



Monthly statistics August 2024: Returns from Norway

The police forcibly returned 204 persons in August 2024, 65 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

	Forced returns
As at 31 August 2023	1560
As at 31 August 2024	1699
Change in percent	9%

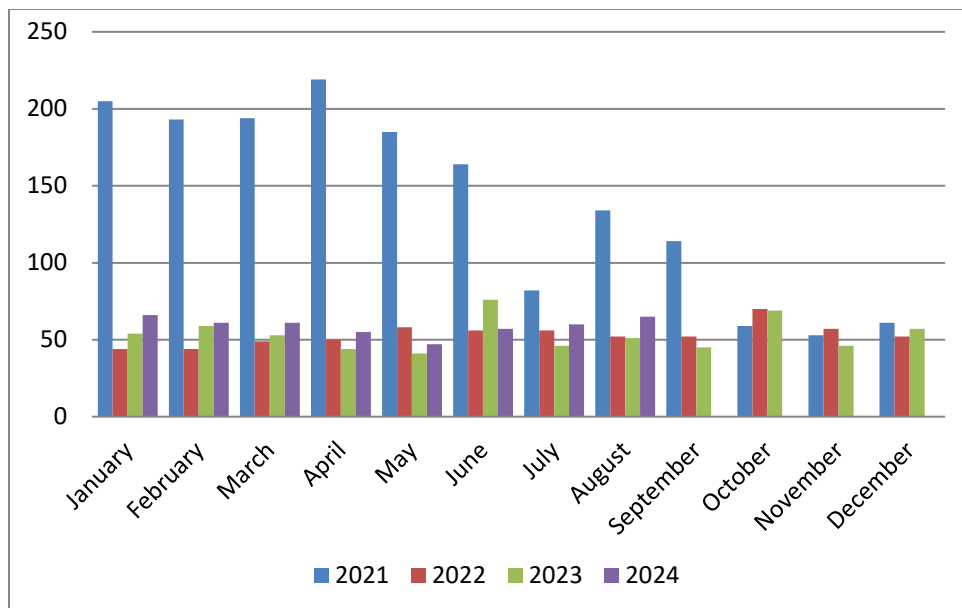
These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In August, the police returned 65 convicted offenders, approx. 32% of all returnees that month.

So far this year, 472 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 424 in the same period last year.

Below are statistics for the last four years:



Convicted offenders returned over the last four years

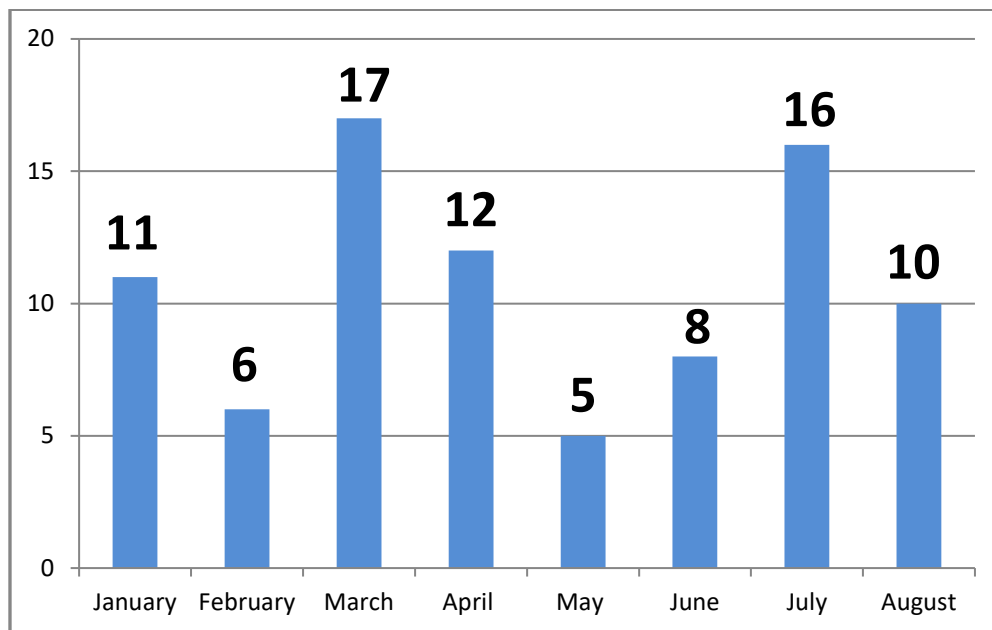
The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far this year are Romanian (19%), Lithuanian (10%) and Polish (9%).

Minors

A total of 10 minors were returned in August, either to their home country or to a safe third country. All of them travelled with parents or close family members.

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

No returnee flights were chartered in August. So far this year, there have been three 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 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 their return.
- 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 this year by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan	4	5	14	6	29
Albania	6	7		26	39
Algeria	3	3	7	3	16
Argentina	2	2		4	8
Armenia	7	1		3	11
Azerbaijan		4	6	1	11
Australia		3		2	5
Bangladesh				1	1
Belarus	1	6	1	1	9
Belgium				1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6			1	7
Botswana		2			2
Brazil		5		13	18
Bulgaria				4	4
Canada	5			10	15
Chile		2		6	8
Colombia	8	16	1	12	37
Costa Rica	1				1
Cuba		2			2
Denmark		1		2	3
Dominican Republic		4			4
Djibouti		1	1		2
Dominica		1			1
Ecuador			4		4

