Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 629 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week’s 867 arrivals but an increase from last year’s 500 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals this week equalled 90, compared to 124 in the previous week.

Population on the Islands

Some 16,400 refugees and migrants reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (43%), Iraq (11%) and the State of Palestine (10%).

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.

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

Entry Points by Sea

This week 867 people reached the Aegean islands, the majority of whom arrived to Lesvos. The average daily arrivals on all islands was 90.

Departures to the mainland

This week, 350 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. The Ministry of Migration Policy transferred 30 asylum-seekers to open reception facilities/sites. With the support of UNHCR, an additional 66 people were moved to UNHCR’s apartments on the mainland.