



**Monthly statistics December 2016:
Forced returns from Norway**

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) forcibly returned 712 persons in December 2016, and 215 of these were convicted offenders.

A total of 8078 persons were forcibly returned in 2016, and 2268 of these returnees were convicted offenders.

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.

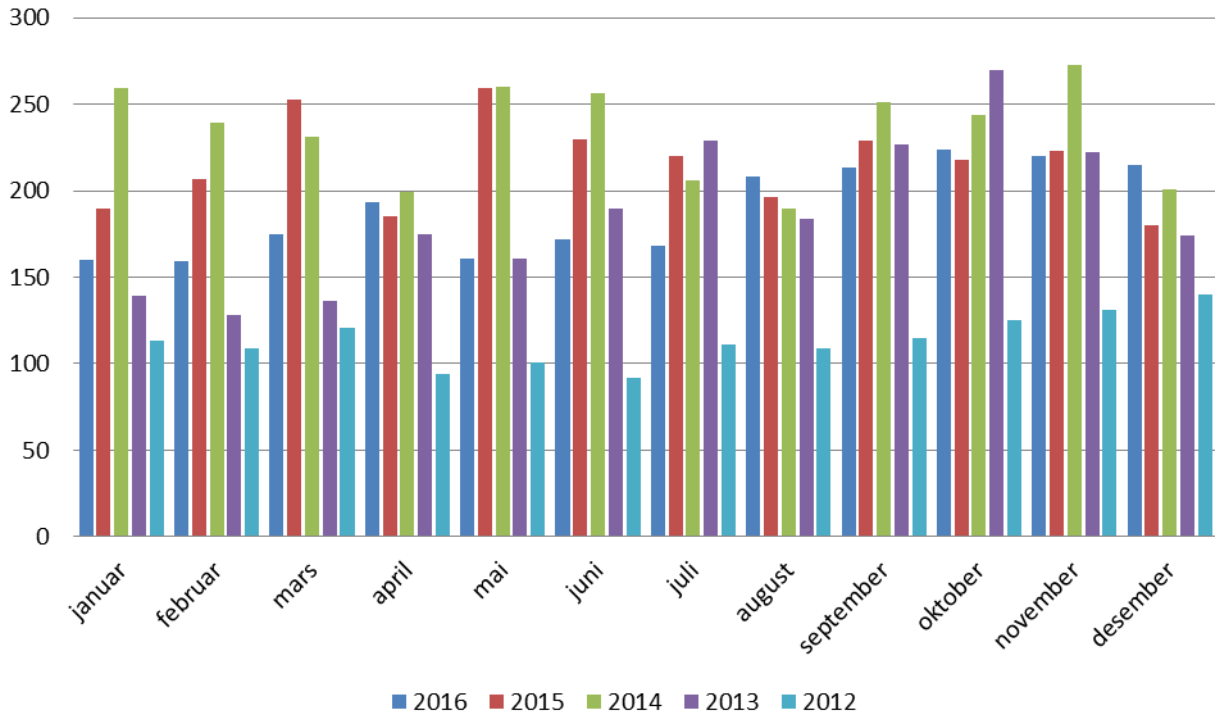
Compared with 2015:

	Forced returns
As of 31/12/2015	7887
As of 31/12/2016	8078
Change in percent	2

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

Convicted offenders

In December, the police returned 215 convicted offenders, approx. 30% of all returnees that month. A total of 2268 convicted offenders were forcibly returned in 2016. The most common nationalities among convicted were citizens of Romania (16%), Poland (14%) and Lithuania (11%).