Returns so far this year by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Egypt	1	1	2	2	6
Ivory Coast		1			1
Eritrea	6	3	13		22
Estonia				4	4
Ethiopia	11	1	5	3	20
The Philippines		2		6	8
Finland		1		1	2
France				4	4
The Gambia		1		4	5
Georgia	4	6		7	17
Ghana	2	1		4	7
Guatemala	2			1	3
Guinea	2		3		5
India	1	24		4	29
Iraq	15	2	16	6	39
Iran	5	6	6	6	23
Iceland				1	1
Israel		2	1	1	4
Italy		2			2
Japan		1		2	3
Yemen	1		1		2
Jordan	1		1	2	4
Cameroon			2		2
Kazakhstan		2	3	1	6
Kenya				1	1
China		20	7	19	46
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Kinshasa		1	6	1	8
Kosovo	8	9		8	25
Croatia		1		3	4
Kuwait				1	1
Latvia				5	5
Lebanon			4		4
Liberia			1		1
Libya	1	1	8		10
Lithuania		2		44	46
Madagascar				1	1
Malaysia		1		2	3
Mali	1	1	1		3
Morocco		3	5	3	11
Mexico		4		4	8

Returns so far this year by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Moldova	1	3		2	6
Mongolia				3	3
Montenegro				3	3
Myanmar			5		5
Namibia		1			1
The Netherlands		1		6	7
Nepal		8			8
New Zealand				1	1
Niger		1	1		2
Nigeria	2	5	2	2	11
North Macedonia	3	5		2	10
Pakistan	1	8	2	5	16
Palestine			2		2
Peru	3	3			6
Poland		11		31	42
Portugal		1		1	2
Romania		9		85	94
Russia		66	29	6	101
Rwanda			4		4
Saint Kitts and Nevis				1	1
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1			1
Saudi Arabia		2	3		5
Senegal	1	1	2		4
Serbia	5	8		3	16
Sierra Leone			1	1	2
Singapore		1		1	2
Slovakia		2		2	4
Somalia	2	2	11	5	20
Spain		2		3	5
Sri Lanka		1	1	1	3
Stateless	9	2	17	3	31
United Kingdom	1	40		19	60
Sudan	2	1	6		9
Sweden		1		10	11
Syria	18	8	57	9	92
South Africa		3			3
South Korea		1			1
Tajikistan		1	3		4

Returns so far this year by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Thailand		4		3	7
Togo			1		1
Trinidad and Tobago				1	1
Chad			1		1
Czechia		1			1
Tunisia	2	2	3	2	9
Turkmenistan			2	1	3
Türkiye	5	6	28	9	48
Germany		2		6	8
Uganda				1	1
Ukraine	10	22	244	3	279
Hungary				2	2
USA	2	10		18	30
Uzbekistan		1	5	1	7
Venezuela	14	4		2	20
Vietnam		5		11	16
Zimbabwe			1	2	3
Total	185	420	550	514	1669

Returns so far this year by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan				2	2
Albania	6	9		23	38
Algeria	3	1		1	5
Argentina				3	3
Armenia	8			4	12
Azerbaijan		1		1	2
Australia		1		2	3
Belgium			6	1	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6			1	7
Brazil		2		13	15
Bulgaria	4		8	4	16
Canada	6	1		9	16
Chile	2			6	8
Colombia	9	16		11	36
Costa Rica	1				1
Cuba		2			2
Denmark	1	33	12	6	52

Returns so far this year by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
United Arab Emirates		5		1	6
Dominican Republic		2			2
Egypt				2	2
Estonia	3		4	4	11
Ethiopia	11			2	13
The Philippines		1		5	6
Finland		4	6	2	12
France	3	1	45	5	54
Faroe Islands		1			1
The Gambia				3	3
Georgia	3	4		7	14
Ghana	1			4	5
Guatemala	2			1	3
Greece	19	3	5	2	29
Hong Kong		1		1	2
India	1	19		3	23
Iraq	14	1		4	19
Iran	5	2		3	10
Ireland		4	1		5
Iceland				1	1
Israel				1	1
Italy	2	4	2	2	10
Japan				2	2
Jordan	1			2	3
Kazakhstan		1			1
Kenya				1	1
China		12		14	26
Kosovo	8	6		9	23
Croatia		1	28	2	31
Kuwait				2	2
Cyprus		1			1
Latvia			3	5	8
Lithuania	1	4	11	46	62
Luxembourg			2		2
Madagascar				1	1
Malaysia		1		2	3
Mali		1			1
Malta		2	3		5
Morocco				2	2
Mexico		3		4	7
Moldova	1			2	3

Returnees so far this year by destination					
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Mongolia				2	2
Montenegro				3	3
The Netherlands		1	10	8	19
New Zealand				1	1
Niger		1			1
Nigeria	2	2		2	6
North Macedonia	3	9		2	14
Pakistan	1	3		4	8
Peru	2	3			5
Poland	4	24	175	33	236
Portugal		2	3	3	8
Qatar		1			1
Romania		10	2	86	98
Russia		48		6	54
Saudi Arabia		1			1
Senegal	1				1
Serbia	5	7		2	14
Sierra Leone				1	1
Singapore		1		1	2
Slovakia	1	3	4	2	10
Somalia	2			4	6
Spain	2	10	44	7	63
Sri Lanka		1			1
United Kingdom	2	65		22	89
Switzerland		1	6		7
Sweden	3	16	44	25	88
South Africa		2			2
Taiwan		1			1
Thailand		2		2	4
Trinidad and Tobago				1	1
Czechia	1	4	6		11
Tunisia	2			1	3
Turkmenistan				1	1
Türkiye	8	21		13	42
Germany	7	9	104	15	135
Uganda				2	2
Hungary		4	6	3	13
USA	2	11		15	28
Uzbekistan				1	1
Venezuela	14	3		1	18

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Vietnam		2		9	11
Zimbabwe				2	2
Austria	2	2	10		14
Total	185	420	550	514	1669

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