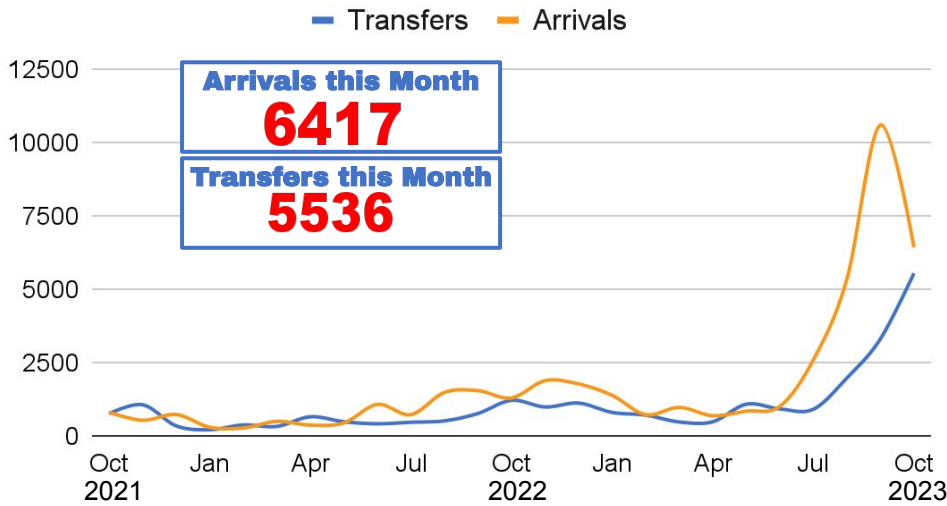




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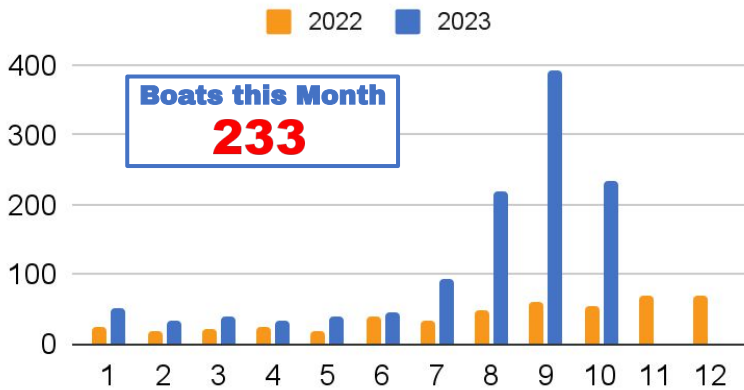
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### People Registered on Aegean islands

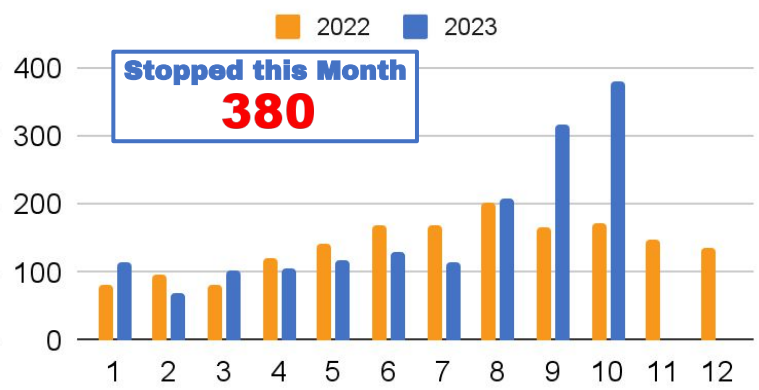


In 2023, people arriving is up 287%, compared to 2022. In October 233 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 6.417 people. Arrivals has decreased 39.4% compared to September, boats arriving is down 40.9%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

### Boats Officially Arrived



### Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has increased 400% compared to the same month in 2022. 613 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in October, carrying a total of 18.215 people. 233 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 6.417 people, the rest, 380 boats, 11.798 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 43.5% of these people had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2023 1.659 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 48.614 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 15.824 people.

