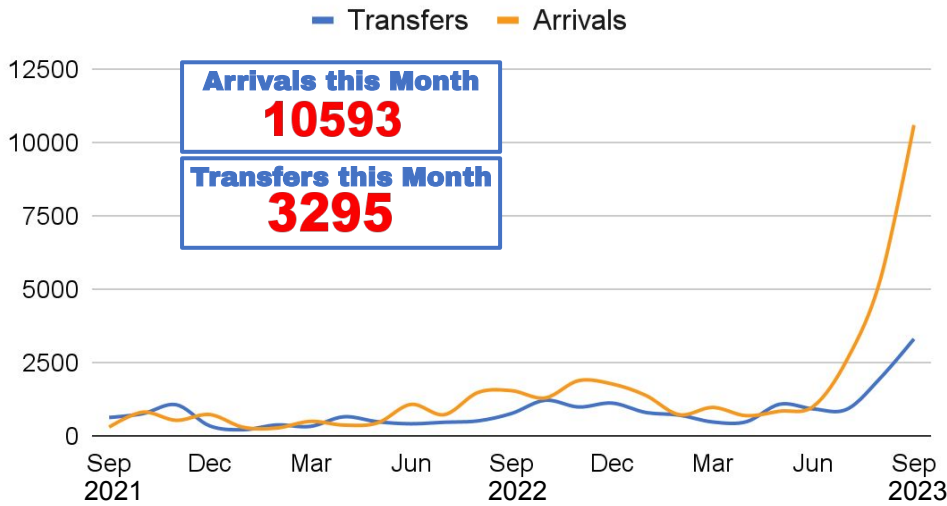




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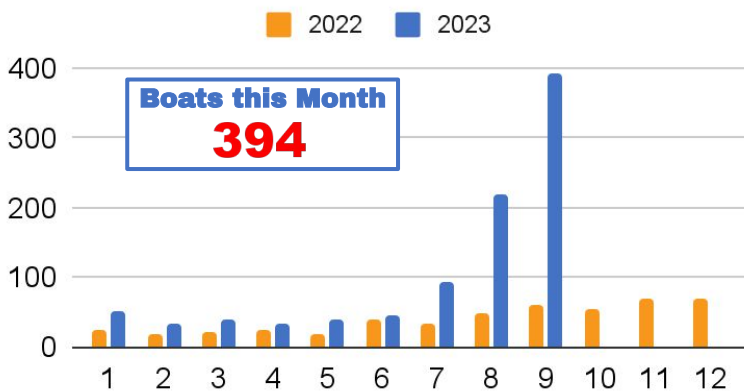
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People Registered on Aegean islands

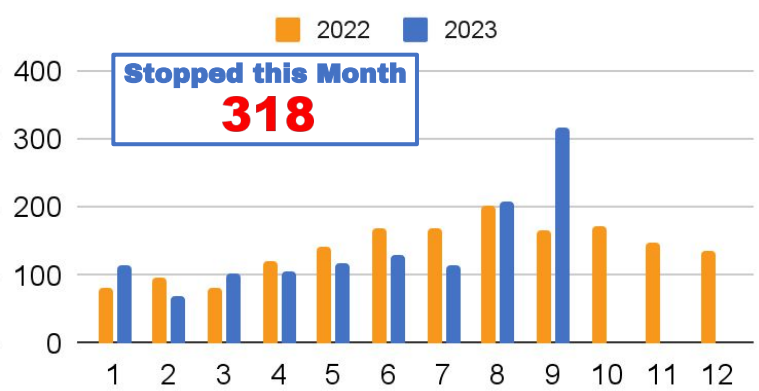


In 2023, people arriving is up 265%, compared to 2022. In September 394 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 10.593 people. Arrivals has increased 98.7% compared to August, boats arriving is up 79.1%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

