



### Statistics for September 2023: Returns from Norway

**The police forcibly returned 193 persons in September 2023, 43 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 30.09.2022	1904
As at 30.09.2023	1747
Change in percent	<b>-8</b>

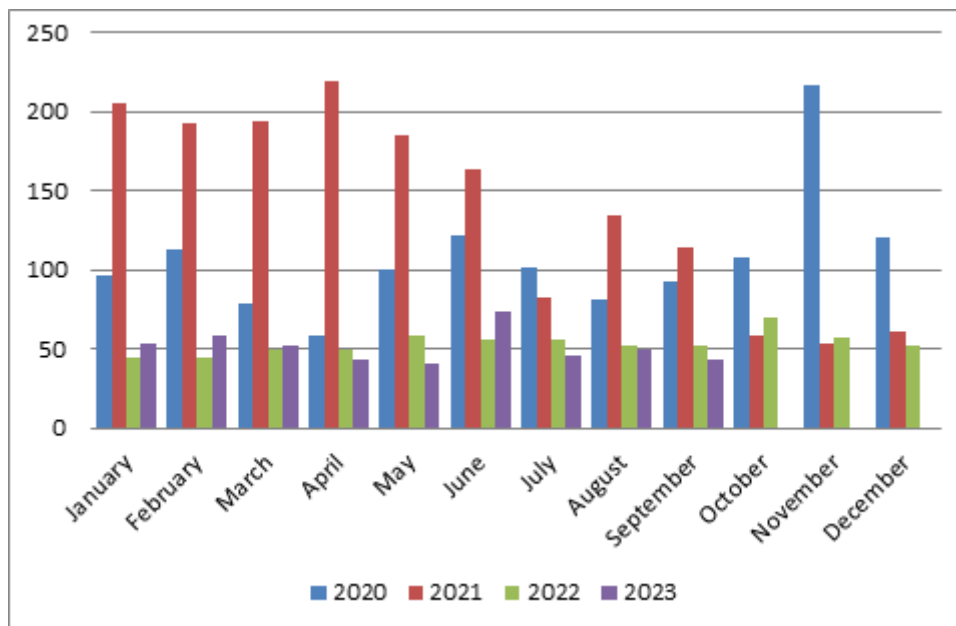
*These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.*

#### Convicted offenders

In September, the police returned 43 convicted offenders, approx. 22% of all returnees that month.

So far in 2023, 459 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 461 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:



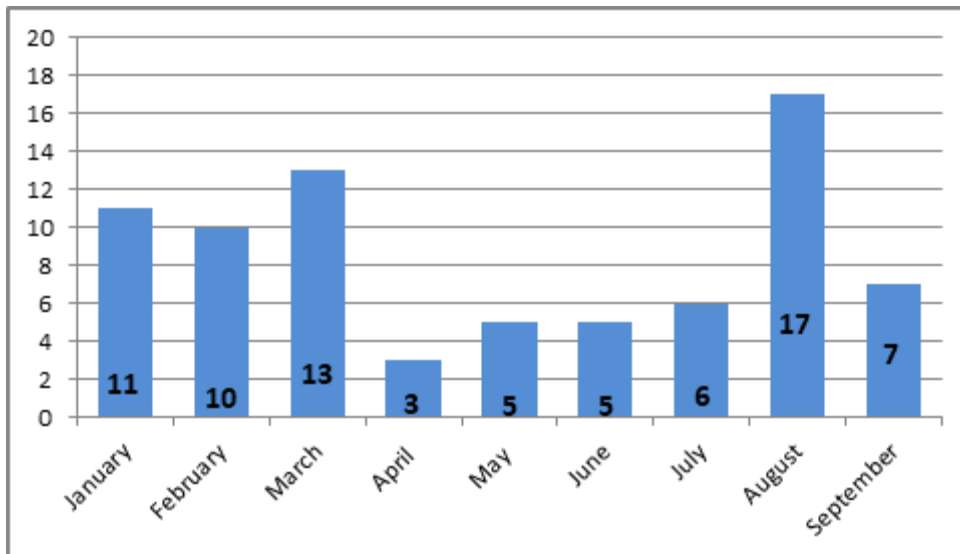
*Convicted offenders returned over the last four years*

## Minors

A total of seven minors were returned in September, 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

No returnee flights were chartered in September. 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.

