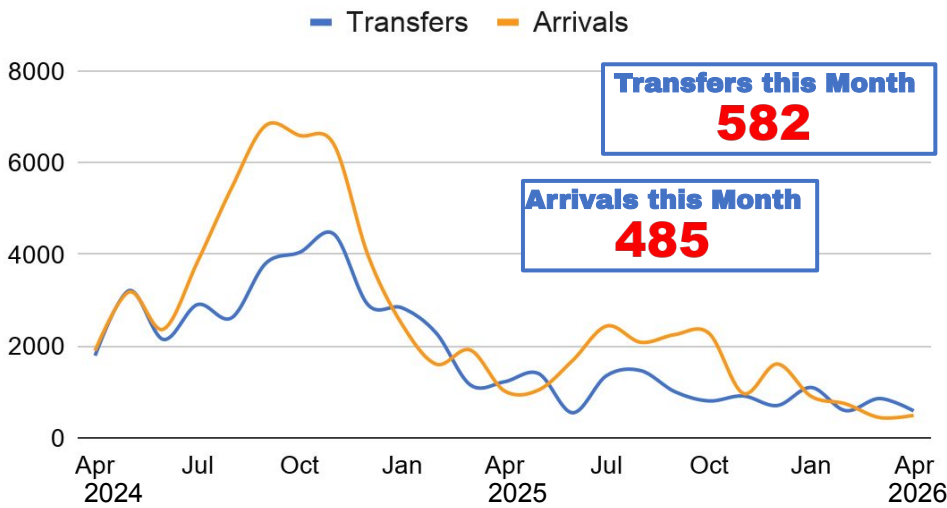




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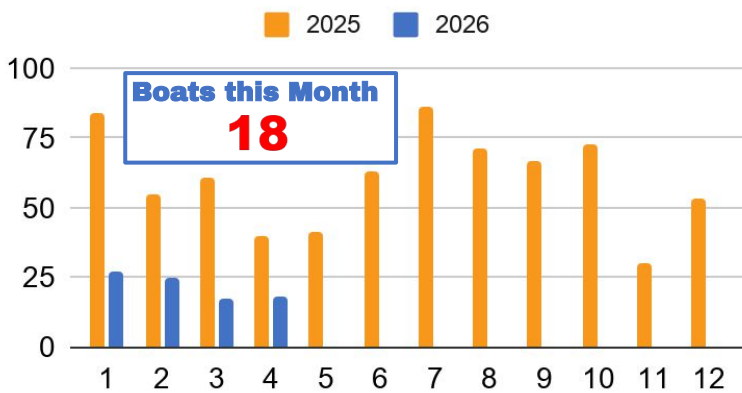
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People Registered on Aegean islands

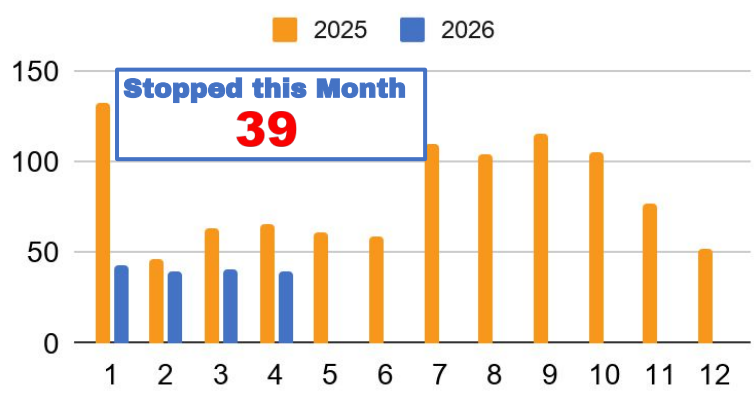


In 2026, people arriving is down 63.5%, compared to 2025. In April 18 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 485 people. Arrivals has increased 11.2% compared to March, boats arriving is up 5.9%. Demographics on the islands: Men 46%, Women 23% and Children 31%

Boats Officially Arrived



Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has decreased 52.4% compared to the same month in 2025. 57 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in April, carrying a total of 1.268 people. 18 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 485 people, the rest, 39 boats, 783 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, 15.6% 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 162 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 3.806 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 3.603 people.

