



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

**The police forcibly returned 205 persons in September 2024, 63 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 30 September 2023	1760
As at 30 September 2024	1881
Change in percent	<b>7%</b>

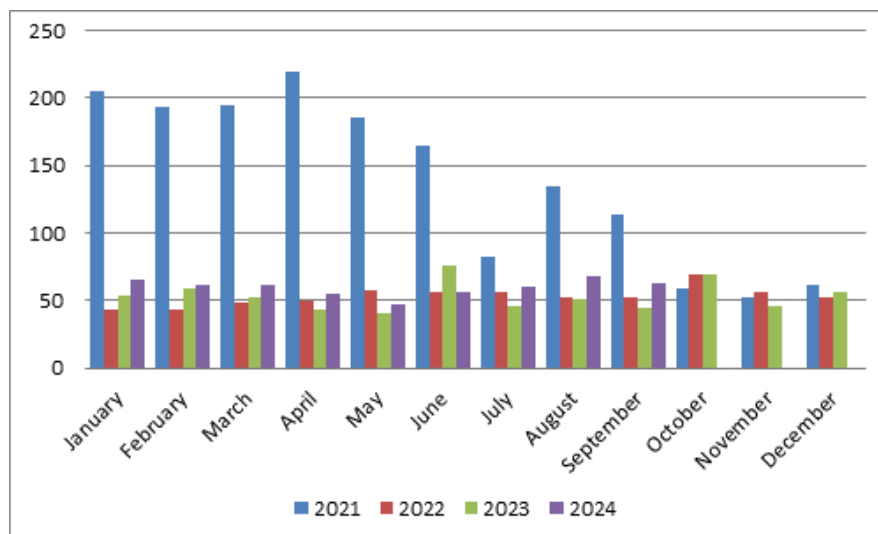
*These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.*

**Convicted offenders**

In September, the police returned 63 convicted offenders, approx. 31% of all returnees that month.

So far this year, 538 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 469 in the same period last year.

Below are statistics for the last four years:



*Convicted offenders returned over the last four years*

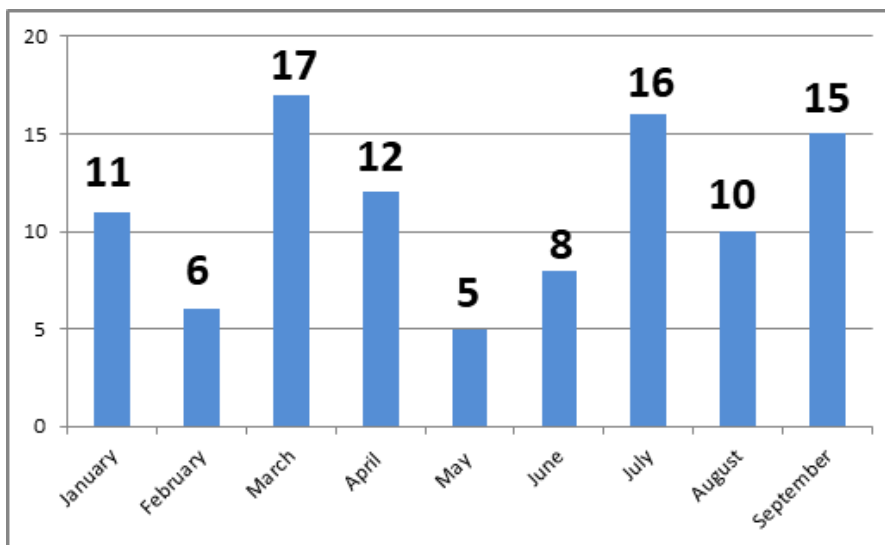
The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far this year are Romanian (18%), Lithuanian (10%) and Polish (8%).

