

Forced returns from Norway as of December 2025

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for executing, coordination and assuring the quality of all return of foreigners staying illegally in Norway.

Police districts are responsible for returns following refusal of entry or stay and expulsion, 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 (UDI) is responsible for assisted returns, previously called voluntary returns.

Asylum – Persons who have applied for protection (asylum) in Norway and who have had their application processed and rejected. This category also includes persons who in addition are subject to an expulsion order.

Dublin – Persons returned under the Dublin Regulation, which governs which European country is responsible for processing the asylum claim. This applies to persons who have an additional expulsion order.

International protection (IP) – Persons granted international protection in another Schengen country. Previously categorised as 'Dublin' returns, but now treated as a separate category.

Refused entry or stay – Persons who, for various reasons, must leave Norway as they have no permit to stay. They are not banned from future entry.

Expelled – Persons who have not applied for protection (asylum) and have been expelled due to a criminal conviction. They are banned from entering Norway for a specific period of time. Violation of the re-entry ban is a punishable offence.

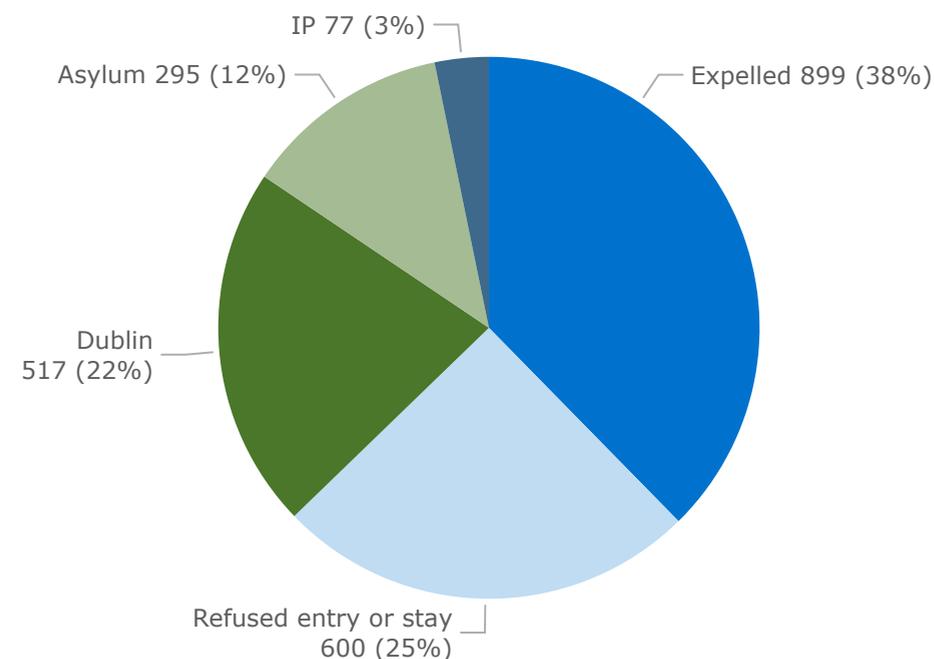
Minor adjustments to the statistics may occur due to delay in system registrations.

Statistical numbers under 5 per nationality or destination is not shown due to privacy regulations.

