

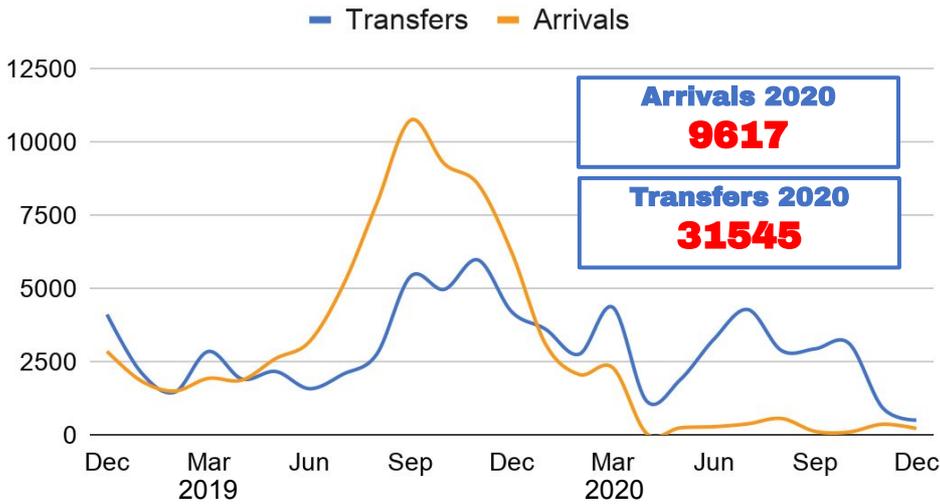


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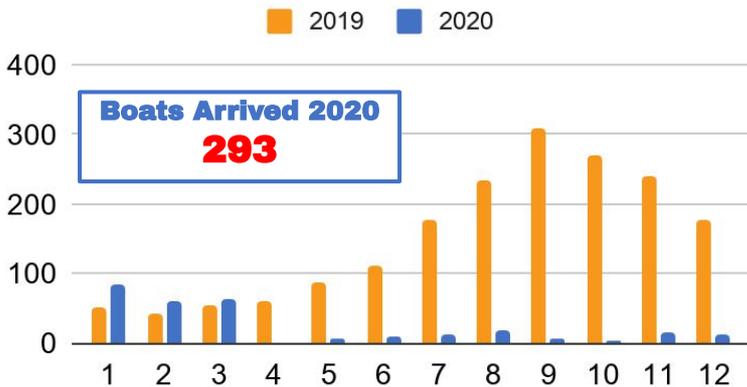
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### People Arrived On Aegean islands



In 2020, people arriving has decreased 84.1%, compared to 2019. 293 boats made it to the Greek islands, carrying 9617 people. Boats arriving has decreased 83.8% compared to 2019, when 1812 boats arrived, carrying 60609 people. Illegal Pushbacks and the pandemic has reduced arrivals substantially.

### Boats Arrived On The Islands



### Boats Stopped By TCG/Police



Total arrivals has decreased 84.1% compared to 2019. 1071 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in 2020, carrying a total of 33775 people. 293 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 9617 people, the rest, 778 boats, 25158 people, were picked up and arrested by the Turkish Coast guard and Police.

### Total Numbers 2019/2020



In 2020 778 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 25158 people have been arrested. Both boats arriving on the Greek island, and boats stopped by TCG/Police has been drastically reduced, due to political changes in Europe, illegal pushbacks by the Greek government and the COVID-19 pandemic.



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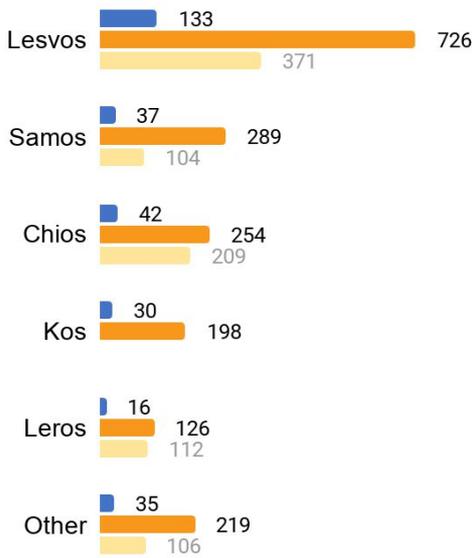
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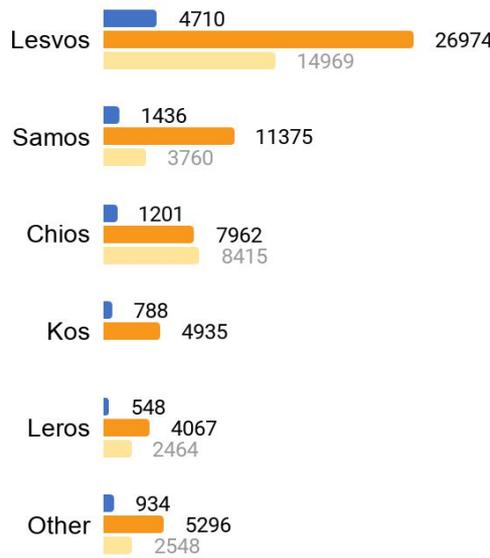
### Arrivals And Transfers By Island

In 2020 31545 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 15.5% compared to 2019, when 37351 people were transported. In 2020 population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 59.4%, from 41899 to 17005 people. The Greek government have drastically reduced the population on the Greek island in 2020, population is now the same as in July 2019, when New Democracy won the election in Greece.