### **Minors**

A total of 15 minors were returned in September, 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 September. 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.
- 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 so far this year 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	15	5	5	8	34
Albania	7			7	26	40
Algeria	5	7		3	3	18
Argentina	2			3	4	9
Armenia	7			1	4	12
Azerbaijan		6		4	1	11
Australia				3	2	5
Bangladesh					1	1
Belarus		1	1	6	1	9
Belgium					1	1
Bolivia					1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6				1	7
Botswana				2		2
Brazil				5	14	19
Bulgaria					4	4
Canada	5				11	16
Chile				2	7	9
Colombia	11	1		25	13	50
Costa Rica	2				1	3
Cuba				2		2
Denmark				1	2	3
Dominican Republic				4		4
Djibouti		1		1		2
Dominica				1		1
Ecuador		4				4
Egypt		3		1	2	6
Ivory Coast				1		1
Eritrea	2	15	4	3		24
Estonia					4	4

## Returnees so far this year by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Ethiopia	11	5	1	1	4	22
The Philippines				2	8	10
Finland				1	1	2
France					4	4
The Gambia				2	4	6
Georgia	8			6	9	23
Ghana	1		1	5	4	11
Guatemala	2				1	3
Guinea		3	2			5
India	1	6		25	5	37
Indonesia		1			1	2
Iraq	15	16	1	2	7	41
Iran	6	13	1	7	9	36
Iceland					1	1
Israel		1		3	1	5
Italy				2	1	3
Japan				4	2	6
Yemen	1	1				2
Jordan	1	1			3	5
Cameroon		2				2
Cape Verde				1		1
Kazakhstan		3		2	1	6
Kenya					1	1
China		7		21	22	50
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Kinshasa		6		1	2	9
Kosovo	13			12	10	35
Croatia				1	3	4
Kuwait					1	1
Latvia					5	5
Lebanon	1	4				5
Liberia		1				1
Libya	1	9		1		11
Lithuania				3	54	57
Madagascar					1	1
Malaysia				1	2	3
Mali		1	1	1		3
Morocco		5		3	3	11
Mexico				4	4	8
Moldova	1			4	3	8
Mongolia					3	3
Montenegro					3	3
Myanmar		5				5
Namibia				1		1

## Returnees so far this year by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
The Netherlands				1	6	7
Nepal				8		8
New Zealand					1	1
Niger		1		1		2
Nigeria	2	2		5	2	11
North Macedonia	3			5	3	11
Pakistan	2	2		10	5	19
Palestine		2				2
Peru	3			3		6
Poland				11	34	45
Portugal				1	2	3
Romania				10	91	101
Russia		33		91	7	131
Rwanda		4				4
Saint Kitts and Nevis					1	1
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				1		1
Saudi Arabia		3		2		5
Senegal	1	2		1		4
Serbia	6			8	3	17
Sierra Leone		1			1	2
Singapore				1	1	2
Slovakia				2	2	4
Somalia	2	11	2	2	6	23
Spain				2	3	5
Sri Lanka		1		1	2	4
Stateless	3	20	8	2	4	37
United Kingdom	1			45	23	69
Sudan		6	2	1		9
Switzerland					1	1
Sweden				1	12	13
Syria		58	24	8	9	99
South Africa				3		3
South Korea				1		1
Tajikistan		3		1		4
Thailand				4	3	7
Togo		1				1
Trinidad and Tobago					1	1
Chad		1				1
The Czech Republic				1		1
Tunisia	2	3		2	2	9

<b>Returnees so far this year 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>
Turkmenistan		2			1	<b>3</b>
Türkiye	8	27	1	8	11	<b>55</b>
Germany				2	9	<b>11</b>
Uganda					1	<b>1</b>
Unknown					1	<b>1</b>
Ukraine	3	253	6	24	4	<b>290</b>
Hungary				1	2	<b>3</b>
USA	4			10	19	<b>33</b>
Uzbekistan		5		1	1	<b>7</b>
Venezuela	16			4	2	<b>22</b>
Vietnam				6	11	<b>17</b>
Zimbabwe		1			2	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>1881</b>

