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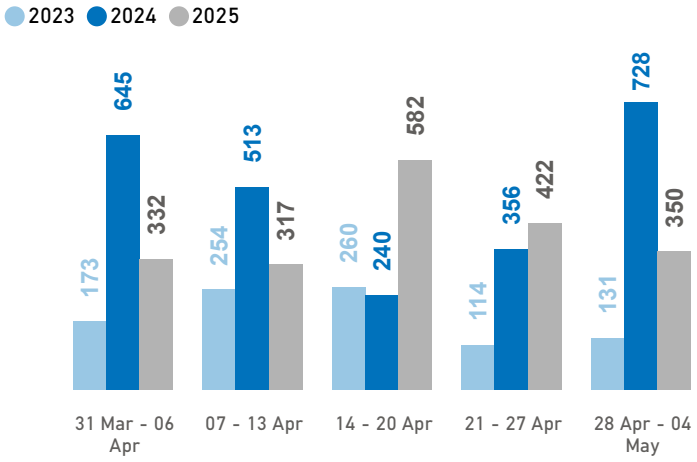
Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Sea arrivals

This week, the Aegean islands saw 350 arrivals, a decrease from last week's 422.
The average of the daily arrivals on the Aegean islands for this week is 50.



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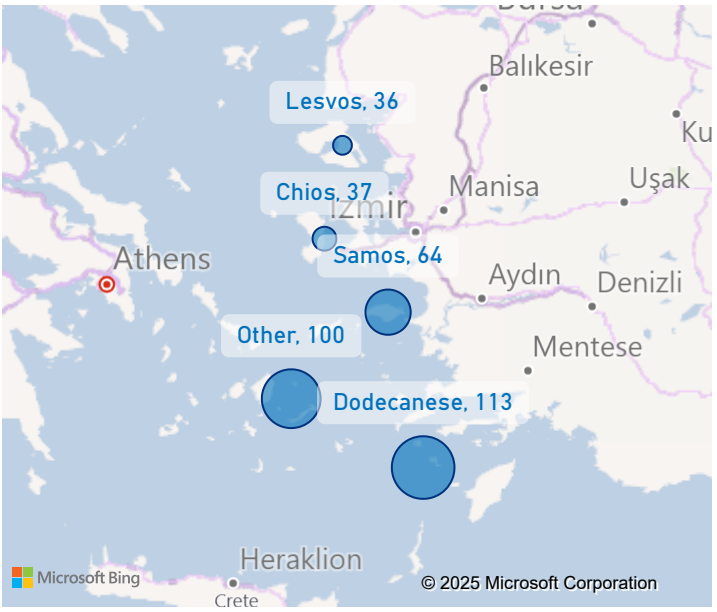
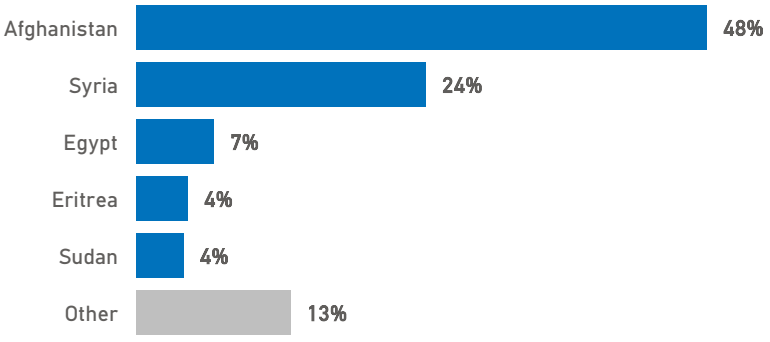
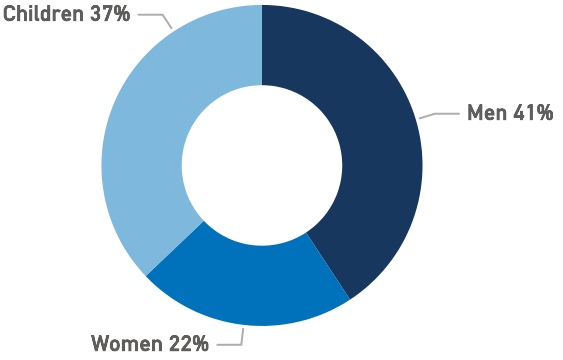


Population in the CCACs

Currently, 7,067 refugees and migrants reside in the Closed Controlled Access Center(s).

