



AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

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People Arrived On Aegean islands



In 2023, people arriving has increased 240%, compared to 2022. 1.451 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying 38.993 people. Boats arriving has increased 205% compared to 2022, when 476 boats arrived, carrying 11.496 people. 25.855 people has been illegally pushed back by Greek authorities.

Boats Arrived On The Islands



Boats Stopped By TCG/Police



Total arrivals has increased 240% compared to 2022, and 800% compared to 2021. 3.506 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in 2023, carrying a total of 100.406 people. 1.451 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 38.993 people, the rest, 2.055 boats, 61.413 people, were picked up and arrested by the Turkish Coast guard and Police.

Total Numbers 2022/2023



In 2023 2.055 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 61.413 people have been arrested. Boats arriving on the Greek island has been drastically reduced, due to illegal pushbacks by the Greek government, despite these efforts to prevent people from crossing, boats trying to cross has increased 205% in 2023, compared to 2022.



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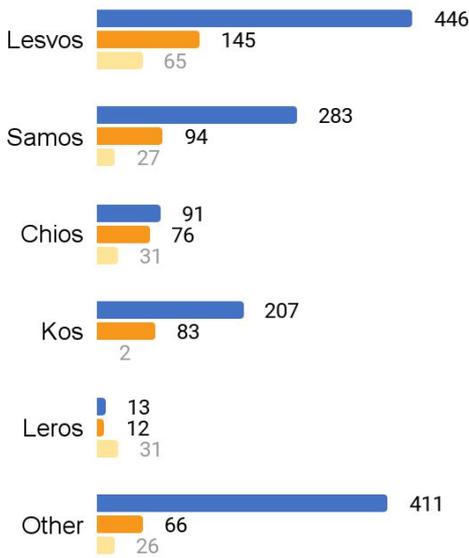
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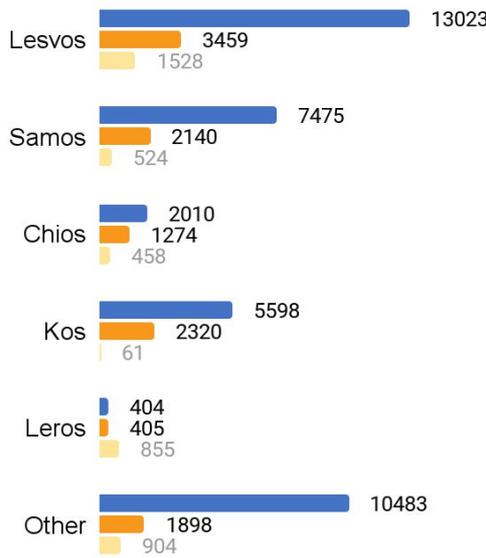
Arrivals And Transfers By Island

In 2023 24.591 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 234% compared to 2022, when 7.376 people were transported. In 2023 population on the Aegean islands has increased 241%, from 4.735 to 16.139 people. The Greek government have prevented 25.855 people from applying for asylum on the Greek island in 2023, by illegal pushbacks, violating international laws and human rights on an industrial scale.

