

Monthly statistics December 2015: Forced returns from Norway

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) forcibly returned 869 persons in December 2015, and 173 of these were convicted offenders. The NPIS forcibly returned 7825 persons in 2015, and 2567 of these returnees were convicted offenders.

The NPIS is responsible for forcibly returning those who are not entitled to stay in Norway.

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 2014:

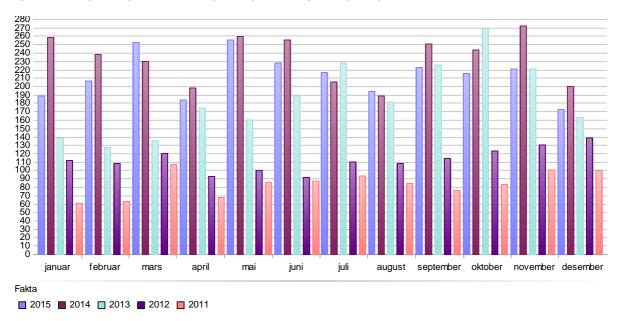
	Forced returns				
As of 31/12/2014	7 259				
As of 31/12/2015	7 825				
Change in percent	8				

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

Convicted offenders

In December, the police returned 173 convicted offenders, approx. 20 % of all returnees that month.

In 2015, NPIS returned 2567 convicted offenders, 33 % of the total number of returnees. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees were citizens of Romania (18 %), Poland (14 %), Lithuania (11 %) and Nigeria (9 %).



Return of convicted offenders 2011 - 2015

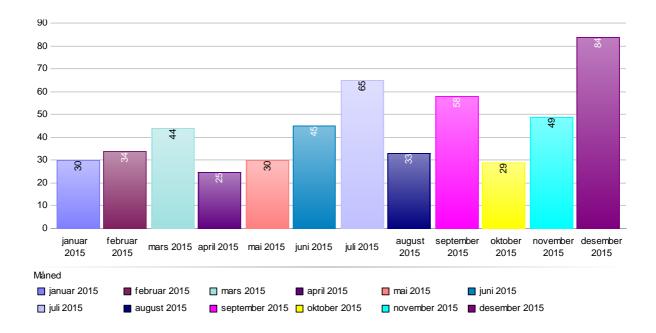
Of the 2567 returned convicted offenders in 2015, 2233 were categorised under refused entry, expelled and other.

Minors

A total of 84 minors were returned in December. 83 of them were returned together with 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 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

Nine returnee flights were chartered in 2015.

The various returnee categories

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 who has 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. It also includes persons subject to an expulsion order. 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. 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** persons who have been refused entry into Norway as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry are not banned from Norway.
- 4) **Expelled** anyone expelled from Norway who have 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. Violating the re-entry ban is a punishable offence.
- 5) **Other** persons not covered by any of the other categories.

Returnees in 2015 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin	Bort-, utviste og andre	Total
Afghanistan	164	98	282	544
Albania	256	2	515	773
Algeria	29	41	27	97
Angola	2	3		5
Argentina			5	5
Armenia	9	8	7	24
Azerbaijan	2	13	2	17
Australia			2	2
Bangladesh	45	2	21	68
Belgium			2	2
Benin	1			1
Bhutan			1	1
Bolivia			1	1
Bosnia- Herzegovina	42	1	47	90
Brazil	1		14	
Bulgaria	1		16	
Burkina Faso		1		1
Burundi	4			4
Canada			3	
Chile	1		14	
Colombia			6	
Cuba			5	
Denmark			4	
United Arab Emirates	1			1
Dominican Republic			15	15
Djibouti	1	6		
Ecuador			3	
Egypt	34		49	89
El Salvador	5			5
Ivory Coast	4	1	5	10
Eritrea	4	122	72	198
Estonia			19	19
Ethiopia		36	9	45

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Re	turnees i	n 2015 by	national	ity
			Bort-, utviste og	
	Asylum	Dublin	andre	Total
Mauritius			1	1
Mexico	1		4	5
Moldova	2		34	36
Mongolia	19		10	29
Montenegro	13		19	32
Mozambique		1		1
The Netherlands			23	23
Nepal	19		78	97
New Zealand			1	1
Nicaragua			1	1
Niger		1	2	3
Nigeria	93	47	550	690
Pakistan	89	21	152	262
Palestine	4		2	6
Panama			1	1
Peru			10	10
Poland			378	378
Portugal			7	7
Romania	3		511	514
Russia	61	18		288
Rwanda	1	3		6
Senegal	8	4		43
Serbia	36	1	101	138
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Montenegro	2		4	6
Sierra Leone	1	1	4	6
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			8	8
Somalia	20	88	124	232
Spain	7	2	23	32
Sri Lanka	26	1	30	57
Stateless	22	42	57	121
United Kingdom			17	17
Sudan	20	30	7	57
Sweden			30	30
Syria	80	194	59	333
South Africa			4	
South Korea			2	2
South Sudan	1	2		3
South Sudan	1	1		2
Tajikistan	6	4		13
Tanzania	5	1		6
Chad		2		3
Thailand			39	39
Togo	1		1	2
Czech Republic	1		5	
Tunisia	12	25		
Turkey	22	7	49	72
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Germany	<u> </u>		25	25

