



**Monthly statistics August 2022:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 200 persons in August 2022, 50 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:

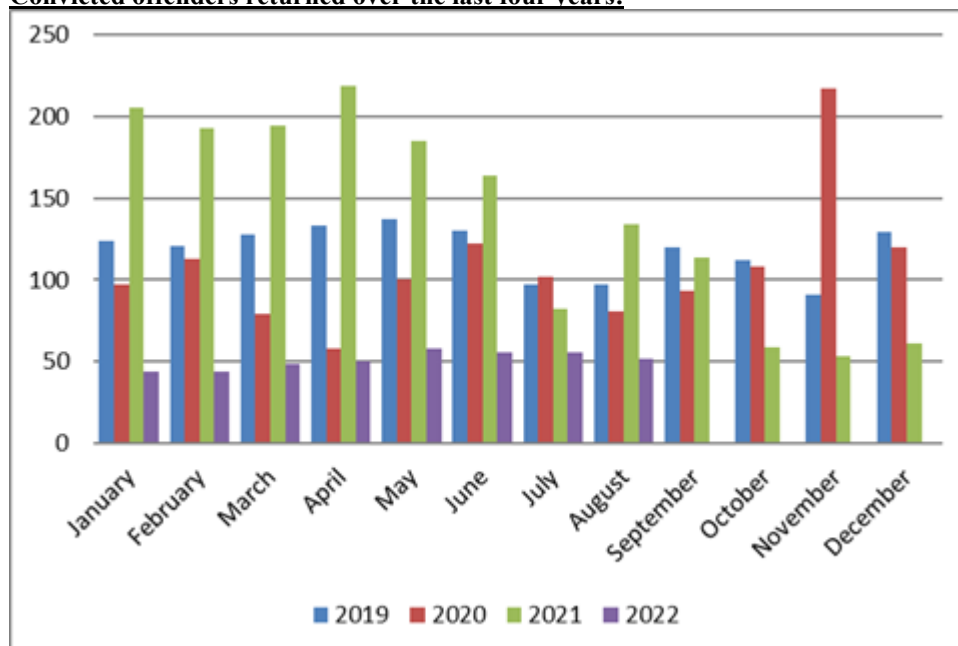
	Forced returns
As at 31 August 2021	15794
As at 31 August 2022	1538
Change in percent	-90.3 %

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

Convicted offenders

In August, the police returned 50 convicted offenders, approx. 25 % of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, 403 convicted offenders have been returned, 26 % of all returnees during this period. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (18 %), Polish (14 %) and Lithuanian (11 %).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



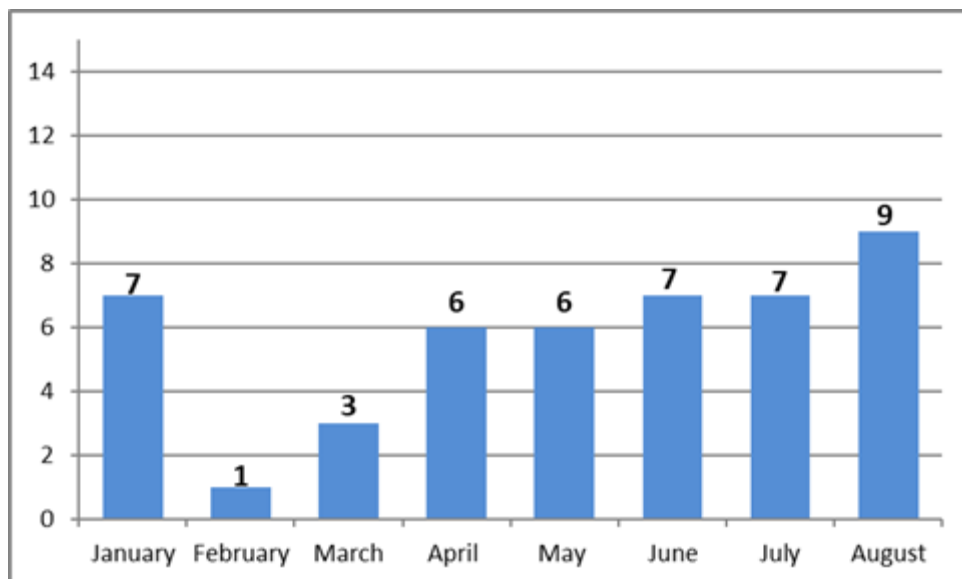
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Minors

9 minors were returned in August, all together 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 August. 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		13	25	4	42
Albania	15	19		26	60
Algeria	2	4		6	12
Angola	2	1	3	1	7
Argentina		3		3	6
Azerbaijan		4		3	7
Australia		2			2
Bangladesh		4		1	5
Belarus		10	7	6	23
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	2		4	7
Botswana		2			2
Brazil		11		7	18
Burundi		1			1
Canada		1		1	2
Chile	1	9		1	11
Colombia	3	13		5	21
Costa Rica				1	1
Cuba		3			3
Denmark				3	3
Dominican Republic		4		2	6
Djibouti		1	1		2
Egypt	1	1	1		3
El Salvador	2	2			4
Ivory Coast			1		1
Eritrea		22	13	2	37
Estonia		1		2	3
Ethiopia		7	7		14
The Philippines		4		19	23
France		4		1	5
The Gambia		2	2	3	7

