In 2020, people arriving is down 52.1%, compared to 2019. In July 13 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying a total of 364 people. Arrivals has increased 36.3% compared to May, boats arriving is up 30%. Demographics on the islands: Men 45%, Women 22% and Children 33%.

Total arrivals are down by 92.9% compared to same month in 2019. 62 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in July, carrying a total of 1987 people. 13 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 364 people, the rest, 49 boats, 1623 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, many of these boats had been pushed back by Greek Coast Guard.

In 2020 534 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 17708 people have been arrested. Boats arriving on the Greek island has been reduced due to the Greek governments pushback tactics, boats picked up by TCG has increased for the same reason. Also the COVID-19 pandemic have had a huge impact. Population on the islands is 29579.
Arrivals and transfers by island

In July 4271 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 31% compared to June, when 3260 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 49.8%, from 19746 to 29579 people. Greek government’s efforts to reduce population on the islands seems to have some effect, but refugees and locals on the islands are suffering due to a failed political strategy.

Official capacity on the islands is 9209 people. Today’s population exceeds this by 221.2%. Despite low arrival numbers in July, population on the Greek islands remains high. Transfer to mainland is picking up and especially on Lesvos, where population has gone down since February. All camps on the islands are still under pandemic lockdown.