Boats Officially Arrived

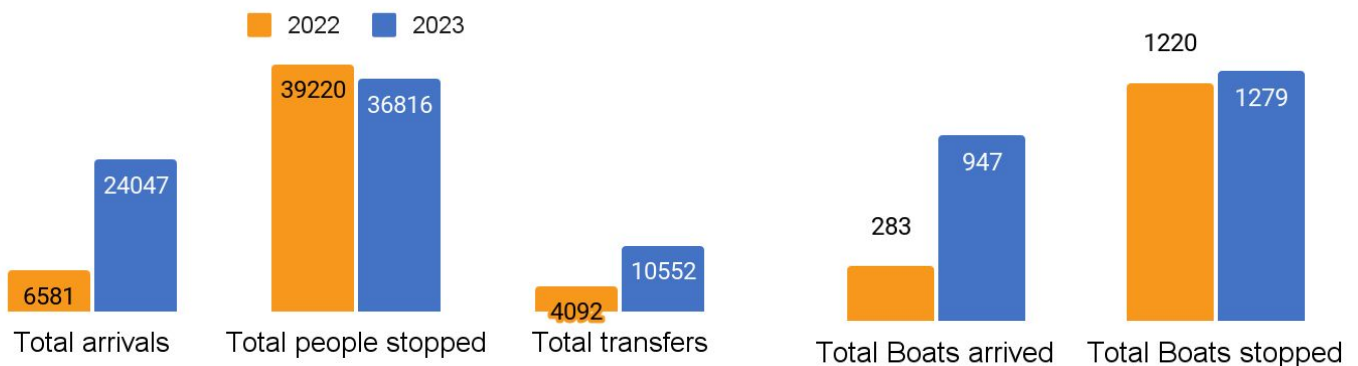


Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has increased 592% compared to the same month in 2022. 712 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in September, carrying a total of 20.727 people. 394 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 10.593 people, the rest, 318 boats, 10.134 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 35% of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

Total numbers so far this year



In 2023 1.279 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 36.816 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 15.143 people.