Returns so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Georgia	8	8		6	22
Ghana	1	3		2	6
Guinea			1		1
Greece		1			1
Honduras		1			1
India	3	27		5	35
Indonesia				1	1
Iraq	3	16	6	11	36
Iran	2	7	13	3	25
Ireland		3			3
Iceland		1			1
Israel		1		1	2
Italy		1			1
Japan		1			1
Yemen	2	1		1	4
Jordan	1	2			3
Yugoslavia		1		1	2
Cambodia		1		1	2
Cameroon				2	2
Cape Verde		1			1
Kazakhstan		7			7
Kenya		2	1	2	5
China	1	14	1	2	18
Kyrgyzstan		2			2
Republic of the Congo		2	4		6
Kosovo		3		8	11
Croatia		1			1
Kuwait		4			4
Latvia		7		3	10
Lebanon		1	1		2
Liberia	1			3	4
Libya			3		3
Lithuania		11		39	50
Malaysia	3	4			7
Mali		1	1	1	3
Morocco		9	3	9	21
Mauritania		1			1
Mexico		5		5	10
Moldova	3	11		8	22
Mongolia		1		4	5
Montenegro	2			1	3
Myanmar		1	1		2
The Netherlands				4	4

Returns so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Nepal		4			4
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3
Nigeria	3	14		2	19
North Macedonia		2		8	10
Norway		1			1
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	15	3	11	31
Peru		3		5	8
Poland		34		41	75
Portugal		1		2	3
Romania		41		62	103
Russia		30	10	17	57
Saint Kitts and Nevis		2			2
Saudi Arabia		7	1		8
Senegal				1	1
Serbia		10		5	15
Slovakia				1	1
Somalia	5	13	9	9	36
Spain		2		4	6
Sri Lanka		3	3	2	8
Stateless		9	5	11	25
United Kingdom		52		10	62
Sudan		1	3	2	6
Switzerland		3			3
Sweden		24		11	35
Syria	2	22	41	8	73
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		2			2
South Sudan		1	1		2
Tajikistan		2	4		6
Tanzania		3		2	5
Thailand		6		9	15
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			1		1
Czech Republic				2	2
Tunisia		7	4	2	13
Turkmenistan		2			2
Türkiye	1	20	6	11	38
Germany		5		2	7
Uganda				1	1

Returns so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Unknown		1		3	4
Ukraine		32	6	9	47
Hungary				2	2
USA	4	32		14	50
Uzbekistan	1	5		6	12
Venezuela	10	2		1	13
Vietnam	4	5		13	22
Zimbabwe		1			1
Austria				1	1
Total	94	735	193	516	1538

Returns so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Albania	15	13		23	51
Algeria	2			1	3
Angola	2				2
Argentina				2	2
Azerbaijan		2			2
Australia		1			1
Belgium			5	2	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	3		3	7
Brazil		4		3	7
Bulgaria			1		1
Burundi				1	1
Canada				1	1
Chile	1	2		1	4
Colombia	3	4		4	11
Costa Rica				1	1
Denmark		24	4	5	33
United Arab Emirates		1			1
Dominican Republic		2			2
Egypt	1	1			2
El Salvador	2	1			3
Estonia		1		7	8
Ethiopia		2			2
The Philippines		3		16	19

Returns so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Finland		2	2	1	5
France		20	11	4	35
The Gambia				2	2
Georgia	8	4		8	20
Ghana	1			1	2
Greece		9	8	6	23
Hong Kong				1	1
India	3	2		3	8
Indonesia				1	1
Iraq	3	3		2	8
Iran	2	2		1	5
Ireland		1			1
Iceland		1	1		2
Israel		2		1	3
Italy		18	36	20	74
Japan		1			1
Yemen	2				2
Jordan	1				1
Cambodia		1		1	2
Cape Verde		1			1
Kazakhstan		6			6
Kenya	1	2		2	5
China		2			2
Kyrgyzstan		1			1
Kosovo		2		7	9
Croatia		1	3		4
Kuwait		3			3
Cyprus		2		2	4
Latvia		11		14	25
Lebanon	1				1
Liberia				3	3
Lithuania		7		41	48
Malaysia	3	4			7
Malta		1	2		3
Morocco				6	6
Mexico		2		4	6
Moldova	3	7		8	18
Mongolia				3	3
Montenegro	2			2	4
The Netherlands		8	6	5	19
New Zealand		1			1
Nicaragua	2			1	3
Nigeria	3	1		1	5

Returns so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
North Macedonia		2		9	11
Oman				1	1
Pakistan	2	6		2	10
Peru		2		3	5
Poland		41	8	47	96
Portugal		6	3	5	14
Romania		32	2	62	96
Russia		18		11	29
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			1
Saudi Arabia		8			8
Serbia		10		5	15
Slovakia				2	2
Slovenia			1	1	2
Somalia	4			2	6
Spain	1	32	23	25	81
Sri Lanka				1	1
United Kingdom		106	1	12	119
Sudan				1	1
Switzerland		4	4	1	9
Sweden		152	27	33	212
South Africa	3	1			4
South Korea		2			2
Tanzania		2		2	4
Thailand		2		7	9
Czech Republic			2	6	8
Tunisia		1		1	2
Türkiye	2	40		7	49
Germany		25	32	12	69
Ukraine		19		6	25
Hungary		7		3	10
USA	4	17		12	33
Uzbekistan	1			2	3
Venezuela	11	1		1	13
Vietnam	4	3		11	18
Austria		3	11	2	16
Total	94	735	193	516	1538

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