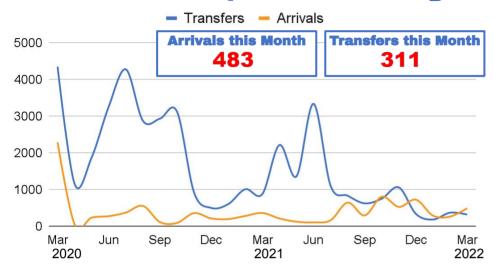


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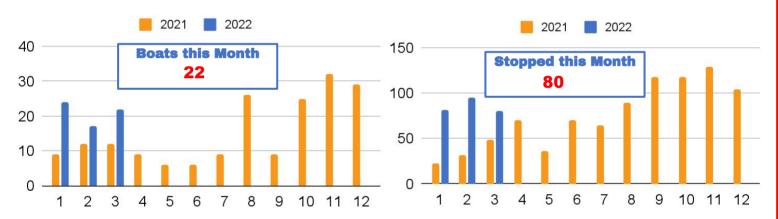
People Arrived on Aegean islands



In 2022, people arriving is up 25.3%, compared to 2021. In March 22 boats was officially registered as arrived on the Greek islands, carrying a total of 483 people. Arrivals has increased 88.7% compared to February, boats arriving is up 29.4%. 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 36.8% compared to same month in 2021. 102 boats started their trip towards the Greek islands in March, carrying a total of 3318 people. 22 boats made the trip, carrying a total of 483 people, the rest, 80 boats, 2835 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 256 boats have been stopped on their way towards Greece, 7772 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 3005.

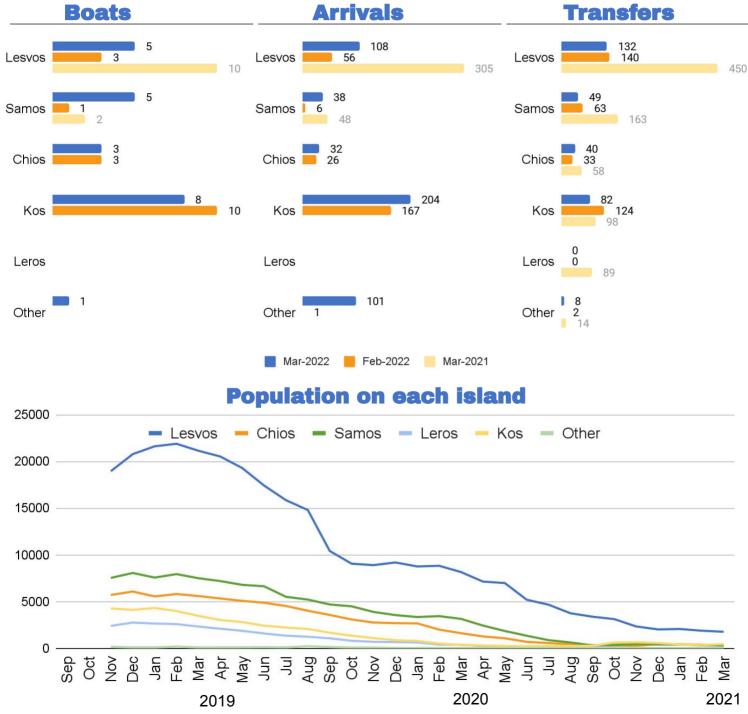


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Arrivals and transfers by island

In March only 311 people were transported to mainland, from the Greek islands. Transfers have decreased 14.1% compared to February, when 362 people were transported. In the last 12 months population on the Aegean islands has decreased by 78.1%, from 13.708 to 3.005 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 16.237 people. Today's population is 13.232 people under max total capacity. In the end of March 2021 total population was 13.708, one year later its 3.005, population has decreased by 10.703 people in 12 months on the Greek Islands, living conditions in the camps remains the same, or even worse, ihuman.

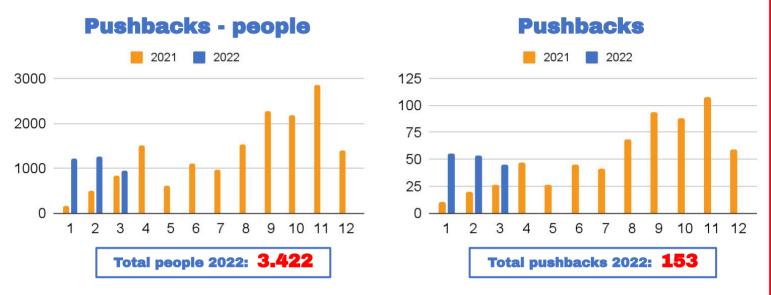
Lesvos	1769	Kos	447
Samos	330	Leros	108
Chios	330	Other	21



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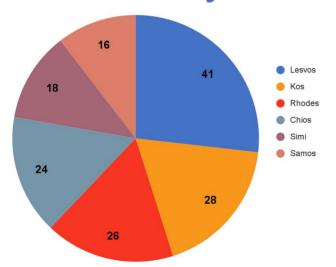
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It is the legal right of men, women or children to enter a country with or without paperwork, if they intend to apply for asylum. Pushbacks are the illegal practice of a state preventing them from doing so by stopping them entering its territory, or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

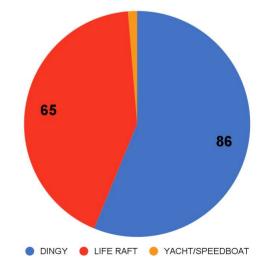


In March Aegean Boat Report have registered 45 pushback cases in the Aegean Sea, involving 947 children, women and men who tried to reach safety in Europe. Many of them had already arrived on the Greek Aegean islands, arrested by police, forced back to sea and left drifting in life rafts, illegally deported 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 45 registered pushback cases in March, 18 of these cases was performed by using rescue equipment/life rafts, 307 people, children, women and men was placed in a total of 19 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 2.835 people floating in the Aegean Sea and on Turkish beaches, in 80 cases in February, 56.3% of these cases people had been pushed back by the Hellenic coast guard.