



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

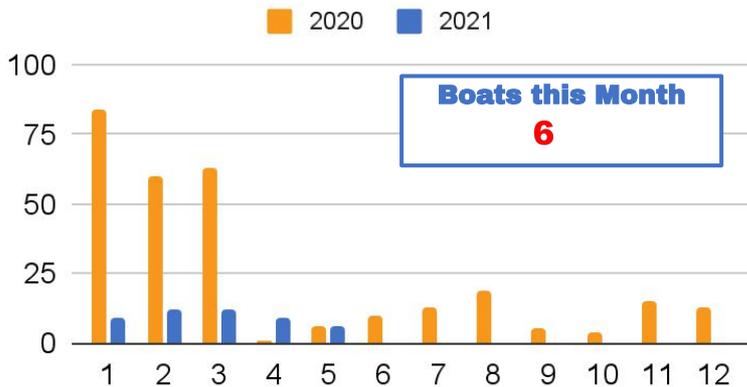
## MONTHLY STATISTICS MAY 2021

### People Arrived on Aegean islands

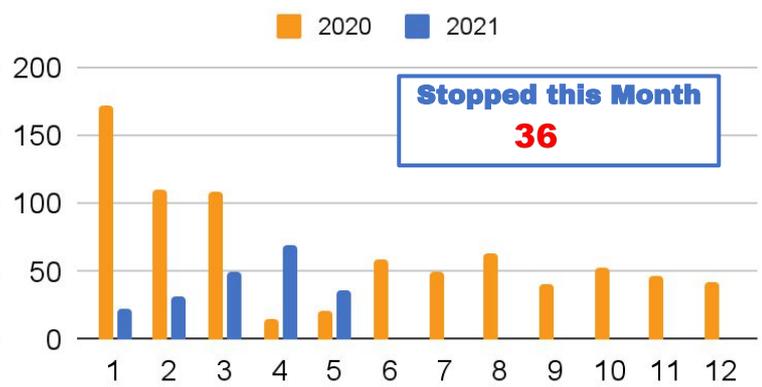


In 2021, people arriving is down 85.3%, compared to 2020. In May 6 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 115 people. Arrivals has decreased 43.6% compared to April, boats arriving is down 33.3%. Demographics on the islands: Men 53%, Women 21% and Children 26%

### Boats arrived on the islands



### Boats stopped by TCG/Police



Total arrivals has decreased 49.6% compared to same month in 2020. 42 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in May, carrying a total of 987 people. 6 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 115 people, the rest, 36 boats, 872 people, were picked up by the Turkish Coast guard, most of these boats had been pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard.

### Total numbers so far this year



In 2021 210 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 6588 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 10.289.

