



**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:

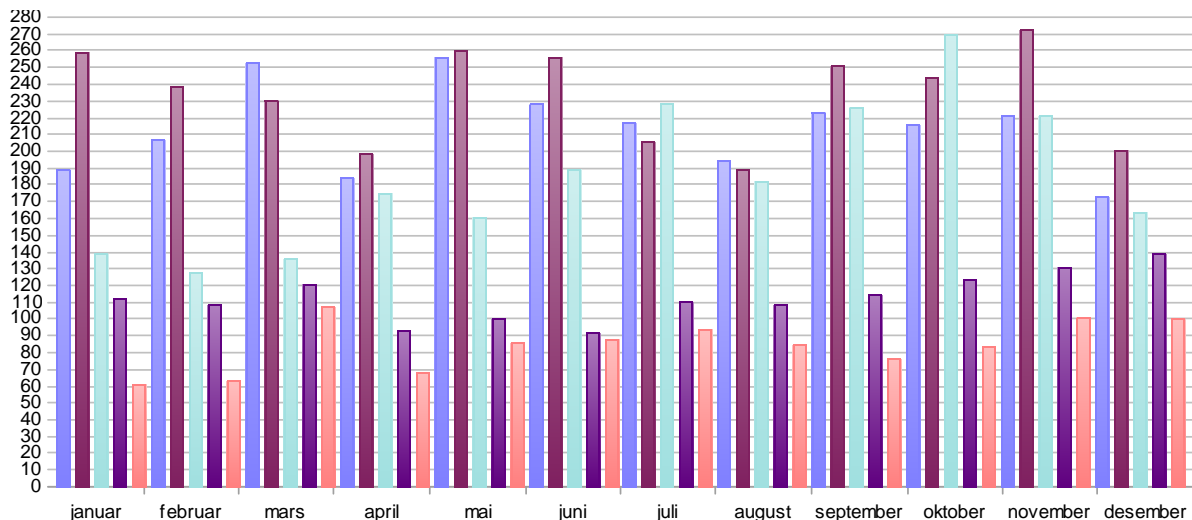
| | Forced returns |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| As of 31/12/2014 | 7 259 |
| As of 31/12/2015 | 7 825 |
| Change in percent | 8 |

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 %).



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Return of convicted offenders 2011 - 2015

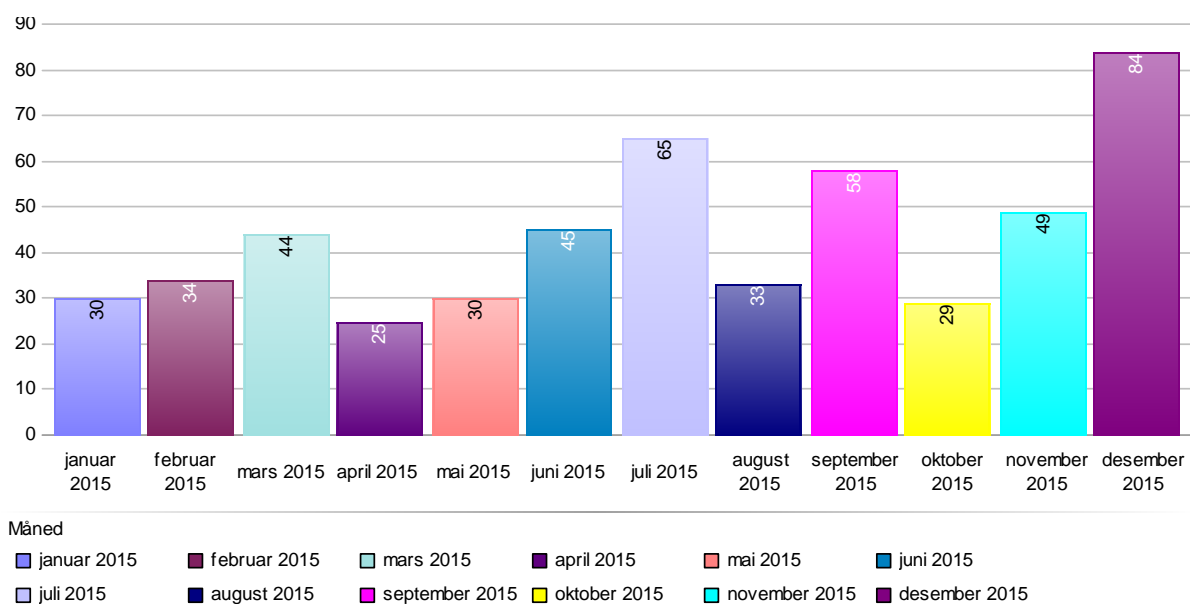
Of the 2567 returned convicted offenders in 2015, 2233 were categorised under refused entry, expelled and other.

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 | 15 |
| Bulgaria | 1 | | 16 | 17 |
| Burkina Faso | | 1 | | 1 |
| Burundi | 4 | | | 4 |
| Canada | | | 3 | 3 |
| Chile | 1 | | 14 | 15 |
| Colombia | | | 6 | 6 |
| Cuba | | | 5 | 5 |
| Denmark | | | 4 | 4 |
| United Arab Emirates | 1 | | | 1 |
| Dominican Republic | | | 15 | 15 |
| Djibouti | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| Ecuador | | | 3 | 3 |
| Egypt | 34 | 6 | 49 | 89 |
| El Salvador | 5 | | | 5 |
| Ivory Coast | 4 | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| Eritrea | 4 | 122 | 72 | 198 |
| Estonia | | | 19 | 19 |
| Ethiopia | | 36 | 9 | 45 |