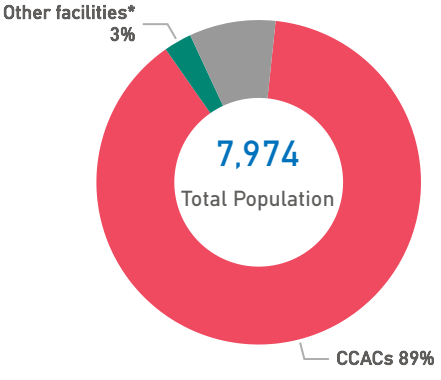
Most of them are from Afghanistan (48%), Syria (24%) and Egypt (7%). Men account for 41% of the population, women for 22% and children for 37%.





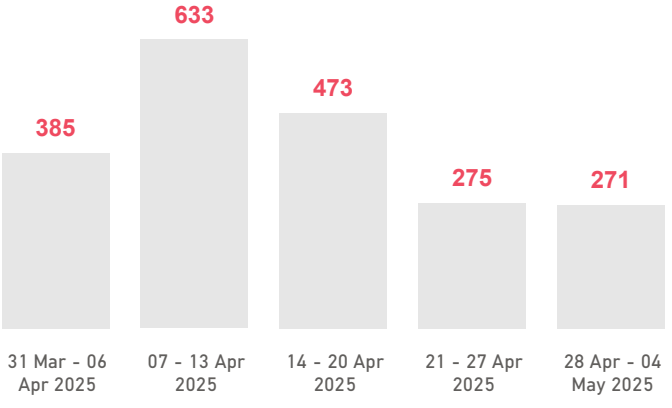
Population on the Islands

There are 7,974 refugees and migrants on the Aegean islands. Out of this total, 7,067 reside at the CCACs and 221 are hosted in other facilities. UNHCR estimates that there are also 686 self-accommodated in the islands.



Departures

This week, 271 refugees and migrants departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.



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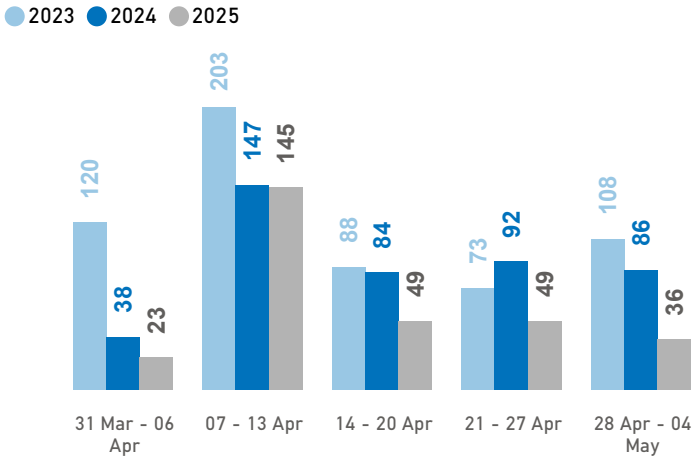
Lesvos Weekly Snapshot

Sea arrivals

This week, Lesvos saw 36 arrivals, a decrease from last week's 49.

The average of the daily arrivals on Lesvos for this week is 5.



