



## Monthly statistics December 2013: Forced returns from Norway

**The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) forcibly returned 483 persons in December 2013. 164 of those forcibly returned in December 2013 had a criminal conviction in Norway.**

**The NPIS forcibly returned 5934 persons in 2013 in total, 2224 of whom had a criminal conviction in Norway. This latter figure represents an all-time annual high.**

The NPIS is responsible for forcibly returning those who are not entitled to stay in Norway. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) is responsible for voluntary returns.

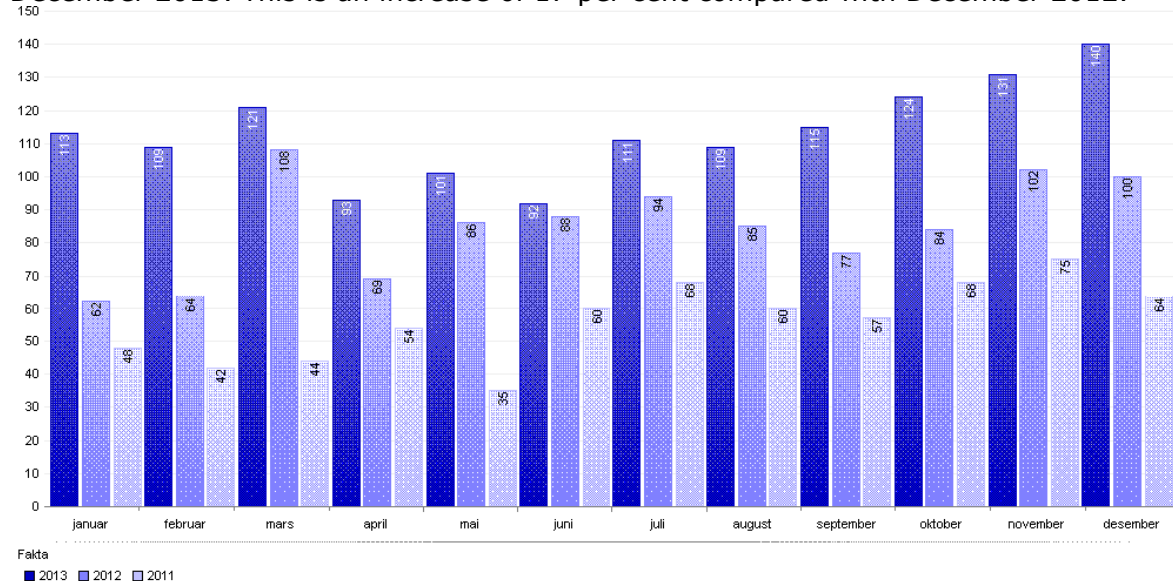
### Compared with 2012:

	<b>Forced returns</b>
As of 31/12/2012	4 903
As of 31/12/2013	5 934
Change in percent	<b>21</b>

Delays in the registration process may mean that the real figure is higher.

## Convicted offenders

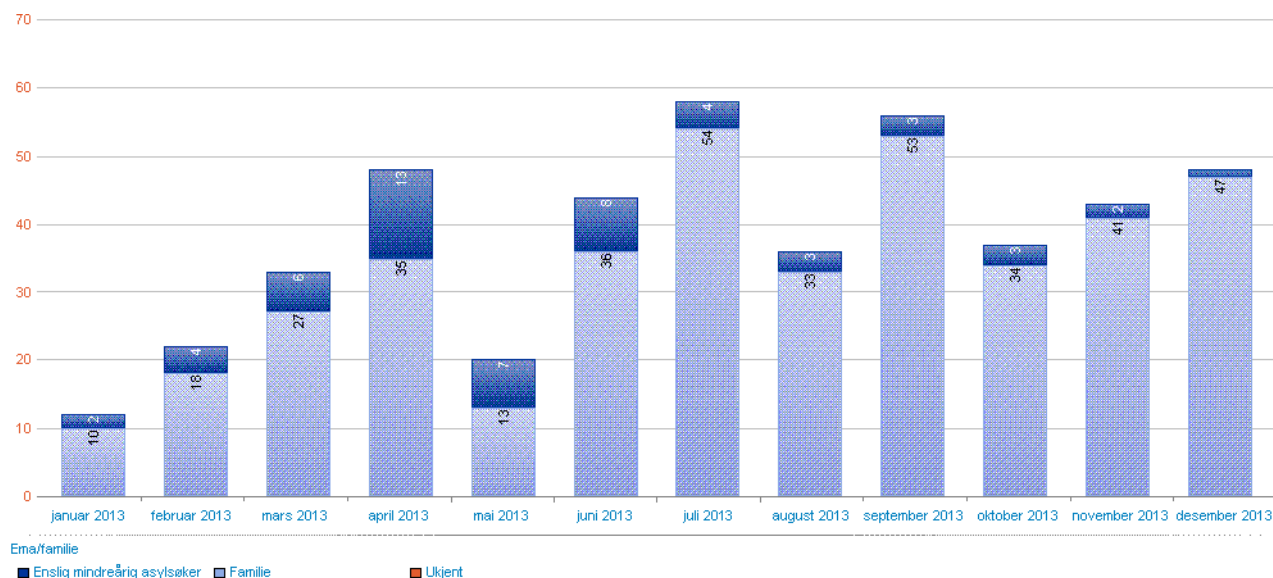
Returning convicted offenders is a priority. 164 convicted offenders were returned in December 2013. This is an increase of 17 per cent compared with December 2012.



