

Aegean Islands Monthly Snapshot

Arrivals

This month, 8,996 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last month's 10,551 arrivals but an increase from last year's 4,073 arrivals during the same period.

During 2019, a total of 45,137 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea.

The average daily arrivals this month equalled 290, compared to 352 in the previous month.



Monthly Arrivals and Estimated Population

The majority of October's arrivals to the Aegean islands are from Syria (37%), Afghanistan (34%) and Iraq (6%).

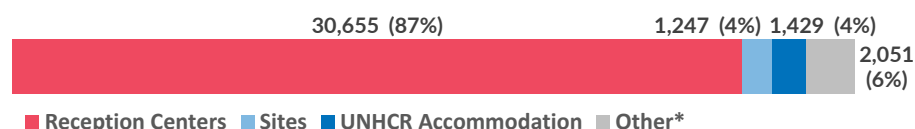
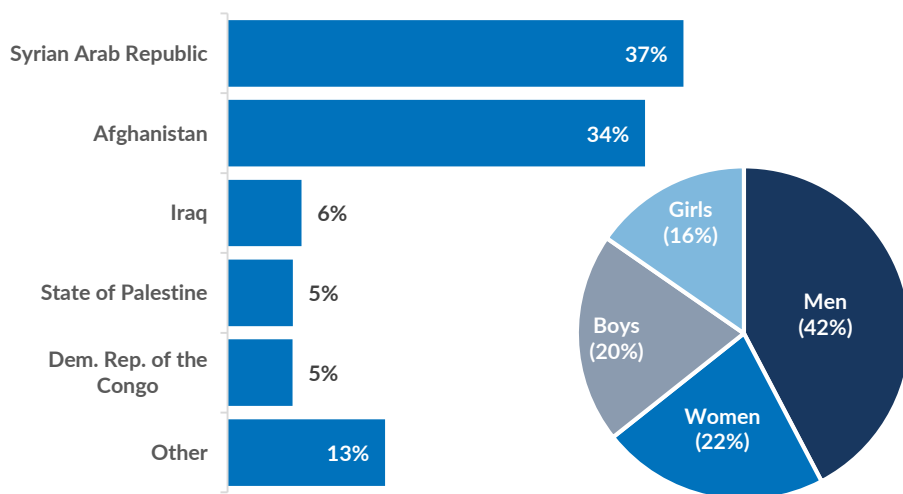
Women account for 22% of October's arrivals and children for 36% of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

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

Some 37% are men between 18 and 39 years old.

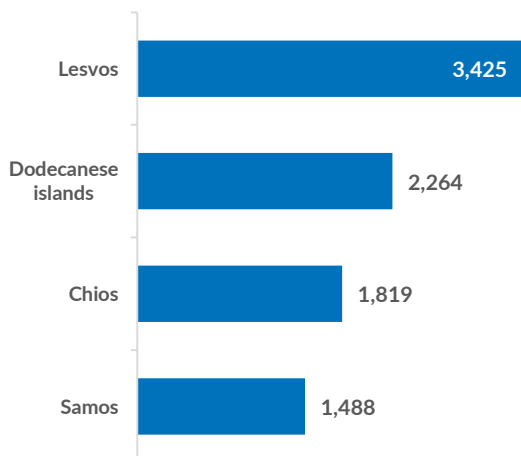
The estimated number of refugees and migrants residing on the Aegean islands is 35,400, as of end of October 2019.

Demographics of Monthly Arrivals



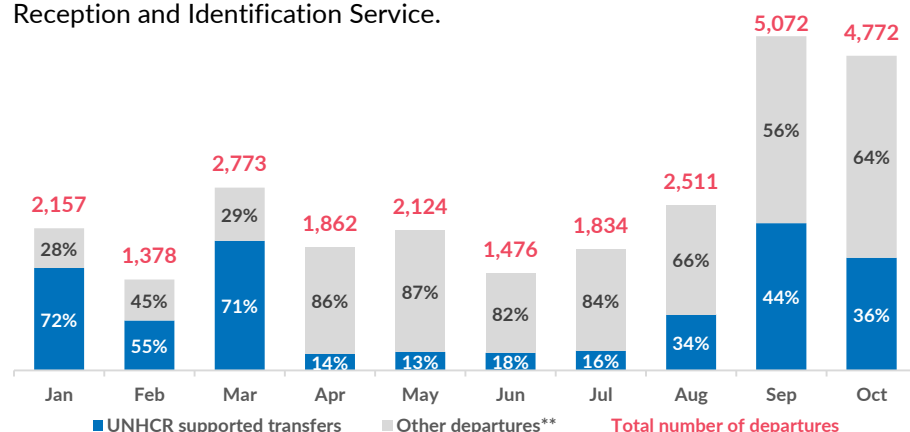
Entry Points by Sea

This month, 8,996 people reached the Aegean islands, the majority of whom arrived to Lesbos. The average daily arrivals on all islands was 290.



Departures to the mainland

This month, 4,772 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. UNHCR supported the transfer of 1,709 people. Of those, 381 were moved to UNHCR's apartments on the mainland. An additional 1,328 people were transferred to open reception facilities, with the joint support of UNHCR and the Reception and Identification Service.



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more information: [UNHCR Operation Portal - Greece](#)

*Other includes other facilities and self-accommodated; **For August - October 2019, UNHCR supported transfers also include transfers to ORFs, jointly conducted by RIS and UNHCR (provision of Ferry Tickets); ***Other departures may include i) transfers within IOM AVR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities, iii) transfers supported solely by the Reception and Identification Service (1,083 transfers from Samos (#694) and Symi (#389) during October) and iv) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). 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.