



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

**The police forcibly returned 180 persons in May 2022, 54 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:**

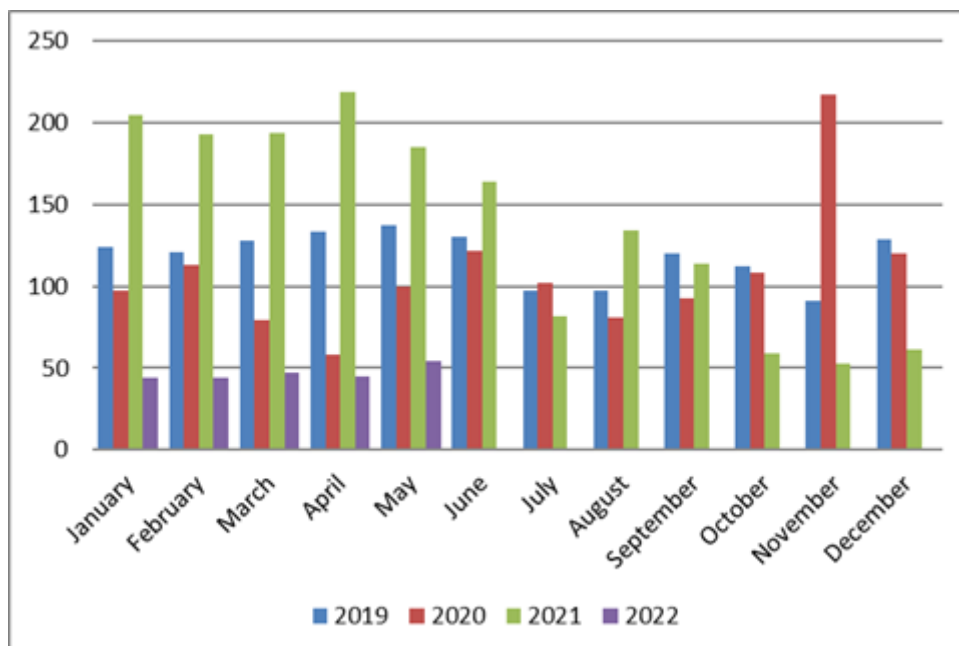
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 31 May 2021	7870
As at 31 May 2022	913
Change in percent	<b>-88.4</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In May, the police returned 54 convicted offenders, 30% of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, 234 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 996 in the same period in last year. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (19%), Polish (15%) and Lithuanian (11%).

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



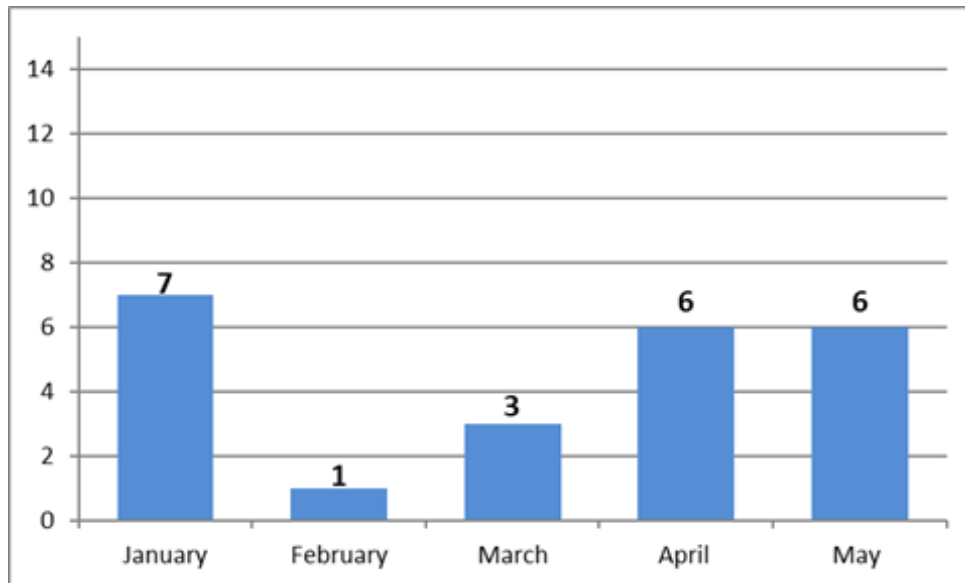
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## Minors

6 minors were returned in May, all 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.

