



**Monthly statistics December 2022:  
Returns from Norway**

**The police returned 206 persons in December 2022, 52 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 application 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.

**Compared with 2021:**

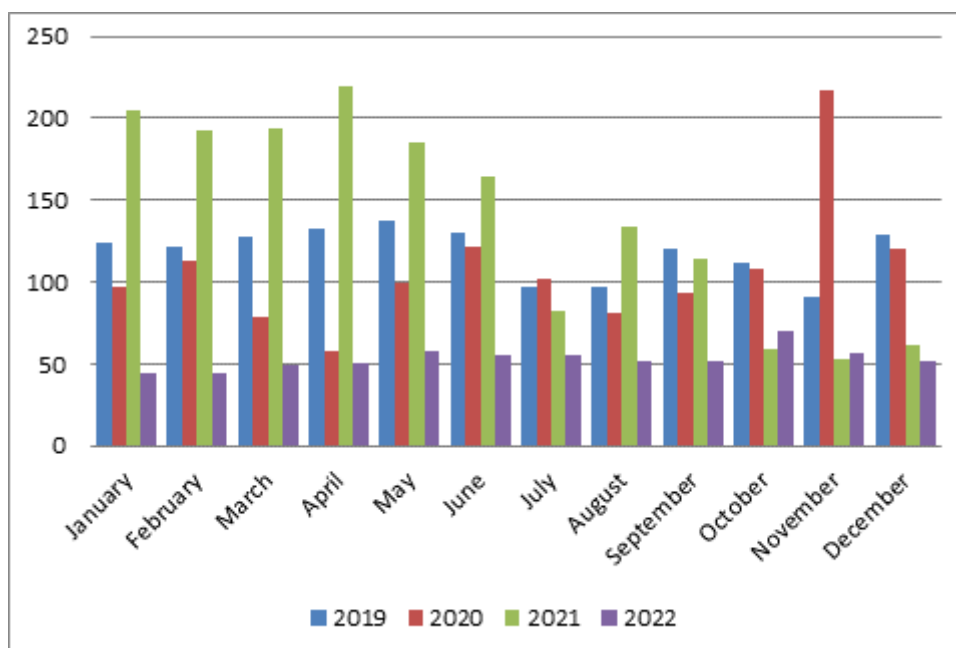
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 31 December 2021	18791
As at 31 December 2022	2695
Change in percent	<b>- 86 %</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In December, the police returned 52 convicted offenders, 25 % of all returnees that month. In 2022, 640 convicted offenders have been returned, 24 % of all returnees during this period. In 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (15 %), Polish (14 %) and Lithuanian (11 %).

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



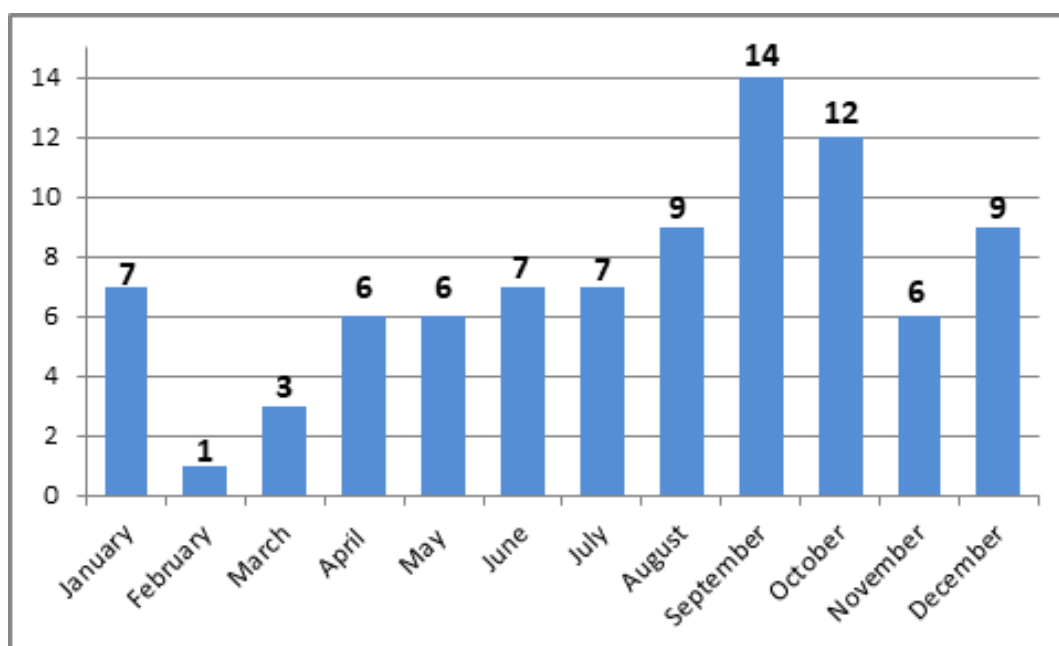
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## Minors

9 minors were returned in December. Two of them were unaccompanied minors who were returned to a safe third country (under the Dublin Regulation). The other 7 minors were returned 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.