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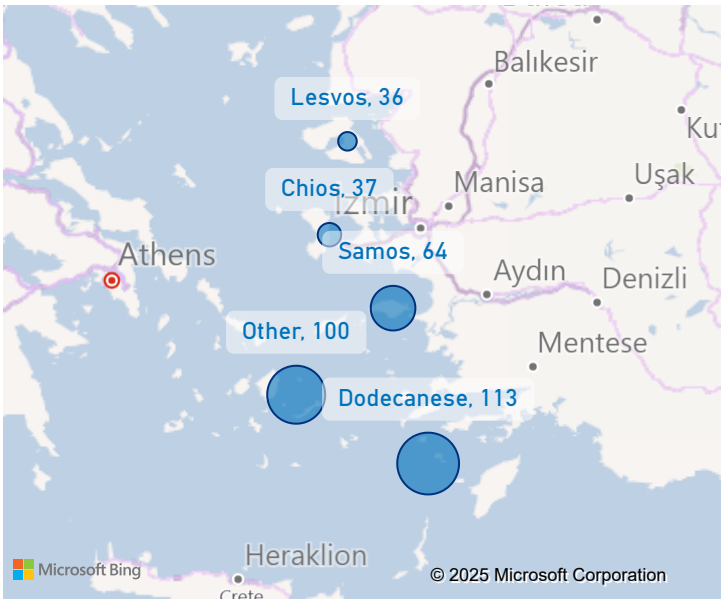
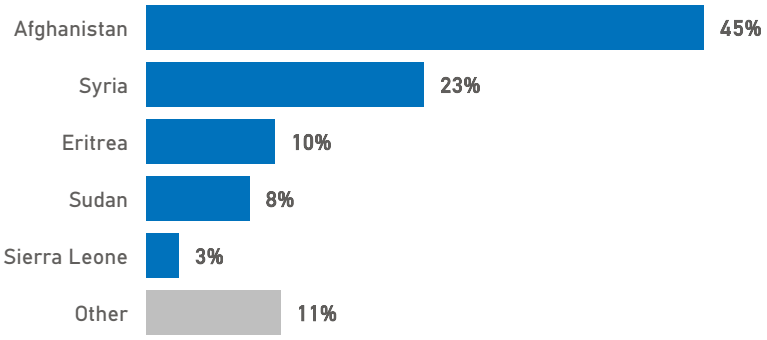
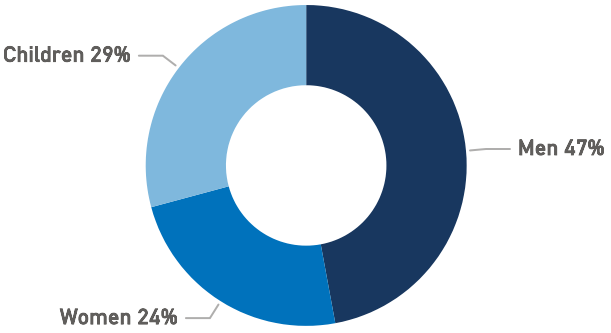


Population in the CCAC

Currently, 1,614 refugees and migrants reside in the Closed Controlled Access Center.

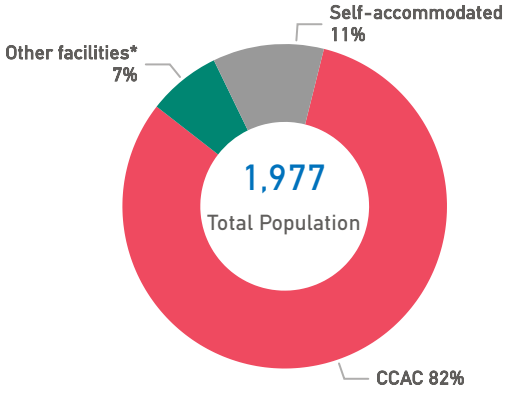
Most of them are from Afghanistan (45%), Syria (23%) and Eritrea (10%). Men account for 47% of the population, women for 24% and children for 29%.





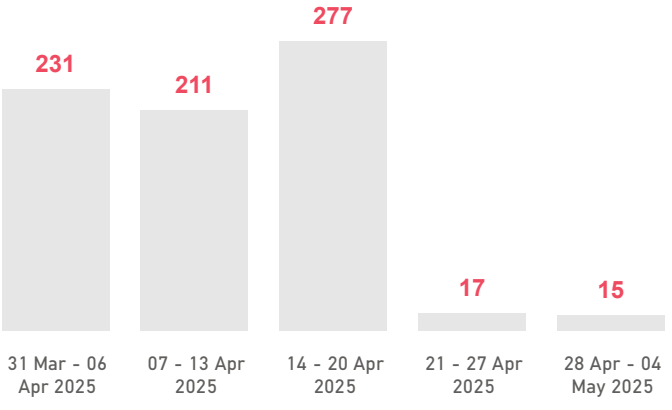
Population on the Island

There are 1,977 refugees and migrants on Lesvos. Out of this total, 1,614 reside at the CCAC and 144 are hosted in other facilities. UNHCR identified 219 self-accommodated refugees in the island up to this date.



