

AEGEAN ISLANDS, GREECE

Some 13,100 refugees and asylum seekers reside on the Aegean islands.

Of those, 10,100 (77%) reside in the permanent and temporary Reception and Identification Centers (RICs). The majority of the population are from Afghanistan (50%), Syria (15%) and Somalia (8%). Women account for 21% of the population, and children for 26% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old. Approximately 7% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan.

During the week of 26 April-2 May, Samos received the highest number of arrivals (4), followed by the Dodecanese islands (1). That same week, 164 refugees and asylum-seekers, once authorised by the authorities, departed from the Aegean islands to the mainland.

For further information:

UNHCR- Aegean Islands Weekly Snapshot, 26 April-2 May 2021

<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/86454>

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<https://www.caritas.org/2020/06/covid-19-in-greece/>