<b>Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan		6	16	4	<b>26</b>
Albania	5	8		14	<b>27</b>
Algeria		2		4	<b>6</b>
Angola		1		1	<b>2</b>
Argentina		3		1	<b>4</b>
Azerbaijan		4			<b>4</b>
Australia		2			<b>2</b>
Bangladesh		3			<b>3</b>
Belarus		9	1	5	<b>15</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	2		4	<b>7</b>
Botswana		2			<b>2</b>
Brazil		8		5	<b>13</b>
Burundi		1			<b>1</b>
Canada		1		1	<b>2</b>
Chile		7		1	<b>8</b>
Colombia	3	9		3	<b>15</b>
Costa Rica				1	<b>1</b>
Cuba		2			<b>2</b>
Dominican Republic		2		2	<b>4</b>
Djibouti			1		<b>1</b>
Egypt	1		1		<b>2</b>
El Salvador	2				<b>2</b>
Eritrea		8	7		<b>15</b>
Ethiopia		1	6		<b>7</b>
The Philippines		3		14	<b>17</b>
France		3			<b>3</b>
The Gambia		1		3	<b>4</b>
Georgia	6	5		4	<b>15</b>
Ghana	1	2		1	<b>4</b>
Greece		1			<b>1</b>
India		1		2	<b>3</b>

## Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Iraq	2	8	3	6	<b>19</b>
Iran	1	6	5	3	<b>15</b>
Iceland		1			<b>1</b>
Israel		1			<b>1</b>
Italy		1			<b>1</b>
Yemen	1			1	<b>2</b>
Jordan	1	1			<b>2</b>
Yugoslavia				1	<b>1</b>
Cambodia		1			<b>1</b>
Cameroon				2	<b>2</b>
Kazakhstan		1			<b>1</b>
Kenya				2	<b>2</b>
China	1	12	1	2	<b>16</b>
Republic of the Congo		1	4		<b>5</b>
Kosovo		2		4	<b>6</b>
Kuwait		2			<b>2</b>
Latvia		5		1	<b>6</b>
Lebanon		1			<b>1</b>
Libya			2		<b>2</b>
Lithuania		7		24	<b>31</b>
Malaysia	3				<b>3</b>
Mali		1	1	1	<b>3</b>
Morocco		6	3	5	<b>14</b>
Mexico				5	<b>5</b>
Moldova	3	5		6	<b>14</b>
Mongolia				3	<b>3</b>
Montenegro	2				<b>2</b>
The Netherlands				2	<b>2</b>
Nepal		1			<b>1</b>
Nicaragua	2				<b>2</b>
Nigeria	2	11		2	<b>15</b>
North Macedonia		1		5	<b>6</b>
Pakistan	2	12	2	7	<b>23</b>
Peru		3		1	<b>4</b>
Poland		22		26	<b>48</b>
Portugal		1		1	<b>2</b>
Romania		34		36	<b>70</b>
Russia		21	3	11	<b>35</b>
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			<b>1</b>
Saudi Arabia		3	1		<b>4</b>
Senegal				1	<b>1</b>
Serbia		8			<b>8</b>

