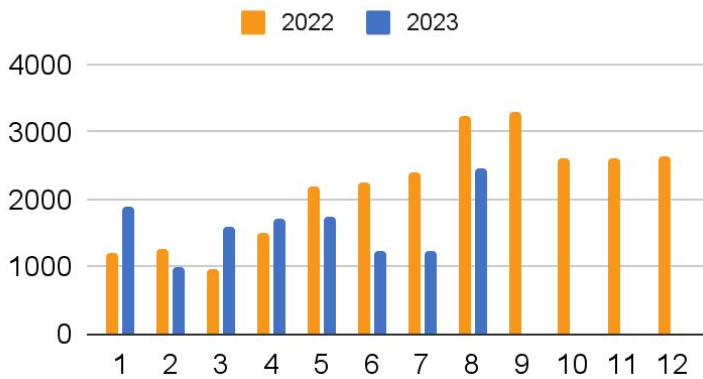


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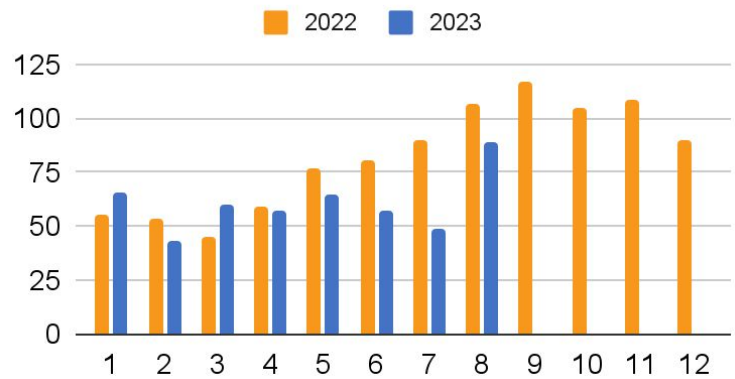
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 12.837**

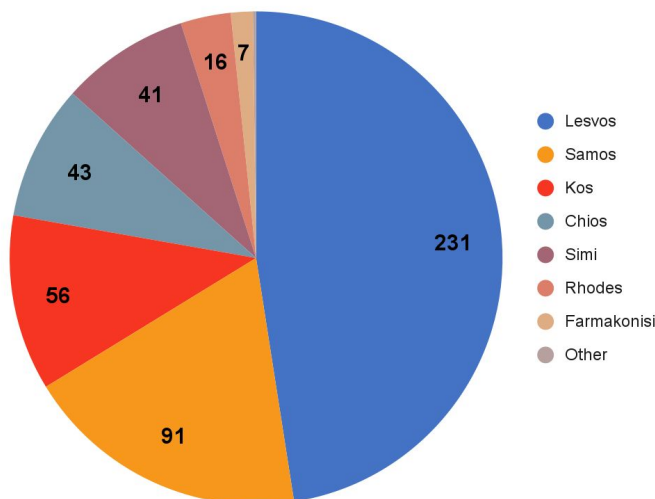
### Pushbacks



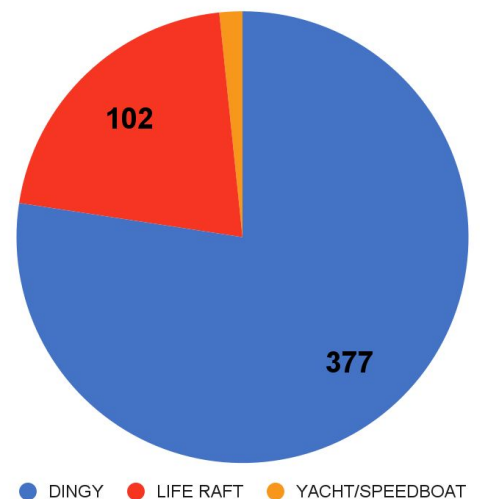
**Total pushbacks 2023: 487**

In August Aegean Boat Report have registered 90 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 2.455 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. Some 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 August, only 1 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 7 people, children, women and men was placed in 1 life raft, 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 5.793 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 207 cases in August, 43.5% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.