



**Statistics for May 2023:  
Forced returns from Norway**

**The police forcibly returned 153 persons in May 2023, 41 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:**

	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 31 May 2022	997
As at 31 May 2023	948
Change in percent	<b>-5</b>

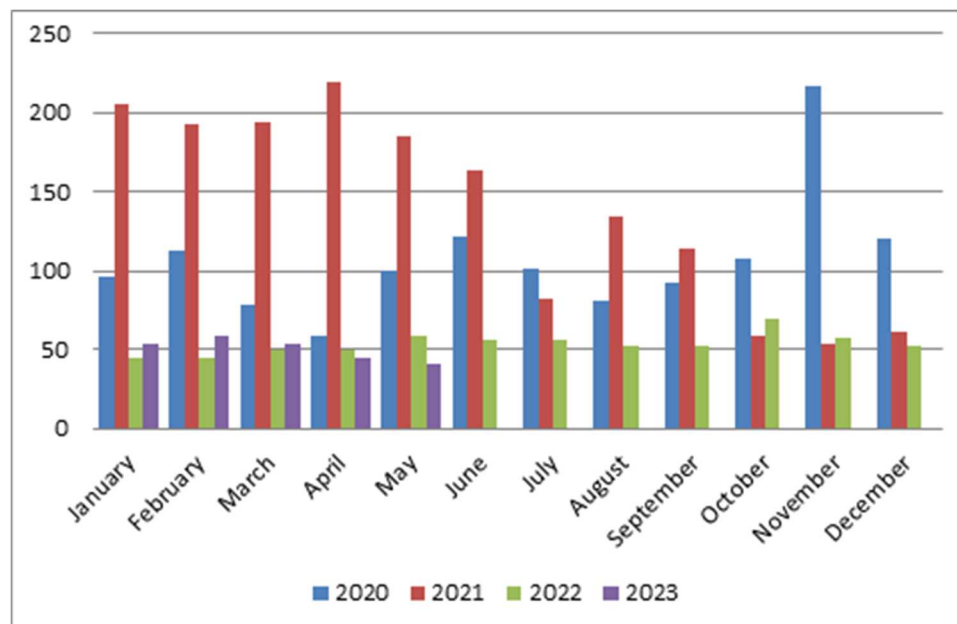
*These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.*

**Convicted offenders**

In May, the police returned 41 convicted offenders, 27% of all returnees that month.

So far in 2023, 250 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 245 in the same period in last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees were Polish (14%), Romanian (13%) and Lithuanian (6%).

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



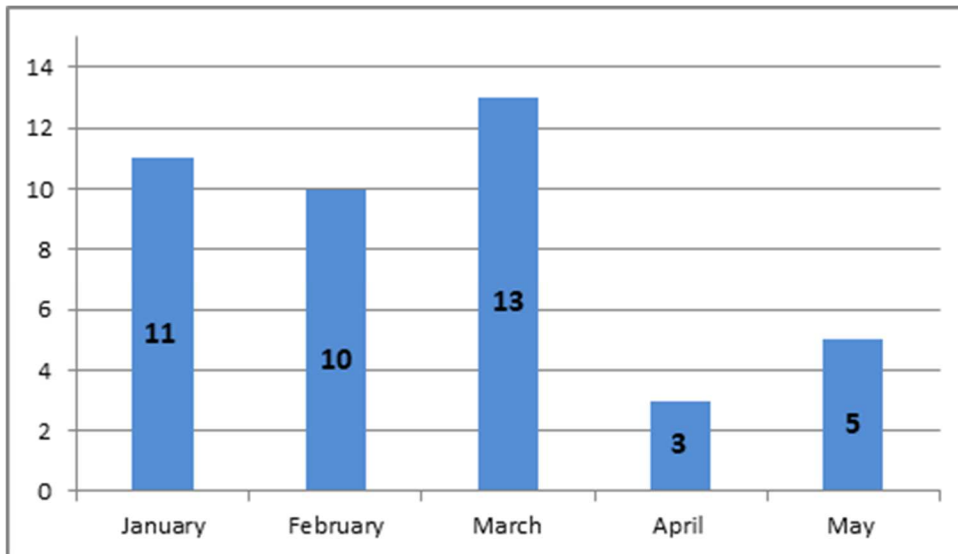
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## Minors

A total of five minors were returned in May, either to their home country or to a safe third country. Four of them were accompanied by parents or guardians, while one unaccompanied minor was returned to a safe third country.

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

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 2023 by nationality</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan		15	15	7	37
Albania	1	10		19	30
Algeria		1	3	2	6
Argentina		1			1
Armenia	1				1
Azerbaijan	1	1	1	1	4
Australia				3	3
Bangladesh		2		1	3
Belarus				2	2
Belgium		1			1
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil		6		4	10
Bulgaria				1	1
Canada	1	4		1	6
Chile				3	3
Colombia	4	3	2	2	11
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba		1		1	2
Denmark		2		2	4
Dominican Republic		2		1	3
Egypt			1	1	2
El Salvador	1	2			3
Ivory Coast	1				1
Eritrea	1	6	8	1	16
Ethiopia		2	3	3	8
The Philippines		13		3	16
Finland		2			2
France		3		1	4
The Gambia		1	1		2
Georgia	14	8	1	8	31
Ghana		2		3	5
Greece		1			1
Honduras	1				1
India	1	5			6

