Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 153 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week’s 64 arrivals and an increase from last year’s 2 arrivals, during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 22, compared to 9 in the previous week.

Entry Points by Sea

Dodecanese islands received the highest number of arrivals (56), followed by Lesvos (36), Samos (35) and Chios (26).

Departures to the mainland

This week, 79 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorized by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 6,650 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 12% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.