



AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

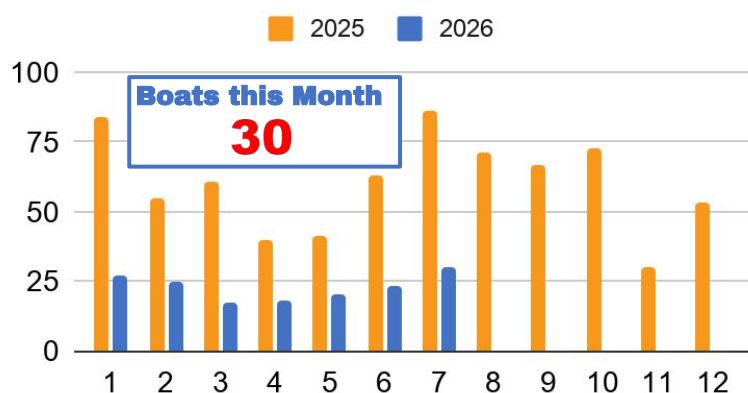
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People Registered on Aegean islands

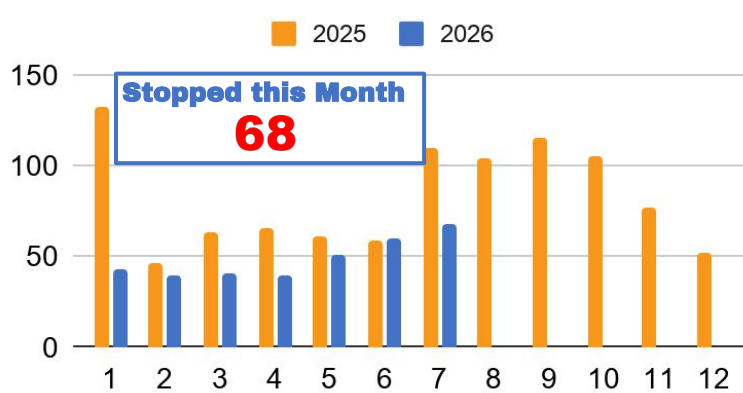


In 2026, people arriving is down 63.2%, compared to 2025. In July 30 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 911 people. Arrivals has increased 62.7% compared to June, boats arriving is up 30.4%. Demographics on the islands: Men 46%, Women 23% and Children 31%

Boats Officially Arrived

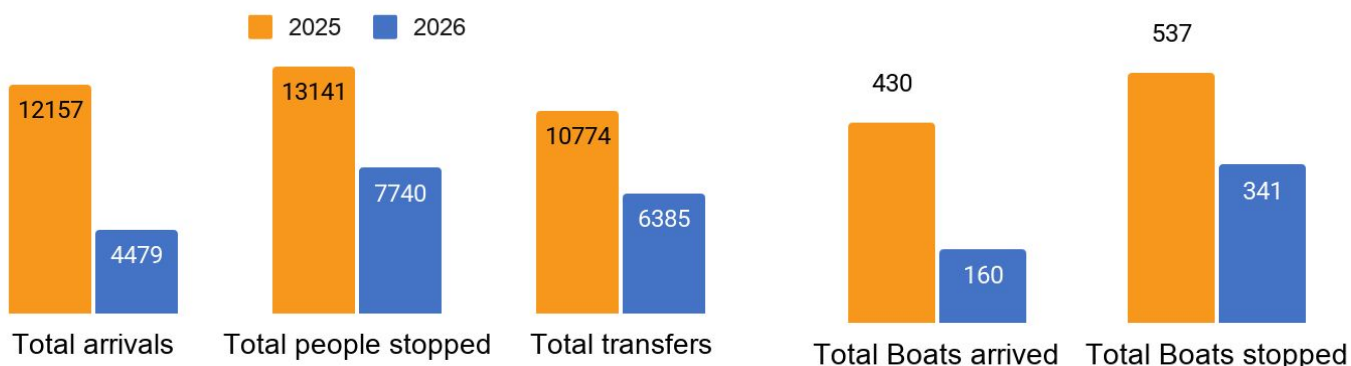


Boats Stopped/Rescued by TCG



Arrivals has decreased 62.6% compared to the same month in 2025. 98 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in July, carrying a total of 2.459 people. 30 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 911 people, the rest, 68 boats, 1.548 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, only 6.4% 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 341 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 7.740 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 3.219 people.