Departures

This week, 15 refugees and migrants departed from Lesvos to the mainland.



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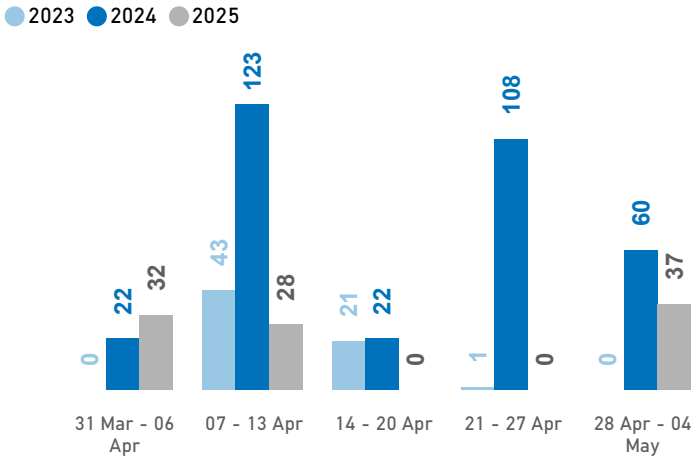
Chios Island Weekly Snapshot

Sea arrivals

This week, Chios island saw 37 arrivals, an increase from last week's 0.

The average of the daily arrivals on Chios island for this week is 5.



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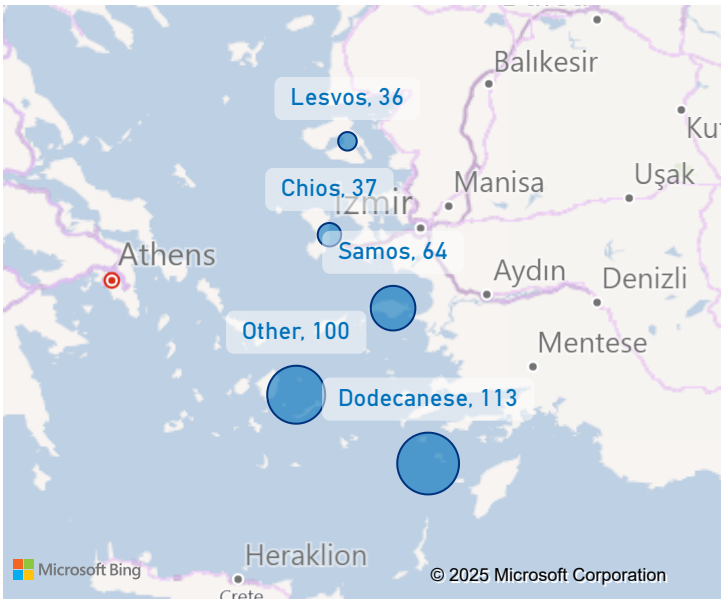
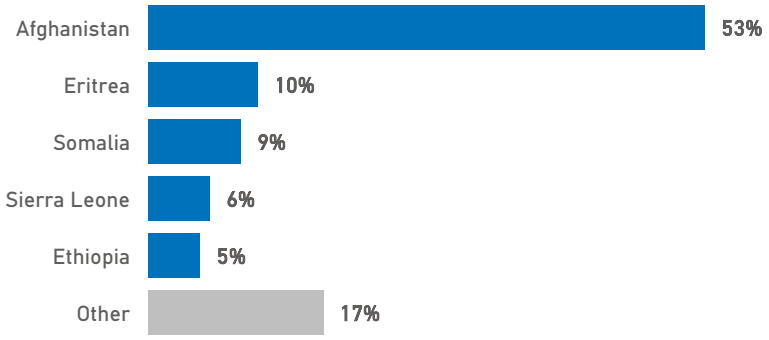
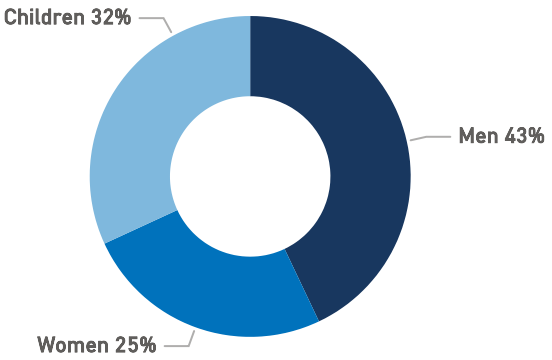


Population in the CCAC

Currently, 611 refugees and migrants reside in the Closed Controlled Access Center.