*Return of minors in 2022*

## Returns on chartered flights

Two returnee flights were chartered in 2022.

## 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>Returns in 2022 by nationality</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan		34	48	15	<b>97</b>
Albania	32	38		40	<b>110</b>
Algeria	2	5		9	<b>16</b>
Angola	2	1	3	2	<b>8</b>
Argentina		7		5	<b>12</b>
Armenia		2		1	<b>3</b>
Azerbaijan		8		2	<b>10</b>
Australia	1	2		1	<b>4</b>
Bangladesh		6	1	4	<b>11</b>
Belarus		14	12	12	<b>38</b>
Bolivia		1			<b>1</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	4		5	<b>10</b>
Botswana		2			<b>2</b>
Brazil	2	18		14	<b>34</b>
Burundi		1			<b>1</b>
Canada		3		2	<b>5</b>
Chile	1	12		5	<b>18</b>
Colombia	6	26		11	<b>43</b>
Costa Rica				1	<b>1</b>
Cuba		3			<b>3</b>
Denmark		6		3	<b>9</b>
Dominican Republic		8		4	<b>12</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		39	19	5	<b>63</b>
Estonia		1		2	<b>3</b>
Ethiopia		19	12	2	<b>33</b>

<b>Returns in 2022 by nationality</b>					
The Philippines		8		21	<b>29</b>
France		9		1	<b>10</b>
The Gambia		2	2	4	<b>8</b>
Georgia	20	67		9	<b>96</b>
Ghana	1	11		5	<b>17</b>
Guatemala		1		1	<b>2</b>
Guinea	1		2		<b>3</b>
Greece		2			<b>2</b>
Honduras		1			<b>1</b>
India	7	39		7	<b>53</b>
Indonesia				1	<b>1</b>
Iraq	3	37	13	16	<b>69</b>
Iran	4	14	17	7	<b>42</b>
Ireland		4			<b>4</b>
Iceland		1			<b>1</b>
Israel	1	6		3	<b>10</b>
Italy		4		2	<b>6</b>
Japan		3	1		<b>4</b>
Yemen	2	2	2	1	<b>7</b>
Jordan	1	2		1	<b>4</b>
Yugoslavia		1		2	<b>3</b>
Cambodia		1		1	<b>2</b>
Cameroon	1	5		3	<b>9</b>
Cape Verde		1			<b>1</b>
Kazakhstan		10		1	<b>11</b>
Kenya	1	7	1	3	<b>12</b>
China	1	27	1	4	<b>33</b>
Kyrgyzstan		2			<b>2</b>
Republic of the Congo	1	4	4		<b>9</b>
Kosovo	6	9		11	<b>26</b>
Croatia		1			<b>1</b>
Kuwait		8			<b>8</b>
Latvia		7		6	<b>13</b>
Lebanon		1	1	2	<b>4</b>
Liberia			2	4	<b>6</b>
Libya		2	3		<b>5</b>
Lithuania		13		67	<b>80</b>
Malaysia	3	4			<b>7</b>
Mali	1	1	2	1	<b>5</b>
Morocco		14	5	13	<b>32</b>
Mauritania		1			<b>1</b>
Mexico		14		5	<b>19</b>
Moldova	4	13		10	<b>27</b>
Mongolia		1		5	<b>6</b>
Montenegro	2			1	<b>3</b>
Mozambique		1			<b>1</b>

<b>Returns in 2022 by nationality</b>					
Myanmar		1	4		5
Nederland		3		10	13
Nepal		7		3	10
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3
Nigeria	5	21	1	13	40
North Macedonia		5		9	14
Norway		1			1
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	28	4	17	51
Paraguay		2		1	3
Peru		5		5	10
Poland		45		64	109
Portugal		1		2	3
Romania		52		76	128
Russia		90	19	25	134
Rwanda			1	1	2
Saint Kitts and Nevis		2			2
Saudi Arabia		11	5		16
Senegal				1	1
Serbia	5	15		11	31
Slovakia				1	1
Somalia	5	33	11	14	63
Spain		3		7	10
Sri Lanka		3	7	3	13
Stateless	1	16	9	19	45
United Kingdom		66		22	88
Sudan		2	4	2	8
Switzerland		4			4
Sweden		44		13	57
Syria	4	54	66	9	133
South Africa	3	2			5
South Korea		3			3
South Sudan		1	1	1	3
Tajikistan		3	5		8
Tanzania	1	3		4	8
Thailand		9	1	12	22
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			2		2
Czech Republic				5	5
Tunisia		8	5	2	15
Turkmenistan		2			2
Türkiye	1	37	11	17	66
Germany		6		3	9

<b>Returns in 2022 by nationality</b>					
Uganda		1	1	2	<b>4</b>
Unknown		2		3	<b>5</b>
Ukraine		50	51	24	<b>125</b>
Hungary		1		2	<b>3</b>
Uruguay		1		1	<b>2</b>
USA	5	46		19	<b>70</b>
Uzbekistan	1	12	2	8	<b>23</b>
Venezuela	13	3	1	3	<b>20</b>
Vietnam	5	5		23	<b>33</b>
Zimbabwe		6			<b>6</b>
Austria		1		1	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1343</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>2695</b>

