



**Statistics for September 2022:  
Forced returns from Norway**

**The police forcibly returned 248 persons in September 2022, 49 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:**

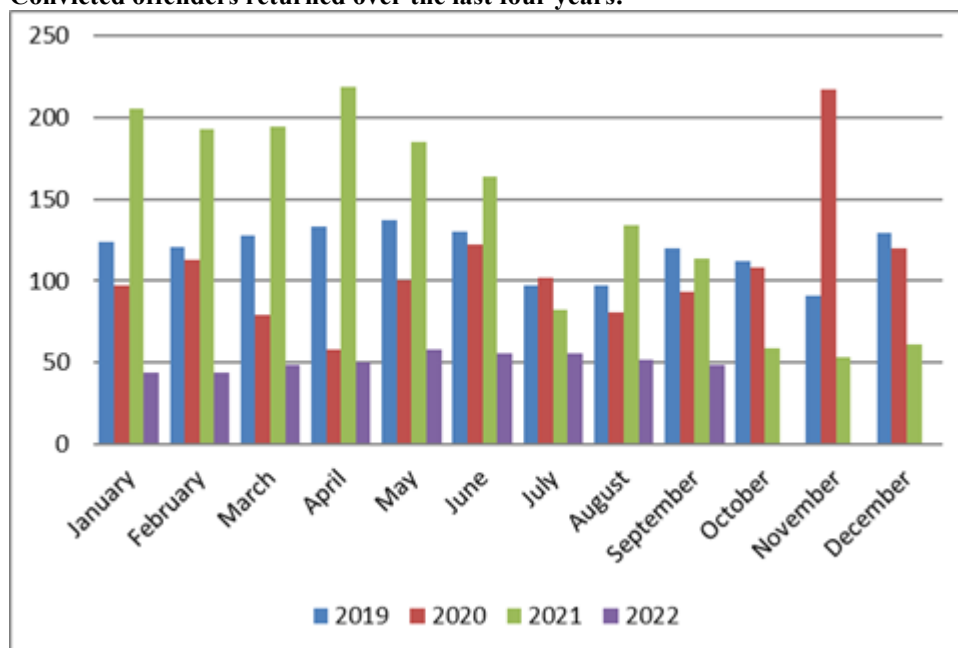
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 30 September 2021	17956
As at 30 September 2022	1857
Change in percent	<b>-90 %</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In September, the police returned 49 convicted offenders, approx. 20 % of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, 458 convicted offenders have been returned, 25 % of all returnees during this period. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (18 %), Polish (15 %) and Lithuanian (12 %).

**Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:**



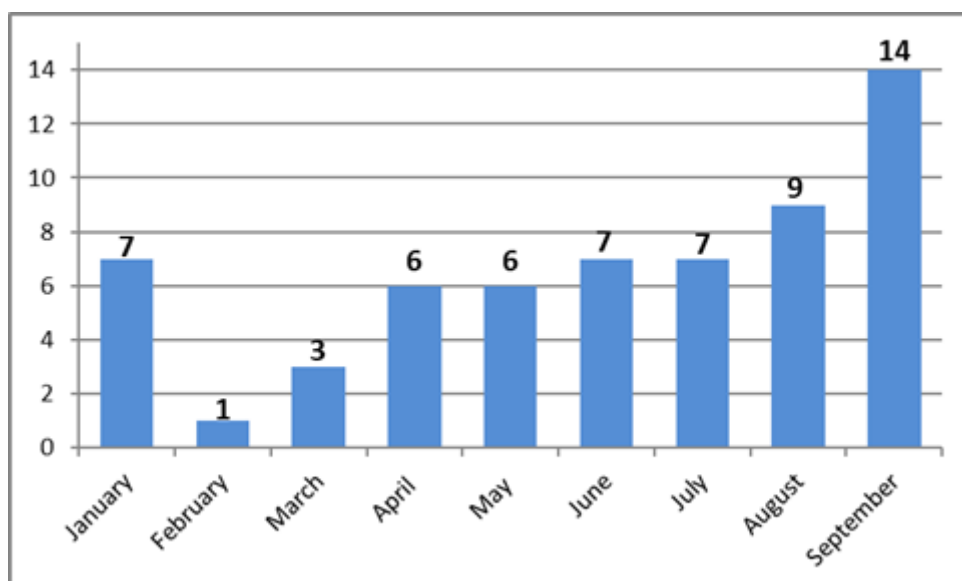
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## Minors

14 minors were returned in September. 8 of them were returned under the Dublin Regulation, 4 were refused entry or ordered to leave and 2 were returned asylum seekers. One pair of siblings were escorted without parents to a safe third country where they were reunited with one parent. The other 12 travelled with family members.

