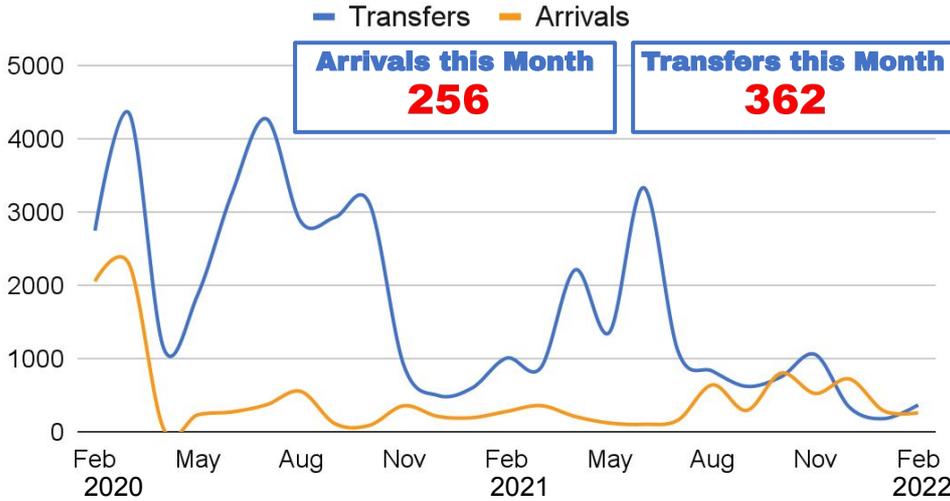




# AEGEAN BOAT REPORT

## MONTHLY STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2022

### People Arrived on Aegean islands



In 2022, people arriving is up 16.5%, compared to 2021. In February 17 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 256 people. Arrivals has decreased 8.9% compared to January, boats arriving is down 26.1%. Demographics on the islands: Men 59%, Women 13% and Children 28%

### Boats arrived on the islands



### Boats stopped by TCG/Police



Total arrivals has decreased 6.2% compared to same month in 2021. 112 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in February, carrying a total of 3171 people. 17 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 256 people, the rest, 95 boats, 2915 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 176 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 4937 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 3030.

