



Statistics July 2022 Forced returns from Norway

The police forcibly returned 184 persons in July 2022, 56 of whom were convicted offenders.

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for executing, coordinating and assuring the quality of all returns of foreigners staying illegally in Norway. The respective police districts are responsible for returns following refusal of entry or stay, while the NPIS is responsible for returning asylum seekers and returns under the Dublin procedure or to safe third countries. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (NDI) is responsible for assisted returns, previously called voluntary returns. Assisted returns are not included in these statistics.

Compared with 2021:

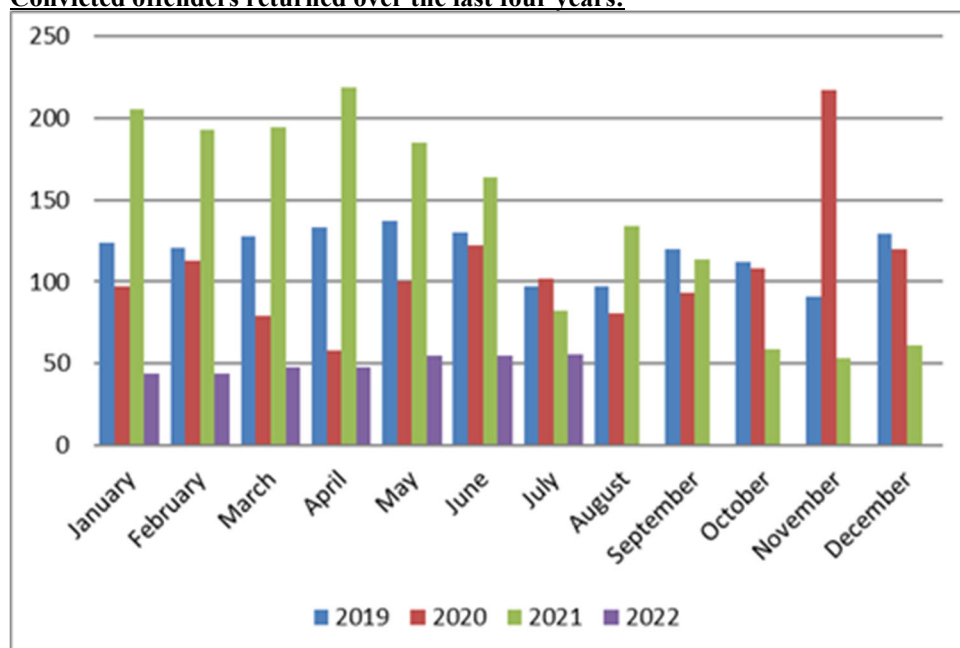
	Forced returns
As at 31 July 2021	12583
As at 31 July 2022	1292
Change in percent	-89.7 %

These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In July, the police returned 56 convicted offenders, approx. 30 % of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, 350 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 1242 in the same period last year. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (19 %), Polish (14 %) and Lithuanian (11%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



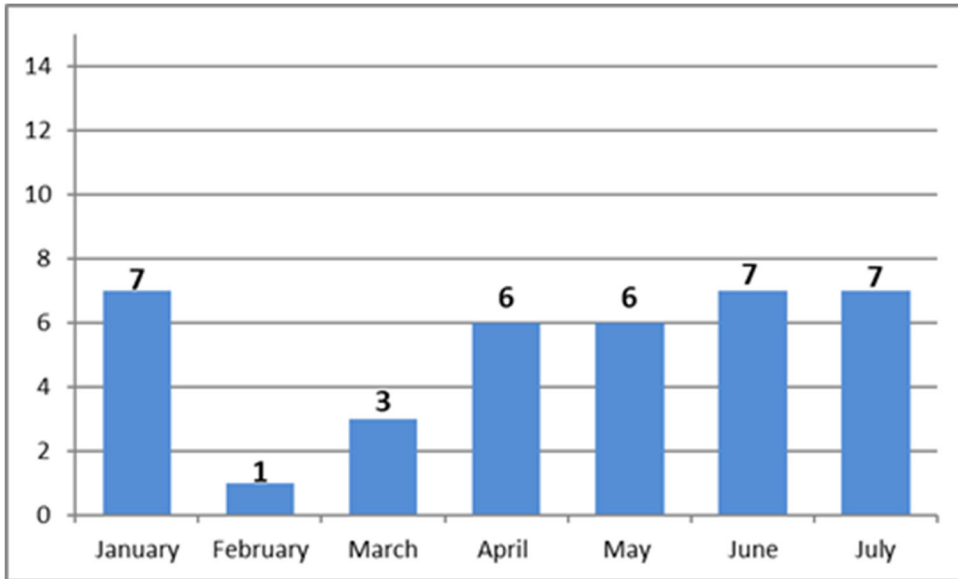
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Minors

