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## **AEGEAN BOAT REPORT**

#### **MONTHLY STATISTICS DECEMBER 2021**

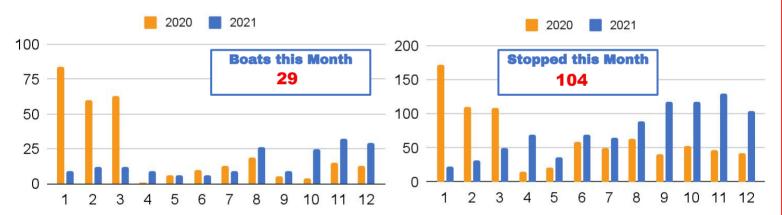
#### **People Arrived on Aegean islands**



In 2021, people arriving is down 54.9%, compared to 2020. In December 29 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 717 people. Arrivals has increased 31.2% compared to November, boats arriving is down 9.4%. Demographics on the islands: Men 59%, Women 13% and Children 28%

#### **Boats arrived on the islands**

#### **Boats stopped by TCG/Police**



Total arrivals has increased 249.8% compared to same month in 2020. 133 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in December, carrying a total of 3603 people. 29 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 717 people, the rest, 104 boats, 2886 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 902 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 26.202 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 3508.

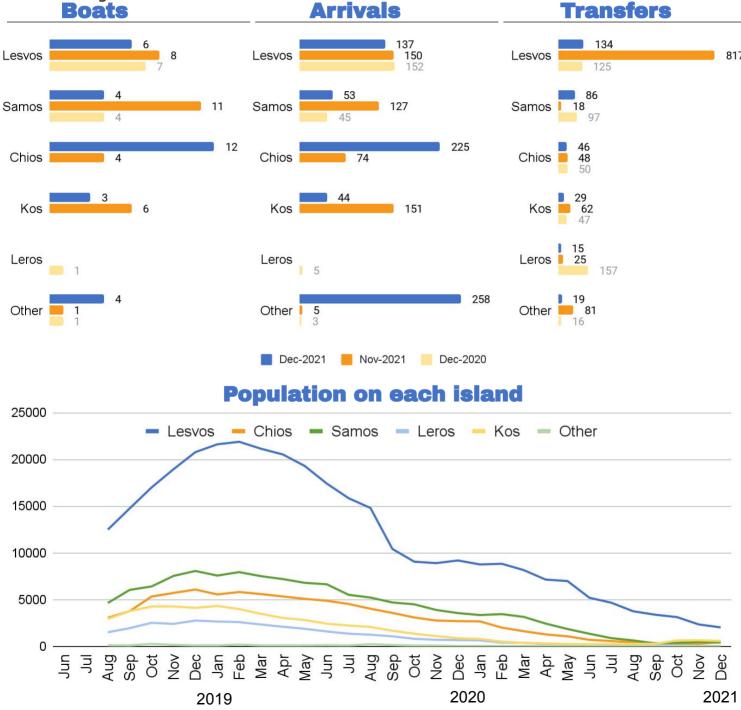


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#### **Arrivals and transfers by island**

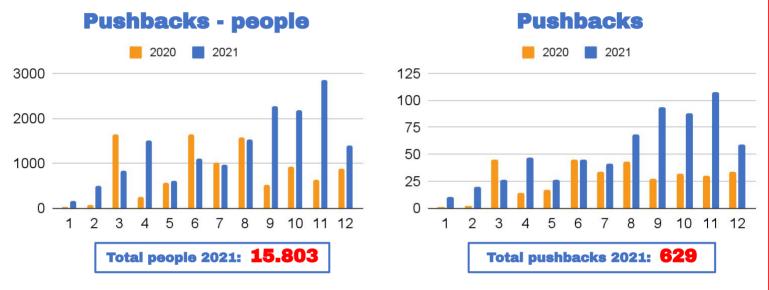
In December only 329 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 68.7% compared to November, when 1051 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 789.4%, from 17.005 to 3508 people. The Greek government have drastically reduced population on the Greek island, due to illegal pushbacks performed by the Greek authorities in the Aegean Sea.



Official capacity on the islands is 13.811 people. Today's population is 10.300 people under max total capacity. In the end of December 2020 total population was 17.005, one year later its 3508, population has decreased by 13.497 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, ihuman.

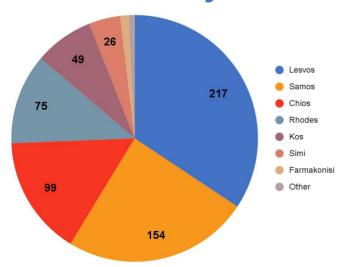
Lesvos	2024	Kos	572
Samos	413	Leros	30
Chios	455	Other	14

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 and robbed by Greek officials before being forced back across borders, or into the sea.

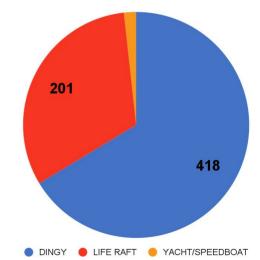


In December Aegean Boat Report have registered 57 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1331 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. Many of them had already arrived on the Greek Aegean islands, arrested by police, forced back to sea and left drifting in life rafts, illegally 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 57 registered pushback cases in December, 21 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 406 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 26 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 2886 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 104 cases in December, 54.8% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.