



Statistics November 2023: Returns from Norway

The Norwegian police returned 185 persons in November 2023, 46 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 30 November 2022	2501
As at 30 November 2023	2151
Change in percent	-14

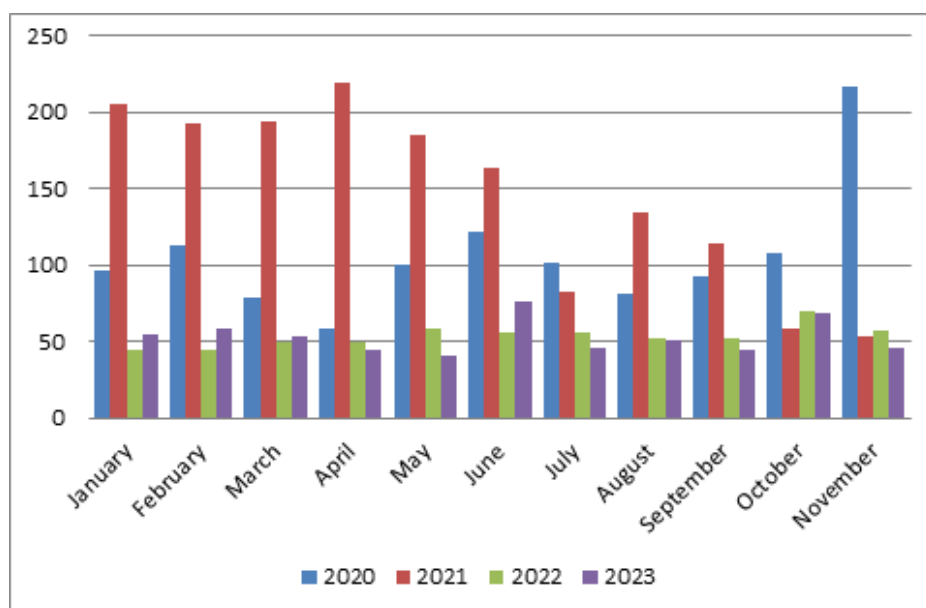
These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In November, the police returned 46 convicted offenders, approx. 25% of all returnees that month. This is lower than October 2023, due to fewer expulsion decisions.

So far in 2023, 583 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 588 in the same period last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2023 are Romanian (15%), Polish (12%) and Lithuanian (9%).

Below are statistics for the last four years:



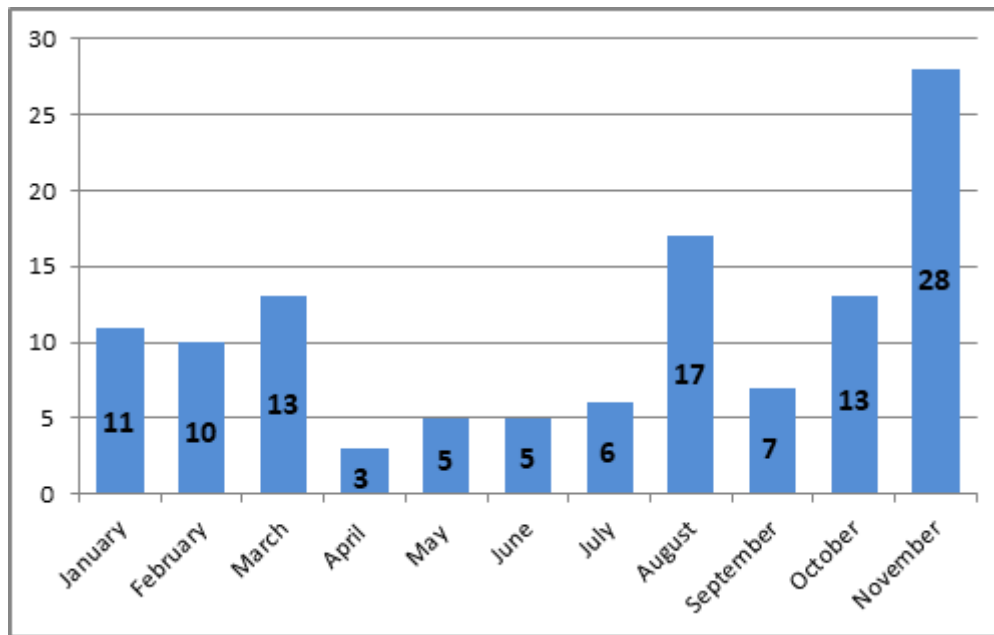
Convicted offenders returned over the last four years