The most common nationalities among convicted offenders returned in 2013 were citizens of Romania (21 %), Nigeria (11 %) and Poland (10 %). These three nationalities also topped the 2012 statistics.

## Minors

In December 2013, the police returned 48 minors, of which 47 were accompanied by their parents.



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 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.

## Forced returns on chartered flights

Eight returnee flights were chartered in 2013, one of them in December.

## Returnees by destination and citizenship

Destination means the country the person is returned to, not necessarily the person's home country (or country of nationality).

### The various returnee categories

The NPIS returns 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** – anyone seeking refuge (asylum) in Norway and who have had their application processed and rejected in Norway and who have exhausted all avenues of appeal.
- 2) **Dublin** – anyone returned under the Dublin Regulation. The Dublin Regulation applies in the EU, Norway and Iceland, and governs where an application for

asylum will be processed. 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) **Other** – includes persons who have been expelled or denied entry. Most of the returnees in this category were expelled after being convicted of crimes.

*The overview of the destinations of the returnees can be found in a separate table at the end.*

## Returnees in 2013 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Other	Total	
Afghanistan	246	84	273	603	
Albania	141	7	137	285	
Algeria	12	44	22	78	
Angola		1	1	2	
Argentina			3	3	
Armenia	5	3		8	
Azerbaijan	17	10	1	28	
Australia			2	2	
Bangladesh	18	16	23	57	
Belgium			11	11	
Benin		1		1	
Bolivia			2	2	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	26		10	36	
Brazil			3	3	
Bulgaria	3		4	7	
Burkina Faso		6	5	11	
Burundi	3		1	4	
Canada			3	3	
Chile			19	19	
People's Republic of China	1	3	4	8	
Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa)	19	2	4	25	
Costa Rica			1	1	
Cuba		2	3	5	
Denmark			14	14	
Djibouti		10	7	17	
Dominican Republic			6	6	
Ecuador			3	3	
Egypt	7	8	15	30	
Equatorial Guinea			1	1	
El Salvador	2			2	
Ivory Coast		9	7	16	
Eritrea	2	79	15	96	
Estonia	1		16	17	
Ethiopia	3	14	8	25	
the Philippines			5	5	
Finland			2	2	
France			11	11	
Gambia	11	15	33	59	
Georgia	18	16	14	48	
Ghana	4	17	40	61	
Guinea	1	17	16	34	
Guinea-Bissau		8	5	13	
Greece	1			1	
Belarus	7	2	11	20	
India	14	1	33	48	
Iraq	65	38	71	174	

## Returnees in 2013 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Other	Total	
Iran	31		26	21	78
Ireland	1			1	2
Iceland				12	12
Israel	13			11	24
Italy			2	8	10
Jamaica				1	1
Jordan	36		6	2	44
Cameroon	10		5	7	22
Cape Verde				1	1
Kazakhstan			4		4
Kenya	2		3		5
Kyrgyzstan	6		2	2	10
Kosovo	21		18	40	79
Croatia				6	6
Latvia				25	25
Lebanon	15		6	3	24
Liberia	1		8	6	15
Libya	18		42	12	72
Lithuania	3			207	210
Macedonia	19			14	33
Malaysia	1			1	2
Mali	3		24	14	41
Morocco	18		43	92	153
Mauritania	2		2	4	8
Mauritius				1	1
Mexico				4	4
Moldova	1			1	2
Mongolia	6			14	20
Montenegro	6			1	7
Myanmar			1		1
The Netherlands				20	20
Nepal	7			13	20
Nicaragua				1	1
Niger			4	4	8
Nigeria	57		241	365	663
Pakistan	44		28	119	191
Peru			2	3	5
Poland	1			243	244
Portugal				10	10
Romania	4		1	489	494
Russia	53		70	138	261
Rwanda			4		4
Saudi Arabia				1	1
Senegal	6		6	42	54
Serbia	34		5	55	94
Sierra Leone	2		6	5	13
Slovakia				4	4
Slovenia				1	1
Somalia	24		144	46	214
Spain			1	22	23
Sri Lanka	16		2	10	28
Stateless	63		45	19	127
United Kingdom				47	47
Sudan	1		95	12	108
Sweden				12	12
Syria	4		56	15	75