<b>Returnees so far this year 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	7			10	23	<b>40</b>
Algeria	5			1	1	<b>7</b>
Argentina					3	<b>3</b>
Armenia	8				5	<b>13</b>
Azerbaijan				1	1	<b>2</b>
Australia				1	2	<b>3</b>
Belgium		6			1	<b>7</b>
Bolivia					1	<b>1</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6				1	<b>7</b>
Brazil				2	14	<b>16</b>
Bulgaria		9	4		4	<b>17</b>
Canada	6			1	10	<b>17</b>
Chile	2				6	<b>8</b>
Colombia	12			24	12	<b>48</b>
Costa Rica	2				1	<b>3</b>
Cuba				2		<b>2</b>
Denmark		12	1	35	7	<b>55</b>
United Arab Emirates				5	1	<b>6</b>
Dominican Republic				2		<b>2</b>
Egypt					2	<b>2</b>

Eritrea	1					<b>1</b>
Estonia		4	3	1	4	<b>12</b>
Ethiopia	12				3	<b>15</b>
The Philippines				1	7	<b>8</b>
Finland		7		4	2	<b>13</b>
France		55	2	1	5	<b>63</b>
Faroe Islands				1		<b>1</b>
The Gambia					3	<b>3</b>
Georgia	7			4	9	<b>20</b>
Ghana	1			4	4	<b>9</b>
Guatemala	2				1	<b>3</b>
Greece			27	3	3	<b>33</b>
Hong Kong				1	1	<b>2</b>
India	1			19	3	<b>23</b>
Indonesia					1	<b>1</b>
Iraq	15			1	4	<b>20</b>
Iran	6			2	6	<b>14</b>
Ireland		1		4		<b>5</b>
Iceland					1	<b>1</b>
Israel				1	1	<b>2</b>
Italy			4	5	3	<b>12</b>
Japan				1	2	<b>3</b>
Jordan	1				2	<b>3</b>
Kazakhstan				1		<b>1</b>
Kenya					1	<b>1</b>
China				12	16	<b>28</b>
Kosovo	13			8	12	<b>33</b>
Croatia		29		1	2	<b>32</b>
Kuwait					2	<b>2</b>
Cyprus				4		<b>4</b>
Latvia		3			6	<b>9</b>
Lebanon	1					<b>1</b>
Lithuania		11	1	5	56	<b>73</b>
Luxembourg		2				<b>2</b>
Madagascar					1	<b>1</b>
Malaysia				1	2	<b>3</b>
Mali				1		<b>1</b>
Malta		3		2		<b>5</b>
Morocco					2	<b>2</b>
Mexico				3	4	<b>7</b>
Moldova	1				3	<b>4</b>
Mongolia					2	<b>2</b>
Montenegro					3	<b>3</b>
The Netherlands		10		1	8	<b>19</b>
New Zealand					1	<b>1</b>
Niger				1		<b>1</b>
Nigeria	2			2	2	<b>6</b>
North Macedonia	3			9	3	<b>15</b>
Pakistan	2			3	4	<b>9</b>

Peru	2			3		5
Poland	2	182	2	25	36	247
Portugal		3		2	4	9
Qatar				2		2
Romania		3	1	11	93	108
Russia				52	7	59
Saudi Arabia				1		1
Senegal	1					1
Serbia	6			8	2	16
Sierra Leone					1	1
Singapore				1	1	2
Slovakia		5		3	2	10
Somalia	2				4	6
Spain		44	2	11	8	65
Sri Lanka				1		1
United Kingdom	2			72	27	101
Svalbard and Jan Mayen				1		1
Switzerland		8		1	1	10
Sweden		49	4	16	30	99
South Africa				2		2
Taiwan				1		1
Thailand				2	2	4
Trinidad and Tobago					1	1
The Czech Republic	1	6		4		11
Tunisia	2				1	3
Turkmenistan					1	1
Türkiye	11			41	15	67
Germany		116	7	9	20	152
Uganda					2	2
Hungary		7		7	3	17
Uruguay	1					1
USA	4			13	17	34
Uzbekistan					1	1
Venezuela	15			3	1	19
Vietnam				2	9	11
Zimbabwe					2	2
Austria		10	2	2		14
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>1881</b>

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