## Returnees so far in 2023 by nationality

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Indonesia		6			6
Iraq	1	7	7	7	22
Iran		7	6	1	14
Ireland				1	1
Iceland				1	1
Israel				2	2
Italy				2	2
Jordan		1		1	2
Cameroon				2	2
Kazakhstan		1	4	2	7
Kenya		1		1	2
China		18		4	22
Republic of the Congo	2	4			6
Kosovo	3	2		3	8
Latvia		2		2	4
Lebanon			1		1
Libya	2	1	1	2	6
Lithuania		2		14	16
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Morocco		5	9	2	16
Mexico		1		2	3
Moldova	5	2		6	13
Mongolia	1				1
Mozambique				1	1
Nederland				8	8
Nepal				3	3
Nigeria		5	5	6	16
North Macedonia		2		3	5
Pakistan		4	1	3	8
Peru	8	1		1	10
Poland		15		26	41
Romania		9		30	39
Russia		46	24	8	78
Rwanda			1		1
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Senegal		1			1
Serbia		3		4	7
Slovakia		2			2
Somalia	5	2	3	9	19
Spain		3	1		4
Sri Lanka		1		2	3

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stateless		2	2	9	13
United Kingdom	1	15		17	33
Sudan		1	1		2
Switzerland		2			2
Sweden	1	1	1	5	8
Syria	1	5	48	2	56
South Africa	1	2			3
South Korea		1			1
South Sudan			1		1
Tajikistan		1	1		2
Tanzania	3				3
Thailand		3		6	9
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Chad			2		2
Czech Republic		1			1
Tunisia	1		2	2	5
Turkmenistan			1		1
Türkiye	1	14	9	5	29
Germany		3		2	5
Uganda		1		3	4
Ukraine		29	48	4	81
Hungary		1			1
USA	1	13		6	20
Uzbekistan		4	1	5	10
Venezuela		1		1	2
Vietnam		1		7	8
Zimbabwe		2			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>948</b>

<b>Returnees so far in 2023 by destination</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan				1	1
Albania	1	5		18	24
Algeria	1			1	2
Armenia	1				1
Azerbaijan	1	1		1	3
Australia				3	3
Bangladesh		1		1	2
Belgium			4		4

<b>Returns so far in 2023 by destination</b>					
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	<b>4</b>
Brazil		2		4	<b>6</b>
Bulgaria		1	3	2	<b>6</b>
Burundi	1				<b>1</b>
Canada	1	1		1	<b>3</b>
Chile				2	<b>2</b>
Colombia	4	3		1	<b>8</b>
Costa Rica		2			<b>2</b>
Cuba				1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		19	9	6	<b>34</b>
Dominican Republic		1			<b>1</b>
El Salvador	1	2			<b>3</b>
Ivory Coast	1				<b>1</b>
Estonia			1	1	<b>2</b>
Ethiopia				1	<b>1</b>
The Philippines		10		2	<b>12</b>
Finland		4	12	1	<b>17</b>
France	1	6	11	2	<b>20</b>
Georgia	14	7		8	<b>29</b>
Ghana				2	<b>2</b>
Greenland		2			<b>2</b>
Greece		3	11	2	<b>16</b>
Honduras	1				<b>1</b>
Hong Kong		1			<b>1</b>
India	1	2			<b>3</b>
Indonesia		1			<b>1</b>
Iraq	1			1	<b>2</b>
Iran				1	<b>1</b>
Ireland		1		1	<b>2</b>
Iceland			1	1	<b>2</b>
Israel		1		2	<b>3</b>
Italy	1	10	2	13	<b>26</b>
Jordan		1		1	<b>2</b>
Cameroon				1	<b>1</b>
Kenya		1		1	<b>2</b>
China		3		1	<b>4</b>
Republic of the Congo	1				<b>1</b>
Kosovo	3	2		4	<b>9</b>
Croatia			3		<b>3</b>
Cyprus		1	1		<b>2</b>
Latvia		4	4	7	<b>15</b>
Libya	1	1			<b>2</b>

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Lithuania		4	4	16	24
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Mexico		1		1	2
Moldova	5	3		6	14
Mongolia	1				1
The Netherlands		1	5	9	15
Nepal				3	3
Nigeria				1	1
North Macedonia		2		3	5
Pakistan				3	3
Palestine		1			1
Peru	8			1	9
Poland		23	36	33	92
Portugal		4	1	2	7
Qatar		1			1
Romania		10	1	30	41
Russia		40		4	44
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Serbia		2		1	3
Slovakia		1			1
Slovenia			4		4
Somalia	5			8	13
Spain		13	18	8	39
Sri Lanka				1	1
United Kingdom	1	29		19	49
Svalbard and Jan Mayen		2			2
Switzerland		3	3	3	9
Sweden	1	63	25	18	107
South Africa	1				1
Taiwan				2	2
Tanzania	3				3
Thailand		1		5	6
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Czech Republic		1	3		4
Tunisia	1			1	2
Türkiye	1	18		4	23
Germany		15	24	6	45
Uganda				2	2
Hungary		1	6	1	8
USA	1	12		6	19
Uzbekistan		1		3	4

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Venezuela				1	<b>1</b>
Vietnam		1		7	<b>8</b>
Austria		1	23		<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>948</b>

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