



**Statistics for July 2023:
Returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 183 persons in July 2023, 46 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 persons who have had their asylum applications rejected 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.

Comparison 2022–2023:

	Forced returns
As at 31 July 2022	1399
As at 31 July 2023	1355
Change in percent	-3

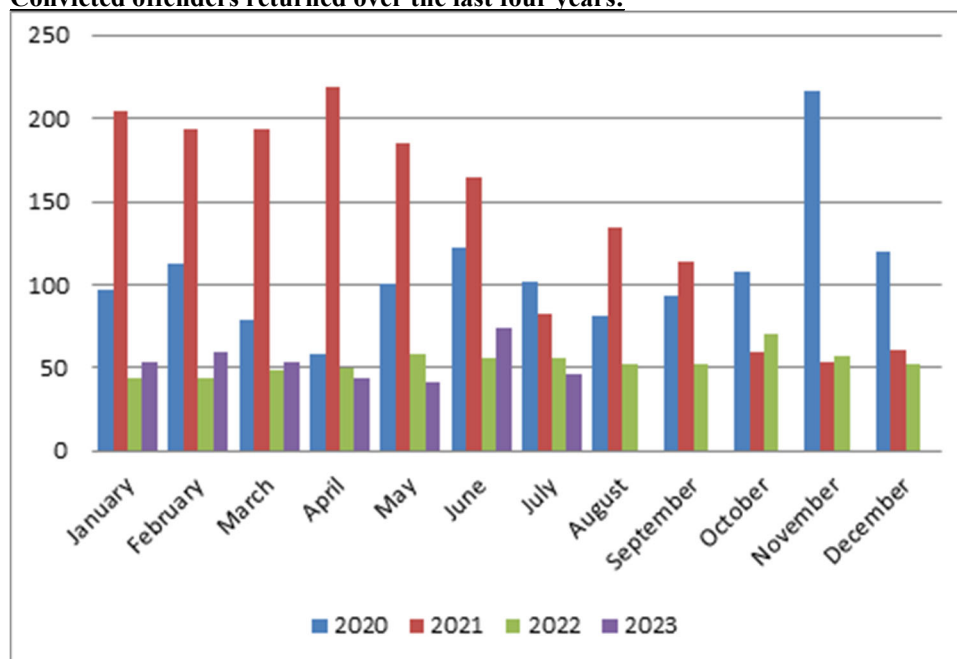
These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In July, the police returned 46 convicted offenders, 25% of all returnees that month.

So far in 2023, 370 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 357 in the same period last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2023 are Romanian (15%), Polish (12%) and Lithuanian (7%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



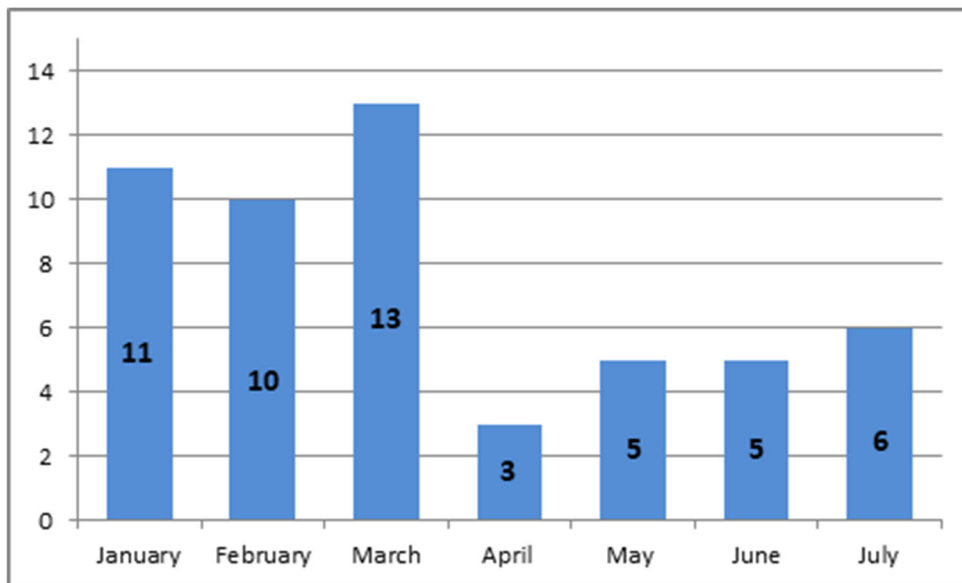
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Minors

A total of six minors were returned in July, either to their home country or to a safe third country. Five of them were accompanied by parents or guardians, while one was an unaccompanied minor.

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 2023

Returns on chartered flights

One chartered flight has taken place so far in 2023, in June.