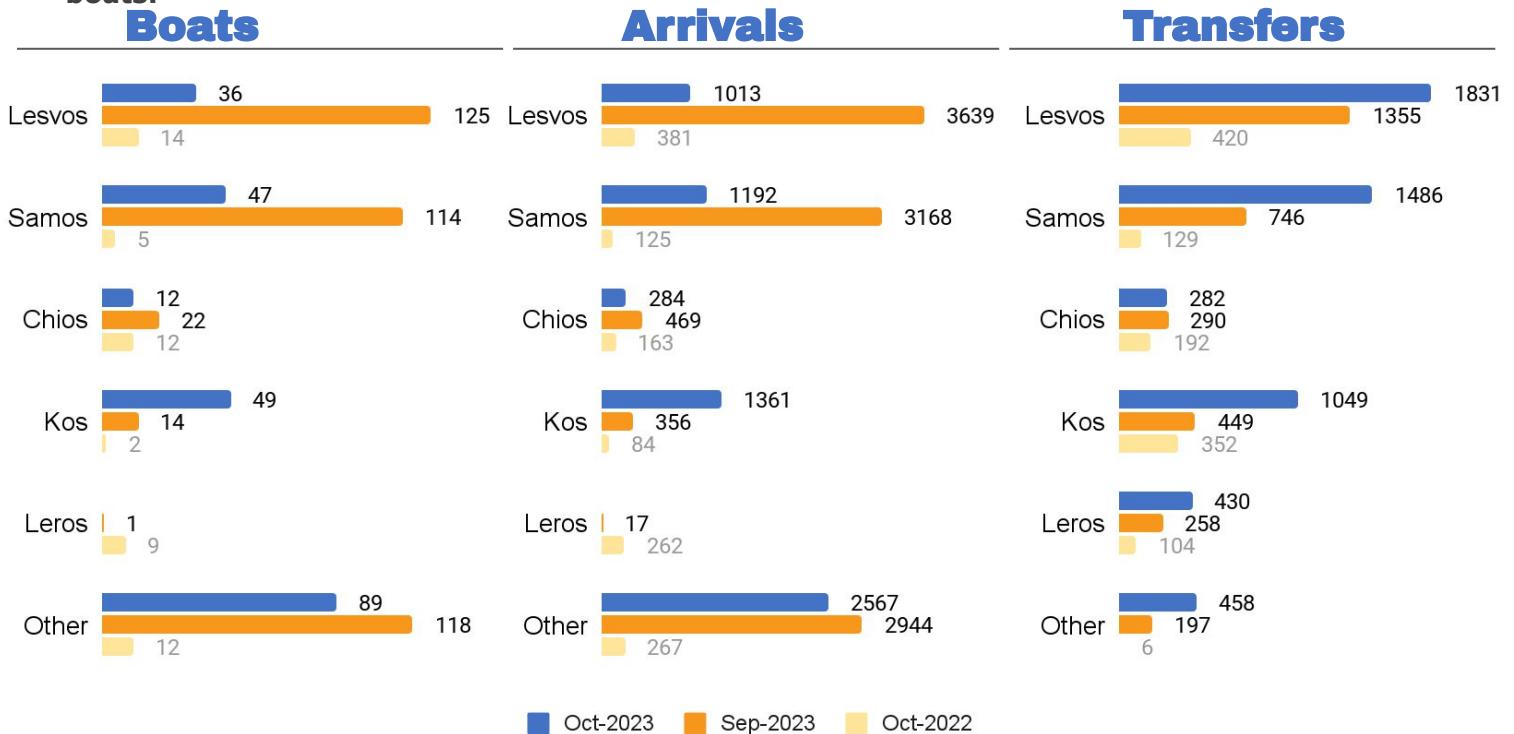


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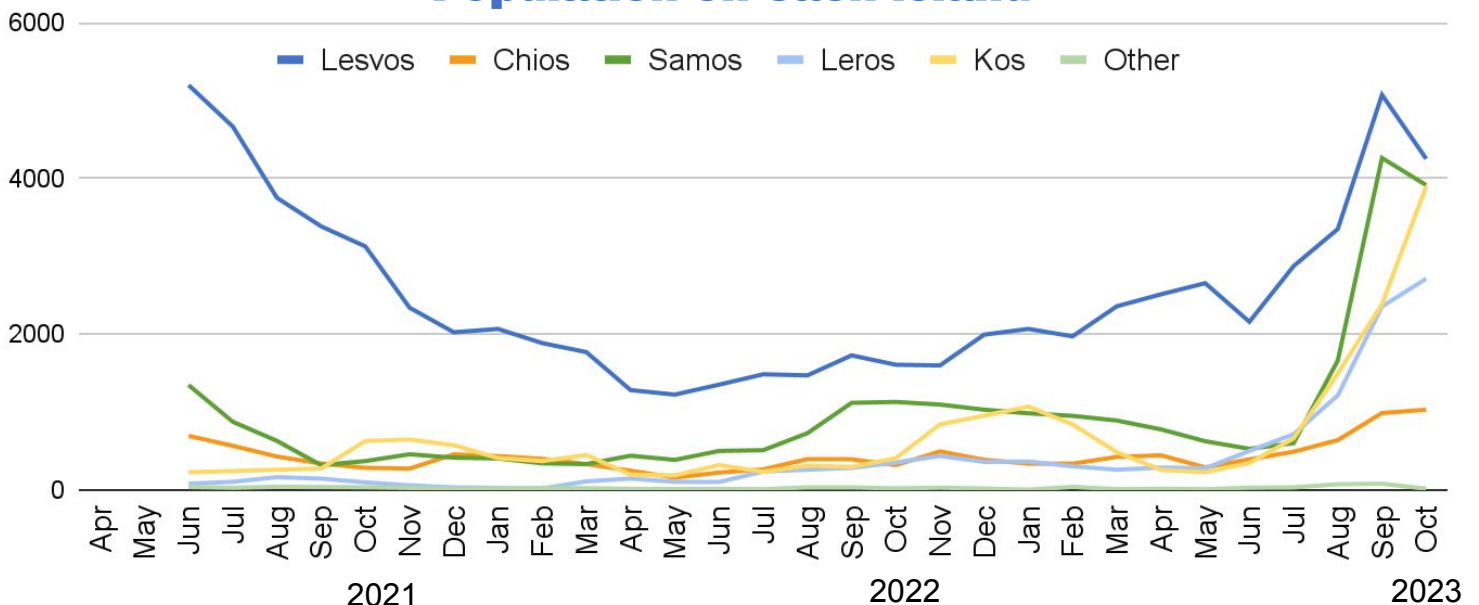
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In October 5.536 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 68% compared to September, when 3.295 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 313%, from 3.828 to 15.824 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 18.755 people. Today's population is 2.931 people under max total capacity. In the end of October 2022 total population was 3.828, one year later its 15.824, population has increased by 11.996 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 26.588 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

