

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 1,739 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week's 1,814 arrivals but an increase from last year's 585 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals this week equalled 248, compared to 259 in the previous week.

Population on the Islands

Some 41,300 refugees and migrants reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (47%), Syria (20%) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (6%).

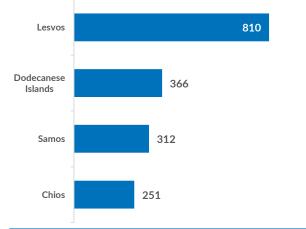
Women account for 22% of the population and children for 34%, of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

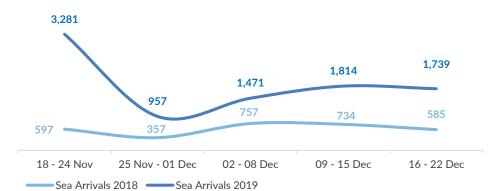
Approximately 15% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

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

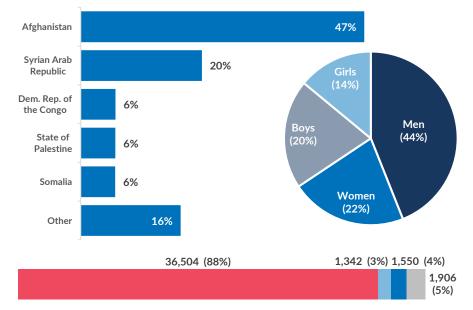
Entry Points by Sea

This week 1,739 people reached the Aegean islands, the majority of whom arrived to Lesvos. The average daily arrivals on all islands was 248.





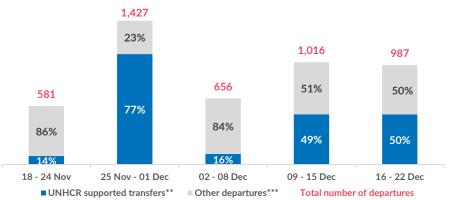
Demographics



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Departures to the mainland

This week, 987 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the islands to the mainland. UNHCR supported the transfer of 498 people. Of those, 131 were moved to UNHCR's apartments on the mainland. An additional 367 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 the period 18 Nov – 22 Dec 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 AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities iii) transfers supported solely by the Reception and Identification Service (287 individuals from the Dodecanese islands) 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 <u>UNHCR's data portal</u>. 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.