

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 1,288 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 778 arrivals and from last year's 153 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equalled 184, compared to 111 in the previous week.



27 Jan - 02 Feb 03 - 09 Feb 17 - 23 Feb 24 Feb - 01 Mar 10 - 16 Feb

Departures to the mainland



UNHCR supported transfers Other departures*

Entry Points by Sea

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (566), followed by Chios (332), Samos (268) and the Dodecanese Islands with (122) people.



This week, 592 asylum-seekers departed, once authorised by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 244 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to open reception facilities/sites and to ESTIA apartments currently managed by UNHCR.

more information: UNHCR Operation Portal - Greece

Present Population on the Islands

As of the 2nd of March, some 42,050 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (49%), Syria (20%) and Somalia (6%).

Women account for 22% of the population, and children for 34% of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 14% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.



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*Other departures includes i) transfers within IOM AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities, iii) transfers to open reception facilities/sites organised and supported solely by the Government and iv) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). **Other includes other facilities, self-accommodated and arrivals from the 28th of February that were not registered by the Greek authorities. 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.