

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 33 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 11 arrivals but a decrease from last year's 943 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 5, compared to 2 in the previous week.

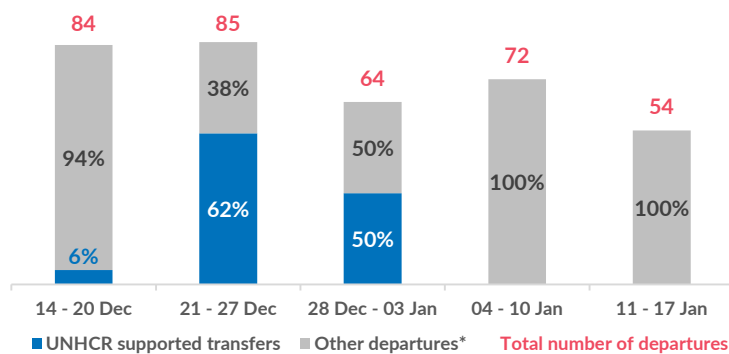


Entry Points by Sea

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (33). Chios, Samos and the Dodecanese islands received no arrivals.



Departures to the mainland



This week, 54 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 18,500 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (47%), Syria (17%) and Somalia (8%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 27% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 6% 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. This week, no people were moved.