So far this year, last year and development

2388	2462	-3,0 %
2025	2024	Percentage change

Returns per category



Forced returns per month

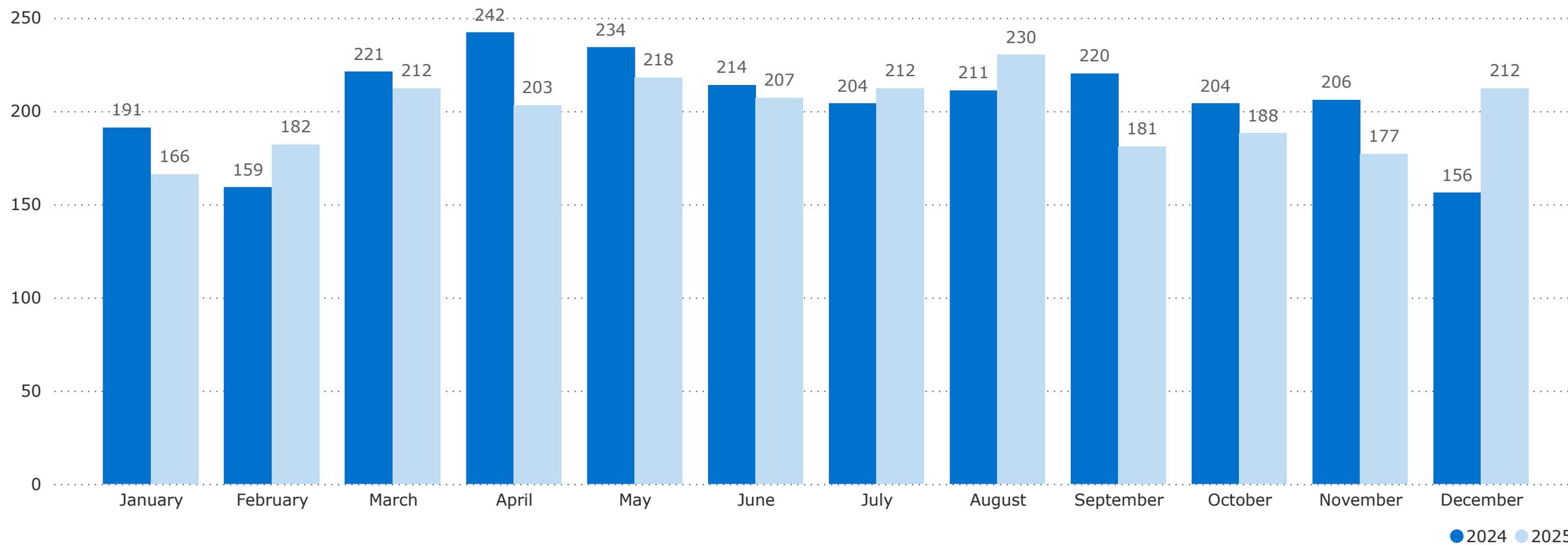
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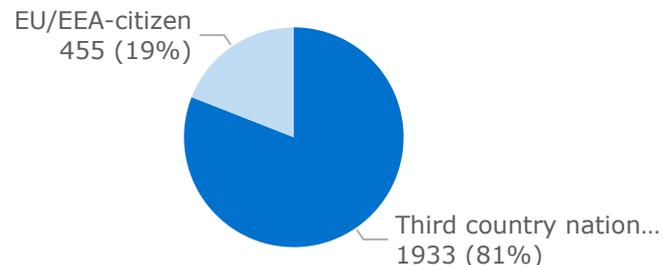
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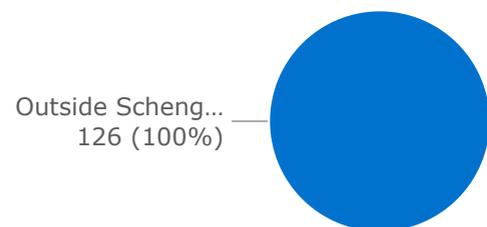


Top 25 citizenship and destinations

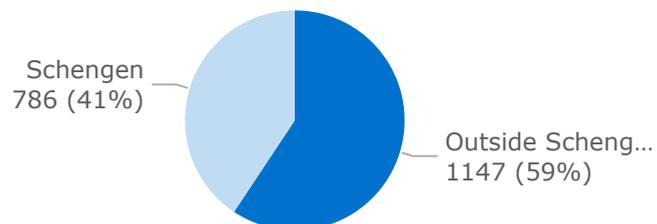
Citizenship



Destination



Third country nationals



Top 25 Citizenship

Country	Number	Percentage
Others	642	27 %
Ukraine	211	9 %
Romania	173	7 %
United Kingdom	130	5 %
Colombia	123	5 %
Russia	118	5 %
Syria	97	4 %
China	77	3 %
Poland	74	3 %
Turkey	72	3 %
Lithuania	70	3 %
Afghanistan	69	3 %
United States	67	3 %
Iran	46	2 %
Palestine	46	2 %
Sweden	45	2 %
Eritrea	43	2 %
Iraq	38	2 %
Kosovo	37	2 %
India	36	2 %
Somalia	35	1 %
Ethiopia	33	1 %
Albania	29	1 %
Brazil	26	1 %
Nigeria	26	1 %
Stateless	25	1 %
Total	2388	100 %

