

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 58 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 36 arrivals but a decrease from last year's 3,156 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 8, compared to 5 in the previous week.

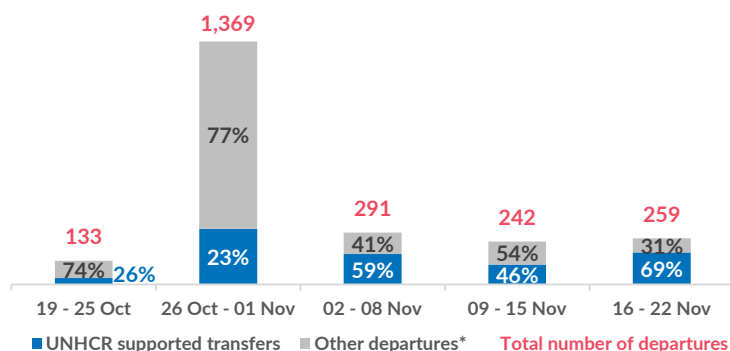


Entry Points by Sea

Chios received the highest number of arrivals (29), followed by Lesbos (25) and the Dodecanese islands (4). Samos received no arrivals.



Departures to the mainland



This week, 259 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 180 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to ESTIA apartments currently managed by UNHCR and the Ministry of Migration and Asylum (MMA).

Present Population on the Islands

Some 19,400 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (46%), Syria (18%) and DRC (7%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 28% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 6% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

Shielding against Covid-19

To 'shield' the older and immune-compromised asylum-seekers from the risk of COVID19, UNHCR is currently prioritizing their transfer out of the island RICs into ESTIA apartments on the islands or the mainland and hotels on the islands. This week, 14 people were moved, all of whom to ESTIA on the mainland.