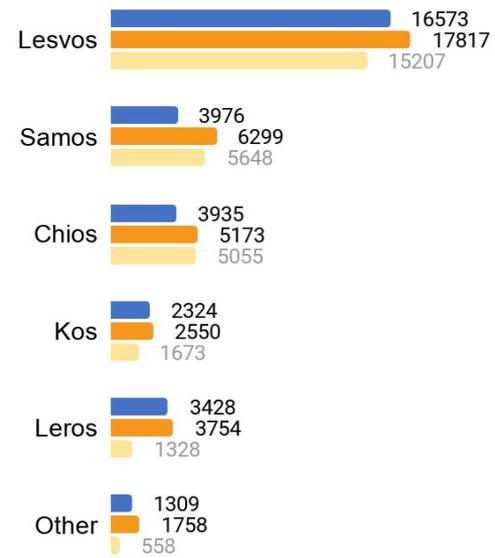
#### Boats



#### Arrivals

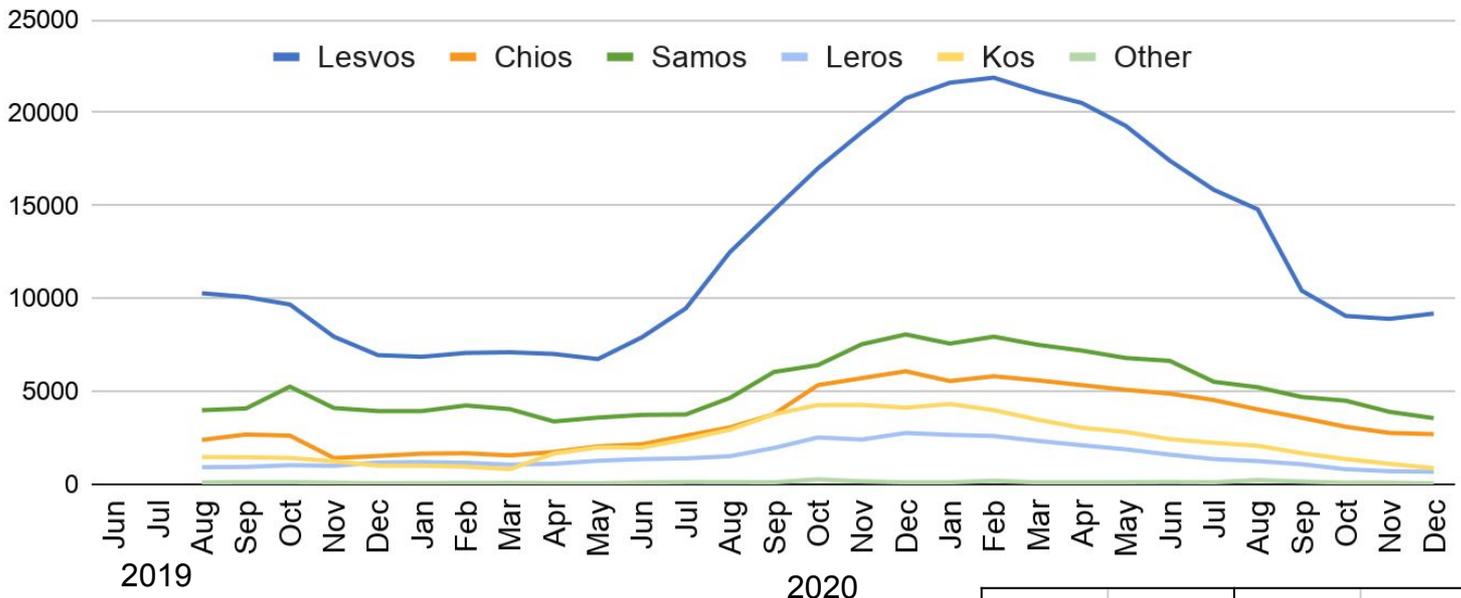


#### Transfers



■ 2020 ■ 2019 ■ 2018

### Population On Each Island



Official capacity on the islands is 17184 people. Today's population is almost on max capacity. In the end of 2019 total population was 41899, one year later its 17005, population has decreased by 24894 people this last year on the Greek Islands.

