

Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

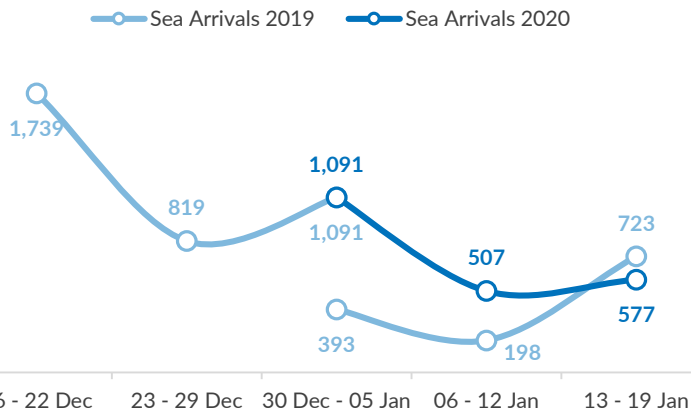
Arrivals

This week, 577 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week's 507 arrivals but a decrease from last year's 723 arrivals during the same period.

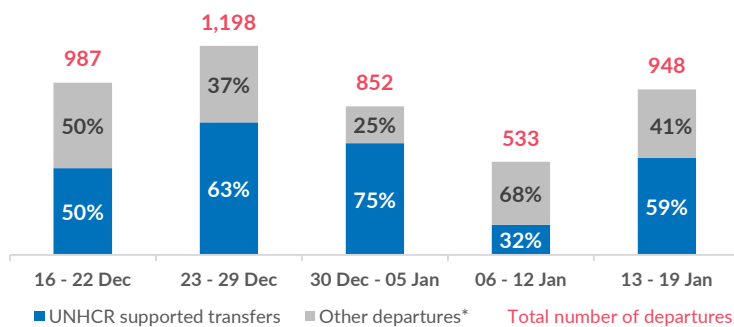
The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equalled 82, compared to 72 in the previous week.

Entry Points by Sea

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (286), followed by Dodecanese Islands (151), Samos (105) and Chios with (35) people.



Departures to the mainland



This week, 948 asylum-seekers departed, once authorised by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 555 were transferred by the Government with the support of UNHCR to open reception facilities/sites and to ESTIA apartments currently managed by UNHCR that are to be handed over to the Government.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 41,000 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (48%), Syria (19%) and Palestine (6%).

Women account for 22% of the population, and children for 33% of whom more than 6 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 15% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

