



**Statistics March 2022:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 134 persons in March 2022, 47 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:

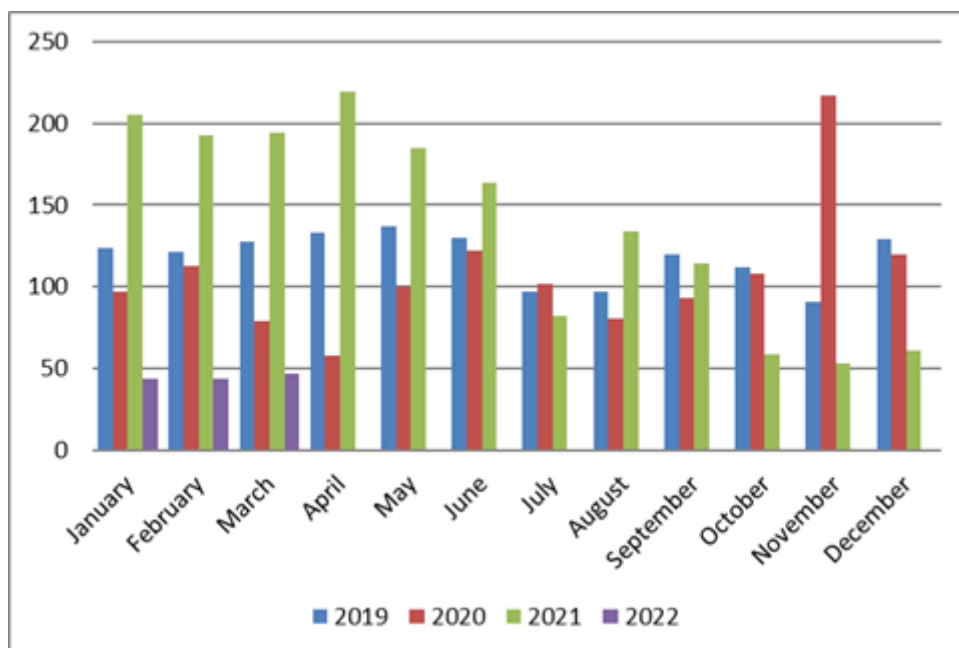
	Forced returns
As at 31 March 2021	4383
As at 31 March 2022	569
Change in percent	-87 %

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

Convicted offenders

In March, the police returned 47 convicted offenders, 35 % of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (18 %), Polish (16 %) and Lithuanian (11 %).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



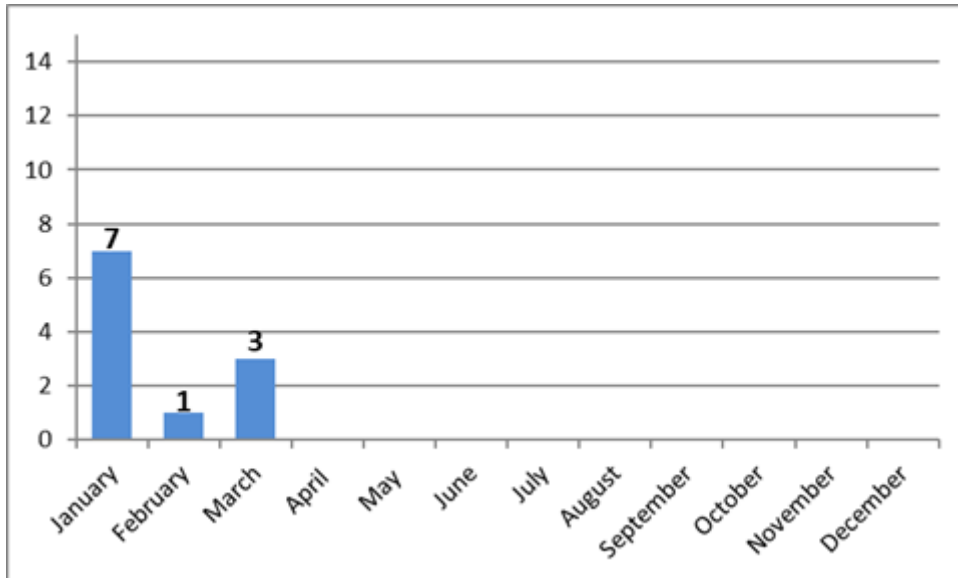
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Minors

In March, 3 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.