Returnees in 2015 by nationality					
	Asylum	Dublin	Bort-, utviste og andre	Total	
Uganda	12	5	2	19	
Unknown	1			1	
Ukraine	17	19	58	94	
Hungary	4		8	12	
Uruguay			1	1	
USA	2		39	41	
Uzbekistan	3	4	9	16	
Venezuela	1		3	4	
Western Sahara	1			1	
Vietnam	24	3	95	122	
Zimbabwe		2		2	
Austria			1	1	
Total	1559	1144	5122	7825	

Returnees by destination in 2015						
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total		
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Afghanistan						
Albania	248		417			
Algeria			0			
Angola	2		2	2		
Argentina			3			
Armenia	8		1			
Azerbaijan	2			2		
Australia			2			
Bangladesh	27		3			
Belgium 		9	14			
Benin	1			1		
Bosnia- Herzegovina	42		41	83		
Brazil	1		8	9		
Bulgaria	2	23	17	42		
Burundi	4			4		
Canada			4	4		
Chile	1		13	14		
Denmark		37	33	70		
United Arab Emirates	2		3	5		
Dominican Republic			3	3		
Djibouti	1			1		
Ecuador			1	1		
Egypt	31		21	52		
El Salvador	5			5		
Ivory Coast	2			2		
Eritrea	4			4		

110	Returnees by destination in 2015				
			expelled and		
	Asylum	Dublin	other	Total	
Estonia	2	2	33	37	
Ethiopia			2	2	
the Philippines			39	39	
Finland		2	13	15	
France	3	64	37	104	
Gambia	14		10	24	
Georgia	11		7	18	
Ghana	8		5	13	
Guinea	1			1	
Greece	21	58	75	154	
Honduras			1	1	
Belarus	8		12	20	
India	17		12	29	
Indonesia			1	1	
Iraq	25		15	40	
Iran	8		10	18	
Ireland			3	3	
Iceland			3	3	
Israel			5	5	
Italy	19	294	955	1268	
Japan	1			1	
Jordan	21		9		
Cameroon	1		3		
Kazakhstan	7			7	
Kenya	7		2	9	
China	3		12	15	
Kyrgyzstan	2		1	3	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3			3	
Republic of the Congo –	3				
Brazzaville	1			1	
Kosovo	94		81	175	
Croatia			9	9	
Kuwait			1	1	
Cyprus		2	1	3	
Latvia			61	61	
Lebanon	7		3	10	
Libya	1			1	
Lithuania	1	12	300	313	
Luxembourg		1		1	
Madagascar			1	1	
Macedonia	25		39	64	
Malaysia	4		1	5	
Malta		16	3	19	
Morocco	22		25		
Mauritania	1		3		
Mauritius			1		
Mexico	1		3		
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Returnees by destination in 2015					
	Refused entry, expelled and				
	Asylum	Dublin	other	Total	
Moldova	2		29	31	
Mongolia	19		8	27	
Montenegro	17		13	30	
The Netherlands		15	36	51	
Nepal	6		7	13	
New Zealand			1	1	
Nigeria	93		48	141	
Pakistan	53		22	75	
Palestine	13		1	14	
Peru			4	4	
Poland	1	41	416	458	
Portugal	_	3			
Qatar			2	2	
Romania	3	3		517	
Russia	284		300		
Rwanda	1		300	1	
Saudi Arabia			1	1	
Senegal	7		5	12	
Serbia	36		95	131	
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Serbia and Montenegro			1	1	
Sierra Leone	1			1	
Singapore	_		2		
Slovakia		2		15	
Slovenia		1		6	
Somalia	15			15	
Spain	14	78	373	465	
Sri Lanka	24	70	4		
Stateless	24		1	1	
United Kingdom		4	44		
Sudan	20		2	22	
Switzerland	20	34			
	2	93			
Sweden	2	93			
South Africa			3	3	
South Korea	_		1		
South Sudan	1			1	
South Sudan	1			1	
Tajikistan	6			6	
Tanzania	5			5	
Thailand			23		
Togo	1			1	
Czech Republic		4			
Tunisia 	12		13		
Turkey	26		59		
Germany		255	76		
Uganda	11			11	
Unknown	1			1	
Ukraine	17		37		
Hungary	4	32	37	73	

Returnees by destination in 2015					
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total	
Uruguay			1	1	
USA	3	3	37	40	
Uzbekistan	3	3	2	5	
Venezuela	1	L	1	2	
Vietnam	24	ŀ	38	62	
Austria	1	. 59	13	73	
Total	1559	1144	5122	7825	

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

[1] No Dublin returns are made to Greece. However, some persons who have a residence permit in Greece are returned under the European Agreement on Transfer of Refugees and the Return Directive.