Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

Arrivals

This week, 57 people arrived on the Aegean islands, an increase from last week’s 41 arrivals but a decrease from last year’s 572 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equaled 8, compared to 6 in the previous week.

Departures to the mainland

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (57). The Dodecanese islands, Chios and Samos received no arrivals.

This week, 209 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorized by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

Present Population on the Islands

Some 16,500 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on the Aegean islands. Of those, 12,500 (76%) 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 (16%) and Somalia (8%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 26% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 6% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.