In 2020, people arriving is up 54.9%, compared to 2019. In February 60 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying a total of 2051 people. Arrivals has decreased 33.6% compared to January, boats arriving is down 28.6%. Demographics on the islands: Men 44%, Women 22% and Children 34%.

Total arrivals are up by 38.2% compared to same month in 2019. 169 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in February, carrying a total of 5657 people. 60 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 2051 people, the rest, 109 boats, 3606 people, were arrested by the Turkish Coast guard and Police.

In 2020 281 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 9773 people have been arrested. Both boats arriving on the Greek island, and boats stopped by TCG/Police is extremely high compared to previous years, population on the islands is 42414.
In February 2743 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 23.8% compared to January, when 3600 people were transported. In 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 180.4%, from 15128 to 42414 people. Greek government’s efforts to reduce population on the islands has failed massively.

Official capacity on the islands is 9209 people. Today’s population exceeds this by 360.6%. Despite low arrival numbers in February, population on the Greek islands remains high. Authorities seems reluctant to reduce population, while thousands are suffering on the islands.