<b>Returns 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		18	30	8	<b>56</b>
Albania	12	15		24	<b>51</b>
Algeria	1	2	5	2	<b>10</b>
Angola		1			<b>1</b>
Argentina	1	1		3	<b>5</b>
Armenia	2				<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan	1	1	3	1	<b>6</b>
Australia				3	<b>3</b>
Bangladesh		3	3	1	<b>7</b>
Belarus			9	4	<b>13</b>
Belgium		2			<b>2</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	<b>4</b>
Brazil		11		5	<b>16</b>
Bulgaria				4	<b>4</b>
Burundi			1		<b>1</b>
Canada	3	4		2	<b>9</b>
Chile		3		8	<b>11</b>
Colombia	8	11	2	7	<b>28</b>
Costa Rica		2			<b>2</b>
Cuba		1		1	<b>2</b>
Denmark		2		2	<b>4</b>
Dominican Republic		3		1	<b>4</b>
Ecuador		1		1	<b>2</b>
Egypt		2	1	3	<b>6</b>
El Salvador	1	2		1	<b>4</b>
Ivory Coast	1				<b>1</b>
Eritrea	1	9	15	3	<b>28</b>
Estonia				2	<b>2</b>
Ethiopia		3	7	3	<b>13</b>
The Philippines		22		5	<b>27</b>
Finland		2			<b>2</b>
France		3		1	<b>4</b>
Gabon	1				<b>1</b>
The Gambia		1	2		<b>3</b>
Georgia	22	8	1	11	<b>42</b>

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ghana		3		5	<b>8</b>
Guatemala	1				<b>1</b>
Guinea			1		<b>1</b>
Greece		1			<b>1</b>
Honduras	1				<b>1</b>
India	1	11		1	<b>13</b>
Indonesia		6			<b>6</b>
Iraq	25	12	12	15	<b>64</b>
Iran	3	13	10	3	<b>29</b>
Ireland				1	<b>1</b>
Iceland				1	<b>1</b>
Israel		1		2	<b>3</b>
Italy				2	<b>2</b>
Jamaica		1		1	<b>2</b>
Japan		1			<b>1</b>
Yemen			2		<b>2</b>
Jordan		2		1	<b>3</b>
Cameroon				3	<b>3</b>
Kazakhstan		1	9	3	<b>13</b>
Kenya		3		2	<b>5</b>
China	2	22	1	10	<b>35</b>
Kyrgyzstan				1	<b>1</b>
Republic of the Congo	2	7	4		<b>13</b>
Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville			1		<b>1</b>
Kosovo	5	4		5	<b>14</b>
Croatia				1	<b>1</b>
Kuwait		2			<b>2</b>
Latvia		5		6	<b>11</b>
Lebanon			2		<b>2</b>
Libya	2	3	5	3	<b>13</b>
Lithuania		3		39	<b>42</b>
Malawi			1	1	<b>2</b>
Malaysia				2	<b>2</b>
Mali	1				<b>1</b>
Morocco	1	8	13	3	<b>25</b>
Mauritania			1		<b>1</b>
Mexico		1		3	<b>4</b>
Moldova	6	2		8	<b>16</b>
Mongolia	1				<b>1</b>
Montenegro				1	<b>1</b>
Mozambique		1		1	<b>2</b>
The Netherlands		2		10	<b>12</b>
Nepal				4	<b>4</b>