Top 25 Destinations

Country	Number	Percentage
Others	502	21 %
United Kingdom	230	10 %
Romania	188	8 %
Germany	178	7 %
Poland	157	7 %
Sweden	123	5 %
Colombia	114	5 %
Spain	97	4 %
Turkey	92	4 %
France	79	3 %
Lithuania	75	3 %
Greece	67	3 %
United States	59	2 %
Netherlands	48	2 %
Russia	47	2 %
Denmark	38	2 %
Kosovo	35	1 %
Ukraine	30	1 %
Albania	27	1 %
China	27	1 %
Ethiopia	25	1 %
Iraq	23	1 %
United Arab Emirates	23	1 %
Brazil	22	1 %
Italy	22	1 %
Croatia	20	1 %
Latvia	20	1 %
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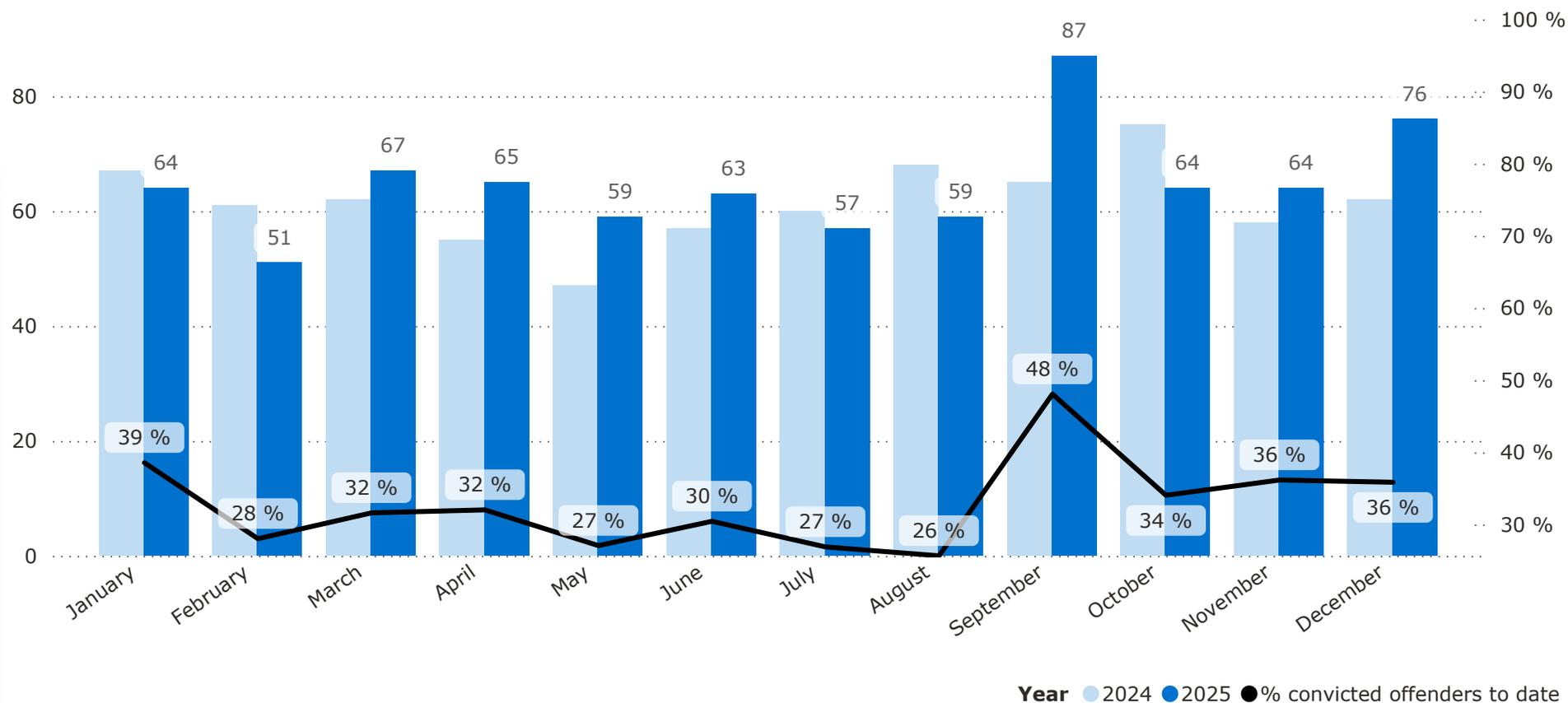
Forced return of convicted offenders

The forced return of foreign convicted offenders is defined as foreigners forcibly returned due to staying illegally in Norway and having received one or more criminal convictions (i.e. a fine, prison sentence, community service or other criminal sanctions).

Convicted offenders to date, last year and development



Forced return of convicted offenders last 2 years



Top 10 destinations

Country	Number	Percentage
China	15	2 %
Germany	27	3 %
Latvia	16	2 %
Lithuania	67	9 %
Netherlands	19	2 %
Poland	71	9 %
Romania	169	22 %
Spain	22	3 %
Sweden	55	7 %
Turkey	15	2 %
United Kingdom	42	5 %
United States	15	2 %
Others	243	31 %
Totalt	776	100 %

Minors

Most minors return with a parent or other family member.

Separate requirements apply for the return of unaccompanied minors. An unaccompanied minor is a foreigner who arrived in Norway without a parent or other guardian, and was under the age of 18 on departure.

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 receiving country.

Minors with family and unaccompanied minors

Minors with family and unaccompanied minors 2025

Minors with family	164
Unaccompanied minors	21
Total	185

Minors per month