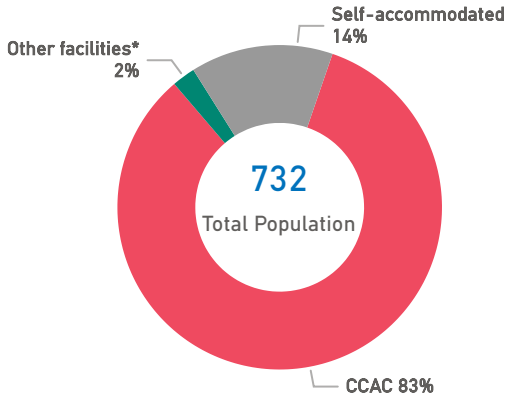
Most of them are from Afghanistan (53%), Eritrea (10%) and Somalia (9%). Men account for 43% of the population, women for 25% and children for 32%.





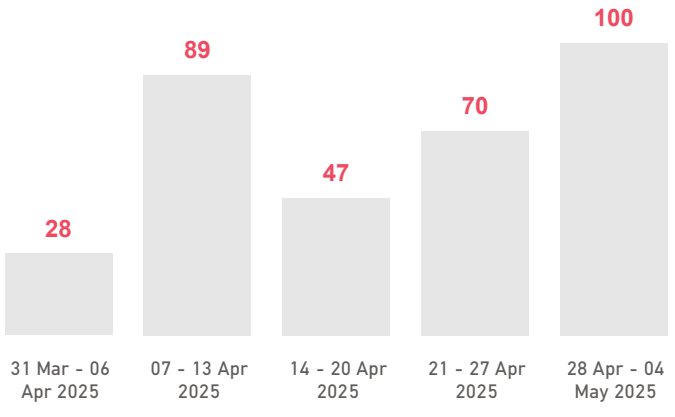
Population on the Island

There are 732 refugees and migrants on Chios island. Out of this total, 611 reside at the CCAC and 17 are hosted in other facilities. UNHCR estimates that there are also 104 self-accommodated in the island.



Departures

This week, 100 refugees and migrants departed from Chios island to the mainland



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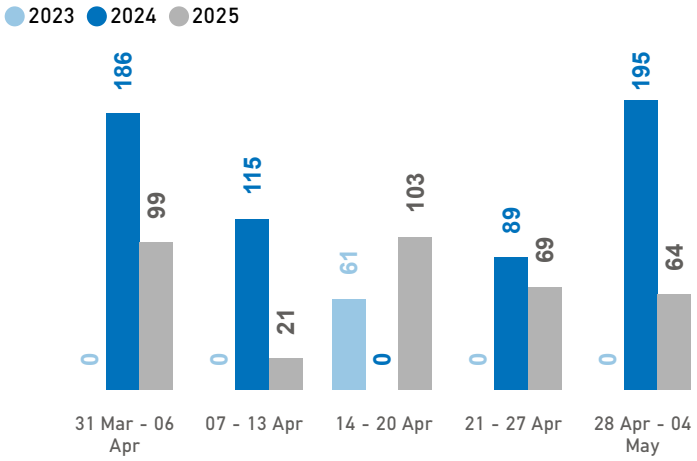
Samos* Weekly Snapshot

*(*including Ikaria, Agathonisi and Fournoi islands)*

Sea arrivals

This week, Samos and neighbouring islands (Ikaria, Agathonisi and Fournoi) saw 64 arrivals, a decrease from last week's 69.

The average of the daily arrivals on Samos and neighbouring islands for this week is 9.



