



**Statistics for December 2024:  
Forced returns from Norway**

**The police forcibly returned 154 persons in December 2024, 62 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 or who are returned 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 2023**

	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 31 December 2023	2338
As at 31 December 2024	2458
Change in percent	<b>5</b>

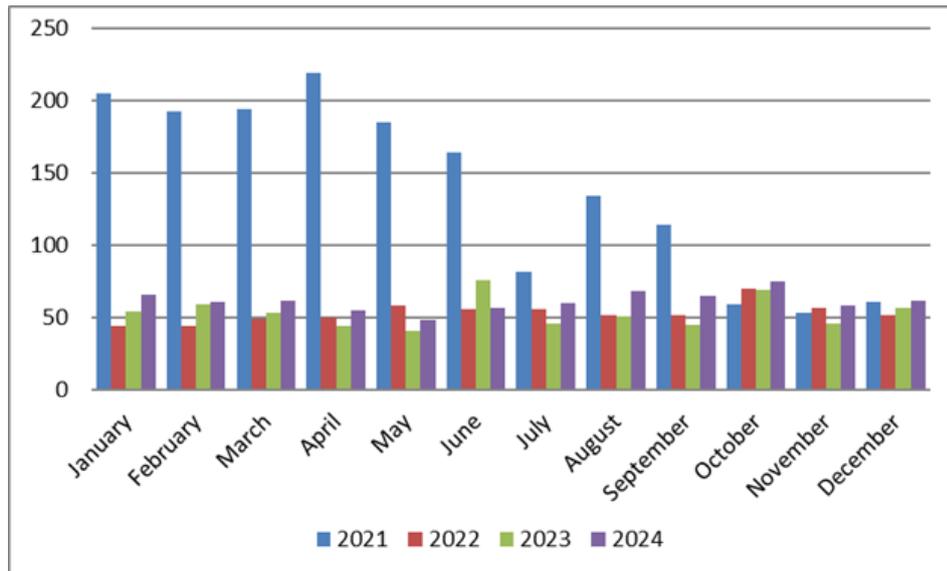
*These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.*

**Convicted offenders**

In December, the police returned 62 convicted offenders, approx. 37% of all returnees that month.

For 2024 as a whole, 737 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 641 in 2023.

Below are statistics for the last four years:



*Convicted offenders returned over the last four years*

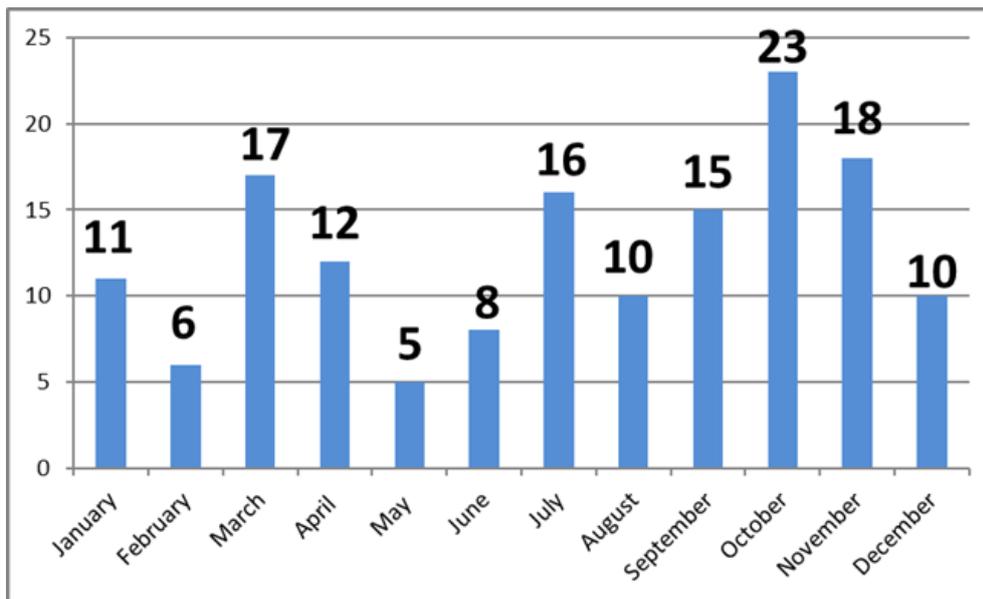
The most common nationalities among convicted returnees in 2024 are Romanian (18%), Lithuanian (10%) and Polish (10%).

## Minors

A total of ten minors were returned in December, either to their home country or to a safe third country. Two were unaccompanied minors, while the other eight minors travelled with their parents or 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 this year*

## Returns on chartered flights

Four returnee flights were chartered in 2024, but none in December.

