



Statistics April 2022
Forced returns from Norway

The police forcibly returned 154 persons in April 2022, 44 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 asylum seekers 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.

Compared with 2021:

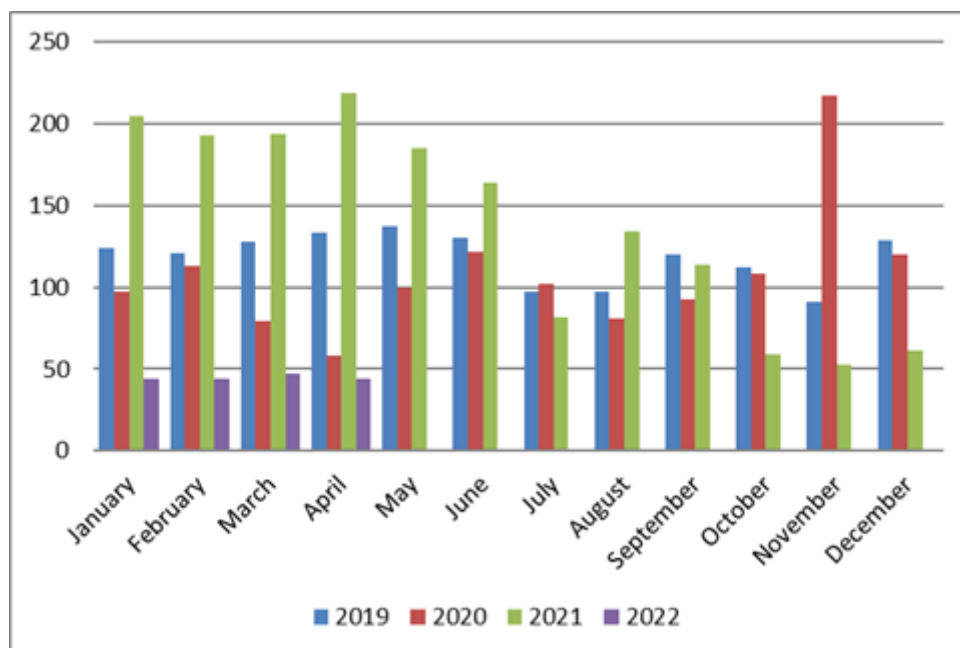
	Forced returns
As at 30 April 2021	6001
As at 30 April 2022	727
Change in percent	-88 %

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

Convicted offenders

In April, the police returned 44 convicted offenders, 29 % of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (17 %), Polish (14 %) and Lithuanian (13 %).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



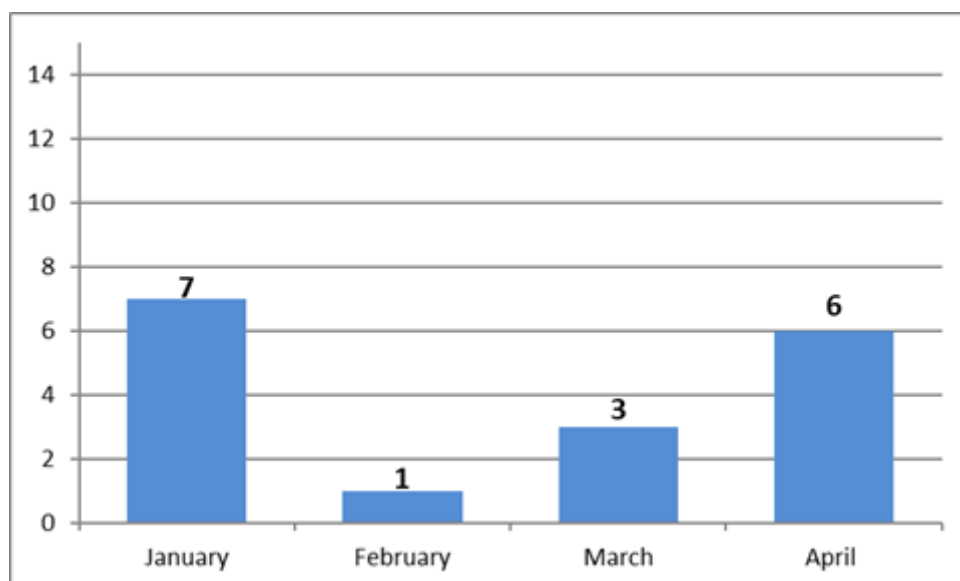
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Minors

6 minors were returned in April. 5 of the minors were returned with their parents or guardians, while one minor travelled alone to the country of origin following a decision to refuse entry.

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 2022

Forced 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.