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| Lesvos | 4253 | Kos   | 3900 |
| Samos  | 3915 | Leros | 2713 |
| Chios  | 1029 | Other | 14   |

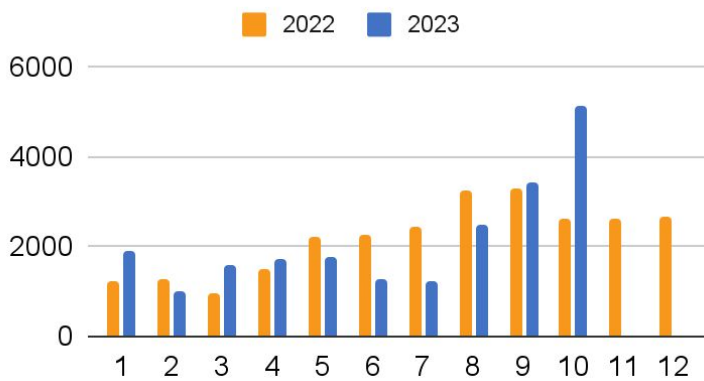


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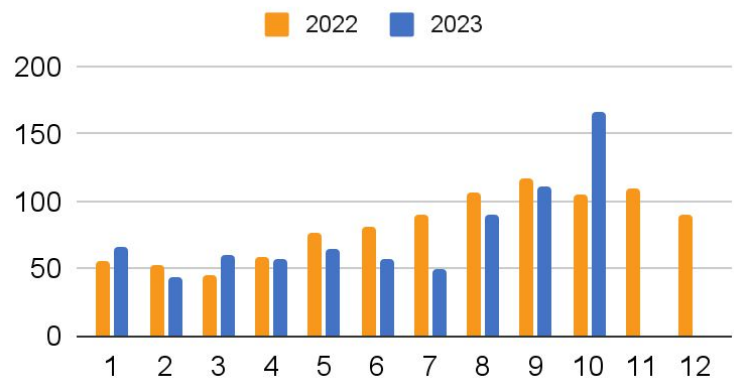
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: **21.348**

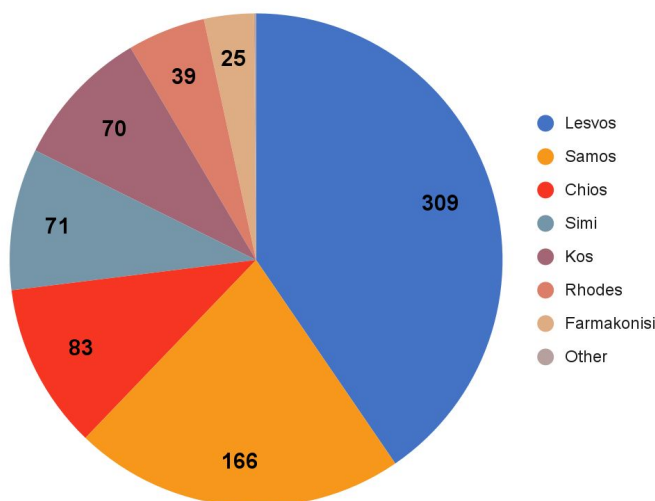
### Pushbacks



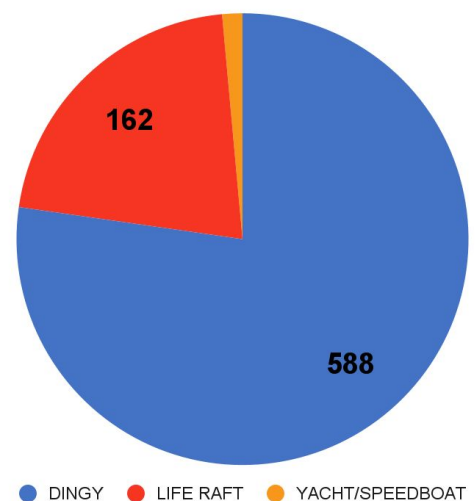
Total pushbacks 2023: **765**

In October Aegean Boat Report have registered 167 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 5.115 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 167 registered pushback cases in October, 45 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 1.361 people, children, women and men was placed in 67 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 11.751 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches in 379 cases in October, 44.1% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.