



# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

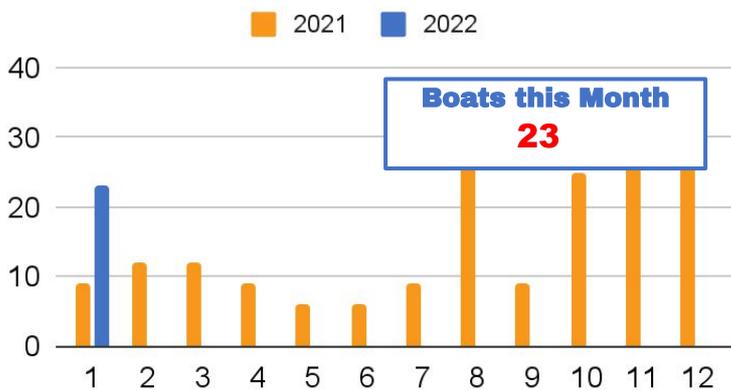
## MONTHLY STATISTICS JANUARY 2022

### People Arrived on Aegean islands



In 2022, people arriving is up 49.5%, compared to 2021. In January 23 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 281 people. Arrivals has decreased 60.8% compared to December, boats arriving is down 20.7%. 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 49.5% compared to same month in 2021. 104 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in January, carrying a total of 2303 people. 23 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 281 people, the rest, 81 boats, 2022 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 2022 81 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 2022 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 3354.