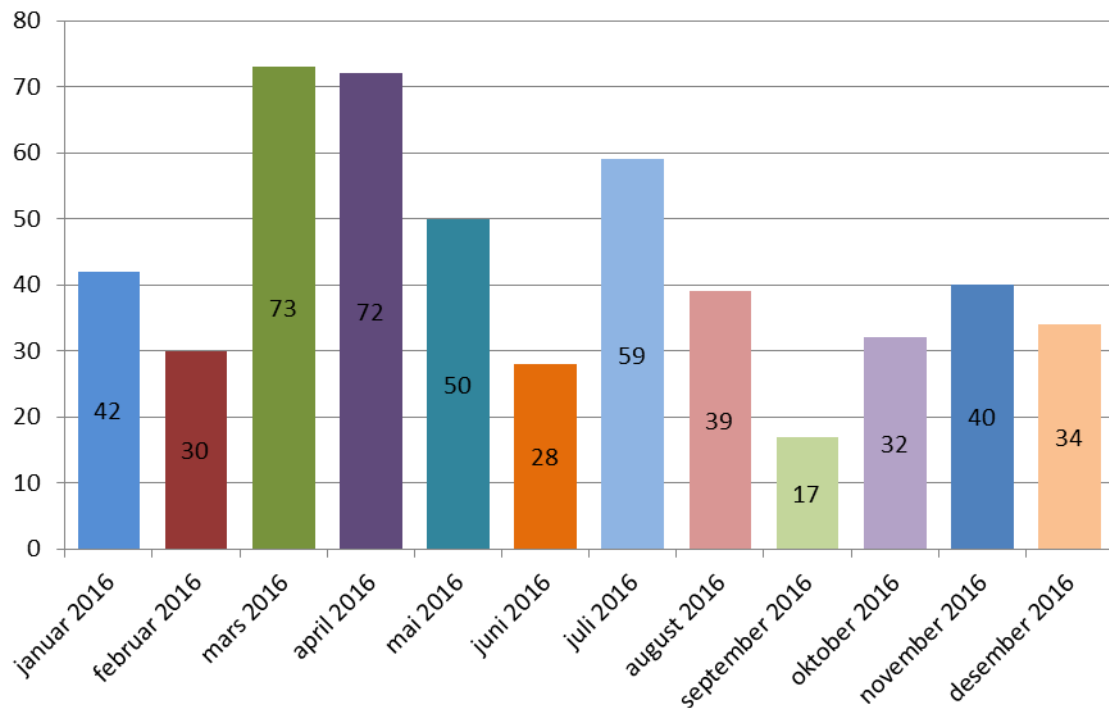
Return of convicted offenders 2012 - 2016

Minors

In December, 32 minors were returned together with their families. Another two minors were returned together with adult siblings.

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.



Returned minors in 2016.

Forced returns on chartered flights

Six returnee flights were chartered in 2016, but none in December.

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 2016 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	395	233	282	910
Albania	109		471	580
Algeria	16	30	44	90
Angola		2	3	5
Argentina	1		7	8
Armenia	4	1	5	10
Azerbaijan	3	14	9	26
Australia			11	11
Bahrain			1	1
Bangladesh	13	6	17	36
Belgium			12	12
Benin		1	1	2
Bhutan			1	1
Bolivia			1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	8		34	42
Brazil	1		41	42
Bulgaria	1		32	33
Burkina Faso			1	1
Burundi	5	2	1	8
Canada	2		11	13
Chile			22	22
Colombia			26	26
Cuba			9	9
Denmark			9	9
Dominican Republic			16	16
Djibouti	1			1
Ecuador			9	9
Egypt	39	3	33	75
El Salvador			1	1
Ivory Coast	5	1	7	13
Eritrea	1	68	72	141
Estonia			21	21
Ethiopia	4	24	28	56
the Philippines	3		74	77
Finland			2	2

Returnees in 2016 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
France			13	13
Gambia	22	9	45	76
Georgia	6	1	20	27
Ghana	3	6	24	33
Guatemala			1	1
Guinea	26	7	14	47
Guinea-Bissau			3	3
Greece	2		4	6
Honduras			1	1
Belarus	6	5	20	31
India	9	7	42	58
Indonesia			8	8
Iraq	115	175	236	526
Iran	31	80	60	171
Ireland			6	6
Iceland			1	1
Israel	4		11	15
Italy			13	13
Jamaica			1	1
Japan			1	1
Yemen	2	5	2	9
Jordan	10	17	6	33
Yugoslavia			5	5
Cameroon	3		13	16
Kazakhstan	6	3	9	18
Kenya	3		3	6
China		8	36	44
Kyrgyzstan	2		5	7
Democratic Republic of the Congo	6	5	13	24
Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville		4	1	5
Kosovo	35	8	88	131
Croatia			3	3
Kuwait			3	3
Laos			2	2
Latvia			29	29
Lebanon	6	15	11	32
Liberia		1	2	3
Libya	1	21	14	36
Lithuania	1		287	288
Madagascar			1	1
Macedonia	13		86	99
Malaysia			7	7
Mali		6	3	9
Morocco	10	35	87	132
Mauritania		2	5	7

Returnees in 2016 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Mauritius			3	3
Mexico			6	6
Moldova	1	1	38	40
Mongolia	7	1	19	27
Montenegro			9	9
Myanmar		1	5	6
The Netherlands			19	19
Nepal	6		33	39
New Zealand			6	6
Nicaragua	1		1	2
Niger	2		1	3
Nigeria	47	28	301	376
Norway	1			1
Pakistan	40	19	184	243
Palestine		2		2
Panama			1	1
Paraguay			1	1
Peru			5	5
Poland	1		334	335
Portugal	1		14	15
Romania	8	1	446	455
Russia	33	23	225	281
Rwanda	3		2	5
Sao Tome and Principe			1	1
Saudi Arabia		4	8	12
Senegal	10	2	21	33
Serbia	26		143	169
Serbia and Montenegro			1	1
Sierra Leone	8	1	1	10
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			5	5
Slovenia			2	2
Somalia	15	41	136	192
Spain	1		21	22
Sri Lanka	14	3	25	42
Stateless	78	45	54	177
United Kingdom			26	26
Sudan	17	4	14	35
Switzerland			1	1
Sweden			38	38
Syria	36	309	92	437
South Africa			2	2
South Korea	2		3	5
South Sudan		1		1
Tajikistan	7	3	5	15
Tanzania	3		3	6
Thailand	1		58	59