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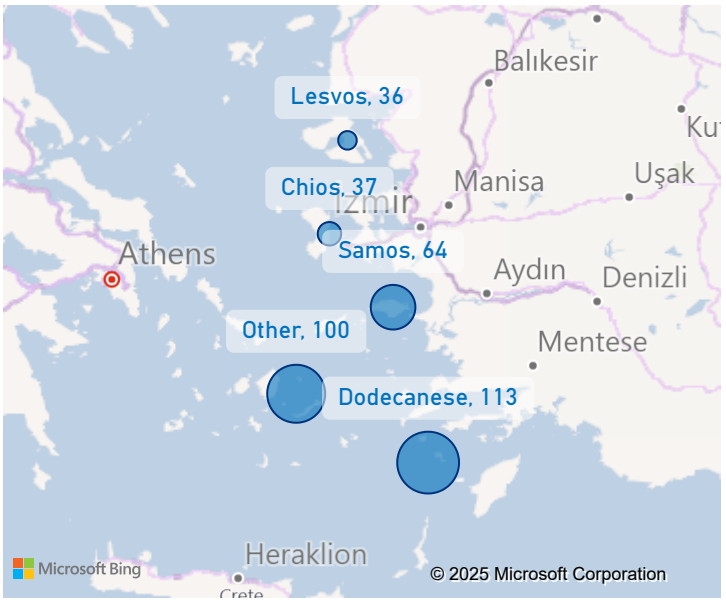
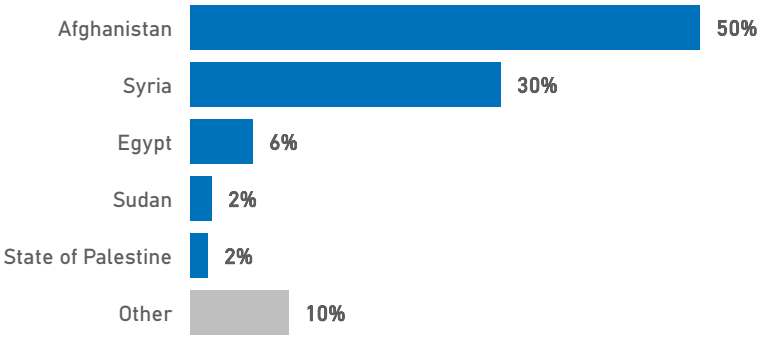
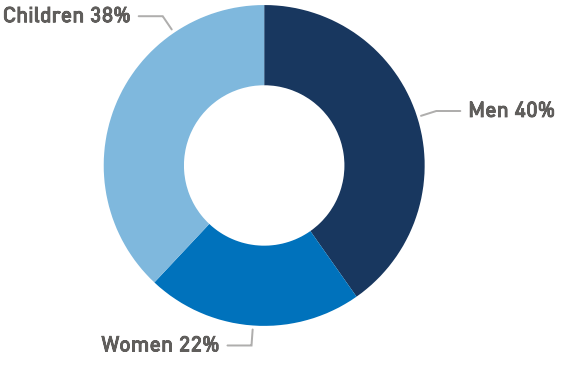


Population in the CCAC

Currently, 3,066 refugees and migrants reside in the Closed Controlled Access Center.

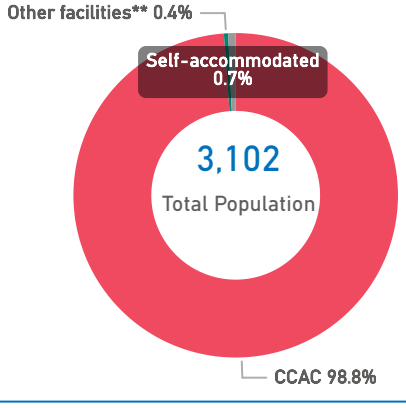
Most of the registered population are from Afghanistan (50%), Syria (30%) and Egypt (6%). Men account for 40% of the population, women for 22% and children for 38%.





