



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

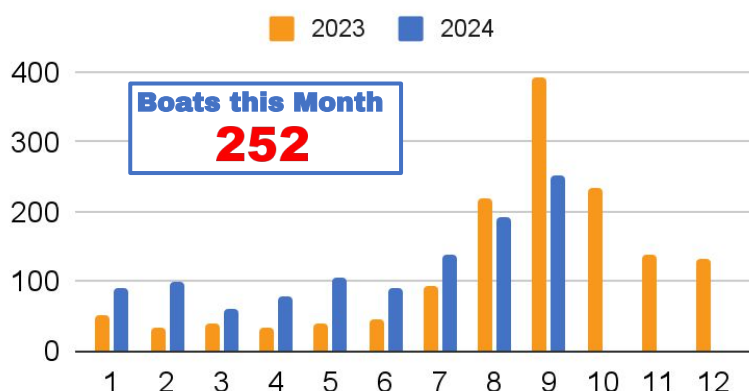
## MONTHLY STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2024

### People Registered on Aegean islands

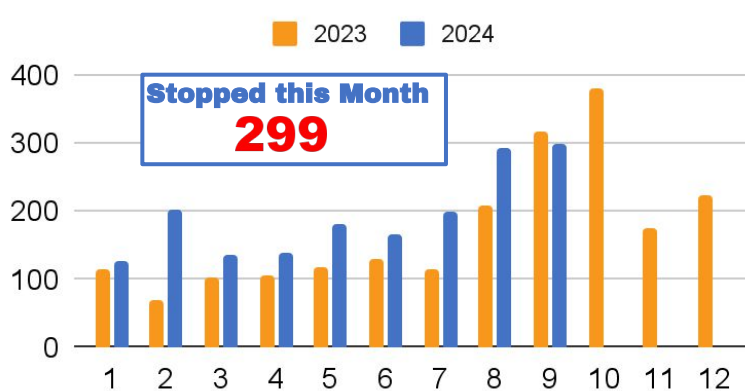


In 2024, people arriving is up 32.2%, compared to 2023. In September 252 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 6.813 people. Arrivals has increased 25.1% compared to August, boats arriving is up 31.3%. Demographics on the islands: Men 52%, Women 24% and Children 24%

### Boats Officially Arrived



### Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has decreased 35.7% compared to the same month in 2023. 551 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in September, carrying a total of 14.553 people. 252 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 6.813 people, the rest, 299 boats, 7.740 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 20.3% of these people had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2024 1.739 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 46.245 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 9.768 people.