Minors

A total of 28 minors were returned in November, either to their home country or to a safe third country, all of them along 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 2023

Returns on chartered flights

So far this year, 4 chartered return flights have taken place, 2 of which in November.

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 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		19	37	8	64
Albania	19	17		29	65
Algeria	1	2	6	2	11
Angola		1	1		2
Argentina	1	2		4	7
Armenia	4				4
Azerbaijan	4	1	5	1	11
Australia				3	3
Bangladesh		4	5	2	11
Belarus			9	4	13
Belgium		2			2
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil		11		6	17
Bulgaria		1		4	5
Burundi			1		1
Canada	4	5		3	12
Chile		3		9	12
Colombia	9	18	3	15	45
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba		1		1	2
Denmark		2		2	4
Dominican Republic		3		2	5
Ecuador		3		1	4
Egypt		2	2	3	7
El Salvador	1	2		1	4
Ivory Coast	1				1
Eritrea	1	10	21	4	36
Estonia				2	2
Ethiopia		3	10	4	17

Returnees so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
The Philippines		23		5	28
Finland		2			2
France		4		2	6
Gabon	1				1
The Gambia		1	2		3
Georgia	28	9	1	12	50
Ghana		5	1	5	11
Guatemala	1				1
Guinea			1	1	2
Guinea-Bissau	1				1
Greece		1			1
Honduras	1				1
India	1	12		1	14
Indonesia		7			7
Iraq	34	11	13	17	75
Iran	4	16	11	4	35
Ireland				1	1
Iceland				2	2
Israel		1		2	3
Italy				4	4
Jamaica		1		1	2
Japan	4	1			5
Yemen			2		2
Jordan		2		1	3
Cameroon	1			3	4
Kazakhstan		3	9	3	15
Kenya		3		2	5
China	2	24	6	13	45
Kyrgyzstan			2	2	4
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Kinshasa	2	7	7		16
Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville			1		1
Kosovo	10	6		6	22
Croatia				1	1
Kuwait		2			2
Latvia		6		10	16
Lebanon			2		2
Libya	2	3	5	3	13
Lithuania		5		50	55
Malawi			1	1	2
Malaysia				2	2

Returnees so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Mali	1				1
Morocco	1	10	15	3	29
Mauritania			1		1
Mexico		1		5	6
Moldova	6	3		8	17
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
Mozambique		1		1	2
The Netherlands		3		11	14
Nepal				4	4
New Zealand	1			2	3
Niger	1				1
Nigeria		7	12	9	28
North Macedonia		2		7	9
Pakistan	1	19	7	5	32
Paraguay		1		1	2
Peru	8	4		2	14
Poland		29		47	76
Portugal				1	1
Romania		20		78	98
Russia		99	62	10	171
Rwanda			2		2
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Senegal		1	1		2
Serbia	6	7		8	21
Sierra Leone		2			2
Slovakia		3			3
Somalia	6	10	7	17	40
Spain		5	1	5	11
Sri Lanka	2	3		2	7
Stateless	1	4	6	19	30
The UK	2	47		35	84
Sudan		5	2		7
Switzerland		2			2
Sweden	1	2	1	16	20
Syria	1	9	82	6	98
South Africa	1	2			3
South Korea		1	1		2
South Sudan			1		1
Tajikistan		1	1		2
Tanzania	3	2			5
Thailand		5		11	16
Togo		2			2

