Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 64 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week’s 37 arrivals but a decrease from last year’s 139 arrivals, during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 9, compared to 5 in the previous week.

Entry Points by Sea

Samos received the highest number of arrivals (57), followed by the Dodecanese islands (7). Chios and Samos received no arrivals.

Departures to the mainland

This week, 194 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorized by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 6,600 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. Of those, some 4,700 (71%) reside in the permanent and temporary Reception and Identification Centers (RICs).

The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (48%), Syria (13%) and DRC (10%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 29% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 14% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.