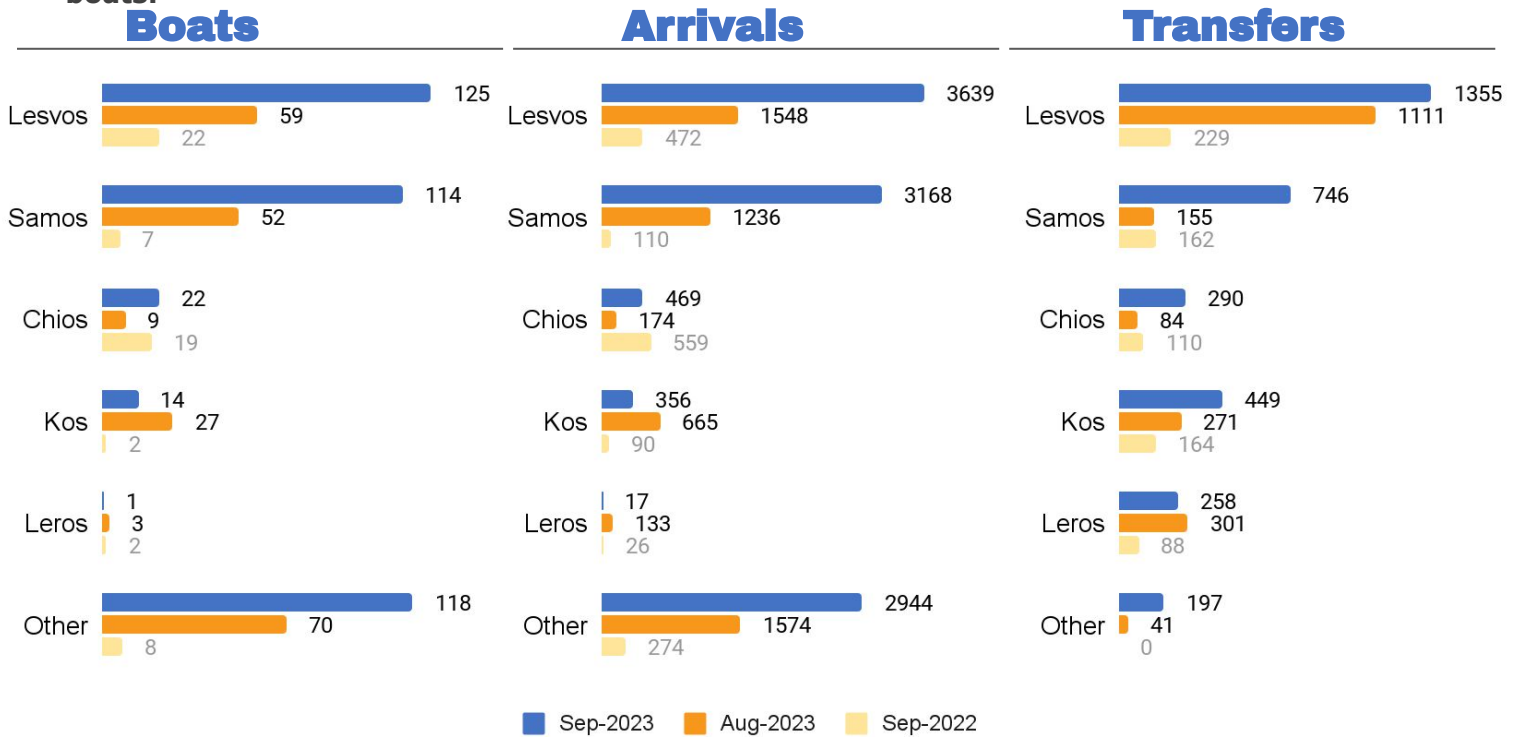


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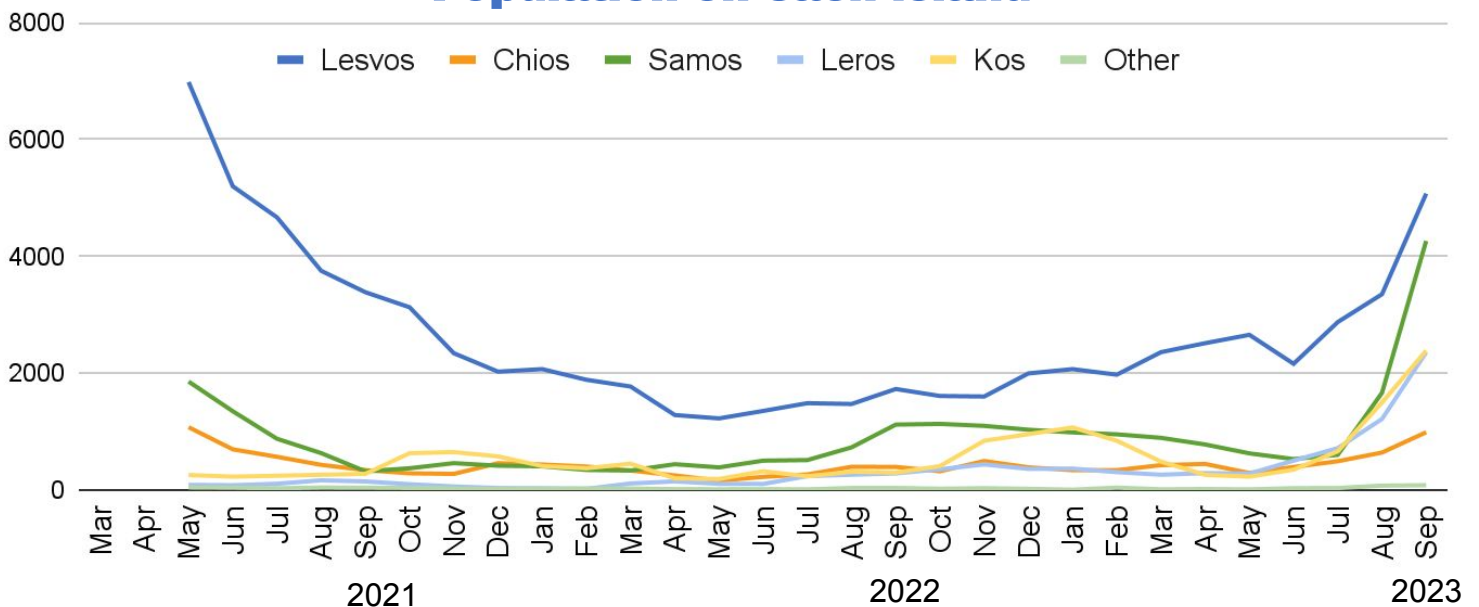
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Arrivals and transfers by island

