



AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

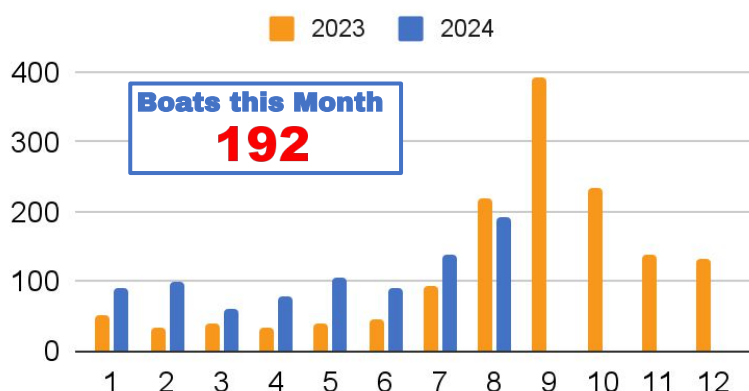
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People Registered on Aegean islands

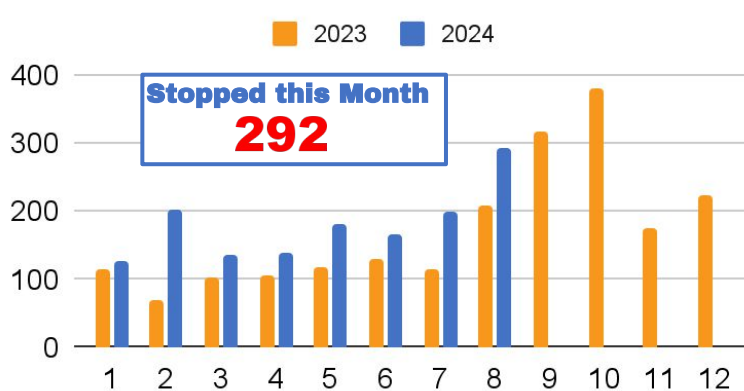


In 2024, people arriving is up 85.6%, compared to 2023. In August 192 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 5.447 people. Arrivals has increased 42.1% compared to July, boats arriving is down 12.7%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

Boats Officially Arrived



Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has increased 2.2% compared to the same month in 2023. 484 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in August, carrying a total of 12.763 people. 192 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 5.447 people, the rest, 292 boats, 7.316 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 23.5% of these people had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

Total numbers so far this year



In 2024 1.439 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 38.481 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 8.154 people.

