



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

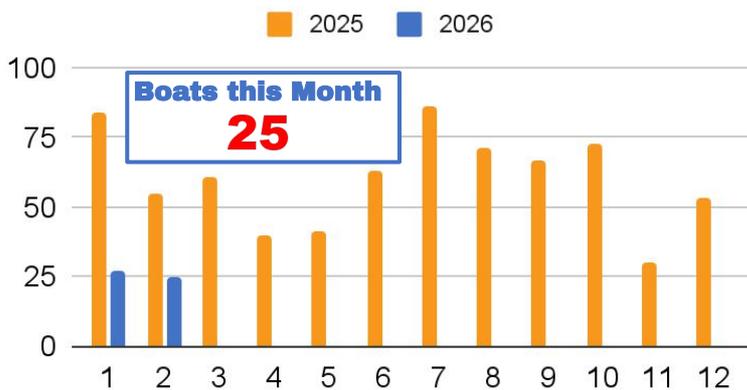
## MONTHLY STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2026

### People Registered on Aegean islands



In 2026, people arriving is down 59.9%, compared to 2025. In February 25 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 737 people. Arrivals has decreased 17.8% compared to January, boats arriving is down 7.4%. Demographics on the islands: Men 46%, Women 23% and Children 31%

### Boats Officially Arrived



### Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has decreased 54% compared to the same month in 2025. 64 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in February, carrying a total of 1.702 people. 25 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 737 people, the rest, 39 boats, 965 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 10.4% of these people had officially been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard, numbers manipulated by Turkish cover up, real number is much higher.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2026 82 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 1.995 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 5.411 people.