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 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		15	22	7	44
Albania	6	14		20	40
Algeria		2	4	2	8
Argentina	1	1		1	3
Armenia	1				1
Azerbaijan	1	1	3	1	6
Australia				3	3
Bangladesh		3	2	1	6
Belarus			1	4	5
Belgium		1			1
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil		8		5	13
Bulgaria				2	2
Canada	1	4		2	7
Chile		3		6	9
Colombia	4	7	2	5	18
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba		1		1	2
Denmark		2		2	4
Dominican Republic		3		1	4
Ecuador				1	1
Egypt		2	1	2	5
El Salvador	1	2			3
Ivory Coast	1				1
Eritrea	1	8	10	1	20
Estonia				2	2
Ethiopia		3	4	3	10
The Philippines		15		3	18
Finland		2			2
France		3		1	4
Gabon	1				1

Returnees so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
The Gambia		1	2		3
Georgia	18	8	1	10	37
Ghana		2		5	7
Guatemala	1				1
Greece		1			1
Honduras	1				1
India	1	8			9
Indonesia		6			6
Iraq	18	9	7	13	47
Iran	2	10	7	3	22
Ireland				1	1
Iceland				1	1
Israel		1		2	3
Italy				2	2
Jamaica				1	1
Japan		1			1
Yemen			2		2
Jordan		2		1	3
Cameroon				3	3
Kazakhstan		1	4	2	7
Kenya		3		2	5
China	1	22		7	30
Republic of the Congo	2	7	4		13
Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville			1		1
Kosovo	5	4		3	12
Croatia				1	1
Latvia		4		3	7
Lebanon			1		1
Libya	2	2	4	2	10
Lithuania		2		25	27
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Morocco		6	10	3	19
Mexico		1		3	4
Moldova	6	2		6	14
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
Mozambique		1		1	2
Nederland		1		9	10
Nepal				4	4
Nigeria		5	9	7	21

Returns so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
North Macedonia		2		5	7
Pakistan		9	2	3	14
Paraguay		1		1	2
Peru	8	1		1	10
Poland		19		32	51
Romania		14		49	63
Russia		76	36	9	121
Rwanda			1		1
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Senegal		1	1		2
Serbia		3		6	9
Sierra Leone		1			1
Slovakia		2			2
Somalia	5	2	4	10	21
Spain		3	1	2	6
Sri Lanka	1	2		2	5
Stateless	1	2	3	13	19
United Kingdom	2	35		25	62
Sudan		2	1		3
Switzerland		2			2
Sweden	1	1	1	8	11
Syria	1	8	66	4	79
South Africa	1	2			3
South Korea		1			1
South Sudan			1		1
Tajikistan		1	1		2
Tanzania	3	1			4
Thailand		5		8	13
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Chad			2		2
Czech Republic		1			1
Tunisia	1	1	3	2	7
Turkmenistan			1		1
Türkiye	1	16	14	8	39
Germany		4		2	6
Uganda		1		3	4
Ukraine		35	86	5	126
Hungary		1			1
USA	2	16		10	28
Uzbekistan		5	3	5	13
Venezuela	1	1		1	3
Vietnam		1		7	8

Returns so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Zimbabwe		2			2
Total	105	497	328	425	1355

Returns so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan				1	1
Albania	6	9		18	33
Algeria	1			1	2
Argentina	1			1	2
Armenia	1				1
Azerbaijan	1	1		1	3
Australia				3	3
Bangladesh		1		1	2
Belgium			12	1	13
Bermuda		2			2
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil		4		5	9
Bulgaria		1	3	3	7
Burundi	1				1
Canada	1	2		2	5
Chile		1		5	6
Colombia	5	6		3	14
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba				1	1
Denmark		25	12	6	43
Dominican Republic		1			1
Egypt		1		1	2
El Salvador	1	2			3
Ivory Coast	1				1
Estonia			6	3	9
Ethiopia		1		1	2
The Philippines		12		2	14
Finland		4	15	1	20
France	1	7	20	2	30
Gabon	1				1
Georgia	17	7		10	34
Ghana				4	4
Greenland		2			2

Returns so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Guatemala	1				1
Greece		3	14	2	19
Honduras	1				1
Hong Kong		1			1
India	1	2			3
Indonesia		1			1
Iraq	18			6	24
Iran	2	1		1	4
Ireland		2		1	3
Iceland			1	1	2
Israel		2		2	4
Italy	1	13	3	16	33
Jamaica				1	1
Japan		1			1
Jordan		2		1	3
Cameroon				1	1
Kenya		1		2	3
China	1	3		3	7
Republic of the Congo	1				1
Kosovo	5	3		4	12
Croatia			5	1	6
Cyprus		1	1		2
Latvia		5	9	11	25
Libya	1	1			2
Lithuania		5	6	27	38
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Mexico		1		2	3
Moldova	6	3		6	15
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
Nederland		2	7	11	20
Nepal				4	4
Nigeria				2	2
North Macedonia		2		7	9
Pakistan		2		3	5
Palestine	1	1		1	3
Paraguay				1	1
Peru	8			1	9
Poland	1	30	66	41	138
Portugal		5	1	2	8
Qatar		2			2

Returns so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Romania		15	1	49	65
Russia		66		5	71
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Serbia		2		3	5
Slovakia		1			1
Slovenia			4		4
Somalia	5			8	13
Spain		15	31	11	57
Sri Lanka	1			1	2
The United Kingdom	2	58		29	89
Svalbard and Jan Mayen		2			2
Switzerland		3	3	3	9
Sweden	1	71	34	22	128
South Africa	1				1
Taiwan				3	3
Tanzania	3				3
Thailand		1		7	8
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
The Czech Republic		1	4		5
Tunisia	1	1		1	3
Türkiye	1	23		8	32
Germany		21	36	7	64
Uganda				2	2
Hungary		2	9	1	12
USA	2	20		9	31
Uzbekistan		2		3	5
Venezuela				1	1
Vietnam		1		7	8
Austria		1	25		26
Total	105	497	328	425	1355

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