In September 3.295 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 67.9% compared to August, when 1.963 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 294%, from 3.842 to 15.143 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 1.065 people under max total capacity. In the end of September 2022 total population was 3.842, one year later its 15.143, population has increased by 11.301 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 24.094 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	5075	Kos	2385
Samos	4264	Leros	2355
Chios	986	Other	78

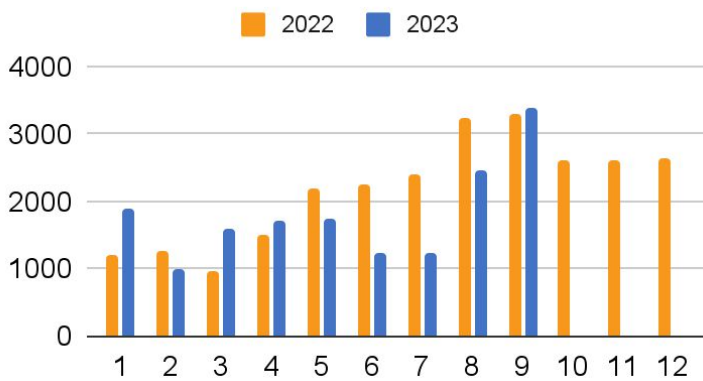


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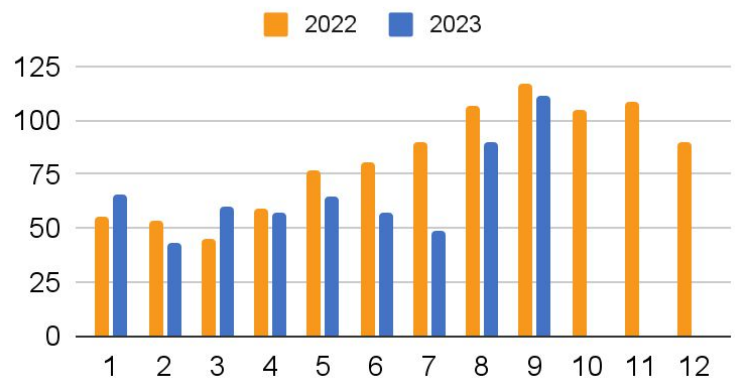
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 16.233

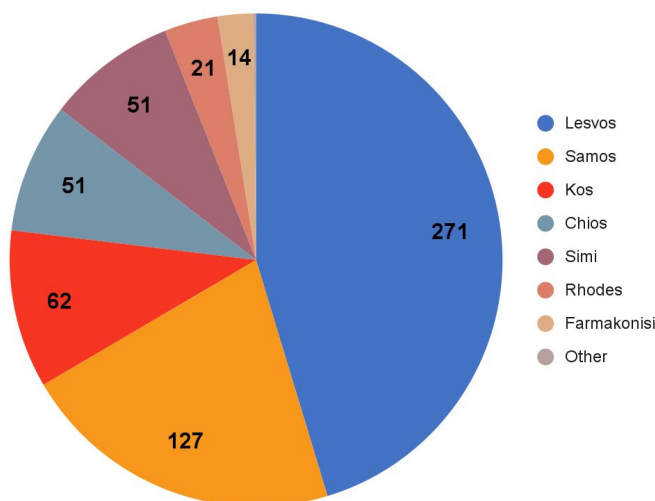
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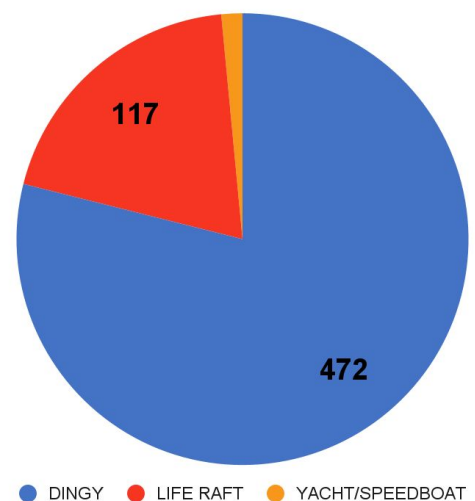
Total pushbacks 2023: 598

In September Aegean Boat Report have registered 111 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 3.396 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 111 registered pushback cases in September, 15 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 487 people, children, women and men was placed in 23 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 10.134 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 318 cases in September, 43.5% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.