Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 35 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week’s 10 arrivals and from last year’s 56 arrivals, during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 5, compared to 1 in the previous week.

Entry Points by Sea

The Dodecanese islands received the highest number of arrivals (19), followed by Lesvos (16). Chios and Samos received no arrivals.

Departures to the mainland

This week, 553 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorized by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 11,800 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. Of those, 9,000 (76%) reside in the permanent and temporary Reception and Identification Centers (RICs).

The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (47%), Syria (15%) and Somalia (9%).

Women account for 20% of the population, and children for 24% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 8% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.