



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

The police forcibly returned 297 persons in October 2022, 70 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:

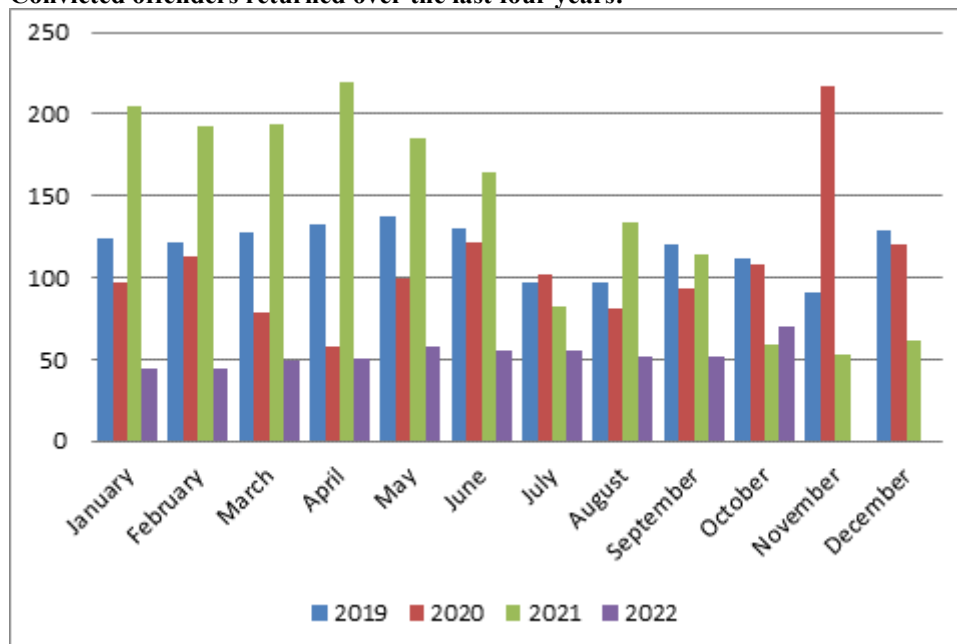
	Forced returns
As at 31 October 2021	18273
As at 31 October 2022	2199
Change in percent	-88 %

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

Convicted offenders

In October, the police returned 70 convicted offenders, 24 % of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, 531 convicted offenders have been returned, 24 % of all returnees during this period. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (17 %), Polish (14 %) and Lithuanian (11 %).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



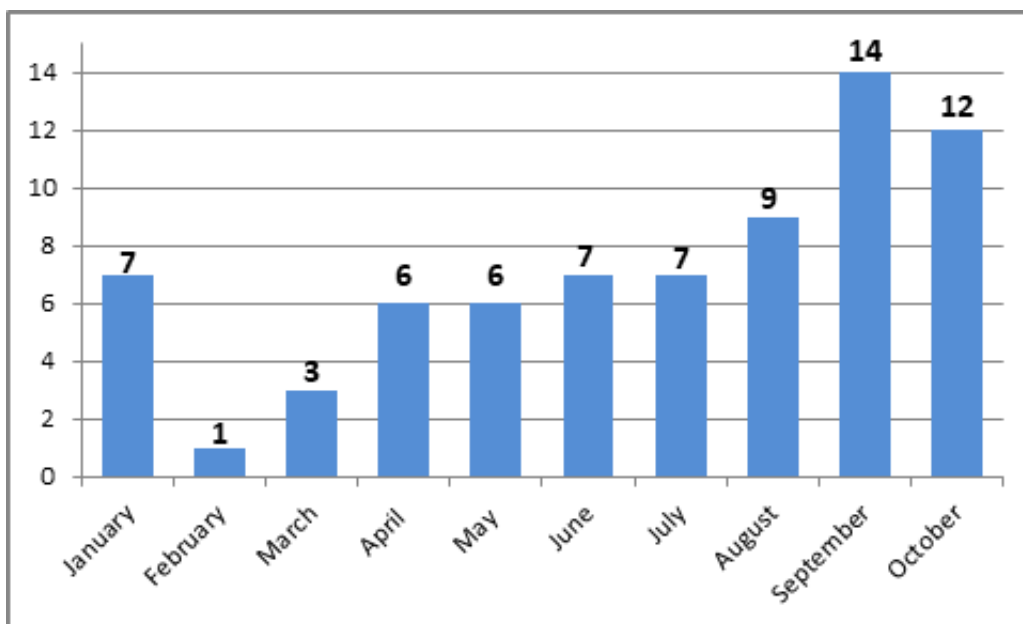
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Minors