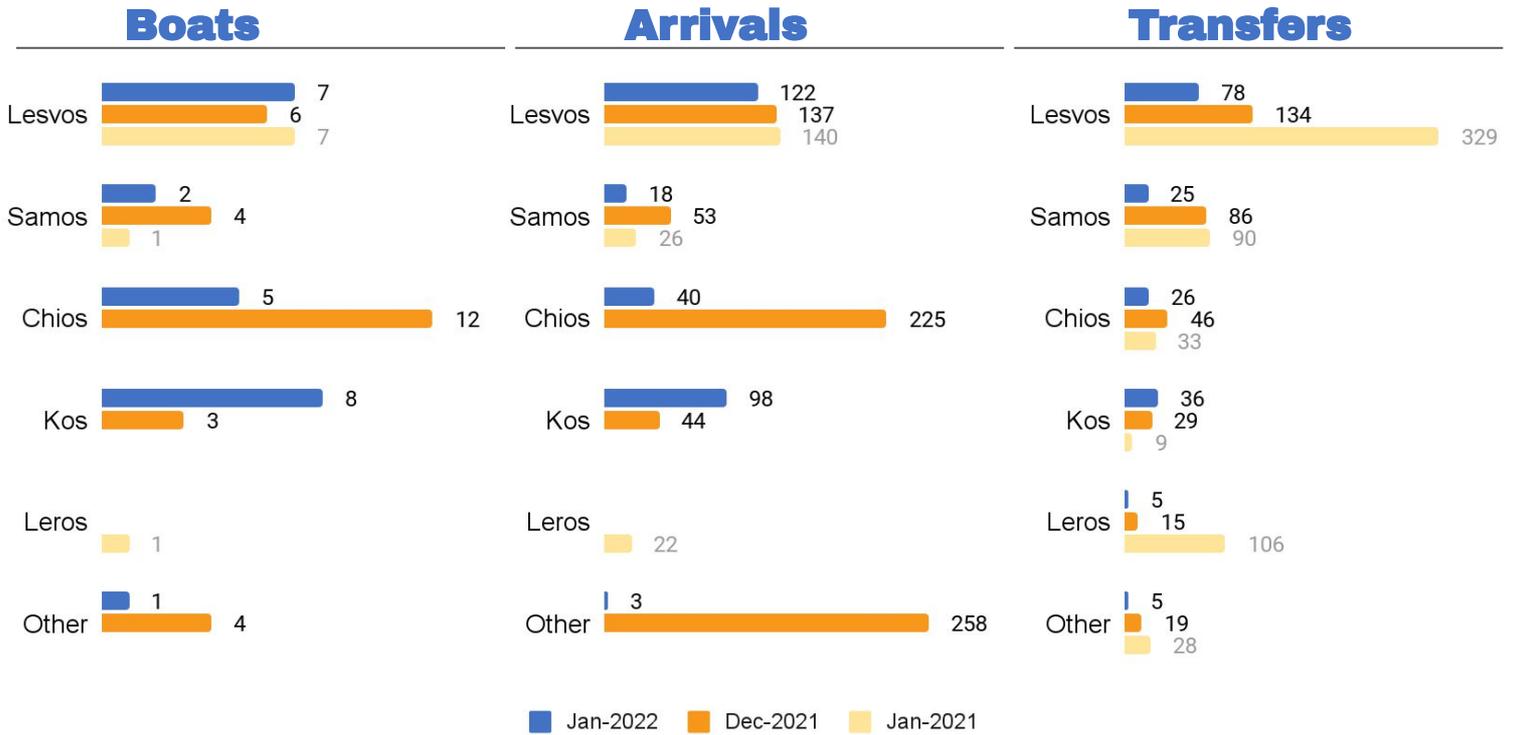


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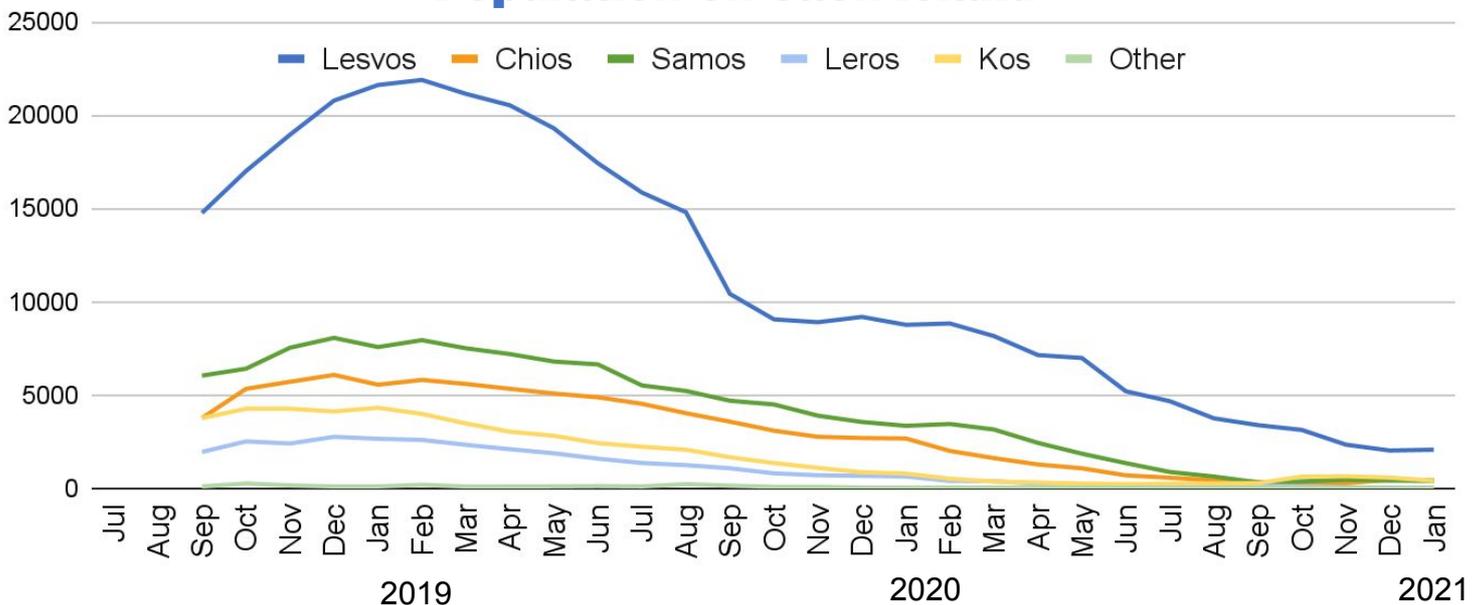
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In January only 175 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 46.8% compared to December, when 329 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 79.3%, from 16.231 to 3.354 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.



### Population on each island



Official capacity on the islands is 16.068 people. Today's population is 12.714 people under max total capacity. In the end of January 2021 total population was 16.231, one year later its 3.354, population has decreased by 12.877 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, inhuman.