<b>Returns in 2022 by destination</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Albania	32	33		36	<b>101</b>
Algeria	2			2	<b>4</b>
Angola	2				<b>2</b>
Argentina				4	<b>4</b>
Armenia		1		1	<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan		3			<b>3</b>
Australia	1	1			<b>2</b>
Bangladesh		1		2	<b>3</b>
Belgium		3	7	4	<b>14</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	5		4	<b>10</b>
Brazil	2	9		8	<b>19</b>
Bulgaria			1		<b>1</b>
Burundi	1			1	<b>2</b>
Canada				2	<b>2</b>
Chile	1	3		5	<b>9</b>
Colombia	6	15		8	<b>29</b>
Costa Rica				1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		42	6	5	<b>53</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>
Eritrea				1	<b>1</b>
Estonia		1	4	22	<b>27</b>
Ethiopia		8		1	<b>9</b>

The Philippines		6		18	<b>24</b>
Finland		2	11	1	<b>14</b>
France		31	21	11	<b>63</b>
The Gambia				2	<b>2</b>
Georgia	20	59		8	<b>87</b>
Ghana	1	2		2	<b>5</b>
Guatemala				1	<b>1</b>
Guinea	1				<b>1</b>
Greece		10	14	8	<b>32</b>
Hong Kong				2	<b>2</b>
India	7	7		5	<b>19</b>
Indonesia				1	<b>1</b>
Iraq	3	5		5	<b>13</b>
Iran	4	2		3	<b>9</b>
Ireland		2			<b>2</b>
Iceland		1	1		<b>2</b>
Israel	1	6		3	<b>10</b>
Italy		31	58	46	<b>135</b>
Japan		1			<b>1</b>
Yemen	2				<b>2</b>
Jordan	1			1	<b>2</b>
Cambodia		1		1	<b>2</b>
Cameroon	1	1			<b>2</b>
Cape Verde		1			<b>1</b>
Kazakhstan		7			<b>7</b>
Kenya	1	2		4	<b>7</b>
China		2			<b>2</b>
Kyrgyzstan		1			<b>1</b>
Kosovo	6	4		9	<b>19</b>
Croatia		2	4		<b>6</b>
Kuwait		4			<b>4</b>
Cyprus		2	1	2	<b>5</b>
Latvia		13	1	25	<b>39</b>
Lebanon	1				<b>1</b>
Liberia				4	<b>4</b>
Lithuania		9	3	72	<b>84</b>
Malaysia	3	4			<b>7</b>
Mali	1				<b>1</b>
Malta		2	2		<b>4</b>
Morocco		1		8	<b>9</b>
Mexico		4		5	<b>9</b>
Moldova	4	9		9	<b>22</b>
Mongolia				4	<b>4</b>
Montenegro	2			3	<b>5</b>
Nederland		10	10	13	<b>33</b>
Nepal				1	<b>1</b>
New Zealand		1			<b>1</b>
Nicaragua	2			1	<b>3</b>
Nigeria	5	2		2	<b>9</b>

North Macedonia		4		10	<b>14</b>
Norway		2			<b>2</b>
Oman				1	<b>1</b>
Pakistan	2	7		3	<b>12</b>
Palestine	1				<b>1</b>
Peru		4		3	<b>7</b>
Poland		68	48	80	<b>196</b>
Portugal		12	3	9	<b>24</b>
Romania	1	44	2	77	<b>124</b>
Russia		65		16	<b>81</b>
Rwanda				1	<b>1</b>
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			<b>1</b>
Saudi Arabia		13			<b>13</b>
Serbia	5	13		11	<b>29</b>
Slovakia				2	<b>2</b>
Slovenia			1	3	<b>4</b>
Somalia	5			5	<b>10</b>
Spain		46	31	36	<b>113</b>
Sri Lanka				1	<b>1</b>
United Kingdom		177	2	24	<b>203</b>
Sudan				1	<b>1</b>
Switzerland		5	8	1	<b>14</b>
Sweden		321	45	44	<b>410</b>
South Africa	3	1			<b>4</b>
South Korea		3			<b>3</b>
Taiwan		1			<b>1</b>
Tanzania	1	2		4	<b>7</b>
Thailand		3		8	<b>11</b>
Czech Republic		1	8	9	<b>18</b>
Tunisia		1		1	<b>2</b>
Türkiye	3	60		14	<b>77</b>
Germany		33	53	17	<b>103</b>
Ukraine		24		6	<b>30</b>
Hungary		8	4	4	<b>16</b>
Uruguay		1		1	<b>2</b>
USA	5	34		16	<b>55</b>
Uzbekistan	1			2	<b>3</b>
Venezuela	14	2		2	<b>18</b>
Vietnam	5	3		20	<b>28</b>
Austria		6	17	4	<b>27</b>
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By destination we mean the country the person is returned to, not necessarily the person's country of origin (or country of nationality).