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Somalia	2	8	6	5	<b>21</b>
Spain		1		4	<b>5</b>
Sri Lanka		2		1	<b>3</b>
Stateless		8	2	6	<b>16</b>
The United Kingdom		30		4	<b>34</b>
Sudan		1	2	1	<b>4</b>
Switzerland		2			<b>2</b>
Sweden		17		7	<b>24</b>
Syria	2	10	23	6	<b>41</b>
South Africa		1			<b>1</b>
South Korea		2			<b>2</b>
South Sudan			1		<b>1</b>
Tajikistan		2	4		<b>6</b>
Tanzania		1		1	<b>2</b>
Thailand		3		4	<b>7</b>
Togo		1	1		<b>2</b>
Chad			1		<b>1</b>
The Czech Republic				1	<b>1</b>
Tunisia		6	3		<b>9</b>
Turkey	1	11	4	5	<b>21</b>
Germany		3		1	<b>4</b>
Uganda				1	<b>1</b>
Unknown		1		2	<b>3</b>
Ukraine	1	27		9	<b>37</b>
Hungary				1	<b>1</b>
USA	2	20		7	<b>29</b>
Uzbekistan	1	2		4	<b>7</b>
Venezuela	9	2		1	<b>12</b>
Vietnam	4	4		7	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>913</b>

<b>Returnees so far in 2022 by destination</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Albania	5	5		12	<b>22</b>
Azerbaijan		2			<b>2</b>
Australia		1			<b>1</b>
Belgium			4	1	<b>5</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	3		3	<b>7</b>

## Returnees so far in 2022 by destination

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Brazil		2		2	4
Canada				1	1
Chile		2		1	3
Colombia	3	3		3	9
Costa Rica				1	1
Denmark		19	4		23
United Arab Emirates		1			1
Egypt	1	1			2
El Salvador	2				2
Estonia				2	2
The Philippines		3		13	16
Finland		2	2		4
France		14	5	3	22
The Gambia				2	2
Georgia	6	1		3	10
Ghana	1			1	2
Greece		6	5	5	16
Hong Kong				1	1
Iraq	2	2		1	5
Iran	1	2		1	4
Iceland		1			1
Israel		2			2
Italy		15	20	14	49
Yemen	1				1
Jordan	1				1
Cambodia		1			1
Kazakhstan		1			1
Kenya				2	2
China		1			1
Kosovo		1		4	5
Croatia			3		3
Kuwait		1			1
Cyprus				1	1
Latvia		7		8	15
Lebanon	1				1
Lithuania		5		25	30
Malaysia	3				3
Malta			2		2
Morocco				4	4
Mexico				4	4
Moldova	3	2		6	11
Mongolia				2	2
Montenegro	2				2

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The Netherlands		6	4	2	<b>12</b>
Nicaragua	2				<b>2</b>
Nigeria	2			1	<b>3</b>
North Macedonia		1		6	<b>7</b>
Pakistan	2	6		2	<b>10</b>
Peru		2		1	<b>3</b>
Poland		26		33	<b>59</b>
Portugal		3		3	<b>6</b>
Romania		25		36	<b>61</b>
Russia		17		7	<b>24</b>
Saudi Arabia		4			<b>4</b>
Serbia		7			<b>7</b>
Slovenia			1	1	<b>2</b>
Somalia	2			1	<b>3</b>
Spain		23	6	19	<b>48</b>
The United Kingdom		60	1	6	<b>67</b>
Switzerland		3	2	1	<b>6</b>
Sweden		79	13	15	<b>107</b>
South Africa		1			<b>1</b>
South Korea		1			<b>1</b>
Tanzania				1	<b>1</b>
Thailand				4	<b>4</b>
The Czech Republic				5	<b>5</b>
Tunisia		1			<b>1</b>
Turkey	2	24		4	<b>30</b>
Germany	1	10	22	8	<b>41</b>
Ukraine		19		6	<b>25</b>
Hungary		5		2	<b>7</b>
USA	2	6		6	<b>14</b>
Uzbekistan	1			2	<b>3</b>
Venezuela	10	1		1	<b>12</b>
Vietnam	4	3		6	<b>13</b>
Austria		3	10	1	<b>14</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).