12 minors were returned in October. 2 of them were returned under the Dublin Regulation, 2 were refused entry or ordered to leave and 8 were returned after their applications for asylum were rejected. 2 of the 12 minors were not accompanied by parents or guardians. The others travelled 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 October. 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		30	39	8	77
Albania	19	25		29	73
Algeria	2	4		8	14
Angola	2	1	3	2	8
Argentina		5		5	10
Armenia		2			(2)
Azerbaijan		7		2	9
Australia	1	2		1	4
Bangladesh		5	1	3	9
Belarus		13	8	7	28
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	4		4	9
Botswana		(2)			2
Brazil		15		10	25
Burundi		1			1
Canada		2		1	3
Chile	1	9		2	12
Colombia	5	20		8	33
Costa Rica				1	1
Cuba		3			3
Denmark		6		3	9
Dominican Republic		5		2	7
Djibouti		1	1		2
Egypt	1	1	1		3
El Salvador	2	2			4
Ivory Coast			1		1
Eritrea		36	16	4	56
Estonia		1		2	3
Ethiopia		14	11	1	26

Returns so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
The Philippines		6		20	26
France		4		1	5
The Gambia		2	2	3	7
Georgia	16	37		8	61
Ghana	1	8		4	13
Guatemala		1		1	2
Guinea			2		2
Greece		1			1
Honduras		1			1
India	6	33		7	46
Indonesia				1	1
Iraq	3	26	9	13	51
Iran	3	13	16	5	37
Ireland		3			3
Iceland		1			1
Israel		6		3	9
Italy		4			4
Japan		3	1		4
Yemen	2	2		1	5
Jordan	1	2		1	4
Yugoslavia		1		1	2
Cambodia		1		1	2
Cameroon	1	5		3	9
Cape Verde		1			1
Kazakhstan		10		1	11
Kenya		6	1	3	10
China	1	24	1	3	29
Kyrgyzstan		2			2
Republic of the Congo	1	3	5		9
Kosovo	6	6		12	24
Croatia		1			1
Kuwait		5			5
Latvia		7		5	12
Lebanon		1	1	1	3
Liberia			2	4	6
Libya		1	3		4
Lithuania		13		54	67
Malaysia	3	4			7
Mali		1	2	1	4
Morocco		10	3	11	24
Mauritania		1			1
Mexico		11		5	16
Moldova	4	13		8	25
Mongolia		1		5	6

Returns so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Montenegro	2			1	3
Mozambique		1			1
Myanmar		1	2		3
The Netherlands		2		8	10
Nepal		4		2	6
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3
Nigeria	4	20		6	30
North Macedonia		3		9	12
Norway		1			1
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	27	3	15	47
Paraguay		1			1
Peru		3		5	8
Poland		37		55	92
Portugal		1		2	3
Romania		50		71	121
Russia		70	16	22	108
Saint Kitts and Nevis		2			2
Saudi Arabia		8	5		13
Senegal				1	1
Serbia	4	14		10	28
Slovakia				1	1
Somalia	5	29	10	13	57
Spain		3		6	9
Sri Lanka		3	7	3	13
Stateless		13	8	16	37
United Kingdom		61		13	74
Sudan		2	3	2	7
Switzerland		4			4
Sweden		49		12	61
Syria	2	42	51	8	103
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		2			2
South Sudan		1	1	1	3
Tajikistan		3	4		7
Tanzania	1	3		2	6
Thailand		7		12	19
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			2		2
Czech Republic				3	3