7 minors were returned in July, all together with their parents or guardians.

As a rule, Norwegian authorities do not attempt to verify the age of unaccompanied minors when they are to be returned to another European country under the Dublin III Regulation.

All returned unaccompanied minors must be met by either family members or others who will care for them, e.g. representatives of relevant institutions or the child welfare services in the country in question.



Returned minors so far in 2022

Forced returns on chartered flights

No returnee flights were chartered in July. So far in 2022, there has been one chartered return flight.

The various returnee categories

The police return persons who have no legal right to stay in Norway, i.e. not only persons who have had their application for asylum and any appeals rejected.

- 1) **Asylum** – all persons who have applied for protection (asylum) in Norway and who have had their application processed and rejected in Norway and who have exhausted all avenues of appeal. This category also includes persons subject to an expulsion order.
- 2) **Dublin** – anyone returned under the Dublin Regulation. This also includes persons subject to an expulsion order. The Dublin Regulation applies in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway. The Regulation governs, inter alia, which member state will process any given asylum application. The purpose of the Regulation is to prevent asylum seekers from applying in multiple countries, but also to ensure that one of the countries assumes responsibility for the asylum seeker. The statistics include both returns under the Dublin Regulation and returns to "safe third countries". The latter are cases where the asylum applicant already has a residence permit (refugee status or other form of permit) in a country that is considered safe.

- 3) **Refused entry or stay** – persons who have been refused entry or stay as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry or stay are not banned from Norway after being returned.
- 4) **Expelled** – anyone expelled from Norway who has not applied for protection (asylum) or who is not subject to the Dublin Regulation. Most of those who fall into this category have been expelled due to a criminal conviction and are banned from Norway for a specific period of time. Violation of the re-entry ban is a punishable offence.
- 5) **Other** – persons not covered by any of the other categories.

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		9	21	4	34
Albania	14	18		26	58
Algeria	2	2		6	10
Angola	2	1	3	1	7
Argentina		3		2	5
Azerbaijan		4		3	7
Australia		2			2
Bangladesh		3		1	4
Belarus		10	1	6	17
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	2		4	7
Botswana		2			2
Brazil		8		5	13
Burundi		1			1
Canada		1		1	2
Chile		8		1	9
Colombia	3	13		5	21
Costa Rica				1	1
Cuba		3			3
Denmark				2	2
Dominican Republic		4		2	6
Djibouti			1		1
Egypt	1	1	1		3
El Salvador	2	1			3
Ivory Coast			1		1
Eritrea		11	12	2	25
Estonia				2	2
Ethiopia		2	7		9
The Philippines		3		16	19
France		4		1	5
The Gambia		2	1	3	6