## 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 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.
- 3) **International protection** – Returns of third-country nationals granted international protection (IP) in another Schengen country. Previously categorised as 'Dublin'

returns, IP cases will henceforth be treated as a separate category, as they are not processed under the Dublin Regulation.

- 4) **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 their return.
- 5) **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.

<b>Returnees in 2024 by nationality</b>						
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Granted international protection</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	1	22	7	7	8	<b>45</b>
Albania	13			10	36	<b>59</b>
Algeria	5	7		3	3	<b>18</b>
Argentina	4			3	4	<b>11</b>
Armenia	9			1	5	<b>15</b>
Azerbaijan		7		4	3	<b>14</b>
Australia				3	4	<b>7</b>
Bangladesh				1	2	<b>3</b>
Belarus		2	1	6	2	<b>11</b>
Belgium					2	<b>2</b>
Benin		1				<b>1</b>
Bolivia				2	1	<b>3</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7				1	<b>8</b>
Botswana				2		<b>2</b>
Brazil		1		8	16	<b>25</b>
Bulgaria					4	<b>4</b>
Canada	5				13	<b>18</b>
Chile				3	10	<b>13</b>
Colombia	18	1		40	17	<b>76</b>
Costa Rica	2				1	<b>3</b>
Cuba				2		<b>2</b>
Denmark				1	2	<b>3</b>
Dominican Republic				7		<b>7</b>
Djibouti		1		1	1	<b>3</b>
Dominica				1		<b>1</b>
Ecuador		4				<b>4</b>
Egypt		4		2	2	<b>8</b>
Ivory Coast	1			1		<b>2</b>
Eritrea	3	23	7	4		<b>37</b>
Estonia					4	<b>4</b>

## Returnees in 2024 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Ethiopia	17	5	1	2	5	30
The Philippines				2	11	13
Finland				1	3	4
France				1	4	5
The Gambia				2	5	7
Georgia	11			9	12	32
Ghana	1		1	5	5	12
Guatemala	2				1	3
Guinea		3	2		1	6
Haiti				1		1
India	2	6		29	6	43
Indonesia		1		1	3	5
Iraq	21	17	1	3	13	55
Iran	10	18	3	7	9	47
Iceland					1	1
Israel		1		3	3	7
Italy				2	1	3
Japan				4	2	6
Yemen	1	2				3
Jordan	1	1			3	5
Cameroon		3				3
Cape Verde				1		1
Kazakhstan		3		2	1	6
Kenya		2		2	1	5
China	3	11		29	26	69
Kyrgyzstan					1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Kinshasa		7		1	2	10
Kosovo	22			15	11	48
Croatia				1	4	5
Kuwait				1	1	2
Latvia					9	9
Lebanon	1	6				7
Liberia		1				1
Libya	9	9	1	1		20
Lithuania				4	73	77
Madagascar					1	1
Malawi					1	1
Malaysia				3	2	5
Mali		1	1	1		3
Morocco		5		6	5	16
Mauritania					1	1
Mexico				4	4	8
Moldova	1			7	3	11

## Returnees in 2024 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Mongolia					5	5
Montenegro					3	3
Myanmar		7				7
Namibia				1		1
The Netherlands				2	8	10
Nepal				9		9
New Zealand					1	1
Niger		1		1		2
Nigeria	3	3		10	3	19
North Macedonia	3			5	3	11
Pakistan	2	2		13	6	23
Palestine		17	6		2	25
Panama	5					5
Peru	3			3		6
Poland				15	58	73
Portugal				1	4	5
Romania				12	124	136
Russia		48		118	10	176
Rwanda		4				4
Saint Kitts and Nevis				1	1	2
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				1		1
Saudi Arabia		3		2		5
Senegal	1	3		1		5
Serbia	7			9	5	21
Sierra Leone		2			1	3
Singapore				2	1	3
Slovakia				2	2	4
Somalia	2	13	4	2	8	29
Spain				3	4	7
Sri Lanka		1		2	2	5
Stateless	3	20	14	2	6	45
United Kingdom	2			52	29	83
Sudan		8	2	1		11
Switzerland					1	1
Sweden				1	16	17
Syria		67	42	15	11	135
South Africa				3	1	4
South Korea				1		1
South Sudan			1			1
Tajikistan		3		1		4
Tanzania		1				1
Thailand				5	4	9

