

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 153 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 64 arrivals and an increase from last year's 2 arrivals, during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 22, compared to 9 in the previous week.



Departures to the mainland



Present Population on the Islands

Some 6,650 refugees and asylumseekers reside on the Aegean islands. Of those, some 4,700 (71%) reside in the permanent and temporary Reception and Identification Centers (RICs).

The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (48%), Syria (13%) and DRC (10%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 29% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 12% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

Entry Points by Sea

Dodecanese islands received the highest number of arrivals (56), followed by Lesvos (36), Samos (35) and Chios (26).



This week, 79 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorized by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.



more information: UNHCR Operation Portal - Greece

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Departures to the mainland include i) transfers within IOM AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities, iii) transfers both to open reception facilities/sites and ESTIA II apartments in the mainland organised and supported by the Government and iv) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). *Other includes other facilities and self-accommodated. 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.