



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

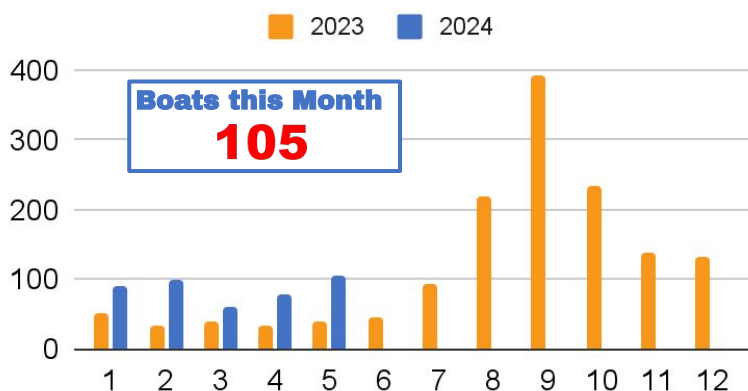
## MONTHLY STATISTICS MAY 2024

### People Registered on Aegean islands

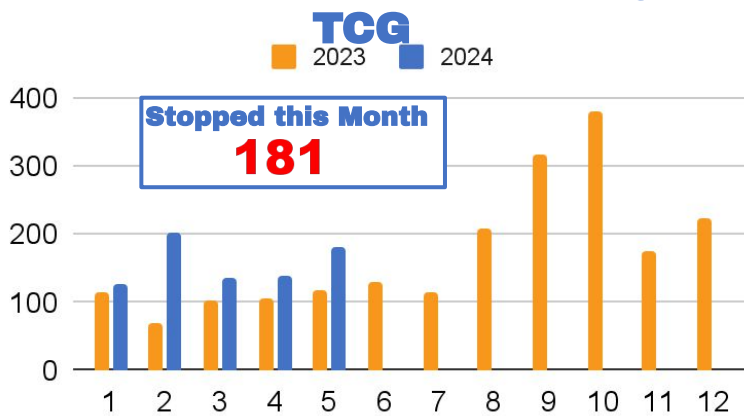


In 2024, people arriving is up 192.8%, compared to 2023. In May 105 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 3.178 people. Arrivals has increased 67.5% compared to April, boats arriving is up 32.9%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

### Boats Officially Arrived

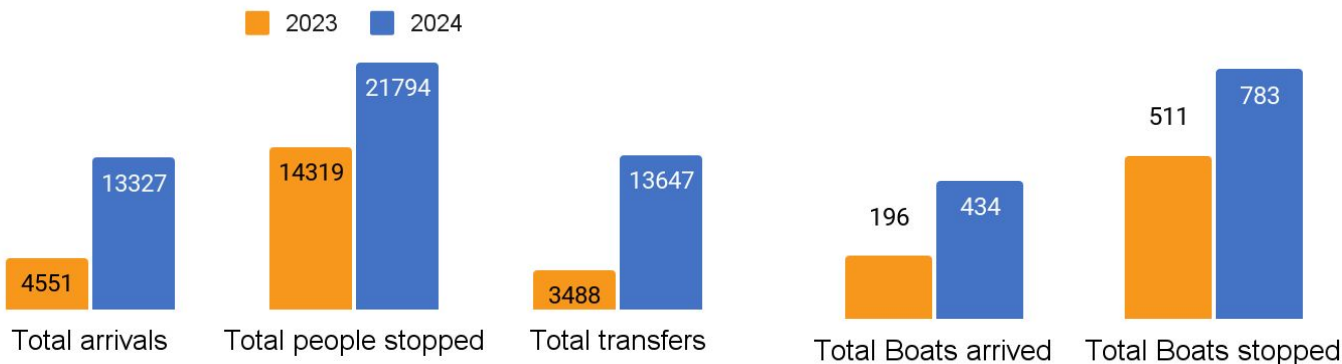


### Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has increased 282.4% compared to the same month in 2023. 286 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in May, carrying a total of 7.382 people. 105 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 3.178 people, the rest, 181 boats, 4.204 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 29.2% of these people had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2024 783 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 21.794 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 7.051 people.