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Georgia	7	6		5	18
Ghana	1	3		2	6
Guinea			1		1
Greece		1			1
India	3	7		5	15
Indonesia				1	1
Iraq	3	14	6	11	34
Iran	1	7	11	3	22
Iceland		1			1
Israel		1		1	2
Italy		1			1
Japan		1			1
Yemen	1			1	2
Jordan	1	1			2
Yugoslavia				1	1
Cambodia		1			1
Cameroon				2	2
Cape Verde		1			1
Kazakhstan		5			5
Kenya		2		2	4
China	1	13	1	2	17
Kyrgyzstan		2			2
Republic of the Congo		2	4		6
Kosovo		3		7	10
Croatia		1			1
Kuwait		2			2
Latvia		6		3	9
Lebanon		1	1		2
Liberia				2	2
Libya			2		2
Lithuania		9		35	44
Malaysia	3	4			7
Mali		1	1	1	3
Morocco		7	3	6	16
Mexico		3		5	8
Moldova	3	9		8	20
Mongolia		1		3	4
Montenegro	2			1	3
Myanmar		1	1		2
Nederland				3	3
Nepal		1			1
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Nigeria	3	12		2	17
North Macedonia		2		8	10
Norway		1			1
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	13	3	8	26
Peru		3		5	8
Poland		28		36	64
Portugal		1		1	2
Romania		35		58	93
Russia		29	6	16	51
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			1
Saudi Arabia		3	1		4
Senegal				1	1
Serbia		9		2	11
Slovakia				1	1
Somalia	2	10	8	5	25
Spain		2		4	6
Sri Lanka		3		2	5
Stateless		9	4	10	23
The UK		47		8	55
Sudan		1	2	1	4
Switzerland		2			2
Sweden		24		8	32
Syria	2	15	35	7	59
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		2			2
South Sudan		1	1		2
Tajikistan		2	4		6
Tanzania		2		2	4
Thailand		5		8	13
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			1		1
Czech Republic				2	2
Tunisia		6	3	1	10
Turkmenistan		1			1
Türkiye	1	17	6	10	34
Germany		4		2	6
Uganda				1	1
Unknown		1		3	4
Ukraine		32	4	9	45
Hungary				2	2

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
USA	4	24		11	39
Uzbekistan	1	3		4	8
Venezuela	10	2		1	13
Vietnam	4	4		8	16
Zimbabwe		1			1
Total	85	596	158	453	1292

Returnees so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Albania	14	13		23	50
Algeria	2			1	3
Angola	2				2
Argentina				1	1
Azerbaijan		2			2
Australia		1			1
Belgium			5	2	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	3		3	7
Brazil		2		2	4
Canada				1	1
Chile		2		1	3
Colombia	3	4		4	11
Costa Rica				1	1
Denmark		22	4	4	30
United Arab Emirates		1			1
Dominican Republic		2			2
Egypt	1	1			2
El Salvador	2	1			3
Estonia				5	5
Ethiopia		2			2
The Philippines		3		15	18
Finland		2	2		4
France		18	9	4	31
The Gambia				2	2
Georgia	7	2		7	16
Ghana	1			1	2
Greece		9	7	5	21

Returnees so far in 2022 by destination

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Hong Kong				1	1
India	3	1		3	7
Indonesia				1	1
Iraq	3	3		2	8
Iran	1	2		1	4
Iceland		1	1		2
Israel		2		1	3
Italy		17	34	16	67
Japan		1			1
Yemen	1				1
Jordan	1				1
Cambodia		1			1
Cape Verde		1			1
Kazakhstan		5			5
Kenya		2		2	4
China		1			1
Kyrgyzstan		1			1
Kosovo		2		7	9
Croatia		1	3		4
Kuwait		1			1
Cyprus				1	1
Latvia		10		13	23
Lebanon	1				1
Liberia				2	2
Lithuania		6		37	43
Malaysia	3	4			7
Malta		1	2		3
Morocco				5	5
Mexico		1		4	5
Moldova	3	6		8	17
Mongolia				2	2
Montenegro	2			2	4
Nederland		7	6	3	16
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3
Nigeria	3	1		1	5
North Macedonia		2		9	11
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	6		2	10
Peru		2		3	5
Poland		35		42	77
Portugal		5	3	4	12
Romania		26		58	84

Returnees so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Russia		18		10	28
Saudi Arabia		4			4
Serbia		8		2	10
Slovakia				1	1
Slovenia			1	1	2
Somalia	2			1	3
Spain		29	15	21	65
Sri Lanka				1	1
The UK		85	1	10	96
Switzerland		3	3	1	7
Sweden		105	23	26	154
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		1			1
Tanzania		1		2	3
Thailand		1		6	7
Czech Republic			2	6	8
Tunisia		1		1	2
Türkiye	2	35		7	44
Germany		16	27	12	55
Ukraine		19		6	25
Hungary		7		3	10
USA	4	10		10	24
Uzbekistan	1			2	3
Venezuela	11	1		1	13
Vietnam	4	3		7	14
Austria		3	10	2	15
Total	85	596	158	453	1292

By destination we mean the country the person is returned to, not necessarily the person's country of origin (or country of nationality).