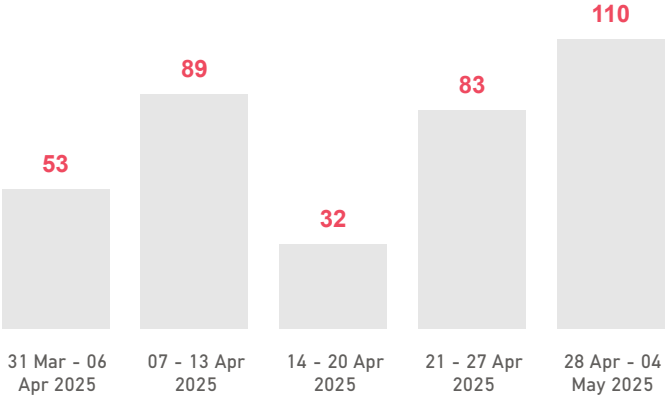
Population on Samos Island

There are 3,102 refugees and migrants on Samos island. Out of this total, the 3,066 reside at the CCAC and 13 are hosted in other facilities. UNHCR estimates that there are also 23 self-accommodated in the island.



Departures

This week, 110 refugees and migrants departed from Samos island to the mainland.



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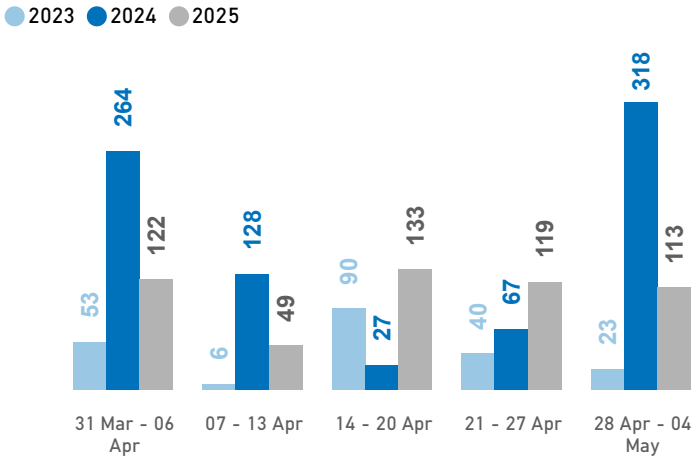
Dodecanese Islands Weekly Snapshot

Sea arrivals

This week, the Dodecanese islands saw 113 arrivals, a decrease from last week's 119.

The average of the daily arrivals on the Dodecanese islands for this week is 16.



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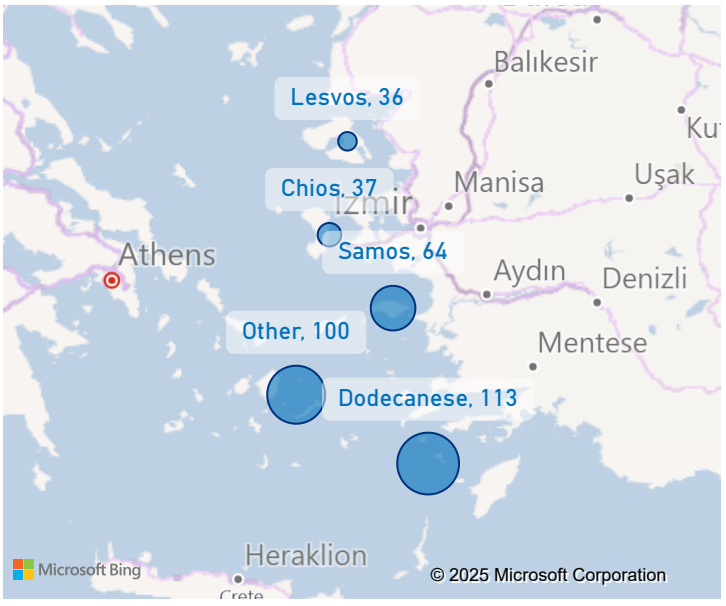
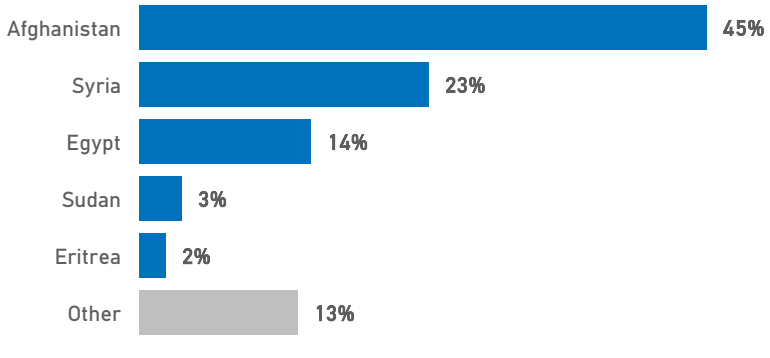
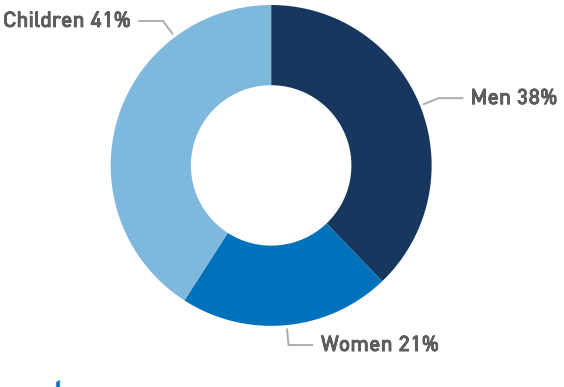