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 September. 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.

<b>Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan		27	35	6	<b>68</b>
Albania	15	21		29	<b>65</b>
Algeria	2	4		7	<b>13</b>
Angola	2	1	3	1	<b>7</b>
Argentina		4		4	<b>8</b>
Armenia		2			<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan		5		2	<b>7</b>
Australia	1	2		1	<b>4</b>
Bangladesh		5	1	1	<b>7</b>
Belarus		12	7	7	<b>26</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	4		4	<b>9</b>
Botswana		2			<b>2</b>
Brazil		13		7	<b>20</b>
Burundi		1			<b>1</b>
Canada		1		1	<b>2</b>
Chile	1	9		1	<b>11</b>
Colombia	5	19		6	<b>30</b>
Costa Rica				1	<b>1</b>
Cuba		3			<b>3</b>
Denmark				3	<b>3</b>
Dominican Republic		4		2	<b>6</b>
Djibouti		1	1		<b>2</b>
Egypt	1	1	1		<b>3</b>
El Salvador	2	2			<b>4</b>
Ivory Coast			1		<b>1</b>
Eritrea		30	15	3	<b>48</b>
Estonia		1		2	<b>3</b>
Ethiopia		12	11		<b>23</b>

<b>Returns so far in 2022 by nationality</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
The Philippines		5		20	<b>25</b>
France		4		1	<b>5</b>
The Gambia		2	2	3	<b>7</b>
Georgia	9	15		6	<b>30</b>
Ghana	1	4		3	<b>8</b>
Guatemala				1	<b>1</b>
Guinea			1		<b>1</b>
Greece		1			<b>1</b>
Honduras		1			<b>1</b>
India	4	30		6	<b>40</b>
Indonesia				1	<b>1</b>
Iraq	3	20	8	13	<b>44</b>
Iran	2	10	15	5	<b>32</b>
Ireland		3			<b>3</b>
Iceland		1			<b>1</b>
Israel		4		2	<b>6</b>
Italy		3			<b>3</b>
Japan		1	1		<b>2</b>
Yemen	2	2		1	<b>5</b>
Jordan	1	2			<b>3</b>
Yugoslavia		1		1	<b>2</b>
Cambodia		1		1	<b>2</b>
Cameroon		3		2	<b>5</b>
Cape Verde		1			<b>1</b>
Kazakhstan		10		1	<b>11</b>
Kenya		5	1	3	<b>9</b>
China	1	19	1	2	<b>23</b>
Kyrgyzstan		2			<b>2</b>
Republic of the Congo		3	5		<b>8</b>
Kosovo		5		10	<b>15</b>
Croatia		1			<b>1</b>
Kuwait		4			<b>4</b>
Latvia		7		4	<b>11</b>
Lebanon		1	1		<b>2</b>
Liberia			2	4	<b>6</b>
Libya			4		<b>4</b>
Lithuania		13		47	<b>60</b>
Malaysia	3	4			<b>7</b>
Mali		1	2	1	<b>4</b>
Morocco		9	3	10	<b>22</b>
Mauritania		1			<b>1</b>
Mexico		11		5	<b>16</b>
Moldova	3	13		8	<b>24</b>
Mongolia		1		5	<b>6</b>

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Montenegro	2			1	3
Myanmar		1	1		2
The Netherlands		2		4	6
Nepal		4		1	5
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3
Nigeria	3	17		2	22
North Macedonia		2		9	11
Norway		1			1
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	26	3	14	45
Peru		3		5	8
Poland		36		49	85
Portugal		1		2	3
Romania		47		65	112
Russia		38	14	21	73
Saint Kitts and Nevis		2			2
Saudi Arabia		8	5		13
Senegal				1	1
Serbia	4	13		6	23
Slovakia				1	1
Somalia	5	22	9	9	45
Spain		2		4	6
Sri Lanka		3	3	3	9
Stateless		11	7	13	31
United Kingdom		56		12	68
Sudan		2	3	2	7
Switzerland		3			3
Sweden		25		11	36
Syria	2	32	45	8	87
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		2			2
South Sudan		1	1		2
Tajikistan		2	4		6
Tanzania	1	3		2	6
Thailand		7		11	18
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			2		2
Czech Republic				2	2
Tunisia		7	4	2	13
Turkmenistan		2			2