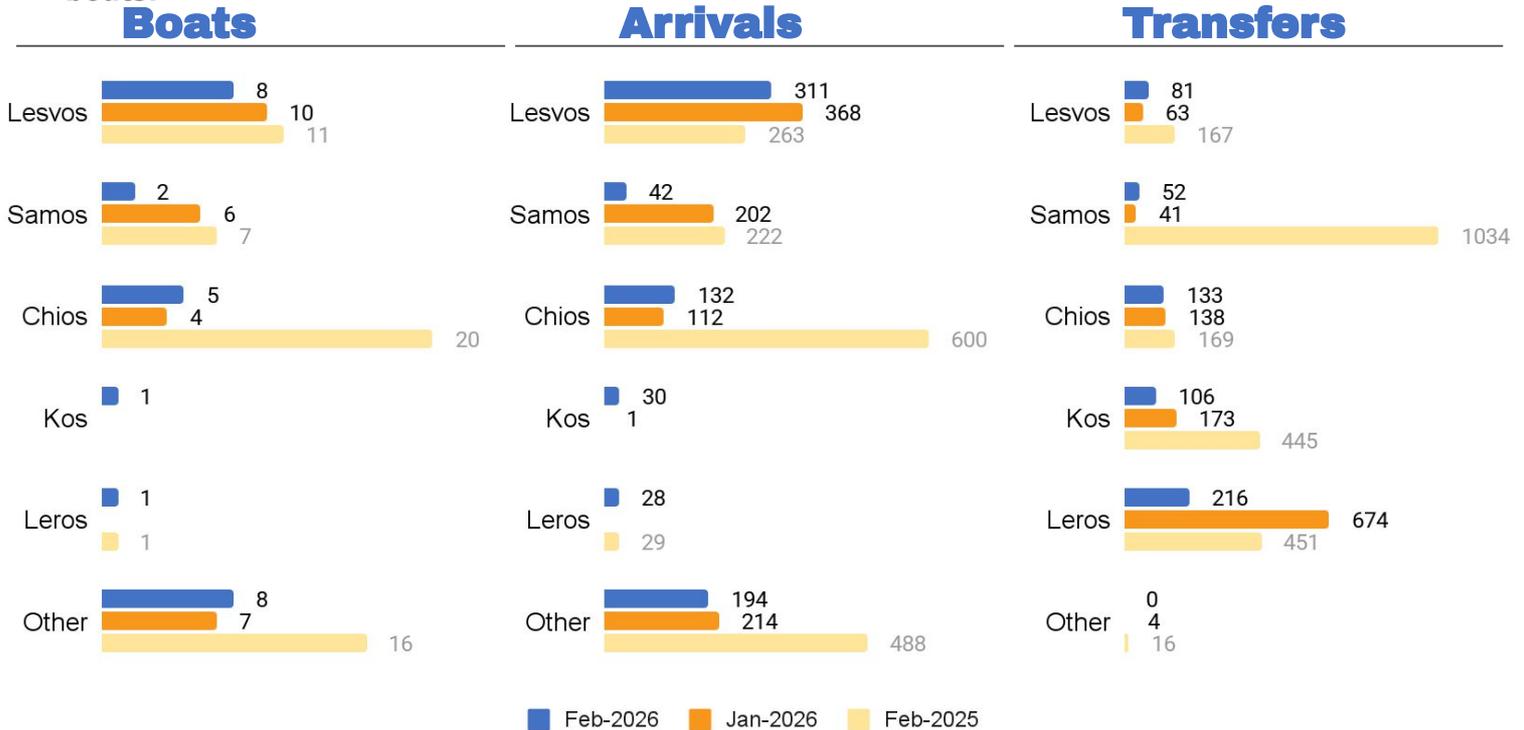


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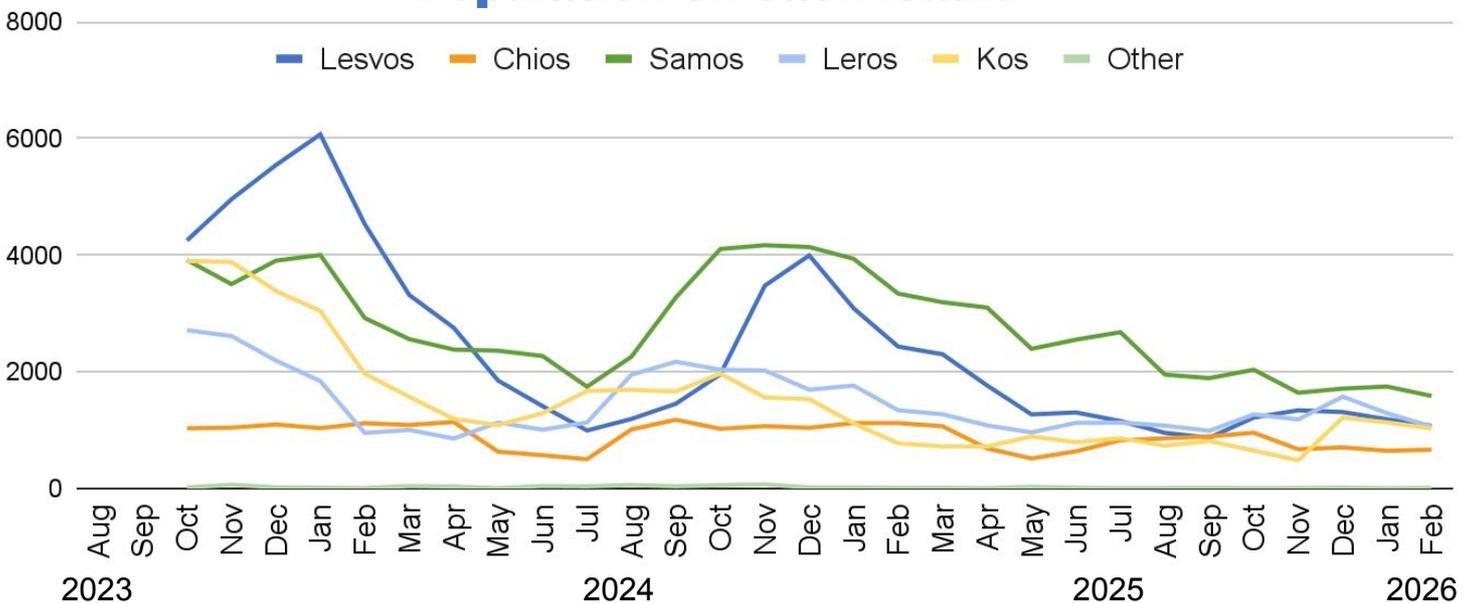
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In February 588 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 46.2% compared to January, when 1.093 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 39.9%, from 9.005 to 5.411 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 14.843 people. Today's population is 9.432 people under max total capacity. In the end of February 2025 total population was 9.005, one year later its 5.411, population has decreased by 3.594 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 5.380 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	1072	Kos	1026
Samos	1584	Leros	1060
Chios	661	Other	8