Returned minors so far in 2022

Forced returns on chartered flights

No chartered return flights have taken place so far this year.

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/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		6	9	3	18
Albania	1	6		5	12
Algeria		2		2	4
Angola		1		1	2
Argentina		3		1	4
Azerbaijan		2			2
Australia		1			1
Bangladesh		3			3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	1		2	4
Brazil		6		2	8
Canada		1		1	2
Chile		6			6
Colombia	3	8		2	13
Costa Rica				1	1
Dominican Republic				1	1
Djibouti			1		1
Egypt	1		1		2
Eritrea		6	5		11
Ethiopia		1	5		6
The Philippines		3		8	11
France		2			2
The Gambia		1		1	2
Georgia	1	1		1	3
Ghana				1	1
Greece		1			1
Belarus		6		2	8
India		1		2	3
Iraq		5	1	6	12

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Iran	1	2	5	1	9
Iceland		1			1
Jordan	1				1
Yugoslavia				1	1
Kenya				1	1
China		6	1	1	8
Republic of the Congo			3		3
Kosovo		1		2	3
Kuwait		2			2
Latvia		5			5
Libya			1		1
Lithuania		5		13	18
Mali		1		1	2
Morocco		4		5	9
Mexico				4	4
Moldova	1	1		3	5
Mongolia				1	1
Montenegro	2				2
The Netherlands				1	1
Nepal		1			1
Nigeria	1	4		2	7
North Macedonia				3	3
Pakistan		5	1	3	9
Peru		1			1
Poland		19		15	34
Portugal		1		1	2
Romania		31		18	49
Russia		10	1	4	15
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			1
Saudi Arabia		2			2
Senegal				1	1
Serbia		2			2
Somalia	2	5	4	3	14
Spain		1		4	5
Sri Lanka		1		1	2
Stateless		5	2	4	11
The United Kingdom		20		3	23
Sudan		1		1	2
Switzerland		1			1
Sweden		17		4	21

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Syria	1	8	17	4	30
South Africa		1			1
South Korea		2			2
South Sudan			1		1
Tajikistan		2	4		6
Tanzania				1	1
Thailand		2		3	5
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			1		1
Tunisia		2	2		4
Turkey	1	3	2	3	9
Germany		3		1	4
Uganda				1	1
Unknown		1		2	3
Ukraine		22		7	29
USA	2	17		4	23
Uzbekistan		1		3	4
Venezuela	9	1		1	11
Vietnam		1		4	5
Total	28	296	68	177	569

Returnees so far in 2021 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Albania	1	4		5	10
Azerbaijan		1			1
Belgium			3	1	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	2		1	4
Canada				1	1
Chile		2			2
Colombia	3	2		2	7
Costa Rica				1	1
Denmark		16	2		18
Egypt	1				1
The Philippines		3		7	10
Finland		1	1		2
France		10	4	2	16
Georgia	1	1			2
Ghana				1	1
Greece		2	4	4	10

Returnees so far in 2021 by destination

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Hong Kong				1	1
Iraq				1	1
Iran	1				1
Iceland		1			1
Israel		1			1
Italy		6	12	12	30
Jordan	1				1
Kenya				1	1
Kosovo		1		2	3
Croatia			3		3
Kuwait		1			1
Cyprus				1	1
Latvia		6		3	9
Lithuania		2		13	15
Malta			2		2
Morocco				4	4
Mexico				3	3
Moldova	1	1		3	5
Montenegro	2				2
The Netherlands		6	1	1	8
Nigeria	1			1	2
North Macedonia				4	4
Pakistan		1			1
Poland		19		18	37
Portugal		2		3	5
Romania		19		18	37
Russia		9		5	14
Saudi Arabia		3			3
Serbia		1			1
Slovenia				1	1
Somalia	2			1	3
Spain		18	2	13	33
The United Kingdom		43	1	4	48
Switzerland		1	1	1	3
Sweden		70	8	8	86
South Africa		1			1
South Korea		1			1
Tanzania				1	1
Thailand				3	3
The Czech Republic				3	3
Turkey	1	9		2	12

Returns so far in 2021 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Germany		3	16	5	24
Ukraine		19		6	25
Hungary		2			2
USA	2	3		4	9
Uzbekistan				1	1
Venezuela	10	1		1	12
Vietnam		1		4	5
Austria		1	8		9
Total	28	296	68	177	569

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