In 2020, people arriving is down 65.7%, compared to 2019. In August 19 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying a total of 547 people. Arrivals has increased 50.3% compared to July, boats arriving is up 46.2%. Demographics on the islands: Men 47%, Women 22% and Children 31%

Total arrivals are down by 93.1% compared to same month in 2019. 82 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in August, carrying a total of 2597 people. 19 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 547 people, the rest, 63 boats, 2050 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, many of these boats had been pushed back by Greek Coast Guard.

In 2020 597 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 19758 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 27576.
In August 2020, 2868 people were transported to mainland from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 32.9% compared to July, when 4271 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has increased by 11.8%, from 24735 to 27649 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.

Population on each Island

Official capacity on the islands is 9209 people. Today's population exceeds this by 199.5%. Despite low arrival numbers, 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.