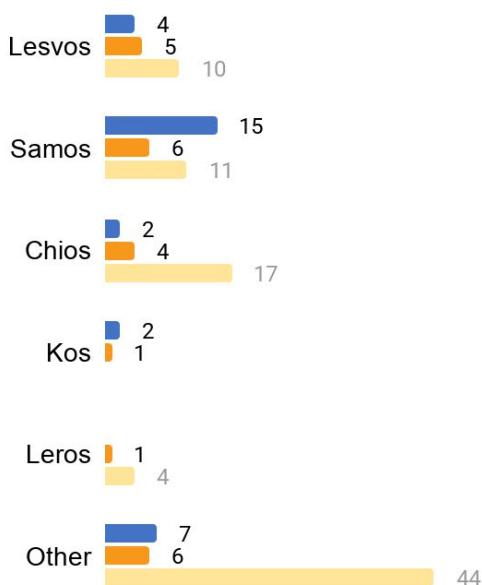
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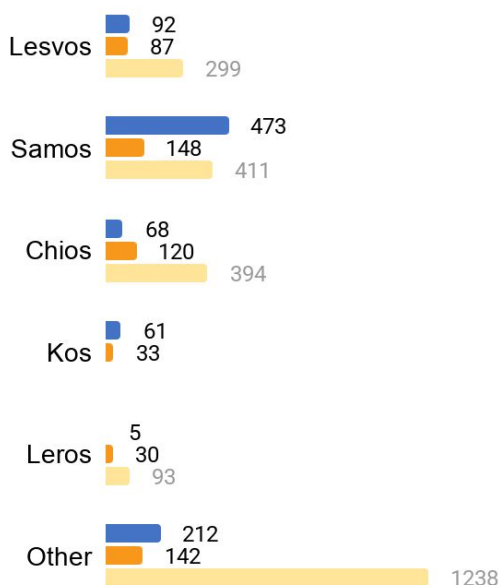
Arrivals and transfers by island

In July 1.275 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 13.7% compared to June, when 1.121 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 51.2%, from 6.594 to 3.219 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.

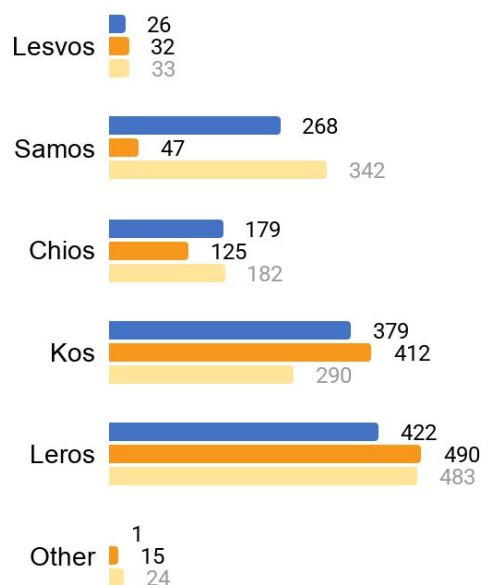
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Arrivals

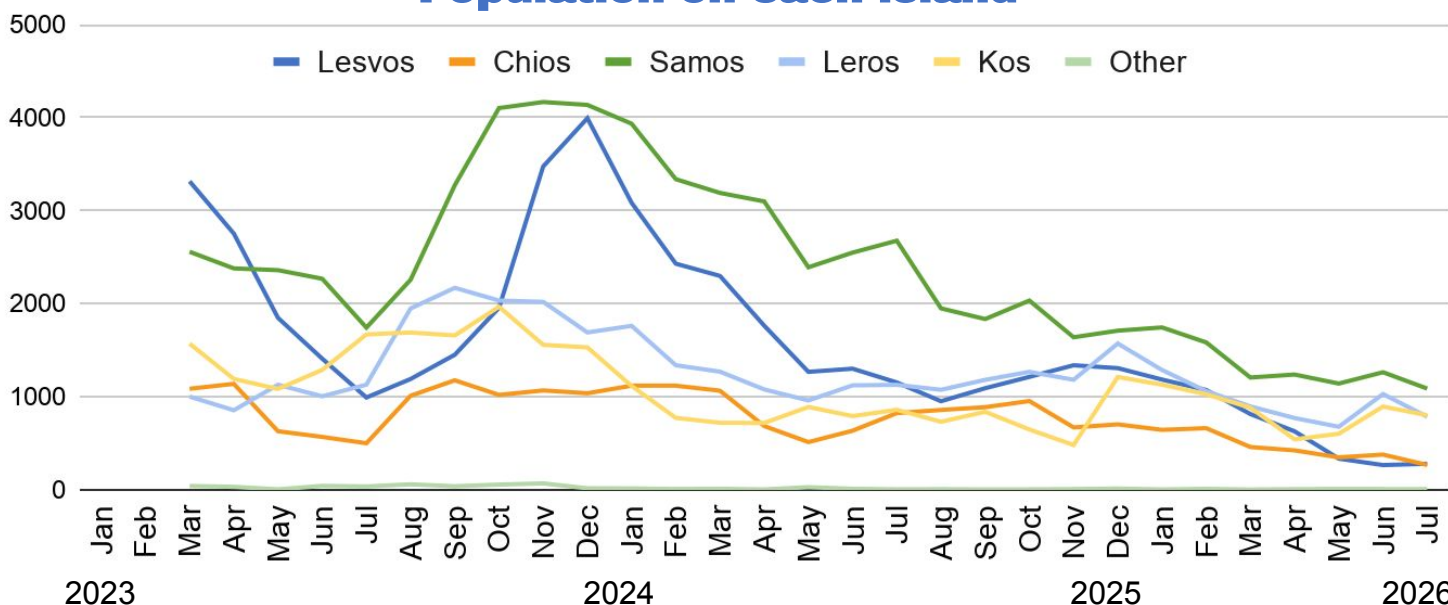


Transfers



■ Jul-2026 ■ Jun-2026 ■ Jul-2025

Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 14.843 people. Today's population is 11.624 people under max total capacity. In the end of July 2025 total population was 6.594, one year later its 3.219, population has decreased by 3.375 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands. In the last 12 months 4.352 people have been pushed back by Greek authorities.

