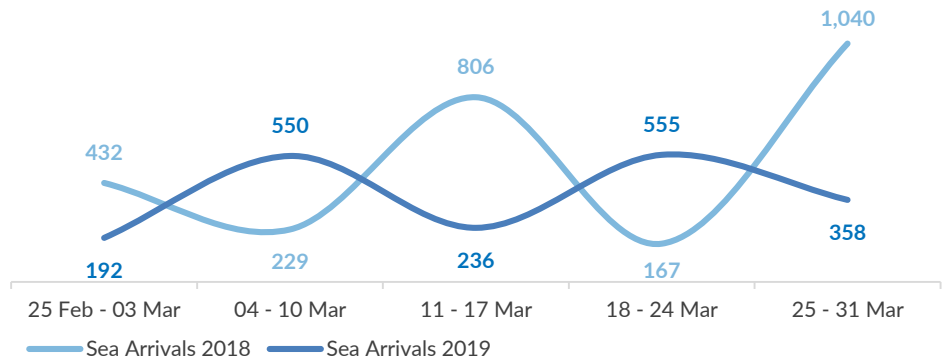# Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 358 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week's 555 arrivals and from last year's 1,040 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals this week equalled 51, compared to 79 in the previous week.

Sea Arrivals 2018 — 432 (25 Feb - 03 Mar), 550 (04 - 10 Mar), 806 (11 - 17 Mar), 167 (18 - 24 Mar), 1,040 (25 - 31 Mar)

Sea Arrivals 2019 — 192 (25 Feb - 03 Mar), 229 (04 - 10 Mar), 236 (11 - 17 Mar), 555 (18 - 24 Mar), 358 (25 - 31 Mar)
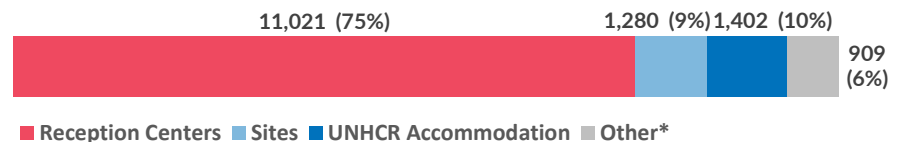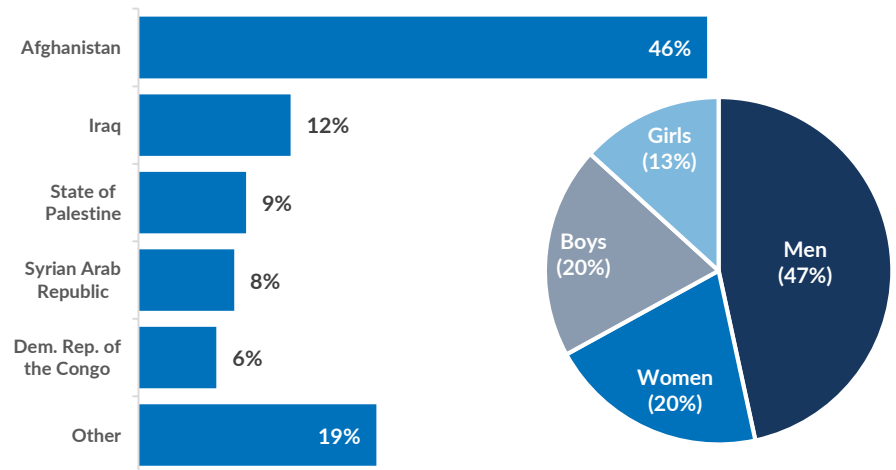
Population on the Islands

Some 14,600 refugees and migrants reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (46%), Iraq (12%) and the State of Palestine (9%).

Women account for 20% of the population and children for 33% of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 16% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.
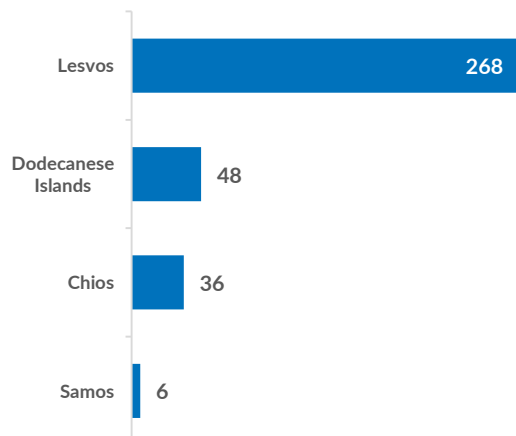
Some 41% are men between 18 and 39 years old.

Demographics

Country of origin:
- Afghanistan: 46%
- Iraq: 12%
- State of Palestine: 9%
- Syrian Arab Republic: 8%
- Dem. Rep. of the Congo: 6%
- Other: 19%

Population breakdown (pie):
- Men (47%)
- Women (20%)
- Boys (20%)
- Girls (13%)

Accommodation:
- Reception Centers: 11,021 (75%)
- Sites: 1,280 (9%)
- UNHCR Accommodation: 1,402 (10%)
- Other*: 909 (6%)

Entry Points by Sea

This week 358 people reached the Aegean islands, the majority of whom arrived to Lesvos. The average daily arrivals on all islands was 51.

- Lesvos: 268
- Dodecanese Islands: 48
- Chios: 36
- Samos: 6

Departures to the mainland

This week, 805 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 678 (84%) were transferred – with the support of UNHCR – to open reception facilities/sites and UNHCR's accommodation in apartments on the mainland.

Departures:
- 25 Feb - 03 Mar: Total 476 — UNHCR supported transfers 67%, Other departures 33%
- 04 - 10 Mar: Total 440 — UNHCR supported transfers 43%, Other departures 57%
- 11 - 17 Mar: Total 1,119 — UNHCR supported transfers 82%, Other departures 18%
- 18 - 24 Mar: Total 337 — UNHCR supported transfers 55%, Other departures 45%
- 25-31 Mar: Total 805 — UNHCR supported transfers 84%, Other departures 16%

UNHCR supported transfers ■ **Other departures**** ■ **Total number of departures**

*Other includes other facilities and self-accommodated; **Other departures includes i) transfers within IOM AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities and iii) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). Statistics regarding Returns in the framework of the EU-Turkey Statement, can be found in UNHCR's data portal.
Data Sources: Population data – UNHCR estimates based on enrolment; Arrivals/Departures – Hellenic Police, Hellenic Coast Guard.
Figures are subject to future adjustment based on consolidated figures provided by authorities. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.