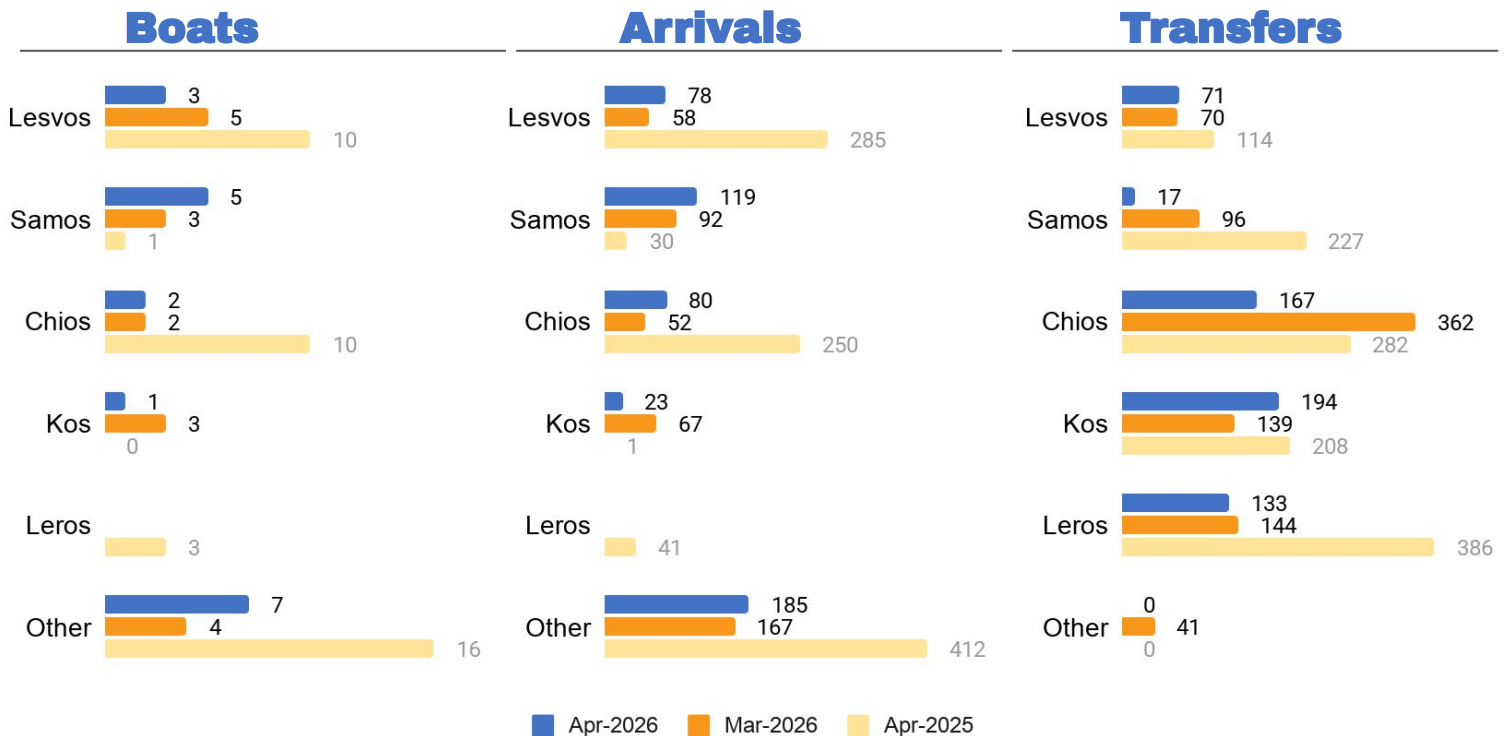


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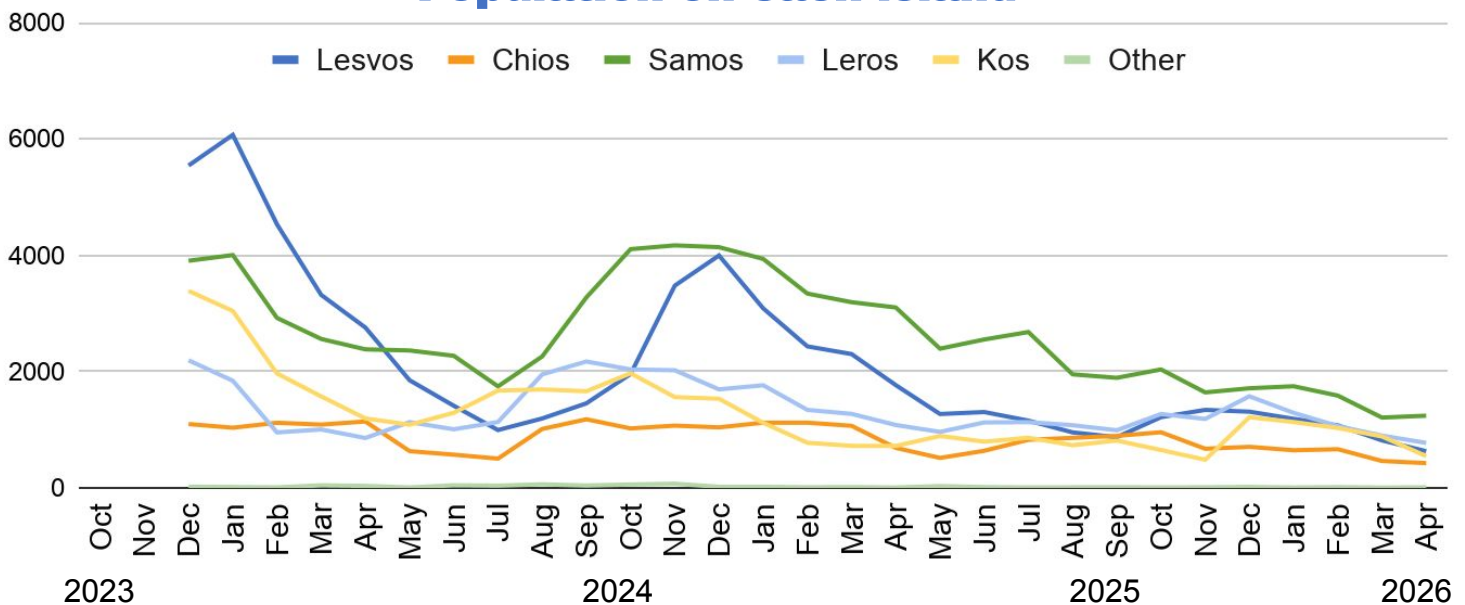
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Arrivals and transfers by island