Lesvos	278	Kos	800
Samos	1087	Leros	784
Chios	265	Other	5

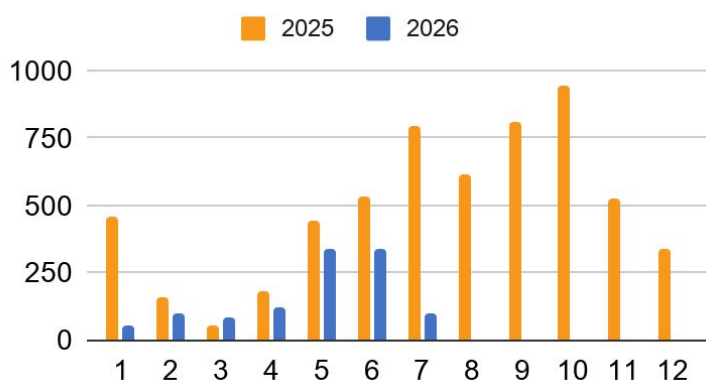


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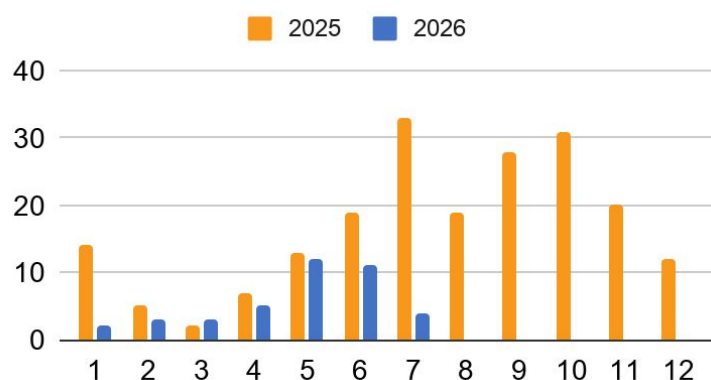
Under international law, men, women and children have the right to seek asylum, regardless of whether they enter a country with valid travel documents. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of preventing people from accessing that right by forcing them back across a border or into the waters of another state without an individual assessment of their protection needs. Since March 2020, Aegean Boat Report has documented thousands of alleged pushbacks in the Aegean, with many people reporting violence, theft, arbitrary detention and abandonment at sea by Greek authorities.

Pushbacks - people



Total people 2026: **1.131**

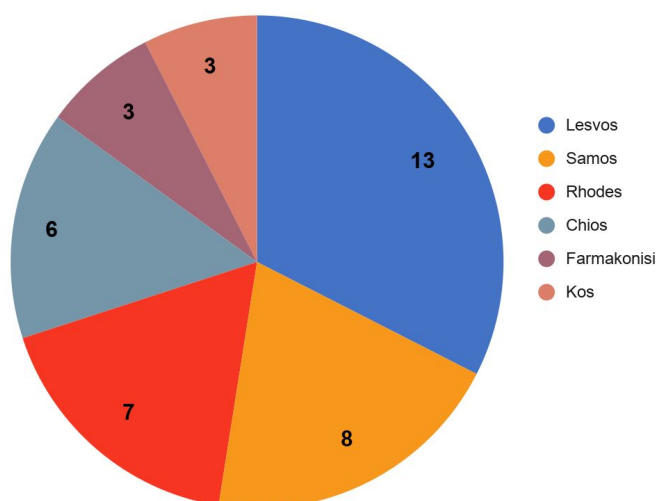
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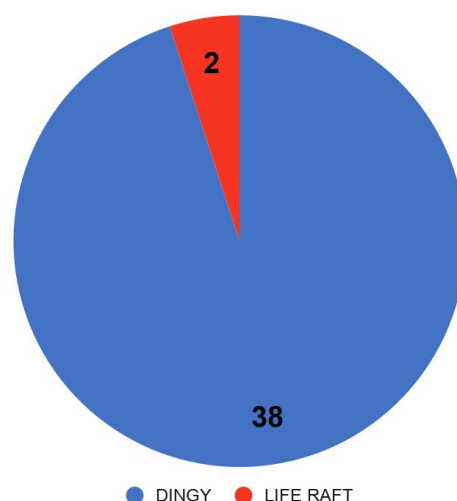
Total pushbacks 2026: **40**

In July Aegean Boat Report have registered 4 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 99 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



Only two cases involving the use of a life raft has been documented so far this year, February and Jyly, the reason for this marked decline is difficult to determine. However, years of consistent documentation and public reporting may have contributed to increased scrutiny of this practice. Aegean Boat Report has been at the forefront of documenting these incidents and identifying those responsible, which may over time have helped increase pressure to end this inhuman and unlawful practice.