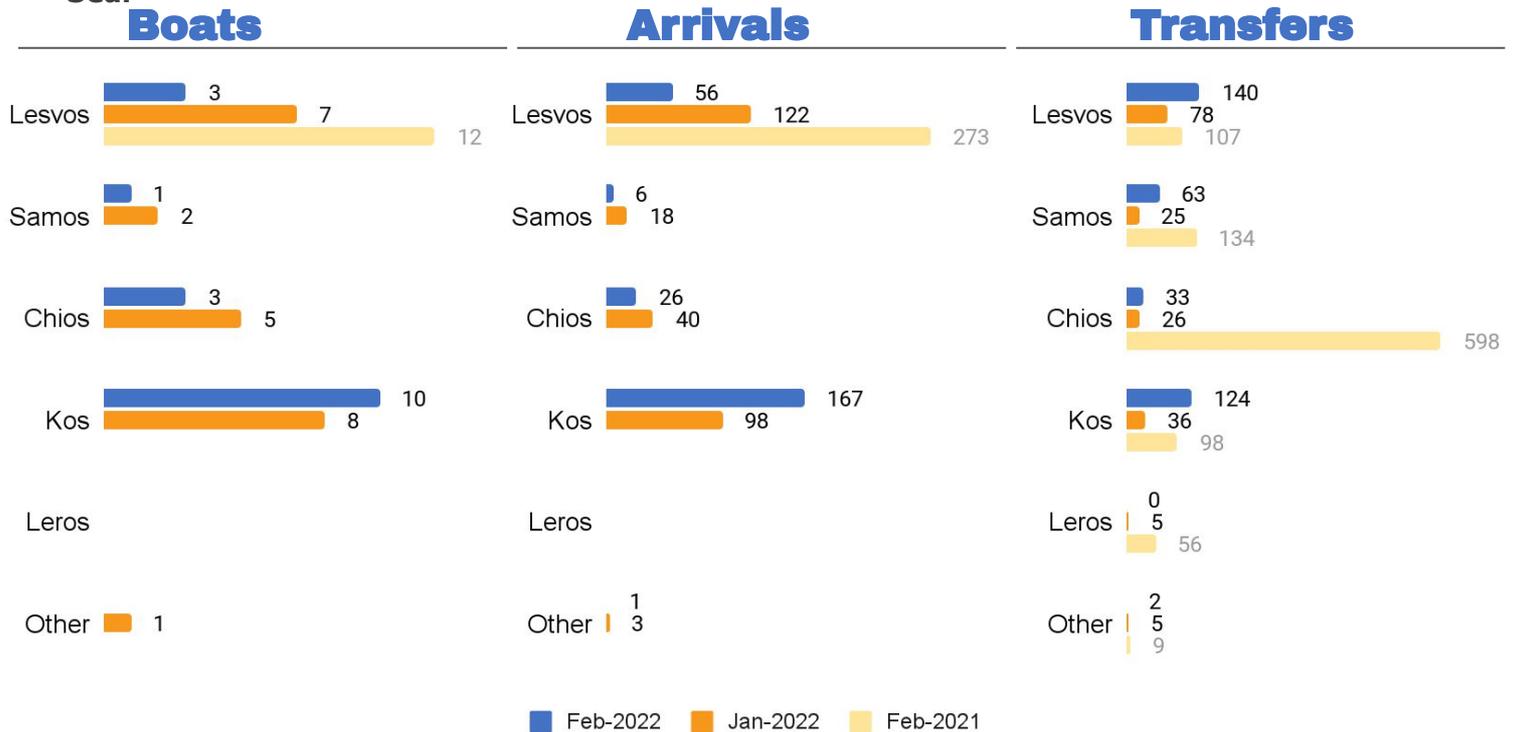


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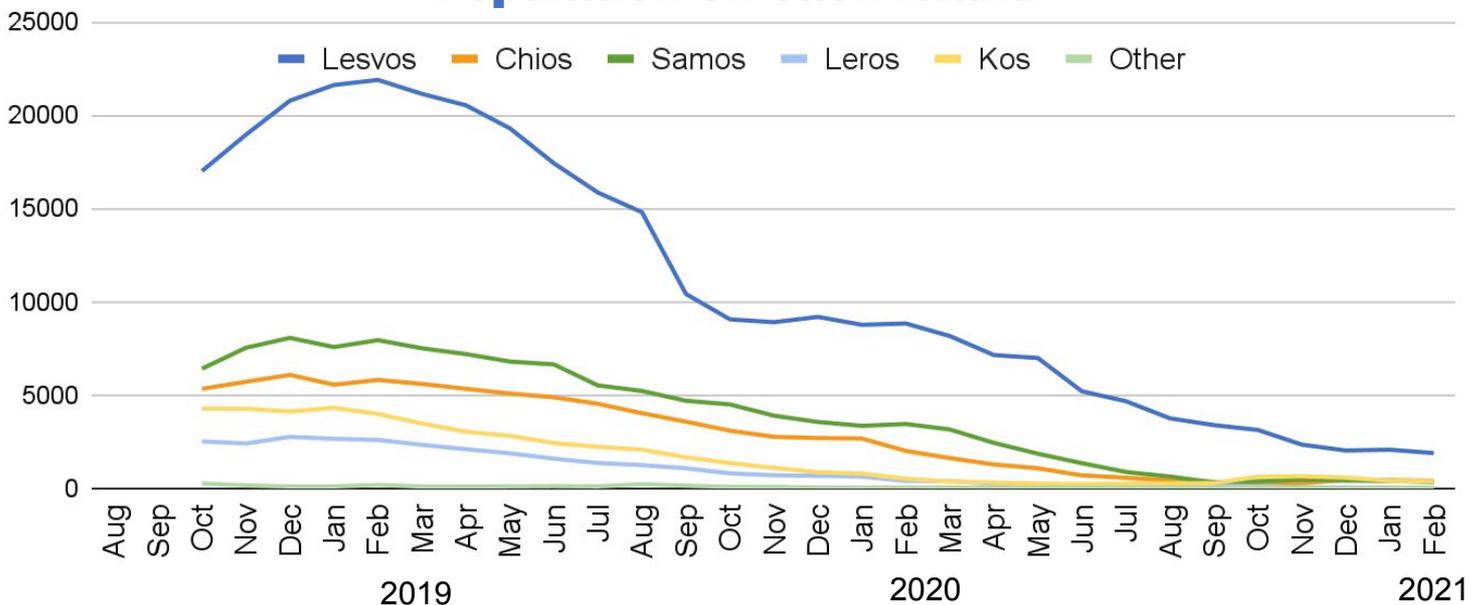
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### Arrivals and transfers by island

In February only 362 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have increased 106.8% compared to January, when 175 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 80.1%, from 15.220 to 3.030 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 16.237 people. Today's population is 13.207 people under max total capacity. In the end of February 2021 total population was 15.220, one year later its 3.030, population has decreased by 12.190 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, inhuman.