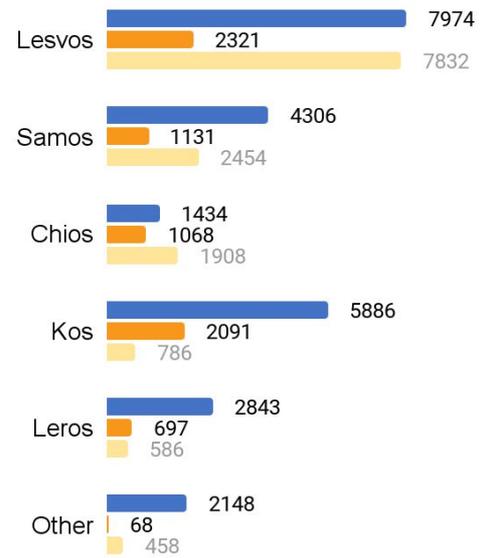
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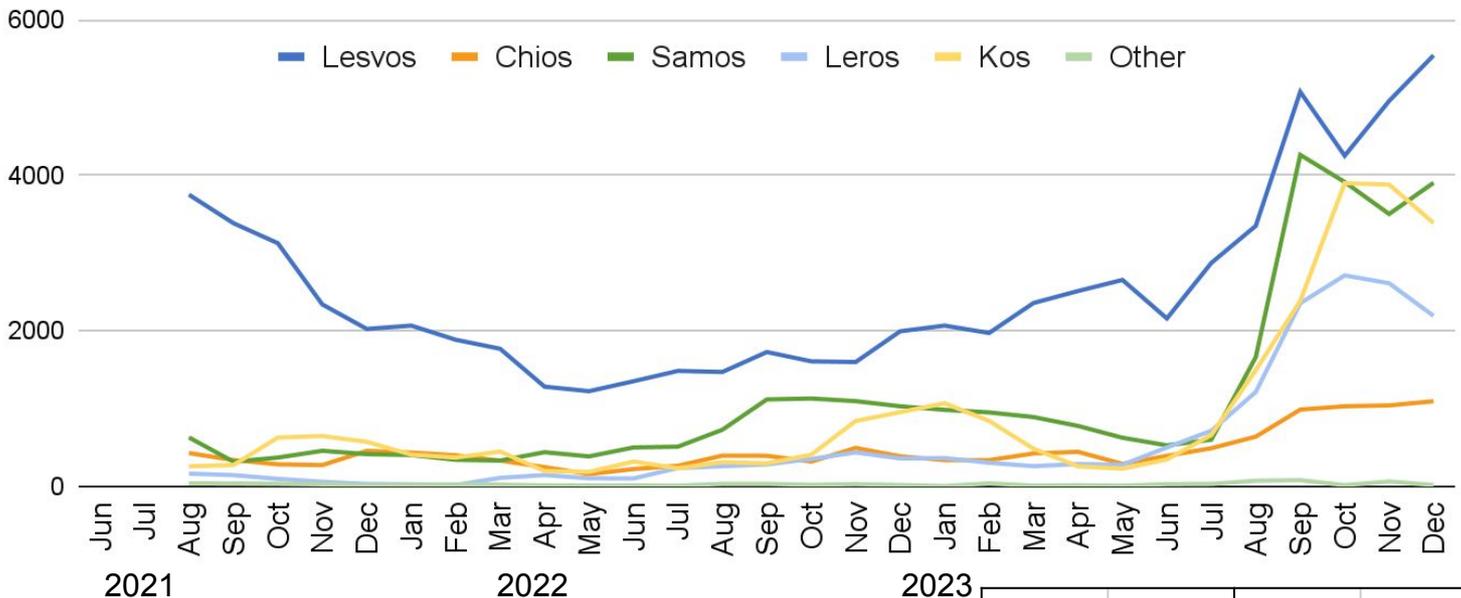


Transfers



■ 2023 ■ 2022 ■ 2021

Population On Each Island



Official capacity on the islands is 18.755 people. Today's population is 2.616 people under max total capacity. In the end of 2022 total population was 4.735, one year later its 16.139, population has increased by 11.404 people this last year on the Greek Islands.

