Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 236 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week's 550 arrivals and from last year's 806 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals this week equalled 34, compared to 79 in the previous week.



Nearly 14,900 refugees and migrants reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (46%), Iraq (12%) and the State of Palestine (9%).

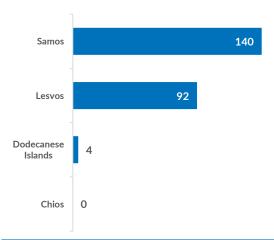
Women account for 20% of the population and children for 33% of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

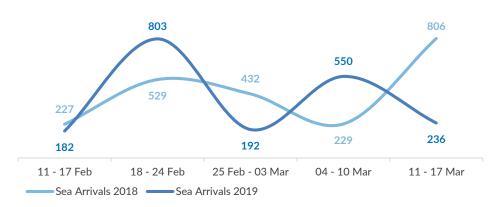
Approximately 16% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

Some 42% are men between 18 and 39 years old.

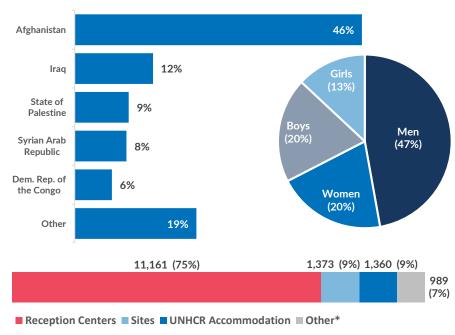
Entry Points by Sea

This week 236 people reached the Aegean islands, the majority of whom arrived to Samos. The average daily arrivals on all islands was 34.



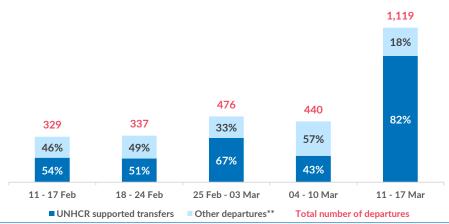


Demographics



Departures to the mainland

This week, 1,119 asylum-seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 914 (82%) were transferred – with the support of UNHCR – to open reception facilities/sites and UNHCR's accommodation in apartments on the mainland.



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