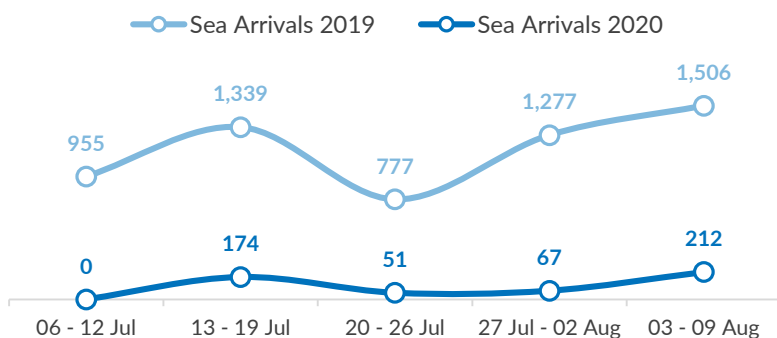


Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 212 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 67 arrivals but a decrease from last year's 1,506 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 30, compared to 10 in the previous week.

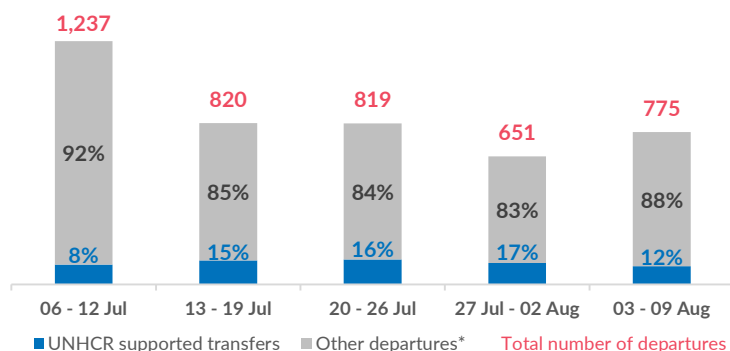


Entry Points by Sea

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (118), followed by the Dodecanese islands (41), Samos (31) and Chios (22).



Departures to the mainland



This week, 775 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 92 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to ESTIA apartments currently managed by UNHCR.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 30,200 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (48%), Syria (19%) and DRC (6%).

Women account for 22% of the population, and children for 32% 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.

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, 83 people were moved, of whom 15 to ESTIA on the mainland, 6 to ESTIA on the island and 62 to Kara Tepe site in Lesvos.