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Togo		1				<b>1</b>
Trinidad and Tobago					1	<b>1</b>
Chad		1				<b>1</b>
The Czech Republic				2		<b>2</b>
Tunisia	3	4		2	2	<b>11</b>
Turkmenistan		3			1	<b>4</b>
Türkiye	9	31	2	9	15	<b>66</b>
Germany				4	12	<b>16</b>
Uganda					1	<b>1</b>
Unknown					1	<b>1</b>
Ukraine	3	286	6	26	5	<b>326</b>
Hungary				1	2	<b>3</b>
USA	4			19	21	<b>44</b>
Uzbekistan		5		1	1	<b>7</b>
Venezuela	16			4	2	<b>22</b>
Vietnam				7	15	<b>22</b>
Zimbabwe		1		2	2	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>2458</b>

<b>Returns in 2024 by destination</b>						
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Granted international protection</b>	<b>Refused stay or entry</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	1				2	<b>3</b>
Albania	13			14	33	<b>60</b>
Algeria	5			1	1	<b>7</b>
Argentina	1				3	<b>4</b>
Armenia	10				6	<b>16</b>
Azerbaijan				1	2	<b>3</b>
Australia				1	4	<b>5</b>
Bangladesh					1	<b>1</b>
Belarus					1	<b>1</b>
Belgium		9			2	<b>11</b>
Bolivia					1	<b>1</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7				1	<b>8</b>
Brazil				4	15	<b>19</b>
Bulgaria		9	6	1	4	<b>20</b>
Canada	6			1	12	<b>19</b>
Chile	2			1	9	<b>12</b>

**Returnees in 2024 by destination**

	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Colombia	19			38	14	71
Costa Rica	2				1	3
Cuba				2		2
Denmark		16	1	39	7	63
United Arab Emirates				6	1	7
Dominican Republic				3		3
Djibouti					1	1
Egypt					2	2
Eritrea	1					1
Estonia		4	3	1	5	13
Ethiopia	18				4	22
The Philippines				1	9	10
Finland		12		6	4	22
France		66	3	2	7	78
Faroe Islands				1		1
The Gambia					4	4
Georgia	10			6	12	28
Ghana	1			4	5	10
Guatemala	2				1	3
Greece		1	46	6	5	58
Hong Kong				2	1	3
India	2			21	4	27
Indonesia					3	3
Iraq	22			1	6	29
Iran	10			2	6	18
Ireland		1		6		7
Iceland					1	1
Israel				1	2	3
Italy		1	5	7	6	19
Japan				1	2	3
Jordan	1				2	3
Kazakhstan				1		1
Kenya				2	1	3
China	3			13	19	35
Kosovo	22			9	13	44
Croatia		44		1	2	47
Kuwait					2	2
Cyprus			1	4		5
Latvia		3			11	14
Lebanon	1					1
Libya	8					8
Lithuania		13	1	6	77	97
Luxembourg		2				2

## Returnees in 2024 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Macau				1		1
Madagascar					1	1
Malawi					1	1
Malaysia				3	2	5
Mali				1		1
Malta		3	1	3		7
Morocco					3	3
Mexico				3	4	7
Moldova	1			3	4	8
Mongolia					2	2
Montenegro					3	3
The Netherlands		15	6	4	11	36
New Zealand					1	1
Niger				1		1
Nigeria	3			2	3	8
North Macedonia	3			9	3	15
Pakistan	2			3	5	10
Panama	5					5
Peru	2			3		5
Poland	2	207	2	29	60	300
Portugal		3		2	7	12
Qatar				4		4
Romania		4	1	13	127	145
Russia				64	10	74
Saudi Arabia				1		1
Senegal	2					2
Serbia	7			8	5	20
Sierra Leone					1	1
Singapore				2	1	3
Slovakia		6		3	2	11
Slovenia				2		2
Somalia	2				5	7
Spain		61	5	16	12	94
Sri Lanka				2		2
United Kingdom	4			97	34	135
Svalbard and Jan Mayen				1		1
Switzerland		9		2	1	12
Sweden		60	5	17	38	120
South Africa				2	1	3
Taiwan				1		1
Thailand				2	2	4
Trinidad and Tobago					1	1

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The Czech Republic	1	8		6		<b>15</b>
Tunisia	3				1	<b>4</b>
Turkmenistan					1	<b>1</b>
Türkiye	12			56	19	<b>87</b>
Germany		134	12	18	23	<b>187</b>
Uganda					2	<b>2</b>
Hungary		7	1	7	5	<b>20</b>
Uruguay	1					<b>1</b>
USA	4			20	18	<b>42</b>
Uzbekistan					1	<b>1</b>
Venezuela	15			3	1	<b>19</b>
Vietnam				3	13	<b>16</b>
Zimbabwe					2	<b>2</b>
Austria		12	3	2	2	<b>19</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).