Returnees so far in 2023 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Chad			2		2
Czechia		3			3
Tunisia	3	2	5	2	12
Turkmenistan			1		1
Türkiye	2	20	31	11	64
Germany		8		5	13
Uganda		1		4	5
Ukraine		42	194	6	242
Hungary		1			1
USA	3	30		15	48
Uzbekistan		6	4	9	19
Venezuela	5	4		1	10
Vietnam		1		10	11
Zambia		1			1
Zimbabwe		2	2		4
Total	194	707	605	645	2151

Returnees so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan				1	1
Albania	19	12		27	58
Algeria	2			1	3
Argentina	1	1		4	6
Armenia	2				2
Azerbaijan	4	1		1	6
Australia				5	5
Bangladesh		1		2	3
Belgium		1	15	2	18
Bermuda		2			2
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil	2	7		5	14
Bulgaria		2	4	5	11
Burundi	1				1
Canada	4	3		3	10
Chile	1	1		7	9
Colombia	10	13		12	35
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba				1	1

Returnees so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Denmark		39	16	7	62
United Arab Emirates				1	1
Dominican Republic		1		1	2
Egypt		1		2	3
El Salvador	1	2		1	4
Ivory Coast	1				1
Estonia			11	3	14
Ethiopia		1		3	4
The Philippines		20		4	24
Finland		4	21	1	26
France	1	11	44	4	60
Gabon	1				1
Georgia	27	8		12	47
Ghana		1		4	5
Greenland		2			2
Guatemala	1				1
Greece		5	20	3	28
Honduras	1				1
Hong Kong		1		1	2
India	1	4		1	6
Indonesia		1			1
Iraq	34			6	40
Iran	4	2		1	7
Ireland		3		1	4
Iceland		2	1	2	5
Israel		2		2	4
Italy	1	15	12	20	48
Jamaica				1	1
Japan	4	1			5
Jordan		2		1	3
Cameroon	1			1	2
Kazakhstan		2		1	3
Kenya		1		2	3
China	2	4		5	11
Kyrgyzstan				2	2
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Kinshasa	1				1
Kosovo	10	5		5	20
Croatia			14	1	15
Kuwait		2			2
Cyprus		1	1		2

Returnees so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Latvia		7	11	24	42
Libya	1	1			2
Lithuania		9	10	52	71
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Mali	1				1
Malta			1	1	2
Morocco	1	2			3
Mexico		1		4	5
Moldova	6	4		8	18
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
The Netherlands		6	17	13	36
Nepal				4	4
New Zealand	1				1
Nigeria	1			3	4
North Macedonia		2		9	11
Pakistan	1	4		4	9
Palestine	1	1		1	3
Paraguay				1	1
Peru	8	1		2	11
Poland	3	42	136	56	237
Portugal	1	6	3	4	14
Qatar		2			2
Romania		22	1	78	101
Russia		85		6	91
Saudi Arabia		6			6
Serbia	6	5		5	16
Singapore		1			1
Slovakia		2	7		9
Slovenia			8		8
Somalia	6			14	20
Spain		22	56	17	95
Sri Lanka	2			1	3
The UK	2	94	1	41	138
Svalbard and Jan Mayen		2			2
Switzerland		3	4	3	10
Sweden	1	76	53	34	164
South Africa	1				1
Taiwan				3	3
Tanzania	3	1			4
Thailand		1		10	11

Returnees so far in 2023 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Czechia		3	8		11
Tunisia	3	1		1	5
Türkiye	2	29		12	43
Germany		34	81	14	129
Uganda				3	3
Hungary		3	17	1	21
USA	3	35		14	52
Uzbekistan		2		7	9
Venezuela	1	1		1	3
Vietnam		1		10	11
Austria		1	32	1	34
Total	194	707	605	645	2151

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