Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 34 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week’s 78 arrivals and from last year’s 742 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 5, compared to 11 in the previous week.

Departures to the mainland

This week, 389 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorized by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 16,600 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. Of those, 12,650 (76%) 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 (17%) and Somalia (8%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 26% 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.

Entry Points by Sea

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (34). The Dodecanese islands, Chios and Samos received no arrivals.

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