Population in Kos CCAC and Leros CCAC

Currently, 1,776 refugees and migrants reside in Kos CCAC and Leros CCAC.

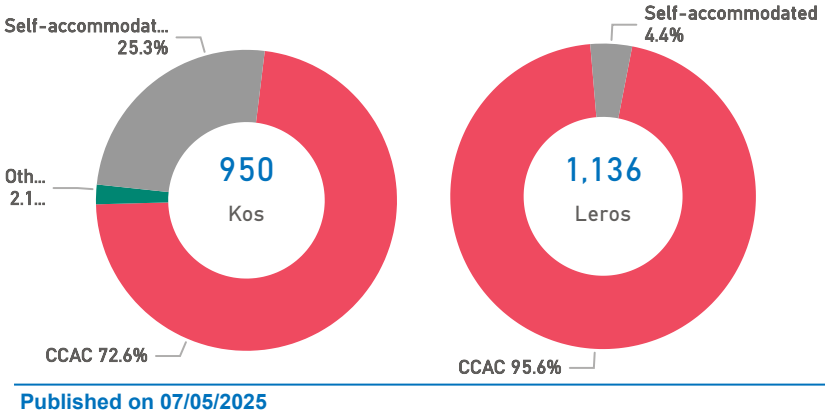
Most of them are from Afghanistan (45%), Syria (23%) and Egypt (14%). Men account for 38% of the population, women for 21% and children for 41%.





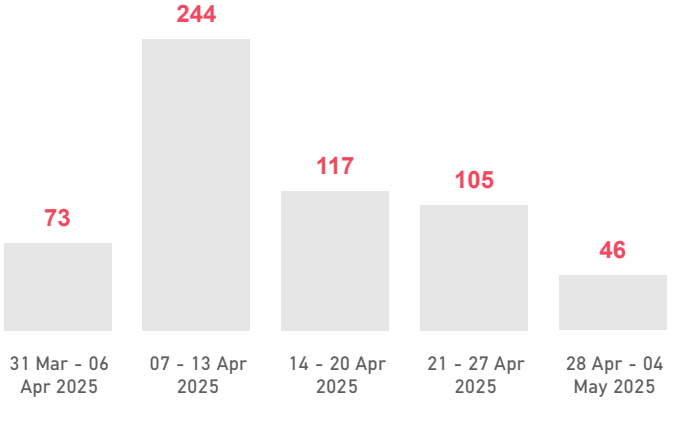
Population on the Dodecanese Islands

There are 2,086 refugees and migrants on the Dodecanese islands. Out of this total, 690 reside at the CCAC in Kos, and 1,086 at the CCAC Leros. In Kos, an estimated 240 people are self-accommodated and an additional 20 are hosted in other facilities, while in Leros, an estimated 50 people are self-accommodated, with an additional 0 being hosted in other facilities.



Departures

This week, 46 refugees and migrants departed from the Dodecanese islands to the mainland.



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