Lesvos	2067	Kos	407
Samos	402	Leros	25
Chios	433	Other	20

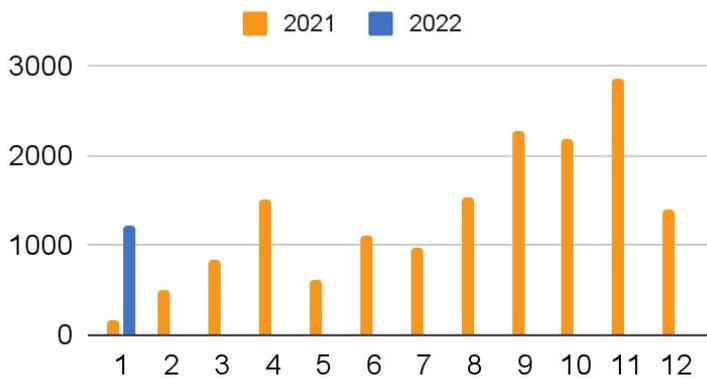


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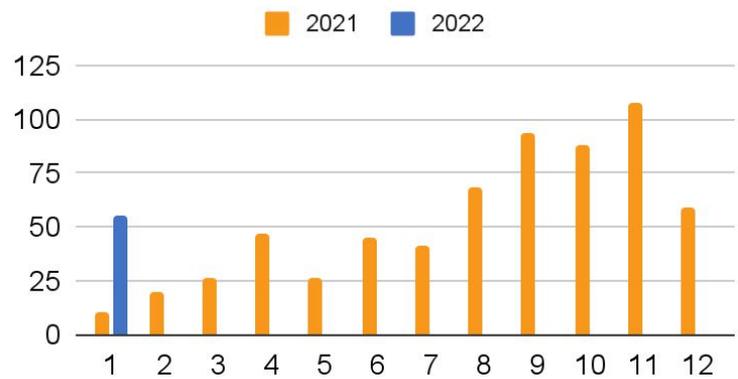
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters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

### Pushbacks - people



**Total people 2022: 1.211**

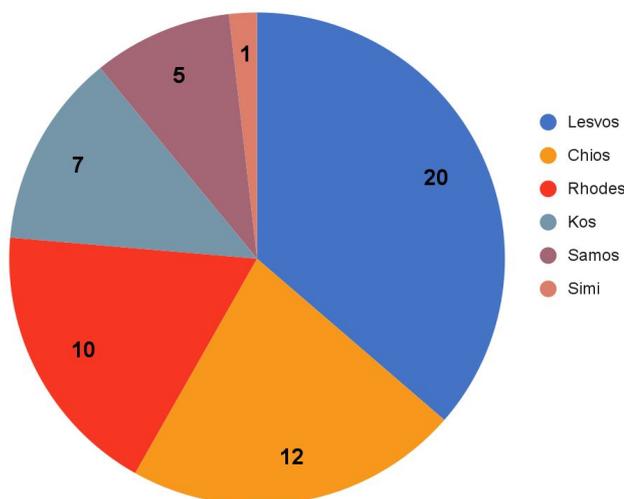
### Pushbacks



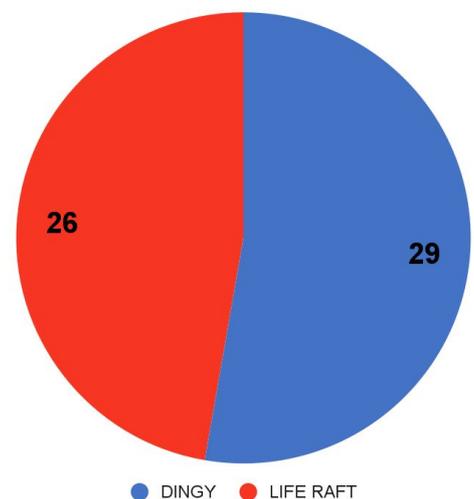
**Total pushbacks 2022: 55**

In January Aegean Boat Report have registered 55 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1211 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 55 registered pushback cases in January, 26 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 527 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 35 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 2.022 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 81 cases in January, 67.9% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.