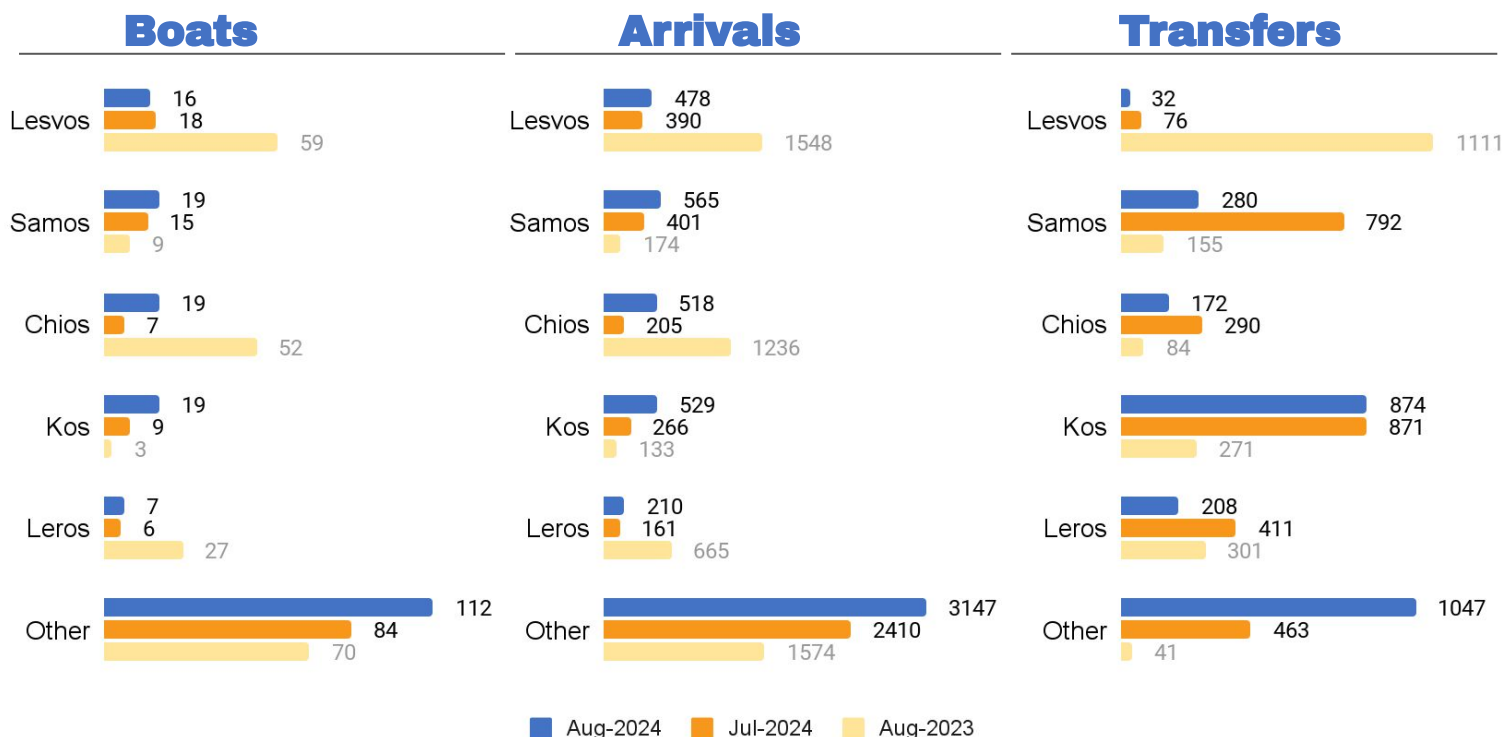


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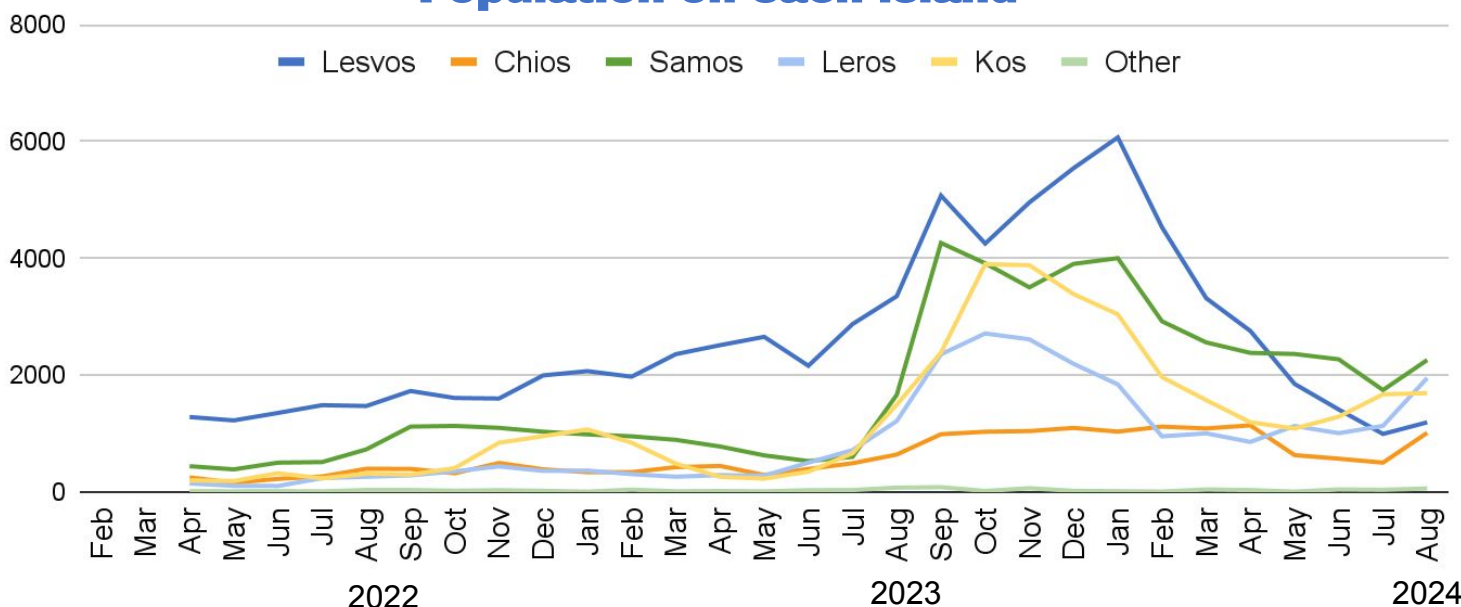
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Arrivals and transfers by island