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		6	12	4	22
Albania	2	7		8	17
Algeria		2		4	6
Angola		1		1	2
Argentina		3		1	4
Azerbaijan		3			3
Australia		1			1
Bangladesh		3			3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	2		3	6
Botswana		2			2
Brazil		6		2	8
Canada		1		1	2
Chile		7			7
Colombia	3	9		2	14
Costa Rica				1	1
Dominican Republic		1		2	3
Djibouti			1		1
Egypt	1		1		2
El Salvador	2				2
Eritrea		8	5		13
Ethiopia		1	5		6
The Philippines		3		11	14
France		2			2
The Gambia		1		2	3
Georgia	3	4		1	8
Ghana		1		1	2

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Greece		1			1
Belarus		8	1	3	12
India		1		2	3
Iraq	2	6	3	6	17
Iran	1	5	5	2	13
Iceland		1			1
Israel		1			1
Jordan	1	1			2
Yugoslavia				1	1
Cameroon				1	1
Kenya				1	1
China	1	7	1	1	10
Republic of the Congo			3		3
Kosovo		2		4	6
Kuwait		2			2
Latvia		5			5
Lebanon		1			1
Libya			2		2
Lithuania		6		21	27
Malaysia	3				3
Mali		1		1	2
Morocco		5	2	5	12
Mexico				4	4
Moldova	2	3		4	9
Mongolia				3	3
Montenegro	2				2
The Netherlands				2	2
Nepal		1			1
Nigeria	1	10		2	13
North Macedonia				5	5
Pakistan	2	6	1	4	13
Peru		1		2	3
Poland		22		17	39
Portugal		1		1	2
Romania		31		25	56
Russia		15	2	4	21
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			1
Saudi Arabia		3			3
Senegal				1	1
Serbia		5			5
Somalia	2	6	4	3	15
Spain		1		4	5

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Sri Lanka		2		1	3
Stateless		6	2	6	14
United Kingdom		26		4	30
Sudan		1	2	1	4
Switzerland		1			1
Sweden		17		6	23
Syria	2	9	21	5	37
South Africa		1			1
South Korea		2			2
South Sudan			1		1
Tajikistan		2	4		6
Tanzania				1	1
Thailand		3		3	6
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			1		1
Czech Republic				1	1
Tunisia		5	2		7
Turkey	1	6	3	4	14
Germany		3		1	4
Uganda				1	1
Unknown		1		2	3
Ukraine		24		7	31
USA	2	18		5	25
Uzbekistan		1		4	5
Venezuela	9	1		1	11
Vietnam		3		7	10
Total	43	366	85	233	727

Forced returns so far in 2018 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Albania	2	4		7	13
Azerbaijan		1			1
Belgium			3	1	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	3		2	6
Canada				1	1
Chile		2			2
Colombia	3	3		2	8
Costa Rica				1	1
Denmark		19	4		23

Forced returns so far in 2018 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
United Arab Emirates		1			1
Egypt	1	1			2
El Salvador	2				2
Estonia				1	1
The Philippines		3		10	13
Finland		2	2		4
France		13	4	2	19
The Gambia				1	1
Georgia	3	1			4
Ghana				1	1
Greece		3	4	5	12
Hong Kong				1	1
Iraq	2			1	3
Iran	1	2		1	4
Iceland		1			1
Israel		2			2
Italy		13	17	13	43
Jordan	1				1
Kenya				1	1
Kosovo		1		4	5
Croatia			3		3
Kuwait		1			1
Cyprus				1	1
Latvia		6		5	11
Lebanon	1				1
Lithuania		3		21	24
Malaysia	3				3
Malta			2		2
Morocco				4	4
Mexico				3	3
Moldova	2	2		4	8
Mongolia				2	2
Montenegro	2				2
The Netherlands		6	3	2	11
Nigeria	1			1	2
North Macedonia				6	6
Pakistan	2	2			4
Peru				2	2
Poland		23		21	44
Portugal		3		3	6
Romania		21		25	46
Russia		13		5	18

Forced returns so far in 2018 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Saudi Arabia		4			4
Serbia		4			4
Slovenia				1	1
Somalia	2			1	3
Spain		19	5	16	40
United Kingdom		54	1	5	60
Switzerland		2	1	1	4
Sweden		74	10	11	95
South Africa		1			1
South Korea		1			1
Tanzania				1	1
Thailand				3	3
Czech Republic				5	5
Turkey	2	16		3	21
Germany		6	18	6	30
Ukraine		19		6	25
Hungary		2			2
USA	2	5		5	12
Uzbekistan				2	2
Venezuela	10	1		1	12
Vietnam		2		6	8
Austria		1	8		9
Total	43	366	85	233	727

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