

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

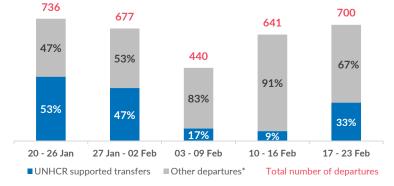
Arrivals

This week, 778 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 450 arrivals and from last year's 695 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equalled 111, compared to 64 in the previous week.



Departures to the mainland



Entry Points by Sea

Samos received the highest number of arrivals (234), followed by Lesvos (217), the Dodecanese Islands (176) and Chios with (151) people.



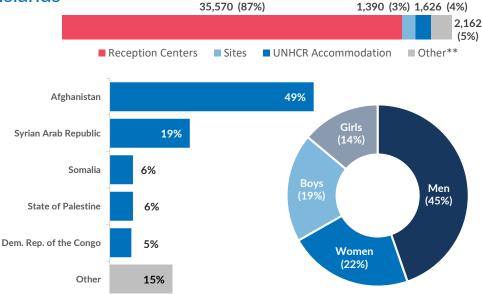
This week, 700 asylum-seekers departed, once authorised by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 231 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to open reception facilities/sites and to ESTIA apartments currently managed by UNHCR.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 40,750 refugees and asylumseekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (49%), Syria (19%) and Somalia (6%).

Women account for 22% of the population, and children for 33% of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 14% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.



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