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Türkiye	1	27	6	12	<b>46</b>
Germany		5		2	<b>7</b>
Uganda		1		1	<b>2</b>
Unknown		1		3	<b>4</b>
Ukraine		34	14	9	<b>57</b>
Hungary				2	<b>2</b>
USA	4	39		14	<b>57</b>
Uzbekistan	1	7	2	6	<b>16</b>
Venezuela	11	2	1	2	<b>16</b>
Vietnam	4	5		20	<b>29</b>
Zimbabwe		4			<b>4</b>
Austria				1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1857</b>

<b>Returns so far in 2022 by destination</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Albania	15	15		26	<b>56</b>
Algeria	2			1	<b>3</b>
Angola	2				<b>2</b>
Argentina				3	<b>3</b>
Armenia		1			<b>1</b>
Azerbaijan		2			<b>2</b>
Australia	1	1			<b>2</b>
Belgium		1	5	3	<b>9</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	5		3	<b>9</b>
Brazil		5		3	<b>8</b>
Bulgaria			1		<b>1</b>
Burundi				1	<b>1</b>
Canada				1	<b>1</b>
Chile	1	2		1	<b>4</b>
Colombia	5	10		5	<b>20</b>
Costa Rica				1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		26	4	5	<b>35</b>
United Arab Emirates		1			<b>1</b>
Dominican Republic		2			<b>2</b>
Egypt	1	1			<b>2</b>
El Salvador	2	1			<b>3</b>
Estonia		1		7	<b>8</b>
Ethiopia		2			<b>2</b>

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The Philippines		3		17	<b>20</b>
Finland		2	3	1	<b>6</b>
France		21	18	6	<b>45</b>
The Gambia				2	<b>2</b>
Georgia	9	11		7	<b>27</b>
Ghana	1			2	<b>3</b>
Guatemala				1	<b>1</b>
Greece		9	8	6	<b>23</b>
Hong Kong				1	<b>1</b>
India	4	2		4	<b>10</b>
Indonesia				1	<b>1</b>
Iraq	3	3		3	<b>9</b>
Iran	2	2		3	<b>7</b>
Ireland		1			<b>1</b>
Iceland		1	1		<b>2</b>
Israel		4		2	<b>6</b>
Italy		23	45	27	<b>95</b>
Japan		1			<b>1</b>
Yemen	2				<b>2</b>
Jordan	1				<b>1</b>
Cambodia		1		1	<b>2</b>
Cape Verde		1			<b>1</b>
Kazakhstan		7			<b>7</b>
Kenya	1	2		3	<b>6</b>
China		2			<b>2</b>
Kyrgyzstan		1			<b>1</b>
Kosovo		3		8	<b>11</b>
Croatia		1	4		<b>5</b>
Kuwait		3			<b>3</b>
Cyprus		2		2	<b>4</b>
Latvia		12		16	<b>28</b>
Lebanon	1				<b>1</b>
Liberia				4	<b>4</b>
Lithuania		9		50	<b>59</b>
Malaysia	3	4			<b>7</b>
Malta		2	2		<b>4</b>
Morocco				6	<b>6</b>
Mexico		3		4	<b>7</b>
Moldova	3	9		8	<b>20</b>
Mongolia				4	<b>4</b>
Montenegro	2			2	<b>4</b>
The Netherlands		9	7	6	<b>22</b>
New Zealand		1			<b>1</b>
Nicaragua	2			1	<b>3</b>

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Nigeria	3	1		1	5
North Macedonia		2		10	12
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	7		2	11
Peru		2		3	5
Poland		45	23	57	125
Portugal		8	3	6	17
Romania		37	2	66	105
Russia		23		14	37
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			1
Saudi Arabia		9			9
Serbia	4	11		6	21
Slovakia				2	2
Slovenia			1	3	4
Somalia	4			2	6
Spain		35	27	25	87
Sri Lanka				1	1
United Kingdom		142	1	13	156
Sudan				1	1
Switzerland		4	4	1	9
Sweden		219	34	33	286
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		2			2
Taiwan		1			1
Tanzania	1	2		2	5
Thailand		2		8	10
Czech Republic			2	6	8
Tunisia		1		1	2
Türkiye	2	43		8	53
Germany		28	38	14	80
Ukraine		19		6	25
Hungary		7		3	10
USA	4	27		12	43
Uzbekistan	1			2	3
Venezuela	12	1		1	14
Vietnam	4	3		18	25
Austria		5	13	2	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1857</b>

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