In 2020, people arriving is down 75.5%, compared to 2019. In September 5 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying a total of 105 people. Arrivals has decreased 80.8% compared to August, boats arriving is down 73.7%. Demographics on the islands: Men 49%, Women 21% and Children 30%

Total arrivals are down by 99% compared to same month in 2019. 45 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in September, carrying a total of 1478 people. 5 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 105 people, the rest, 40 boats, 1373 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, many of these boats had been pushed back by Greek Coast Guard.

In 2020 637 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 21131 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 21564.
Arrivals and transfers by island

In September 2927 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 2.1% compared to August, when 2868 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 29%, from 30381 to 21567 people. Greek government’s efforts to reduce population on the islands seems to have some effect, but illegal pushbacks seems to be the main reason for this success.

Official capacity on the islands is 9209 people. Today’s population exceeds this by 134.2%. 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. Official population on Lesvos seems to be strangely low.