

# Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

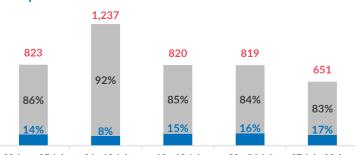
### Arrivals

This week, 65 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 51 arrivals but a decrease from last year's 1,277 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 9, compared to 7 in the previous week.



#### Departures to the mainland



29 Jun - 05 Jul 06 - 12 Jul 13 - 19 Jul 20 - 26 Jul 27 Jul - 02 Aug ■ UNHCR supported transfers ■ Other departures\* Total number of departures

## Present Population on the Islands

Some 30,400 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (49%), Syria (18%) 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.

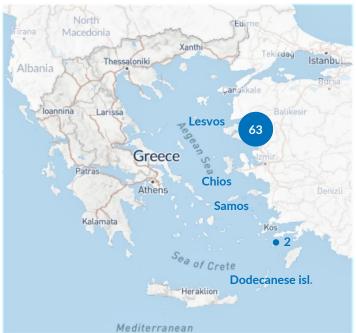
Approximately 12% of the children are unaccompanied separated, mainly or from Afghanistan.

#### Shielding against Covid-19

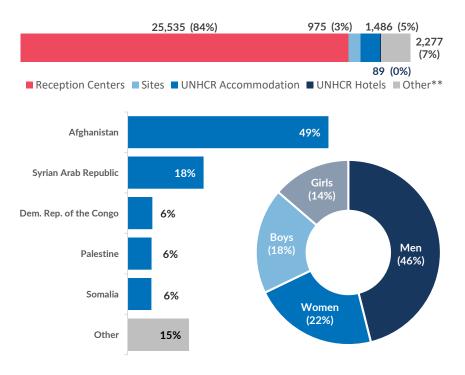
To 'shield' the older and immune-compromised asylum-seekers from the risk of COVID19, UNHCR is currently prioritizing their transfer out of the island RICs into ESTIA apartments on the islands or the mainland and hotels on the islands. This week, 80 people were moved, of whom 30 to ESTIA on the mainland, 13 to ESTIA on the island and 37 to Kara Tepe site in Lesvos.

#### **Entry Points by Sea**

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (63), followed by the Dodecanese islands (2). Samos and Chios received no arrivals.



This week, 651 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 109 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to ESTIA apartments currently managed by UNHCR.



more information: UNHCR Operation Portal - Greece

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\*Other departures includes i) transfers within IOM AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities, iii) transfers both to open reception facilities/sites and closed centres in the mainland organised and supported by the Government and iv) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). \*\*Other includes other facilities and self

accommodated. 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.