Lesvos	5545	Kos	3387
Samos	3905	Leros	2192
Chios	1094	Other	16



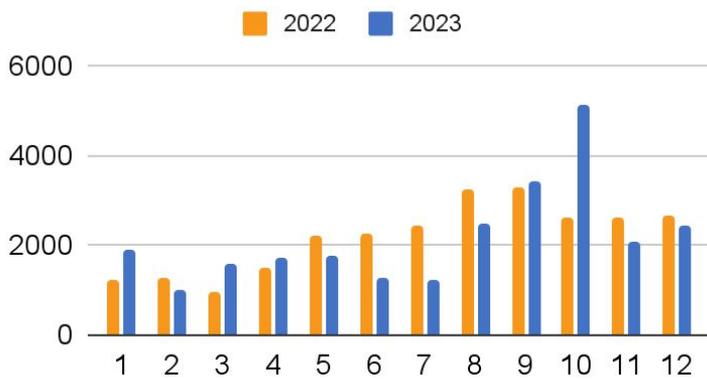
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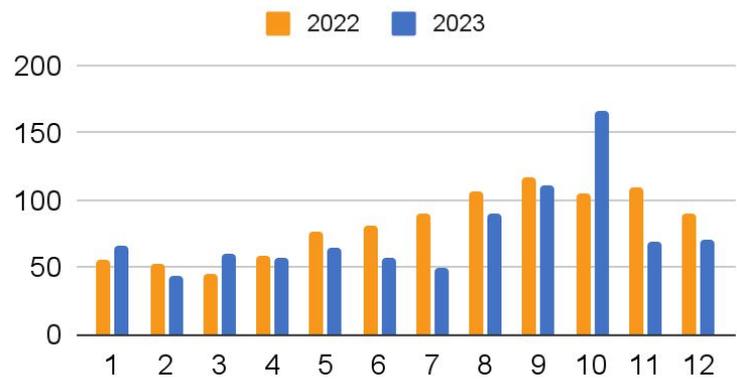
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters of another state. The Greek government has hugely increased illegal pushbacks of refugees since January 2020, with some victims stating they have been beaten by Greek officials before being forced back across borders, or into the sea.

Pushbacks - People



Total people 2022: **25.855**

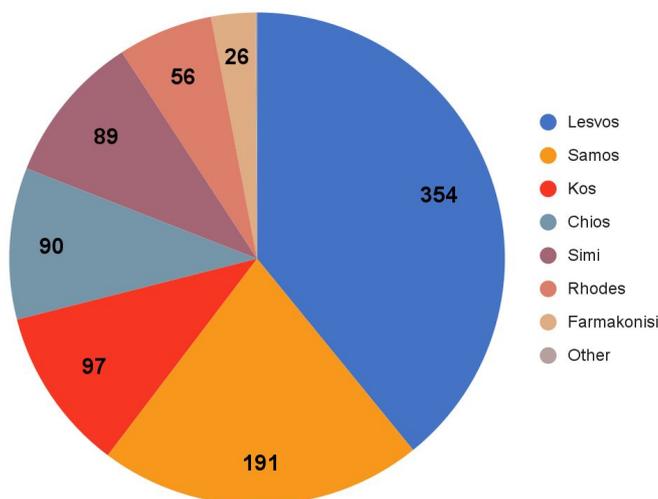
Pushback Cases



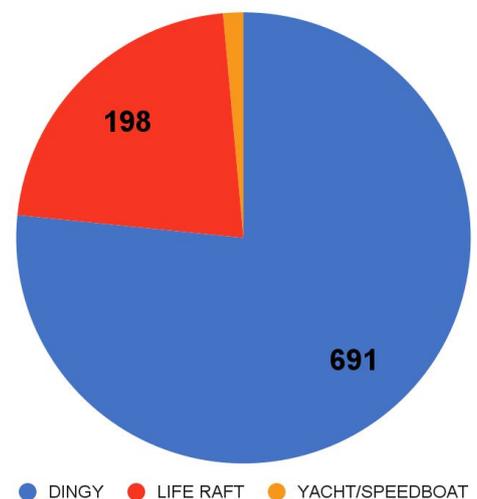
Total pushbacks 2022: **904**

In 2023 Aegean Boat Report have registered 904 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 25.855 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. 20%, 5.137 people, had already arrived on Greek territory, arrested, 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 actions. Almost 45% of all boats picked up by Turkish coast guard in 2023 had been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Pushbacks By Area



Pushbacks By Craft Type



60%, of all pushback cases registered happened around Lesvos and Samos. 20.537 people have been pushed back at sea in 695 rubber boats, engines or petrol removed and left drifting, and in some cases even towed back to Turkish waters by HCG. In 199 registered cases, 5.137 people have been forced into a total of 292 life rafts, and left drifting in the Aegean Sea by the Hellenic Coast Guard, a systematic use of rescue equipment as a deportation tool. The Greek government categorically denies any involvement in these atrocities, but the evidence against the Greek government is overwhelming, there is no doubt who is responsible.