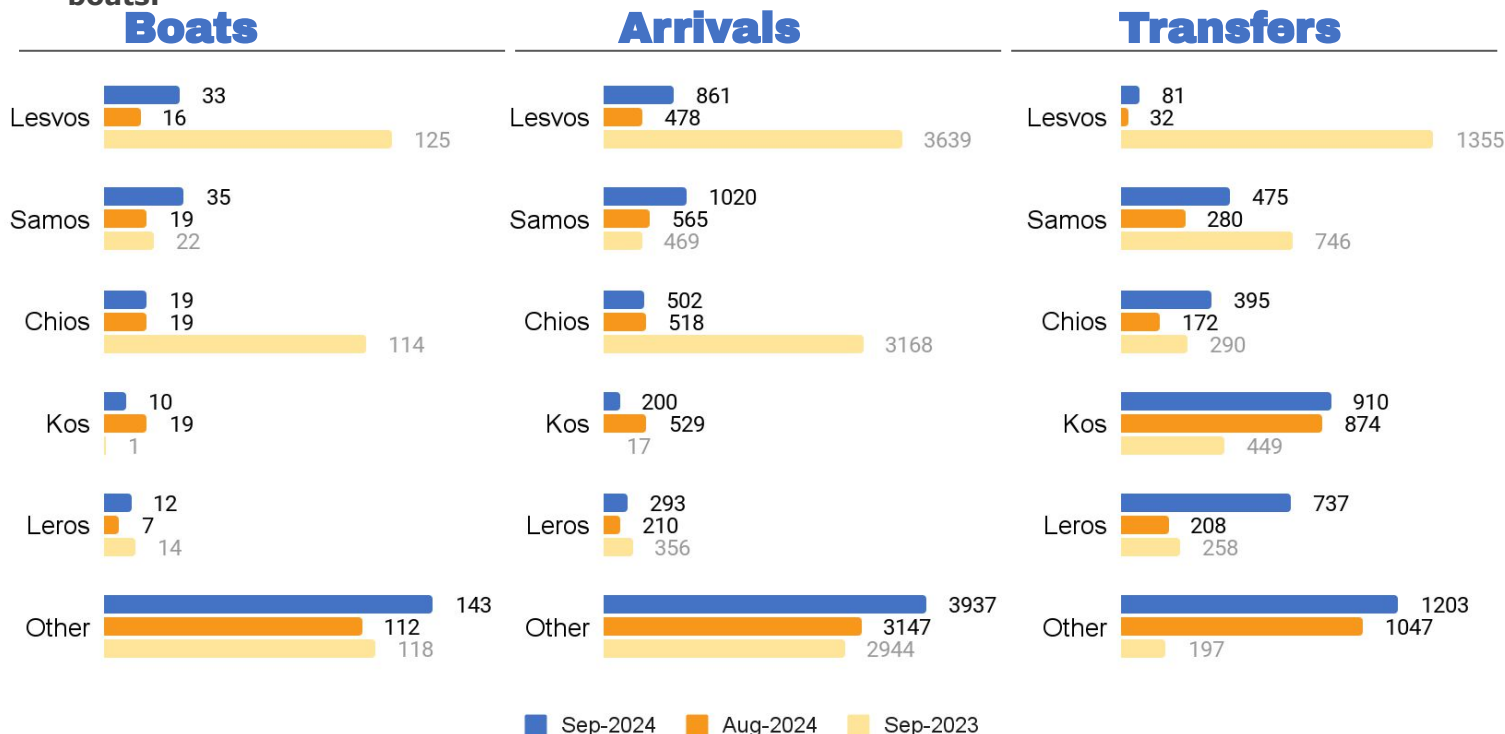


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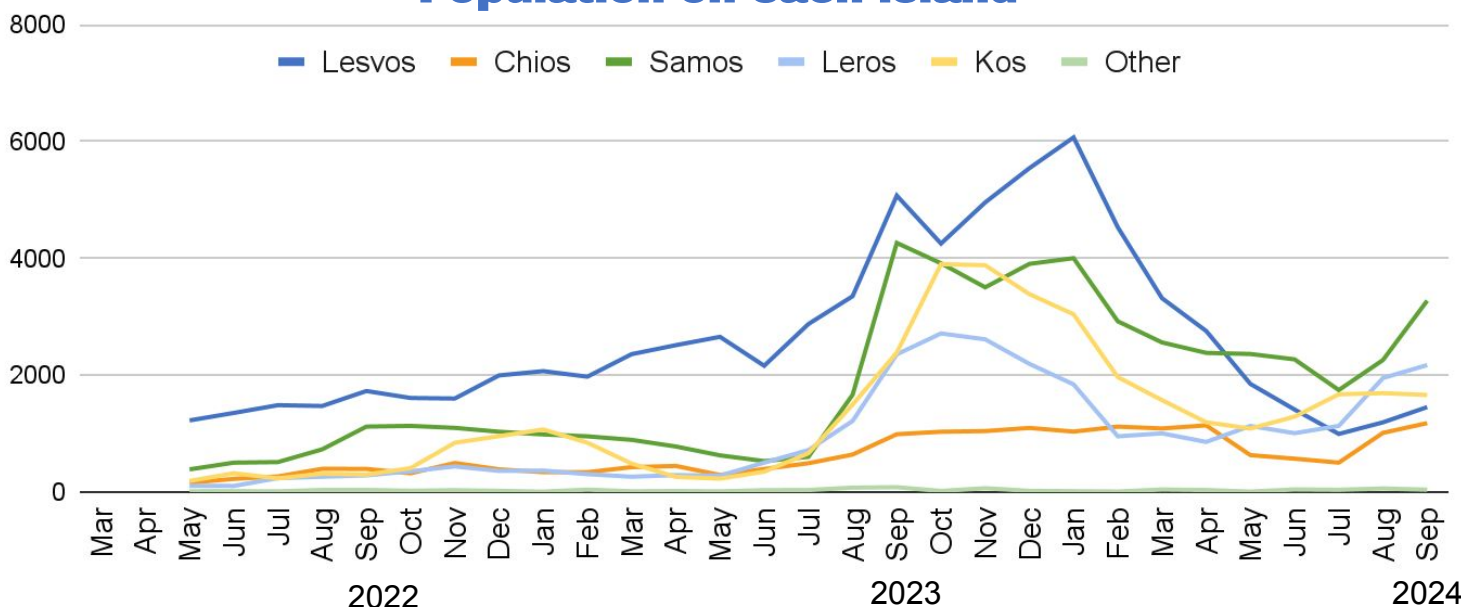
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In September 3.801 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 45.5% compared to August, when 2.613 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 35%, from 15.015 to 9.768 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 4.867 people under max total capacity. In the end of September 2023 total population was 15.015, one year later its 9.768, population has decreased by 5.247 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 20.544 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	1451	Kos	1659
Samos	3275	Leros	2171
Chios	1176	Other	36