Returnees in 2016 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Czech Republic			14	14
Tunisia	12	8	32	52
Turkmenistan		1		1
Turkey	19	8	69	96
Germany	1		40	41
Uganda	5	4	7	16
Unknown	1	1	1	3
Ukraine	19	11	122	152
Hungary			7	7
USA	2	1	44	47
Uzbekistan	12	16	15	43
Venezuela	1		4	5
Western Sahara			1	1
Vietnam	11	1	109	121
Zambia			6	6
Zimbabwe		1		1
Austria			3	3
Total	1385	1346	5347	8078

Returnees by destination in 2016				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	381		29	410
Albania	110		368	478
Algeria	16		13	29
Angola			3	3
Argentina	1		1	2
Armenia	4		1	5
Azerbaijan	3		4	7
Australia			8	8
Bahrain			1	1
Bangladesh	12		2	14
Belgium	1	11	33	45
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7		29	36
Brazil	2		27	29
Bulgaria	1	39	40	80
Burundi	3			3
Canada	2		8	10
Chile			17	17
Colombia			12	12
Cuba			5	5
Denmark		45	53	98
United Arab Emirates			7	7

Returnees by destination in 2016				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Dominican Republic			2	2
Djibouti	1			1
Ecuador			5	5
Egypt	48		10	58
Ivory Coast	5			5
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia		1	30	31
Ethiopia	3		3	6
the Philippines	3		62	65
Finland		14	17	31
France		42	47	89
Gambia	20		7	27
Georgia	6		12	18
Ghana	3		10	13
Guinea	20		2	22
Greece	9	61	107	177
Hong Kong			4	4
Belarus	6		15	21
India	9		18	27
Indonesia			7	7
Iraq	111		30	141
Iran	29		10	39
Ireland			8	8
Iceland		1	4	5
Israel	4		8	12
Italy	8	202	849	1059
Jamaica			1	1
Japan			1	1
Jordan	17		6	23
Cameroon	3		1	4
Kazakhstan	6		6	12
Kenya	4		3	7
China			14	14
Kyrgyzstan	2		3	5
Democratic Republic of the Congo	5			5
Kosovo	35		88	123
Croatia	1	10	7	18
Cyprus		1	2	3
Latvia		6	51	57
Lebanon	60		11	71
Libya	1			1
Lithuania	1	13	292	306
Madagascar			1	1
Macedonia	13		90	103
Malaysia			7	7
Malta		8	10	18

Returnees by destination in 2016				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Morocco	8		20	28
Mauritius			2	2
Mexico			3	3
Moldova	1		33	34
Mongolia	7		14	21
Montenegro			7	7
Myanmar			1	1
The Netherlands		9	26	35
Nepal	4		17	21
New Zealand			4	4
Nicaragua	1			1
Niger	2		2	4
Nigeria	44		28	72
Pakistan	30		26	56
Palestine	8			8
Panama			1	1
Peru			4	4
Poland	2	29	423	454
Portugal	2	2	36	40
Qatar			5	5
Romania	11	7	440	458
Russia	80		209	289
Rwanda	2		1	3
Saudi Arabia			8	8
Senegal	9		5	14
Serbia	25		123	148
Sierra Leone	6			6
Singapore			5	5
Slovakia		3	5	8
Slovenia		1	5	6
Somalia	12		2	14
Spain	17	47	260	324
Sri Lanka	12		4	16
United Kingdom		5	66	71
Sudan	17		1	18
Switzerland		13	1	14
Sweden	1	163	548	712
South Africa			4	4
South Korea	2		3	5
Tajikistan	6		2	8
Tanzania	5		1	6
Thailand	1		36	37
Czech Republic	1	7	43	51
Tunisia	12		14	26
Turkey	26		59	85
Germany	5	578	113	696
Uganda	5		3	8

Returnees by destination in 2016				
	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Ukraine	19		72	91
Hungary		2	22	24
USA	2		56	58
Uzbekistan	11			11
Venezuela			2	2
Western Sahara	1			1
Vietnam	11		46	57
Zambia			1	1
Austria		26	13	39
Total	1385	1346	5347	8078

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