Lesvos	1885	Kos	369
Samos	340	Leros	16
Chios	398	Other	22

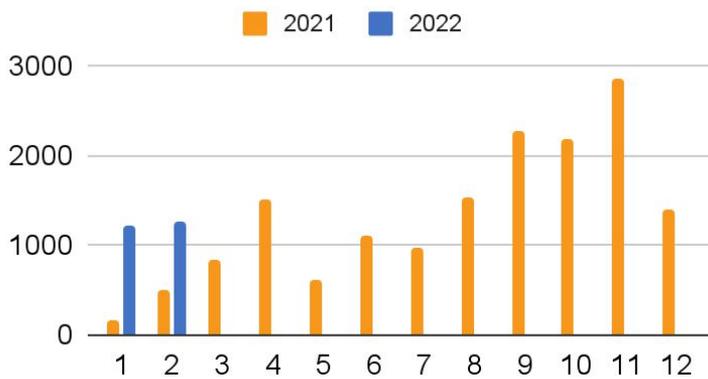


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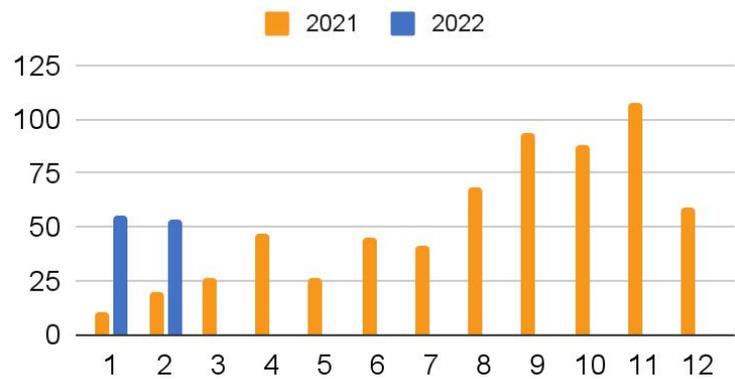
It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or forcing them back across a border or into the waters 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: 2.475**

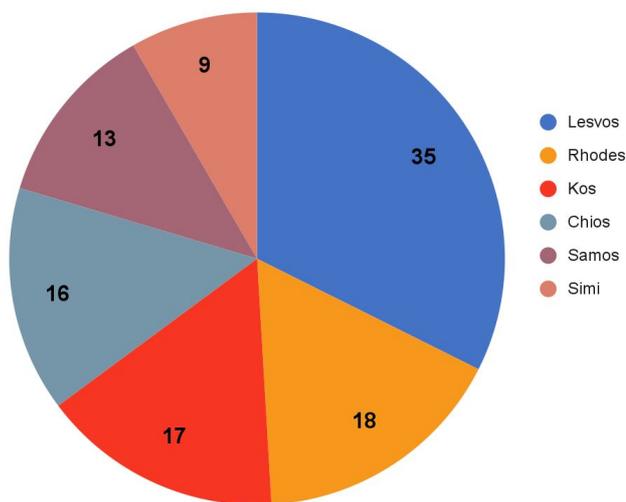
### Pushbacks



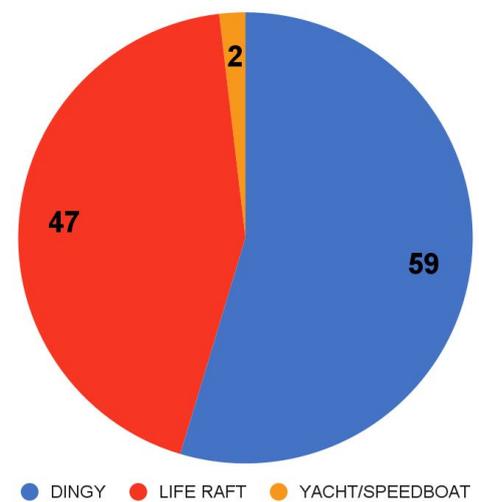
**Total pushbacks 2022: 108**

In February Aegean Boat Report have registered 53 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 1264 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 53 registered pushback cases in February, 21 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 339 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 25 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 2.821 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 90 cases in February, 58.9% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.