| Returnees in 2015 by nationality | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | Asylum | Dublin | Bort-, utviste og andre | Total |
| The Philippines | | | 41 | 41 |
| Finland | | | 8 | 8 |
| France | 3 | | 12 | 15 |
| Gambia | 14 | 4 | 54 | 72 |
| Georgia | 11 | 1 | 11 | 23 |
| Ghana | 7 | 1 | 43 | 51 |
| Guinea | 2 | 6 | 11 | 19 |
| Guinea-Bissau | | | 1 | 1 |
| Greece | | | 3 | 3 |
| Honduras | | | 2 | 2 |
| Belarus | 8 | 2 | 14 | 24 |
| India | 20 | | 35 | 55 |
| Indonesia | | | 1 | 1 |
| Iraq | 34 | 84 | 127 | 245 |
| Iran | 12 | 41 | 42 | 95 |
| Ireland | | | 2 | 2 |
| Iceland | | | 3 | 3 |
| Israel | | | 6 | 6 |
| Italy | | | 14 | 14 |
| Jamaica | | | 1 | 1 |
| Japan | 1 | | | 1 |
| Yemen | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| Jordan | 20 | 10 | 10 | 40 |
| Yugoslavia | | | 3 | 3 |
| Kambodsja | | | 1 | 1 |
| Cameroon | 2 | 1 | 18 | 21 |
| Kazakhstan | 7 | | 2 | 9 |
| Kenya | 7 | 2 | 6 | 15 |
| China | 3 | 1 | 22 | 26 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 2 | | 3 | 5 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Kosovo | 88 | 5 | 72 | 165 |
| Croatia | | | 18 | 18 |
| Latvia | | | 37 | 37 |
| Lebanon | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Liberia | 3 | 4 | 8 | 15 |
| Libya | 1 | 44 | 5 | 50 |
| Lithuania | 1 | | 300 | 301 |
| Madagascar | | | 1 | 1 |
| Macedonia | 29 | | 40 | 69 |
| Malawi | | | 1 | 1 |
| Malaysia | 3 | | 2 | 5 |
| Mali | | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Morocco | 25 | 53 | 104 | 182 |
| Mauritania | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 |

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| | Asylum | Dublin | Bort-, utviste og 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 | 209 | 288 |
| Rwanda | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Senegal | 8 | 4 | 31 | 43 |
| Serbia | 36 | 1 | 101 | 138 |
| Serbia and 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 | 4 |
| South Korea | | | 2 | 2 |
| South Sudan | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| South Sudan | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Tajikistan | 6 | 4 | 3 | 13 |
| Tanzania | 5 | 1 | | 6 |
| Chad | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Thailand | | | 39 | 39 |
| Togo | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Czech Republic | | | 5 | 5 |
| Tunisia | 12 | 25 | 35 | 72 |
| Turkey | 22 | 7 | 49 | 78 |
| Germany | | | 25 | 25 |

| Returnees in 2015 by nationality | | | | |
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| | 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 |
| Afghanistan | 80 | | 9 | 89 |
| Albania | 248 | | 417 | 665 |
| Algeria | 29 | | 6 | 35 |
| Angola | 2 | | | 2 |
| Argentina | | | 3 | 3 |
| Armenia | 8 | | 1 | 9 |
| Azerbaijan | 2 | | | 2 |
| Australia | | | 2 | 2 |
| Bangladesh | 27 | | 3 | 30 |
| Belgium | | 9 | 14 | 23 |
| 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 |

| Returns by destination in 2015 | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--|--------------|
| | Asylum | Dublin | Refused entry, expelled and 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 | 30 |
| Cameroon | 1 | | 3 | 4 |
| 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 – 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 | 47 |
| Mauritania | 1 | | 3 | 4 |
| Mauritius | | | 1 | 1 |
| Mexico | 1 | | 3 | 4 |

| Returns by destination in 2015 | | | | |
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| | Asylum | Dublin | Refused entry, expelled and 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 | 28 | 31 |
| Qatar | | | 2 | 2 |
| Romania | 3 | 3 | 511 | 517 |
| Russia | 284 | | 300 | 584 |
| Rwanda | 1 | | | 1 |
| Saudi Arabia | | | 1 | 1 |
| Senegal | 7 | | 5 | 12 |
| Serbia | 36 | | 95 | 131 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | | 1 | 1 |
| Sierra Leone | 1 | | | 1 |
| Singapore | | | 2 | 2 |
| Slovakia | | 2 | 13 | 15 |
| Slovenia | | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Somalia | 15 | | | 15 |
| Spain | 14 | 78 | 373 | 465 |
| Sri Lanka | 24 | | 4 | 28 |
| Stateless | | | 1 | 1 |
| United Kingdom | | 4 | 44 | 48 |
| Sudan | 20 | | 2 | 22 |
| Switzerland | | 34 | 5 | 39 |
| Sweden | 2 | 93 | 358 | 453 |
| South Africa | | | 3 | 3 |
| South Korea | | | 1 | 1 |
| South Sudan | 1 | | | 1 |
| South Sudan | 1 | | | 1 |
| Tajikistan | 6 | | | 6 |
| Tanzania | 5 | | | 5 |
| Thailand | | | 23 | 23 |
| Togo | 1 | | | 1 |
| Czech Republic | | 4 | 50 | 54 |
| Tunisia | 12 | | 13 | 25 |
| Turkey | 26 | | 59 | 85 |
| Germany | | 255 | 76 | 331 |
| Uganda | 11 | | | 11 |
| Unknown | 1 | | | 1 |
| Ukraine | 17 | | 37 | 54 |
| Hungary | 4 | 32 | 37 | 73 |

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| | Asylum | Dublin | Refused entry, expelled and other | Total |
| Uruguay | | | 1 | 1 |
| USA | 3 | | 37 | 40 |
| Uzbekistan | 3 | | 2 | 5 |
| Venezuela | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Vietnam | 24 | | 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.