**Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot**

### Arrivals

This week, 96 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week’s 33 arrivals but a decrease from last year’s 440 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 14, compared to 5 in the previous week.

### Departures to the mainland

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (71), followed by Chios (25). Samos and the Dodecanese islands received no arrivals.

This week, 341 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Since 1 January 2021, the management of transfers from islands to ESTIA II apartments in the mainland, has been transitioned to the Greek Government.

### Present Population on the Islands

Some 18,300 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. Of those, 14,200 (78%) reside in the permanent and temporary Reception and Identification Centers (RICs).

The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (47%), Syria (17%) and Somalia (8%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 27% 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.

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*Other departures 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.