Lesvos	9189	Kos	863
Samos	3556	Leros	667
Chios	2693	Other	37



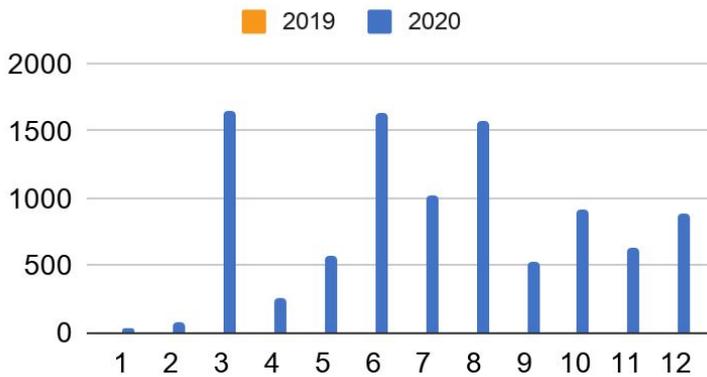
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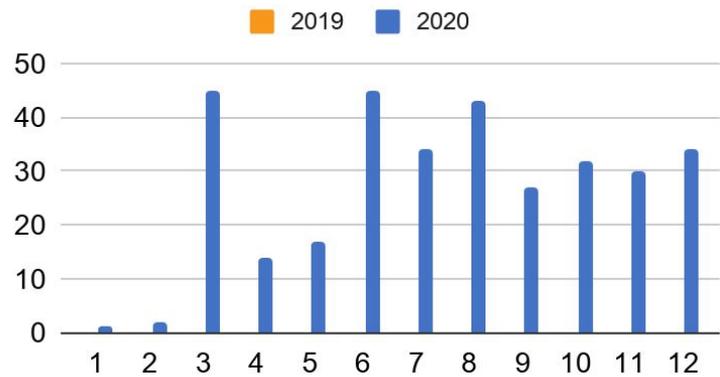
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters of another state. The Greek government has hugely increased illegal pushbacks of refugees since January 2020, with some victims stating they have been beaten by Greek officials before being forced back across borders, or into the sea.

### Pushbacks - People



**Total people 2020: 9741**

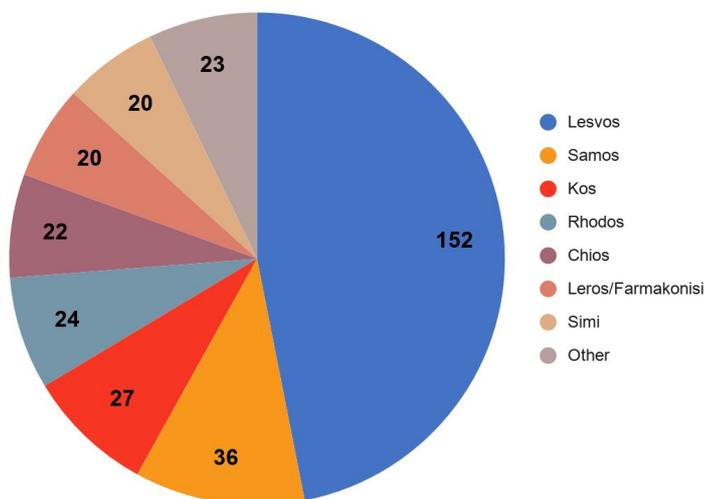
### Pushback Cases



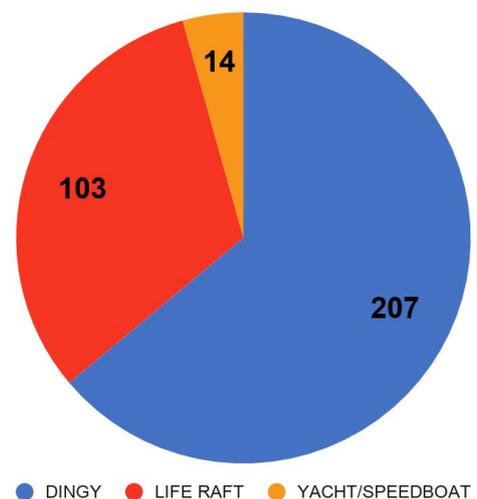
**Total pushbacks 2020: 324**

In 2020 Aegean Boat Report have registered 324 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 9741 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. A third of them, 3067 people, had already arrived on the Greek Aegean islands, arrested by police, forced back to sea and left drifting in life rafts, illegally deported by the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG), on orders from the Greek government, so far there has been no reaction from the EU on these illegal actions.

### Pushbacks By Area



### Pushbacks By Craft Type



Almost half, 46.9%, of all pushback cases registered happened around Lesvos. 6116 people have been pushed back at sea in 207 rubber boats, engines or petrol removed and left drifting, and in some cases even towed back to Turkish waters by HCG. In 103 registered cases, 3067 people have been forced into a total of 187 life rafts, and left drifting in the Aegean Sea by the Hellenic Coast Guard, a systematic use of rescue equipment as a deportation tool. The Greek government categorically denies any involvement in these atrocities, but the evidence against the Greek government is overwhelming, there is no doubt who is responsible.