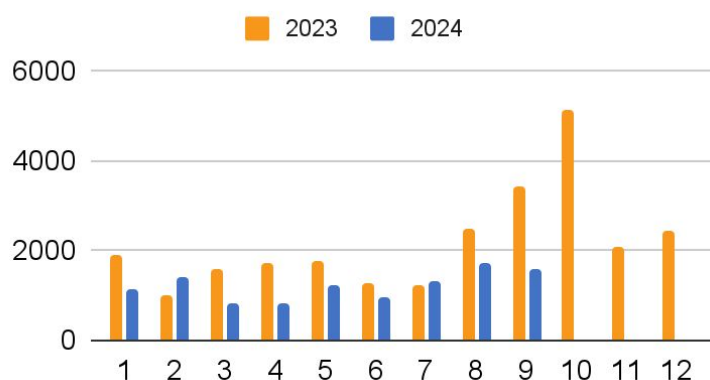


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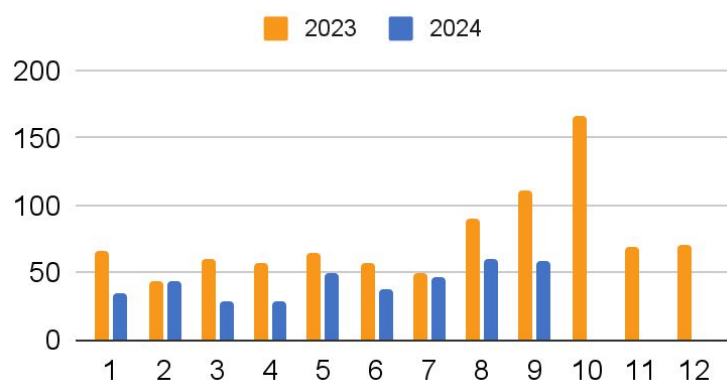
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 10.922**

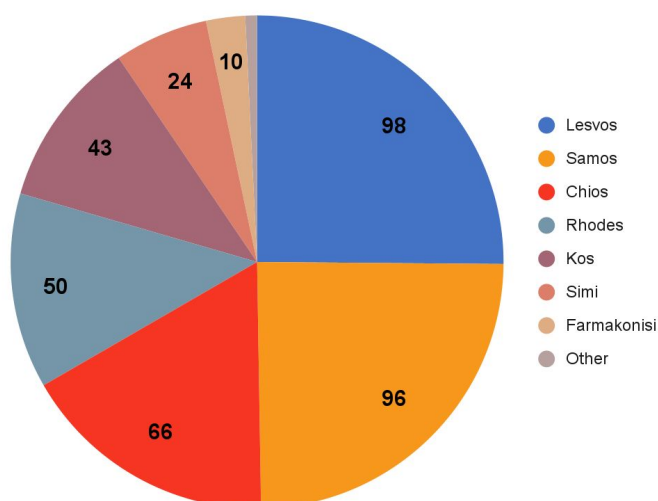
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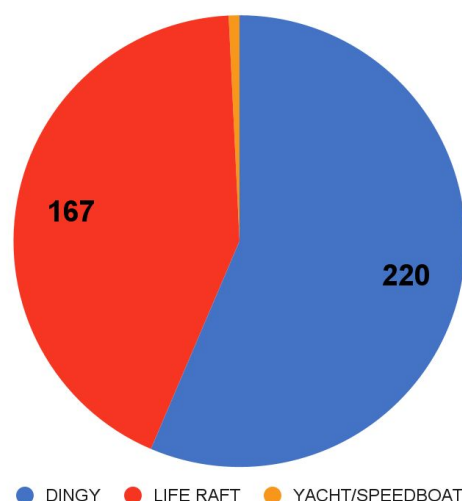
**Total pushbacks 2024: 390**

In September Aegean Boat Report have registered 59 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1.569 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 59 registered pushback cases in September, 18 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 516 people, children, women and men was placed in 29 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 7.740 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches in 299 cases in September, 20.3% of these people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.