Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 2,361 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 1,088 arrivals and from last year's 268 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals this week equalled 337, compared to 155 in the previous week.



Some 36,400 refugees and migrants reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (41%), Syria (20%) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (7%).

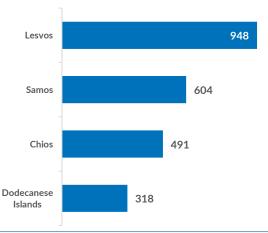
Women account for 22% of the population and children for 34%, of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

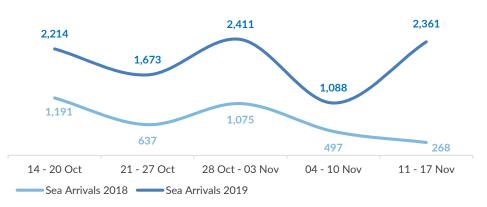
Approximately 17% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

Some 39% are men between 18 and 39 years old.

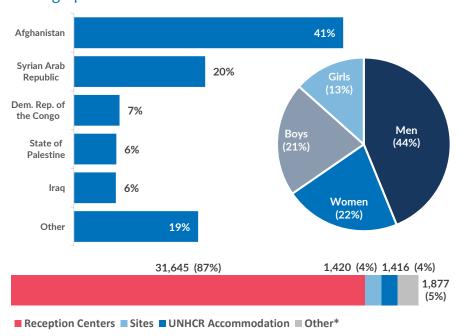
Entry Points by Sea

This week 2,361 people reached the Aegean islands, the majority of whom arrived to Lesvos. The average daily arrivals on all islands was 337.



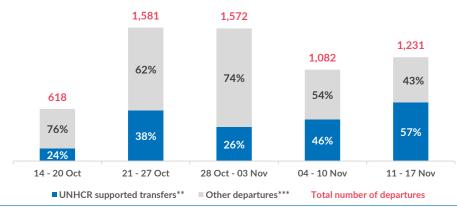


Demographics



Departures to the mainland

This week, 1,231 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the islands to the mainland. UNHCR supported the transfer of 697 people. Of those, 84 were moved to UNHCR's apartments on the mainland. An additional 613 people were transferred to open reception facilities, with the joint support of UNHCR and the Reception and Identification Service.



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