

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

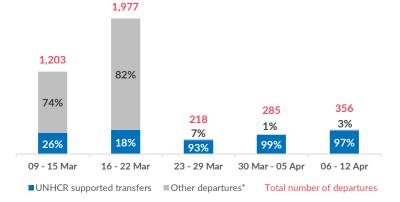
Arrivals

This week, no people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week's 39 arrivals and from last year's 278 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equalled 0, compared to 6 in the previous week.



Departures to the mainland



Entry Points by Sea

There were no arrivals on the Aegean Islands this week.



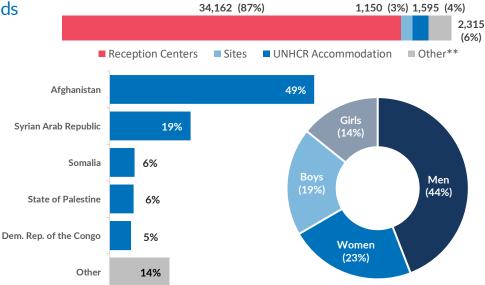
This week, 356 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 248 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to open reception facilities/sites on the mainland. To 'shield' the elderly and immune-compromised from the risk of COVID-19, UNHCR is currently prioritizing their transfer out of the island RICs and into ESTIA apartments on the islands or the mainland. This week, 143 people were transferred, of whom 96 to ESTIA on the mainland and 47 on the island.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 39,200 refugees and asylumseekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (49%), Syria (19%) and Somalia (6%).

Women account for 23% of the population, and children for 33% of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 13% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.



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