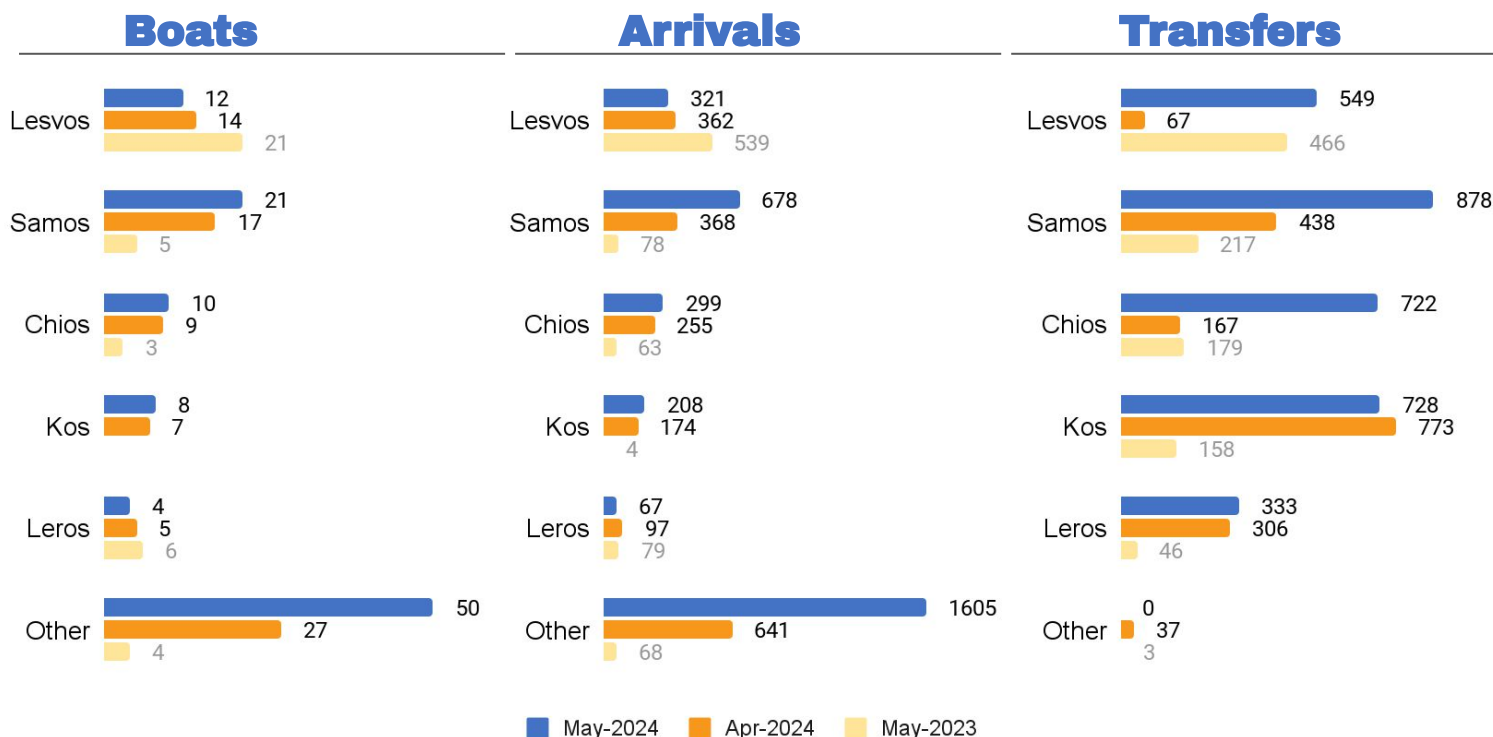


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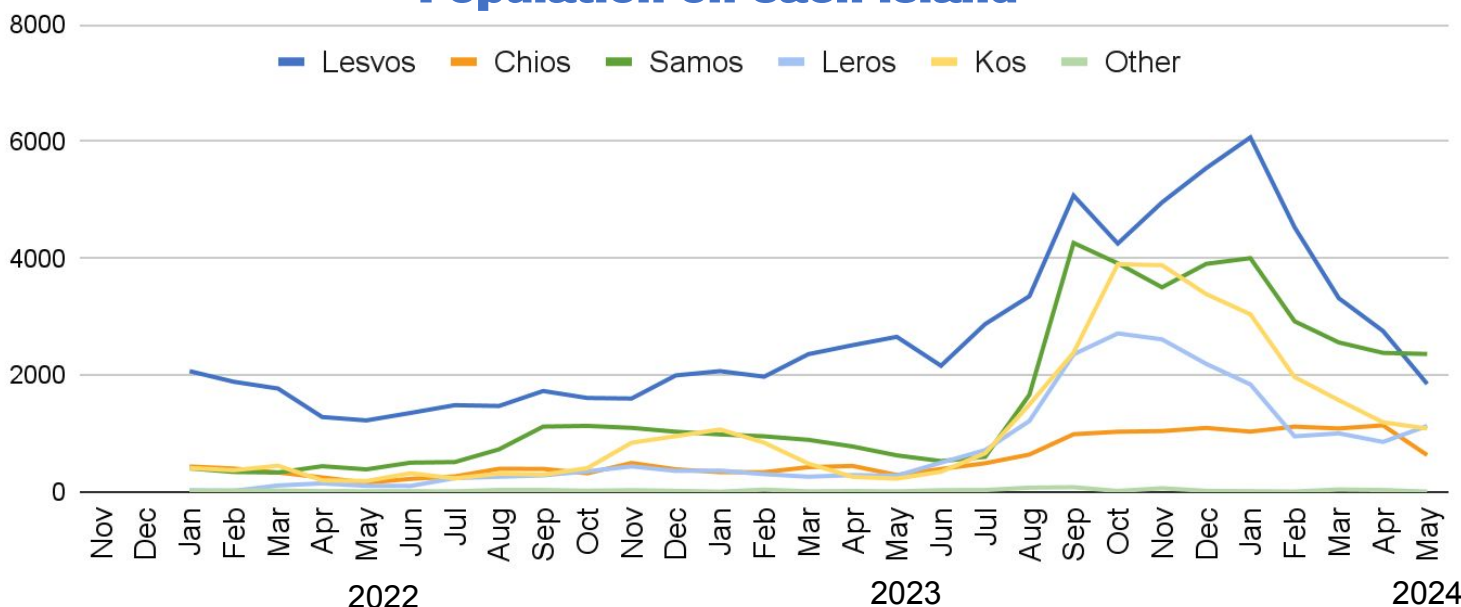
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In May 3.210 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 79.5% compared to April, when 1.788 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 73%, from 4.075 to 7.051 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 14.595 people. Today's population is 7.544 people under max total capacity. In the end of May 2023 total population was 4.075, one year later its 7.051, population has increased by 2.976 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 23.298 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	1848	Kos	1083
Samos	2361	Leros	1128
Chios	628	Other	3