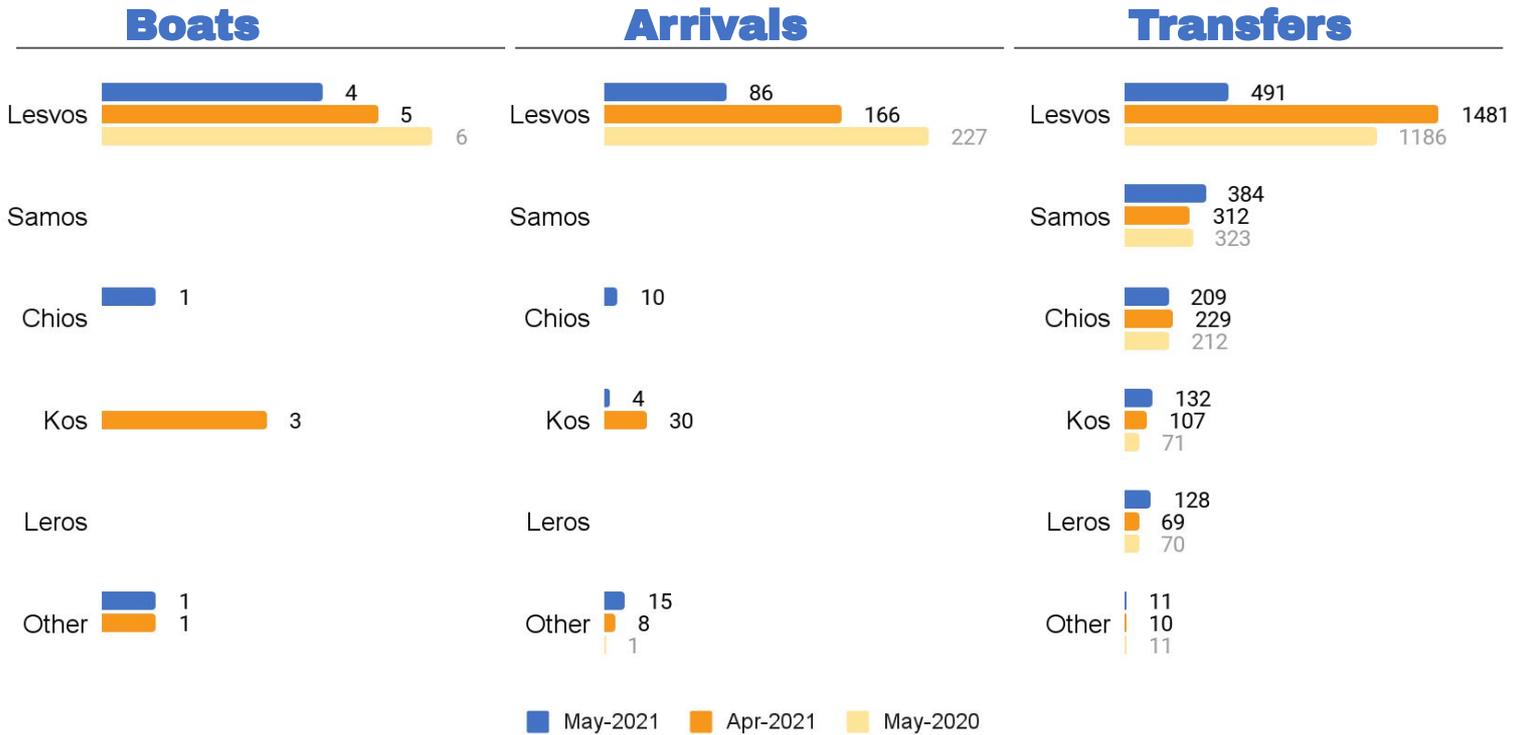


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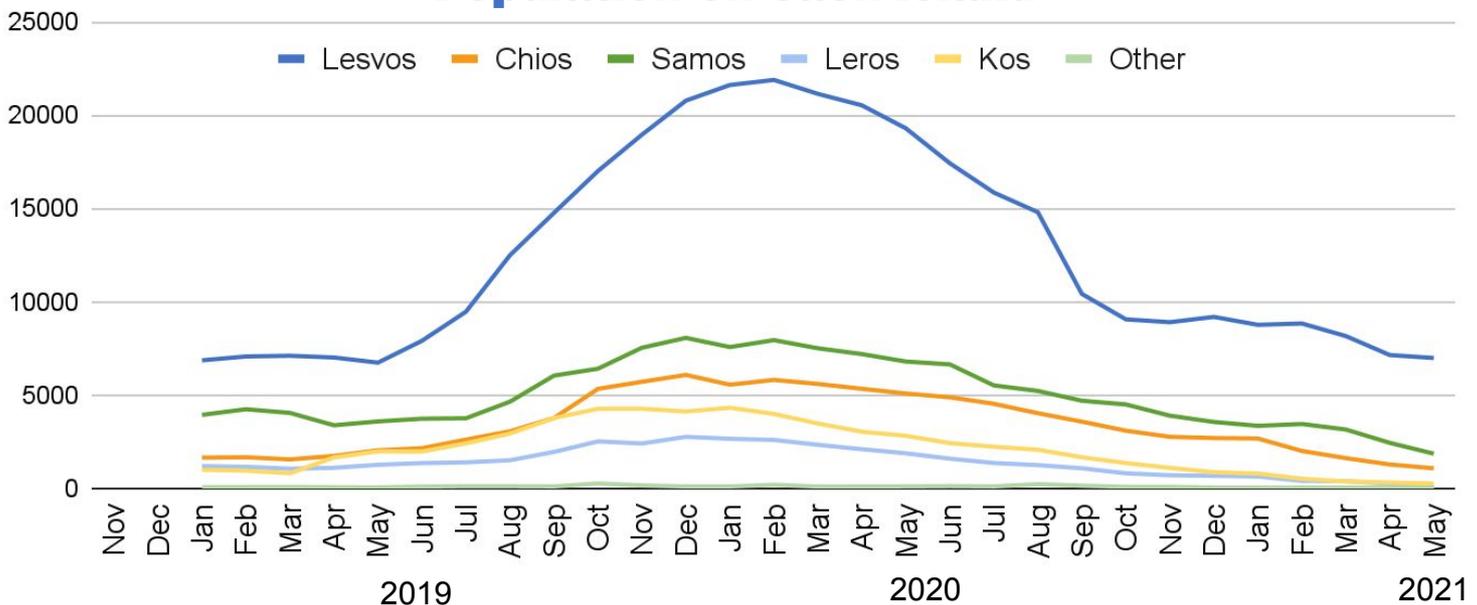
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In May 1355 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 38.6% compared to April, when 2208 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 71.4%, from 335.962 to 10.289 people. The Greek government have drastically reduced population on the Greek island, population is now the lowest registered since ABR started registration in December 2017.



### Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 13.496 people. Today's population is 3200 people under max total capacity. In the end of May 2020 total population was 35.962, one year later its 10.289, population has decreased by 25.673 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, inhuman.

Lesvos	6986	Kos	253
Samos	1854	Leros	84
Chios	1072	Other	40

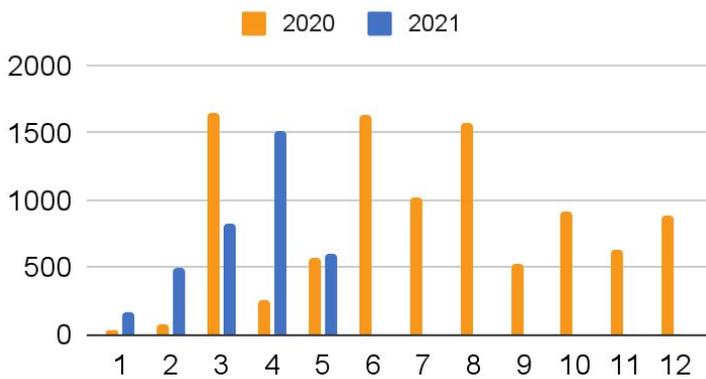


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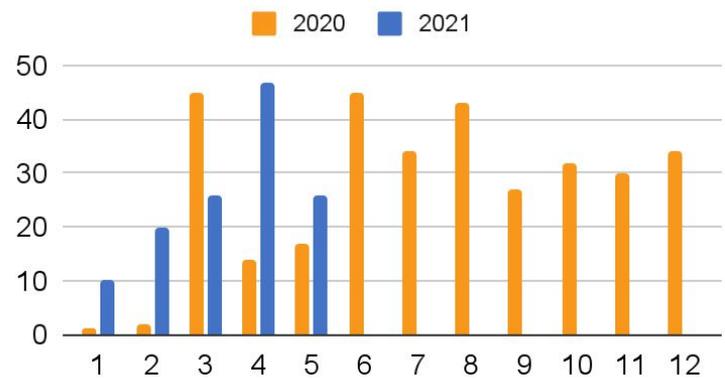
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters of another state. The Greek government has hugely increased illegal pushbacks of refugees since March 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 2021: 3601**

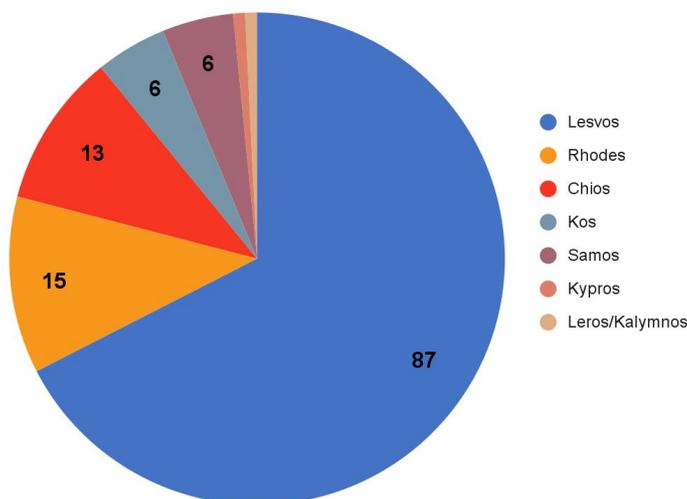
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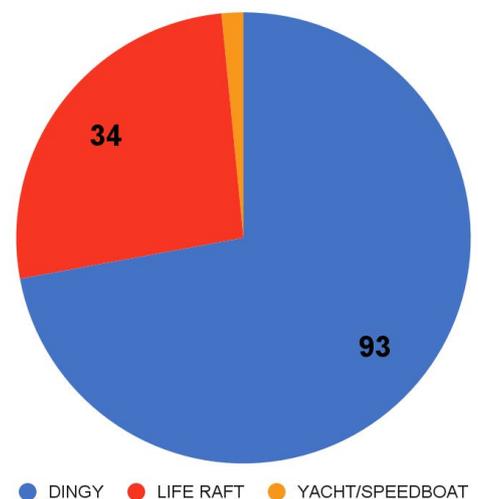
**Total pushbacks 2021: 129**

In May Aegean Boat Report have registered 26 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 601 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. Many of them 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 atrocities.

### Pushbacks by island



### Pushbacks by craft type



Of 26 registered pushback cases in May, 5 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 122 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 8 life rafts, and left helplessly drifting at sea by the Hellenic Coast Guard, a systematic use of rescue equipment as a deportation tool. The Turkish coast guard and police picked up 872 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 36 cases in May, 72.2% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.