**Samos Weekly Snapshot**

### Arrivals
This week, no people arrived on Samos island, the same as last week, and a decrease from last year’s 14 arrivals during the same period.

The average daily arrivals on Samos this week equalled 0, similar to the previous week.

### Departures to the mainland
This week, 32 asylum seekers departed, once authorized by the authorities, from Samos to the mainland. All of these were transferred to ESTIA apartments currently managed by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum (MMA).

### Present Population on the Islands
Over 3,700 refugees and asylum-seekers reside on Samos. The majority of the population on the island are from Syria (33%), Afghanistan (22%) and Dem. Rep. of Congo (14%).

Women account for 19% of the population, while children for 23%, of whom 8 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old.

Approximately 8% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Syria and Afghanistan.

### Shielding against Covid-19
To 'shield' the older and immune-compromised asylum-seekers from the risk of COVID-19, UNHCR, in collaboration with the authorities, is currently prioritizing their transfer out of the island RICs into ESTIA apartments on the islands or the mainland. This week, no people were moved.

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**Entry Points by Sea**
There were no arrivals on Aegean islands this week.

**Present Population on the Islands**

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**Arrivals**

- **Sea Arrivals 2020**
  - 30 Nov - 06 Dec: 0
  - 07 - 13 Dec: 0
  - 14 - 20 Dec: 0
  - 21 - 27 Dec: 0
  - 28 Dec - 03 Jan: 0

- **Sea Arrivals 2021**
  - 30 Nov - 06 Dec: 0
  - 07 - 13 Dec: 0
  - 14 - 20 Dec: 0
  - 21 - 27 Dec: 0
  - 28 Dec - 03 Jan: 0

**Departures to the mainland**

- **UNHCR supported transfers**
  - 30 Nov - 06 Dec: 18
  - 07 - 13 Dec: 16
  - 14 - 20 Dec: 1
  - 21 - 27 Dec: 49
  - 28 Dec - 03 Jan: 32

- **Other departures**
  - 30 Nov - 06 Dec: 18
  - 07 - 13 Dec: 16
  - 14 - 20 Dec: 1
  - 21 - 27 Dec: 49
  - 28 Dec - 03 Jan: 32

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*Other departures includes i) transfers within IOM AVRR, ii) transfers of UASCs to State-run facilities, iii) transfers both to open reception facilities/sites and closed centres in the mainland organised and supported by the Government and iv) those who depart on their own means (following the lift of geographical restriction). **Other includes other facilities and self-accommodated. The transition of the ESTIA accommodation programme to the Ministry of Migration and Asylum (MMA) has been completed; ESTIA accommodation programme in Samos has been concluded. Statistics regarding Returns in the framework of the EU-Turkey Statement, can be found [in UNHCR’s data portal](#). Data Sources: Population data – UNHCR estimates based on enrolment; Arrivals/Departures – Hellenic Police, Hellenic Coast Guard. Figures are subject to future adjustment based on the consolidated figures provided by authorities. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.*