Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 2,214 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week’s 1,649 arrivals and from last year’s 1,191 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals this week equaled 316, compared to 236 in the previous week.

Population on the Islands

Some 33,700 refugees and migrants reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (37%), Syria (18%) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (8%).

Women account for 21% of the population and children for 35%, of whom nearly 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 18% 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, 2,214 people reached the Aegean islands, the majority of whom arrived to Lesvos. The average daily arrivals on all islands was 316.

Departures to the mainland

This week, 618 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the islands to the mainland. UNHCR supported the transfer of 150 people. Of those, 77 were moved to UNHCR’s apartments on the mainland. An additional 73 people were transferred to open reception facilities, with the joint support of UNHCR and the Reception and Identification Service.