In April 582 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 31.7% compared to March, when 852 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 51%, from 7.346 to 3.603 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 11.240 people under max total capacity. In the end of April 2025 total population was 7.346, one year later its 3.603, population has decreased by 3.743 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 5.352 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	627	Kos	541
Samos	1238	Leros	770
Chios	422	Other	5

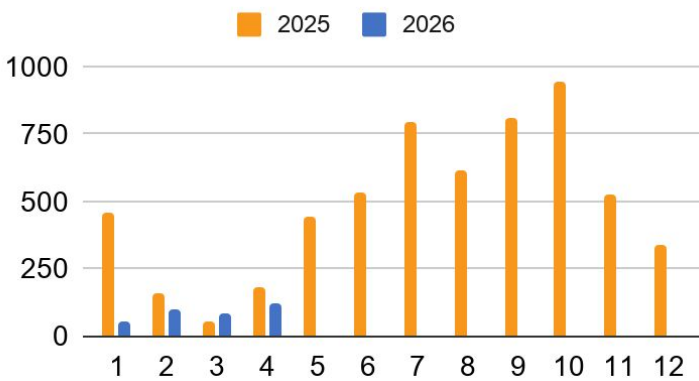


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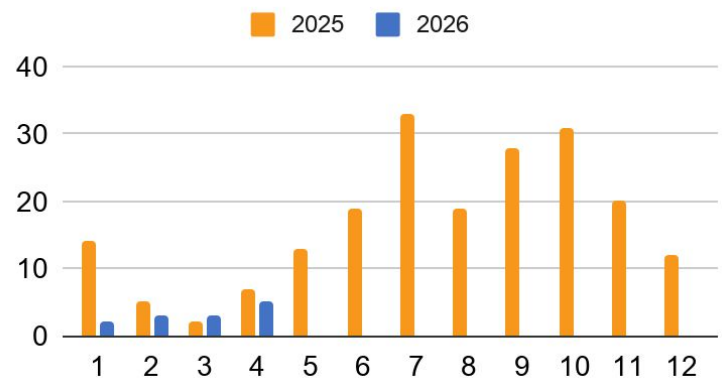
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 358

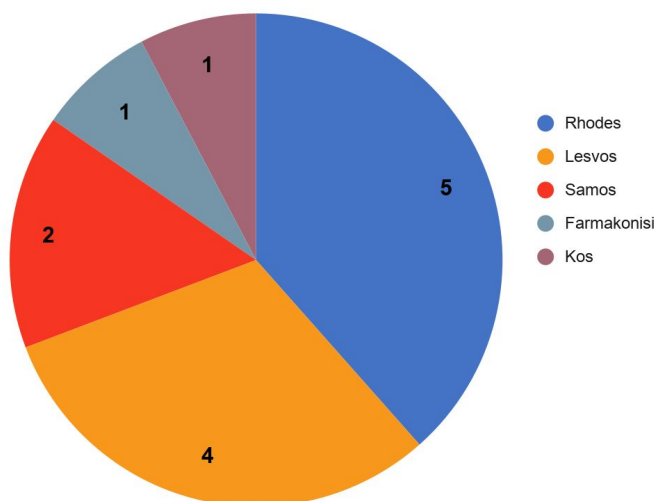
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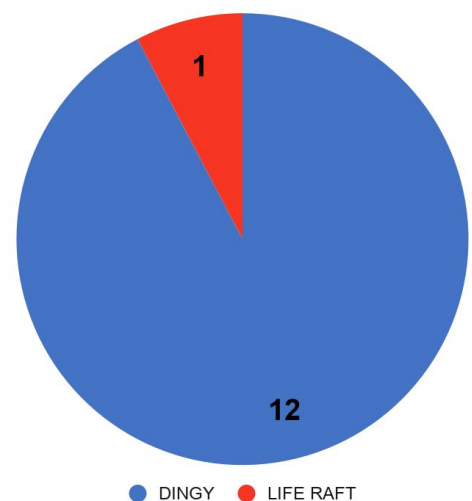
Total pushbacks 2026: 13

In April Aegean Boat Report have registered 5 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 122 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



No cases involving the use of life rafts were documented this month. This does not indicate a change in practice. The use of life rafts to carry out push backs in the Aegean is well documented, with people left drifting at sea without means of navigation. In previous months, a percentage of those recovered by Turkish authorities had already been pushed back by Greek authorities, pointing to a continued pattern despite the absence of recorded cases.