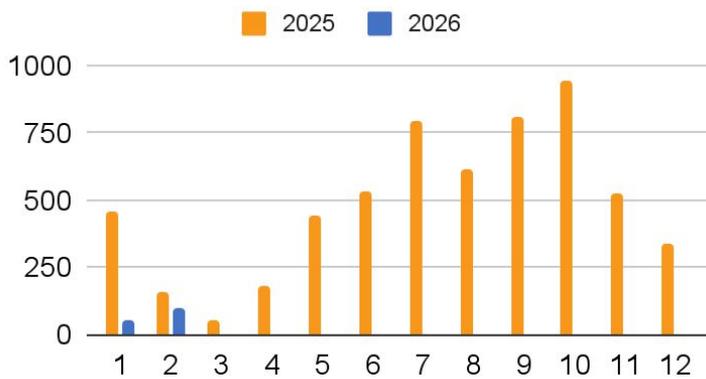


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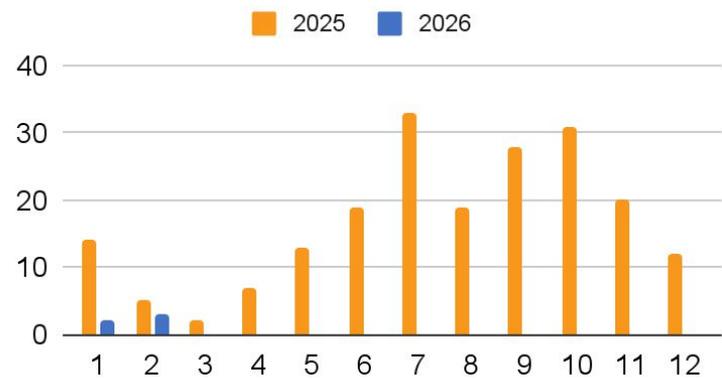
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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 2026: 153**

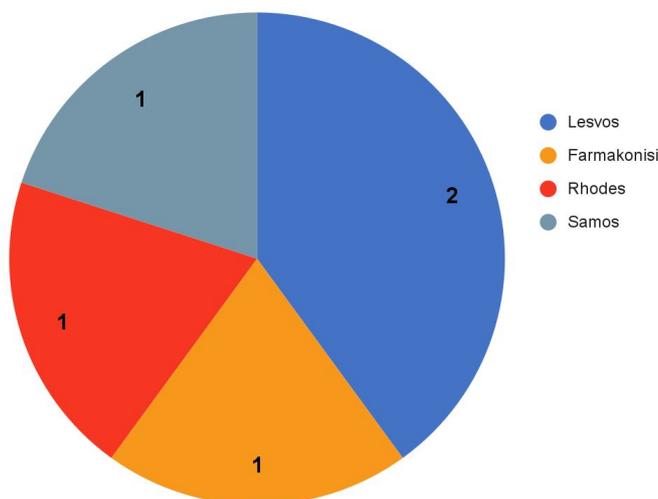
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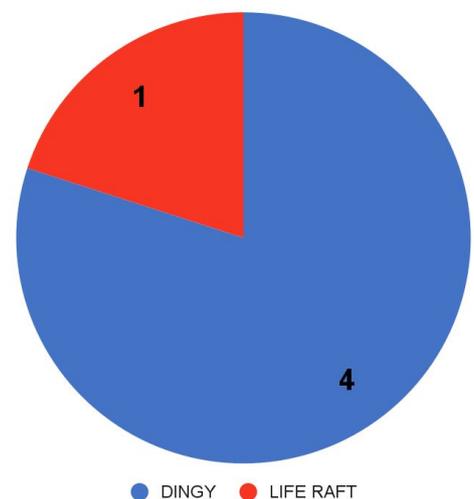
**Total pushbacks 2026: 5**

In February Aegean Boat Report have registered 3 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 100 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 3 registered pushback cases in February, 1 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 32 people, children, women and men was placed in 2 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 965 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches in 39 cases in February, 10.4% of these people had officially been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.