



**Monthly statistics August 2023:
Returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 194 persons in August 2023, 51 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 applications 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.

Comparison 2022–2023:

	Forced returns
As at 31.08.022	1623
As at 31.08.2023	1553
Change in percent	-4

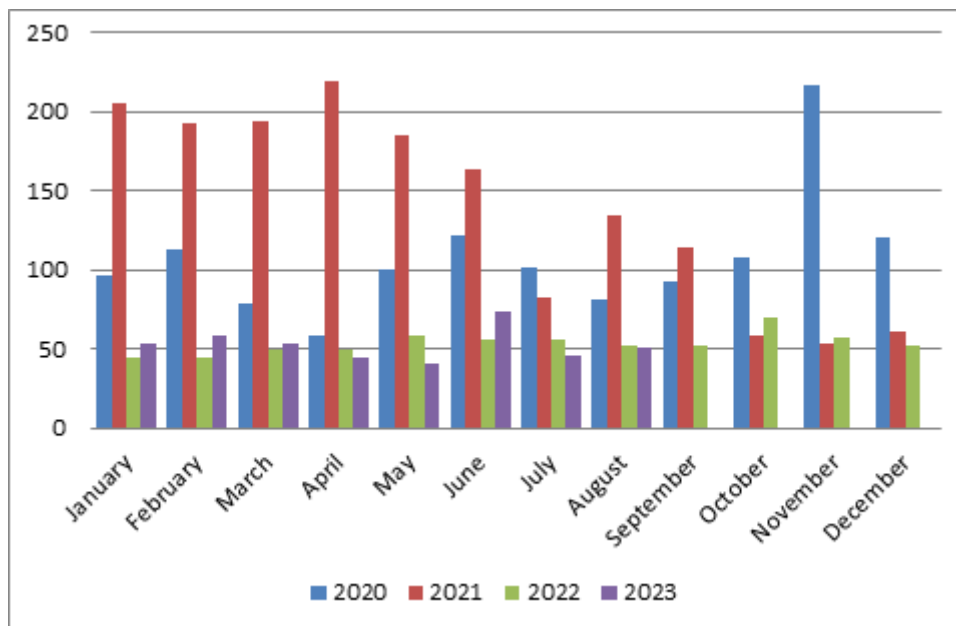
These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In August, the police returned 51 convicted offenders, approx. 26% of all returnees that month.

So far in 2023, 423 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 408 in the same period last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2023 are Romanian (14%), Polish (12%) and Lithuanian (9%).

Below are statistics for the last four years:



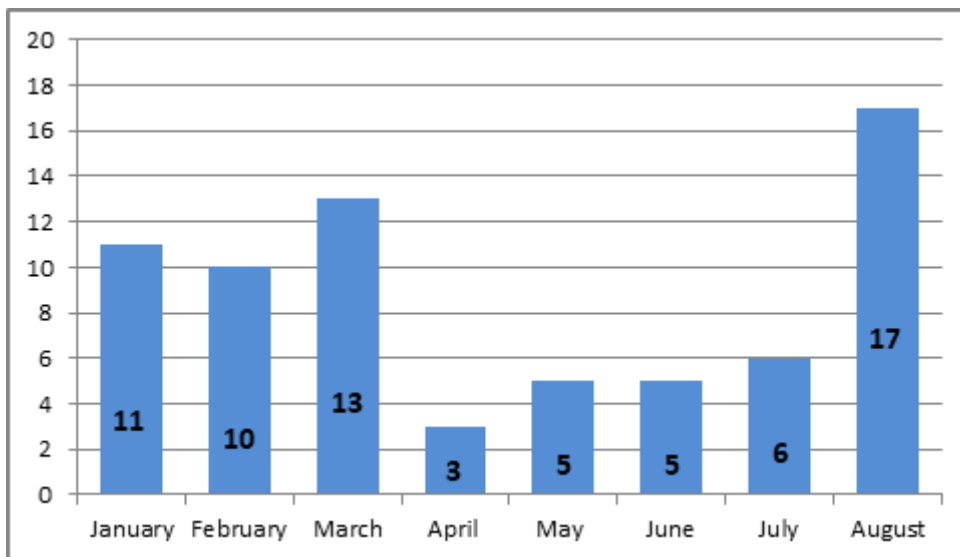
Convicted offenders returned over the last four years

Minors

A total of 17 minors were returned in August, either to their home country or to a safe third country. 16 of the minors travelled with parents, while one travelled with another family member.

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 2023

Returns on chartered flights

One returnee flight was chartered in August. So far in 2023, there have been two chartered returnee flights.

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.

Returns so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		17	25	8	50
Albania	8	14		23	45
Algeria		2	4	2	8
Angola		1			1
Argentina	1	1		2	4
Armenia	1				1
Azerbaijan	1	1	3	1	6
Australia				3	3
Bangladesh		3	2	1	6
Belarus			5	4	9
Belgium		1			1
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil		10		5	15
Bulgaria				3	3
Canada	1	4		2	7
Chile		3		7	10
Colombia	8	10	2	5	25
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba		1		1	2
Denmark		2		2	4
Dominican Republic		3		1	4
Ecuador		1		1	2
Egypt		2	1	3	6
El Salvador	1	2			3
Ivory Coast	1				1
Eritrea	1	8	13	3	25
Estonia				2	2
Ethiopia		3	7	3	13
The Philippines		21		4	25
Finland		2			2
France		3		1	4
Gabon	1				1

