Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals
This week, 56 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week’s 105 arrivals and from last year’s 362 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equalled 8, compared to 15 in the previous week.

Departures to the mainland
This week, 218 asylum-seekers departed, once authorised by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 203 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to open reception facilities/sites and to ESTIA apartments currently managed by UNHCR.

Present Population on the Islands
Some 39,700 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (49%), Syria (19%) and Somalia (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 14% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

Entry Points by Sea
Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (56), the Dodecanese islands, Samos and Chios received no arrivals.

Figures are subject to future adjustment based on consolidated figures provided by authorities. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

*Other departures includes i) transfers within IOM AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities, iii) transfers both to open reception facilities/sites and closed centres in the mainland organized and supported by the Government and iv) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). **Other includes other facilities and self-accommodated. Statistics regarding Returns in the framework of the EU-Turkey Statement, can be found in UNHCR’s data portal.