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New Zealand	1			1	2
Niger	1				1
Nigeria		5	11	7	23
North Macedonia		2		5	7
Pakistan	1	14	7	4	26
Paraguay		1		1	2
Peru	8	2		1	11
Poland		27		37	64
Romania		15		59	74
Russia		94	56	9	159
Rwanda			2		2
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Senegal		1	1		2
Serbia	1	5		7	13
Sierra Leone		1			1
Slovakia		2			2
Somalia	6	9	6	14	35
Spain		4	1	3	8
Sri Lanka	1	2		2	5
Stateless	1	2	4	16	23
UK	2	40		31	73
Sudan		3	1		4
Switzerland		2			2
Sweden	1	1	1	11	14
Syria	1	8	70	4	83
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		2			2
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Chad			2		2
Czech Republic		1			1
Tunisia	3	2	3	2	10
Turkmenistan			1		1
Türkiye	1	19	19	10	49
Germany		6		4	10
Uganda		1		4	5
Ukraine		39	137	5	181
Hungary		1			1
USA	3	26		14	43
Uzbekistan		6	4	8	18

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Venezuela	1	2		1	4
Vietnam		1		8	9
Zimbabwe		2			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>1747</b>

<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>
Afghanistan				1	1
Albania	12	10		22	44
Algeria	2			1	3
Argentina	1			3	4
Armenia	1				1
Azerbaijan	1	1		1	3
Australia				4	4
Bangladesh		1		1	2
Belgium		1	14	2	17
Bermuda		2			2
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	4
Brazil		7		5	12
Bulgaria		1	3	5	9
Burundi	1				1
Canada	3	2		2	7
Chile		1		7	8
Colombia	9	10		5	24
Costa Rica		2			2
Cuba				1	1
Denmark		32	14	7	53
Dominican Republic		1			1
Egypt		1		2	3
El Salvador	1	2		1	4
Ivory Coast	1				1
Estonia			8	3	11
Ethiopia		1		1	2
The Philippines		19		4	23
Finland		4	16	1	21
France	1	10	34	3	48
Gabon	1				1
Georgia	21	7		11	39
Ghana		1		4	5
Greenland		2			2
Guatemala	1				1

## Returnees so far in 2023 by destination

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Greece		3	15	2	20
Honduras	1				1
Hong Kong		1		1	2
India	1	4		1	6
Indonesia		1			1
Iraq	25			6	31
Iran	3	2		1	6
Ireland		2		1	3
Iceland		1	1	1	3
Israel		2		2	4
Italy	1	13	5	16	35
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
Kyrgyzstan				1	1
Republic of the Congo	1				1
Kosovo	5	3		5	13
Croatia			6	1	7
Kuwait		2			2
Cyprus		1	1		2
Latvia		6	11	17	34
Libya	1	1			2
Lithuania		7	9	41	57
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Mali	1				1
Malta			1		1
Morocco	1	2			3
Mexico		1		2	3
Moldova	6	3		8	17
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
The Netherlands		4	12	12	28
Nepal				4	4
New Zealand	1				1
Nigeria	1			2	3
North Macedonia		2		7	9
Pakistan	1	2		4	7
Palestine	1	1		1	3
Paraguay				1	1

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Peru	8			1	9
Poland	2	40	112	46	200
Portugal		6	1	2	9
Qatar		2			2
Romania		16	1	59	76
Russia		83		5	88
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Serbia	1	3		4	8
Slovakia		1	1		2
Slovenia			8		8
Somalia	6			11	17
Spain		16	48	13	77
Sri Lanka	1			1	2
UK	2	77	1	36	116
Svalbard and Jan Mayen		2			2
Switzerland		3	4	3	10
Sweden	1	73	45	29	148
South Africa	1				1
Taiwan				3	3
Tanzania	3				3
Thailand		1		8	9
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Czech Republic		1	5		6
Tunisia	3	1		1	5
Türkiye	1	26		10	37
Germany		29	52	10	91
Uganda				3	3
Hungary		2	11	1	14
USA	3	31		13	47
Uzbekistan		2		6	8
Venezuela				1	1
Vietnam		1		8	9
Austria		1	30		31
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>1747</b>

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