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Tunisia		7	5	2	14
Turkmenistan		2			2
Türkiye	1	30	7	15	53
Germany		5		2	7
Uganda		1		1	2
Unknown		2		3	5
Ukraine		45	19	9	73
Hungary				2	2
Uruguay				1	1
USA	4	42		14	60
Uzbekistan	1	11	2	7	21
Venezuela	11	3	1	2	17
Vietnam	4	5		20	29
Zimbabwe		5			5
Austria				1	1
Total	128	1126	276	669	2199

Returnees so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Albania	19	19		26	64
Algeria	2			1	3
Angola	2				2
Argentina				4	4
Armenia		1			1
Azerbaijan		2			2
Australia	1	1			2
Bangladesh				1	1
Belgium		3	6	3	12
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	5		3	9
Brazil		7		6	13
Bulgaria			1		1
Burundi	1			1	2
Canada				1	1
Chile	1	2		2	5
Colombia	5	11		6	22
Costa Rica				1	1
Denmark		35	4	5	44
United Arab Emirates		1			1
Dominican Republic		2			2

Returnees so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Egypt	1	1			2
El Salvador	2	1			3
Eritrea				1	1
Estonia		1		7	8
Ethiopia		6		1	7
The Philippines		4		17	21
Finland		2	7	1	10
France		21	20	7	48
The Gambia				2	2
Georgia	16	31		7	54
Ghana	1	1		2	4
Guatemala				1	1
Greece		9	9	7	25
Hong Kong				2	2
India	6	4		5	15
Indonesia				1	1
Iraq	3	3		3	9
Iran	3	2		3	8
Ireland		1			1
Iceland		1	1		2
Israel		6		3	9
Italy		31	52	31	114
Japan		1			1
Yemen	2				2
Jordan	1			1	2
Cambodia		1		1	2
Cameroon	1	1			2
Cape Verde		1			1
Kazakhstan		7			7
Kenya	1	2		4	7
China		2			2
Kyrgyzstan		1			1
Kosovo	6	3		9	18
Croatia		2	4		6
Kuwait		4			4
Cyprus		2	1	2	5
Latvia		12	1	20	33
Lebanon	1				1
Liberia				4	4
Lithuania		9	1	58	68
Malaysia	3	4			7
Malta		2	2		4
Morocco				7	7
Mexico		3		4	7
Moldova	4	9		8	21

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Mongolia				4	4
Montenegro	2			3	5
The Netherlands		9	8	10	27
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3
Nigeria	4	2		1	7
North Macedonia		3		10	13
Norway		2			2
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	7		3	12
Peru		2		3	5
Poland		55	29	66	150
Portugal		10	3	8	21
Romania		41	2	72	115
Russia		50		14	64
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			1
Saudi Arabia		9			9
Serbia	4	12		10	26
Slovakia				2	2
Slovenia			1	3	4
Somalia	4			4	8
Spain		40	29	30	99
Sri Lanka				1	1
United Kingdom		158	1	15	174
Sudan				1	1
Switzerland		5	4	1	10
Sweden		278	35	36	349
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		2			2
Taiwan		1			1
Tanzania	1	2		3	6
Thailand		2		8	10
Czech Republic			2	7	9
Tunisia		1		1	2
Türkiye	2	51		12	65
Germany		29	40	15	84
Ukraine		24		6	30
Hungary		7		3	10
Uruguay				1	1
USA	4	31		12	47
Uzbekistan	1			2	3

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Venezuela	12	2		1	15
Vietnam	4	3		18	25
Austria		5	13	2	20
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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).