

# Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot

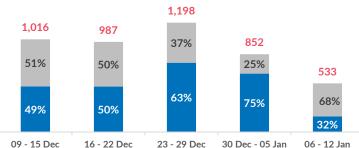
### Arrivals

This week, 508 people arrived on the Aegean islands, a decrease from last week's 1,091 arrivals but an increase from last year's 198 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on all islands this week equalled 72, compared to 156 in the previous week.



#### Departures to the mainland



■ UNHCR supported transfers ■ Other departures\* Total number of departures

## Present Population on the Islands

Some 41,300 refugees and asylumseekers reside on the Aegean islands. The majority of the population on the Aegean islands are from Afghanistan (48%), Syria (20%) and Palestine (6%).

Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 29% 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.

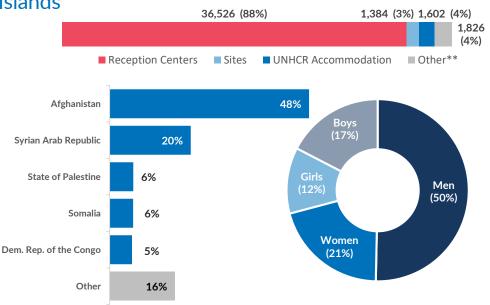
#### Entry Points by Sea

Lesvos received the highest number of arrivals (214), followed by Samos (138), Dodecanese Islands (111), and Chios with (44) people.



This week, 533 asylum-seekers departed, once authorised by the authorities, from the Aegean islands to the mainland. Of those, 172 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.

more information: UNHCR Operation Portal - Greece



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\*Other departures includes i) transfers within IOM AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities and iii) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). \*\*Other includes other facilities and self-accommodated. Statistics regarding Returns in the framework of the EU-Turkey Statement, can be found in UNHCR's data portal. Data Sources: Population data – UNHCR estimates based on enrolment; Arrivals/Departures – Hellenic Police, Hellenic Coast Guard.

Figures are subject to future adjustment based on consolidated figures provided by authorities. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.