In August 2.613 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 10% compared to July, when 2.903 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 3.3%, from 8.430 to 8.154 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 14.635 people. Today's population is 6.481 people under max total capacity. In the end of August 2023 total population was 8.430, one year later its 8.154, population has decreased by 276 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 22.371 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	1190	Kos	1690
Samos	2258	Leros	1949
Chios	1010	Other	57

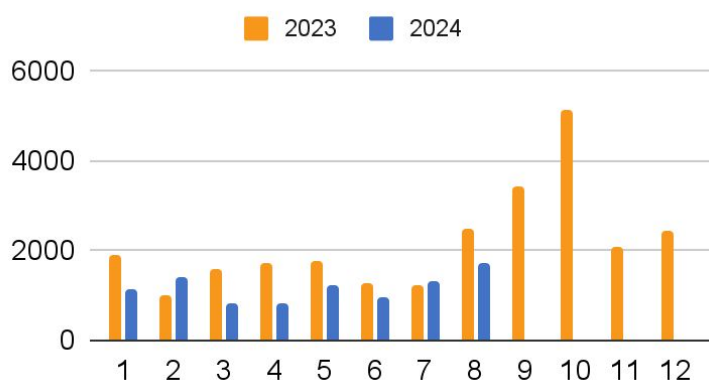


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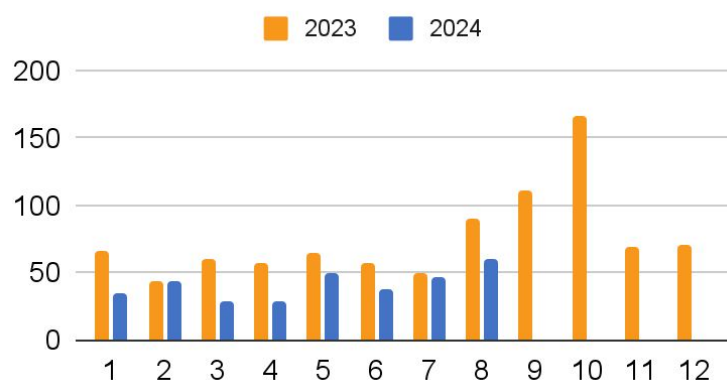
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 9.353

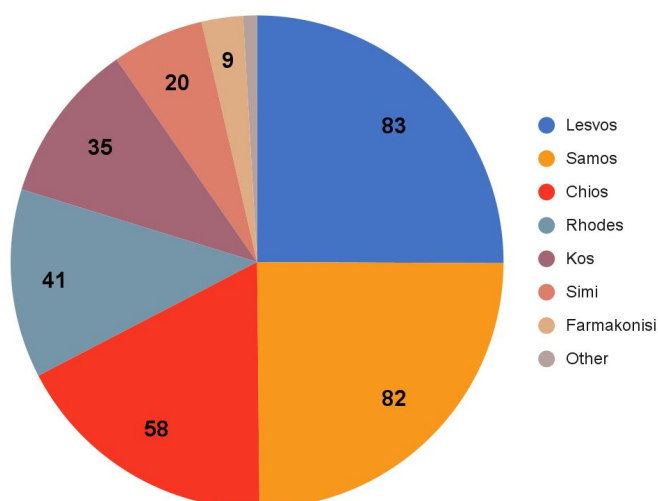
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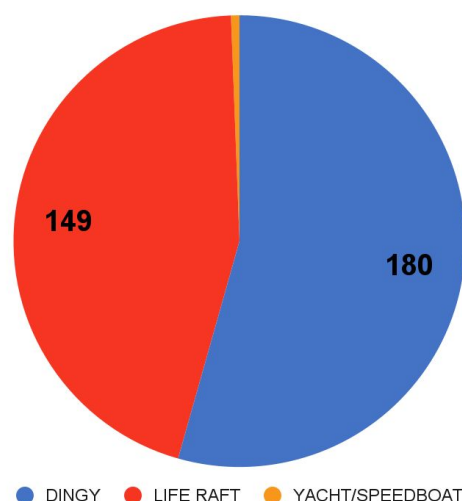
Total pushbacks 2024: 331

In August Aegean Boat Report have registered 60 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1.720 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 60 registered pushback cases in August, 29 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 824 people, children, women and men was placed in 45 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 7.316 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches in 292 cases in August, 23.5% of these people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.