Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals
This week, 38 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week’s 53 arrivals and from last year’s 334 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 5, compared to 8 in the previous week.

Entry Points by Sea
Chios received the highest number of arrivals (22), followed by Lesvos (16). The Dodecanese islands and Samos received no arrivals.

Departures to the mainland
This week, 362 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorized by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

Present Population on the Islands
Some 15,700 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. Of those, 11,800 (75%) reside in the permanent and temporary Reception and Identification Centers (RICs).

The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (49%), Syria (16%) and Somalia (8%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 26% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 6% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.