Returns so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
The Gambia		1	2		3
Georgia	19	8	1	10	38
Ghana		2		5	7
Guatemala	1				1
Guinea			1		1
Greece		1			1
Honduras	1				1
India	1	9		1	11
Indonesia		6			6
Iraq	20	12	11	13	56
Iran	2	10	9	3	24
Ireland				1	1
Iceland				1	1
Israel		1		2	3
Italy				2	2
Jamaica		1		1	2
Japan		1			1
Yemen			2		2
Jordan		2		1	3
Cameroon				3	3
Kazakhstan		1	9	3	13
Kenya		3		2	5
China	2	22		9	33
Republic of the Congo	2	7	4		13
Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville			1		1
Kosovo	5	4		3	12
Croatia				1	1
Latvia		4		5	9
Lebanon			1		1
Libya	2	2	5	3	12
Lithuania		3		34	37
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Mali	1				1
Morocco	1	8	12	3	24
Mexico		1		3	4
Moldova	6	2		7	15
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
Mozambique		1		1	2
The Netherlands		2		10	12
Nepal				4	4
New Zealand				1	1

Returns so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Nigeria		5	10	7	22
North Macedonia		2		5	7
Pakistan	1	9	2	4	16
Paraguay		1		1	2
Peru	8	1		1	10
Poland		24		35	59
Romania		15		53	68
Russia		91	42	9	142
Rwanda			1		1
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Senegal		1	1		2
Serbia	1	3		6	10
Sierra Leone		1			1
Slovakia		2			2
Somalia	5	8	4	14	31
Spain		3	1	2	6
Sri Lanka	1	2		2	5
Stateless	1	2	3	14	20
UK	2	37		27	66
Sudan		2	1		3
Switzerland		2			2
Sweden	1	1	1	11	14
Syria	1	8	67	4	80
South Africa	1	2			3
South Korea		1			1
South Sudan			1		1
Tajikistan		1	1		2
Tanzania	3	1			4
Thailand		5		9	14
Togo		1			1
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Chad			2		2
Czech Republic		1			1
Tunisia	1	2	3	2	8
Turkmenistan			1		1
Türkiye	1	16	16	9	42
Germany		6		3	9
Uganda		1		4	5
Ukraine		35	114	5	154
Hungary		1			1
USA	3	19		10	32
Uzbekistan		6	4	7	17
Venezuela	1	2		1	4
Vietnam		1		7	8

Returns so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Zimbabwe		2			2
Total	120	559	395	479	1553

Returns so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan				1	1
Albania	8	9		21	38
Algeria	1			1	2
Argentina	1			2	3
Armenia	1				1
Azerbaijan	1	1		1	3
Australia				4	4
Bangladesh		1		1	2
Belgium			13	1	14
Bermuda		2			2
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil		6		5	11
Bulgaria		1	3	4	8
Burundi	1				1
Canada	1	2		2	5
Chile		1		6	7
Colombia	9	9		3	21
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba				1	1
Denmark		28	14	7	49
Dominican Republic		1			1
Egypt		1		2	3
El Salvador	1	2			3
Ivory Coast	1				1
Estonia			6	3	9
Ethiopia		1		1	2
The Philippines		18		3	21
Finland		4	16	1	21
France	1	9	23	3	36
Gabon	1				1
Georgia	18	7		10	35
Ghana				4	4
Greenland		2			2
Guatemala	1				1
Greece		3	14	2	19
Honduras	1				1
Hong Kong		1		1	2

Returns so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
India	1	3		1	5
Indonesia		1			1
Iraq	20			6	26
Iran	2	1		1	4
Ireland		2		1	3
Iceland			1	1	2
Israel		2		2	4
Italy	1	13	3	16	33
Jamaica				1	1
Japan		1			1
Jordan		2		1	3
Cameroon				1	1
Kazakhstan				1	1
Kenya		1		2	3
China	2	3		3	8
Republic of the Congo	1				1
Kosovo	5	3		4	12
Croatia			5	1	6
Cyprus		1	1		2
Latvia		5	10	14	29
Libya	1	1			2
Lithuania		7	9	36	52
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Mali	1				1
Malta			1		1
Morocco	1	2			3
Mexico		1		2	3
Moldova	6	3		7	16
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
The Netherlands		3	11	12	26
Nepal				4	4
Nigeria				2	2
North Macedonia		2		7	9
Pakistan	1	2		4	7
Palestine	1	1		1	3
Paraguay				1	1
Peru	8			1	9
Poland	1	34	89	44	168
Portugal		6	1	2	9
Qatar		2			2
Romania		16	1	53	70
Russia		81		5	86

Returns so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Serbia	1	2		3	6
Slovakia		1	1		2
Slovenia			8		8
Somalia	5			11	16
Spain		15	37	12	64
Sri Lanka	1			1	2
UK	2	65		31	98
Svalbard and Jan Mayen		2			2
Switzerland		3	3	3	9
Sweden	1	71	40	27	139
South Africa	1				1
Taiwan				3	3
Tanzania	3				3
Thailand		1		8	9
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Czech Republic		1	4		5
Tunisia	1	1		1	3
Türkiye	1	24		9	34
Germany		27	42	9	78
Uganda				3	3
Hungary		2	11	1	14
USA	3	25		9	37
Uzbekistan		2		5	7
Venezuela				1	1
Vietnam		1		7	8
Austria		1	28		29
Total	120	559	395	479	1553

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