## Returnees in 2013 by nationality

	Asylum Dublin	Other	Total	
South Africa	1	1	2	4
South Korea	3			3
South Sudan	1			1
Tanzania	4	2	3	9
Chad		10	1	11
Thailand			13	13
Togo		1	2	3
Czech Republic	2		7	9
Tunisia	9	27	30	66
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	22	12	24	58
Germany	2		16	18
Uganda		6	1	7
Ukraine	7	4	17	28
Hungary			12	12
Uruguay	1			1
USA	2	1	12	15
Uzbekistan	34	8	11	53
Venezuela	2		2	4
Western Sahara		1		1
Vietnam	19	5	27	51
Yemen	4	12	1	17
Zambia	1			1
Zimbabwe		3	1	4
Austria			1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 270</b>	<b>1 408</b>	<b>3 256</b>	<b>5 934</b>

Table 2.

## Returnees by destination in 2013

	Asylum Dublin	Other	Total	
Afghanistan	243		7	250
Albania	137		111	248
Algeria	12		7	19
Argentina			2	2
Armenia	5			5
Azerbaijan	17			17
Australia			1	1
Bangladesh	18		1	19
Belgium		27	14	41
Bosnia-Herzegovina	26		10	36
Brazil			2	2
Bulgaria	3	5	7	15
Burundi	3		1	4
Canada			4	4
Chile			16	16
People's Republic of China	1		2	3
Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa)	19		1	20
Costa Rica			1	1
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		45	20	65
Djibouti			6	6
Dominican Republic			5	5
Egypt	8		2	10

## Returnees by destination in 2013

	Asylum	Dublin	Other	Total	
El Salvador	2				2
Eritrea	2	1			3
Estonia	1		26		27
Ethiopia	3		3		6
The Philippines			4		4
Finland		8	5		13
The United Arab Emirates	3				3
France	1	56	19		76
Gambia	11		8		19
Gaza Strip	29				29
Georgia	18		9		27
Ghana	4		5		9
Guinea	1		1		2
Guinea-Bissau			1		1
Greece	4	11	45		60
Belarus	7		10		17
India	14		22		36
Iraq	58		5		63
Iran	29		8		37
Ireland	1	1	2		4
Iceland			9		9
Israel	13		12		25
Italy	12	609	767	1 388	
Jamaica			1		1
Jordan	37				37
Cameroon	10		1		11
Kenya	2				2
Kyrgyzstan	6		2		8
Kosovo	21		34		55
Croatia			7		7
Cyprus		2	1		3
Latvia		4	29		33
Lebanon	18		3		21
Liberia	1				1
Libya	18		5		23
Lithuania	4		210		214
Luxembourg		2			2
Macedonia	19		15		34
Malaysia	1		1		2
Mali	3		1		4
Malta		25	6		31
Morocco	17		24		41
Mauritania	1		1		2
Mauritius			1		1
Mexico			4		4
Moldova	1		1		2
Mongolia	6		14		20
Montenegro	6		1		7
Montserrat	1				1
The Netherlands		24	23		47
Nepal	7		7		14
Nicaragua			1		1
Nigeria	53		47		100
Oman	4				4
Pakistan	43		9		52
Peru			2		2
Poland	3	68	251		322
Portugal		7	28		35

## Returnees by destination in 2013

	Asylum	Dublin	Other	Total	
Romania	4		1	493	498
Russia	52		3	130	185
Senegal	5			5	10
Serbia	32			51	83
Sierra Leone	2			1	3
Slovakia			1	3	4
Slovenia				3	3
Somalia	24		2	1	27
Spain	3		80	308	391
Sri Lanka	16			5	21
United Kingdom			15	85	100
Sudan	1			3	4
Switzerland	1		53	1	55
Sweden	3		225	45	273
South Africa	1			2	3
South Korea	3				3
South Sudan	1				1
Tanzania	4			2	6
Thailand				7	7
Czech Republic	3		7	21	31
Tunisia	8			14	22
Turkmenistan				1	1
Turkey	25			32	57
Germany	2		82	26	110
Uganda				1	1
Ukraine	6			15	21
Hungary			16	41	57
USA	3			10	13
Uzbekistan	34			10	44
Venezuela	2			1	3
The West Bank	23			2	25
Vietnam	19			19	38
Yemen	5			1	6
Zambia	1				1
Zimbabwe				1	1
Austria			28	4	32
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