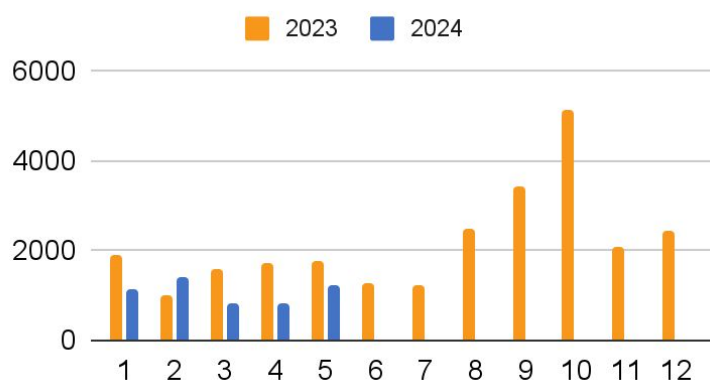


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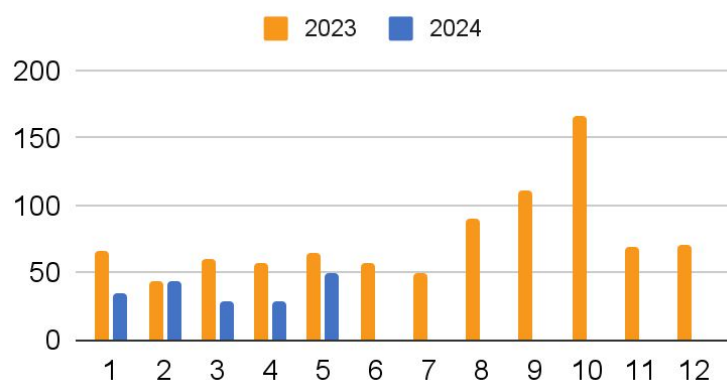
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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 2024: **5.362**

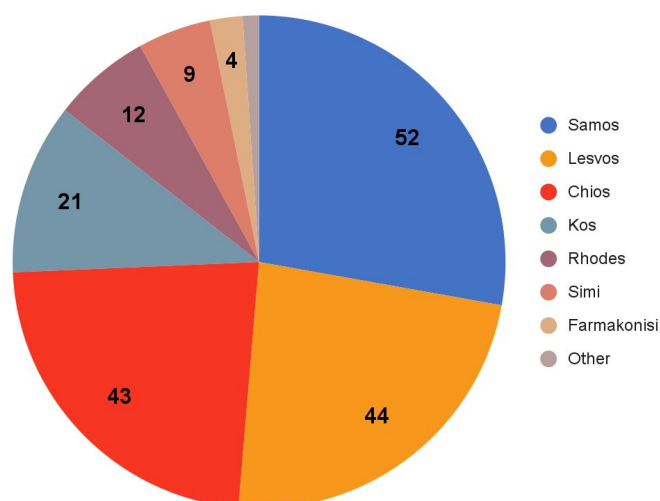
### Pushbacks



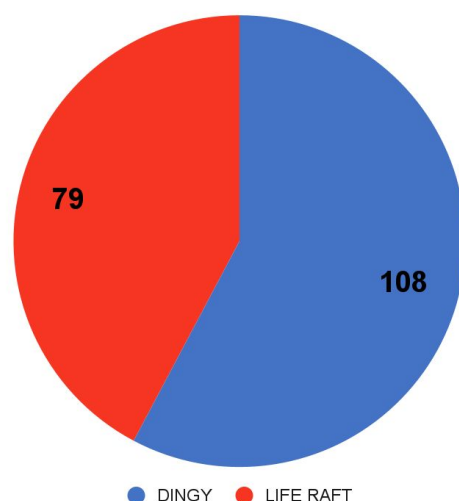
Total pushbacks 2024: **187**

In May Aegean Boat Report have registered 50 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1.226 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. Most of them was stopped at sea and forced back across the border, left helplessly drifting in boats and life rafts in the middle of the sea, 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 50 registered pushback cases in May, 22 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 522 people, children, women and men was placed in 28 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 4.204 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches in 181 cases in May, 29.2% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.