



**Monthly statistics December 2017:  
Forced returns from Norway**

**The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) forcibly returned 412 persons in December 2017, and 166 of these 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.

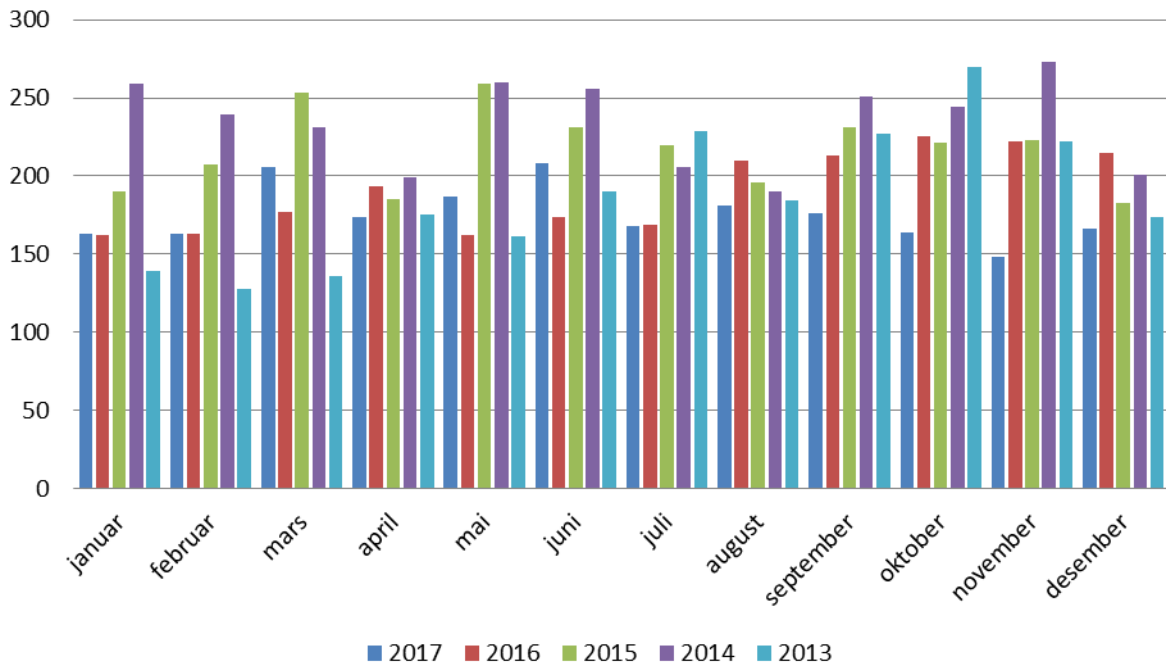
**Compared with 2016:**

	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 31/12/2016	8077
As at 31/12/2017	5434
Change in percent	<b>-33</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In December, the police returned 166 convicted offenders, approx. 40% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees were citizens of Romania (19 %), Poland (14%) and Lithuania (13%).



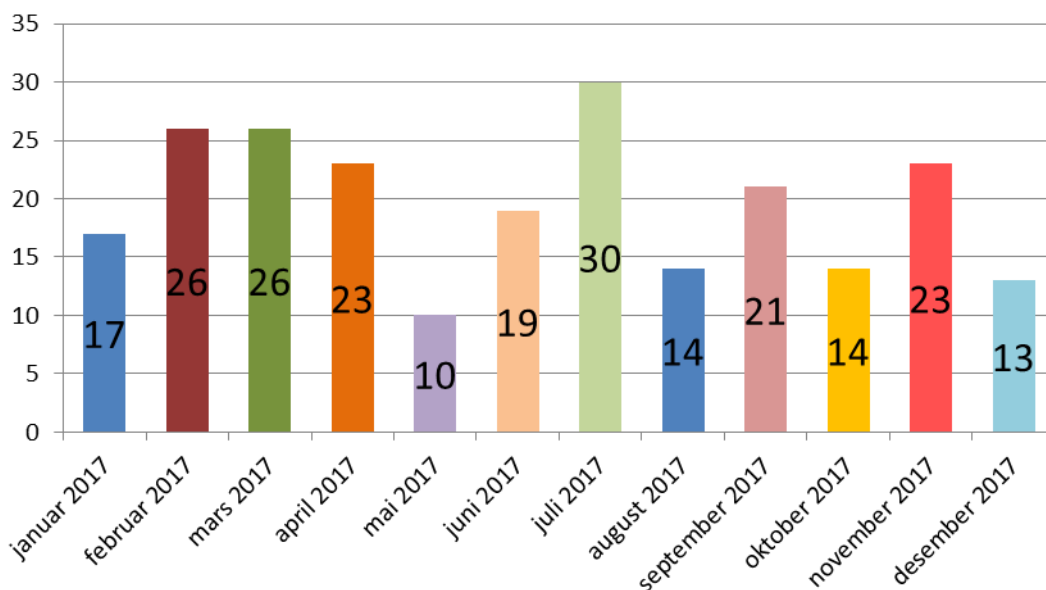
*Return of convicted offenders over the last four years*

## Minors

13 minors were returned in December. 11 of them were returned with family members, one was returned under the Dublin Regulation and one was returned to the home country under the return support scheme.

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

Eight returnee flights were chartered in 2017.

## 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.

<b>Returnees in 2017 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	232	32	102	<b>366</b>
Albania	55		318	<b>373</b>
Algeria	8	9	27	<b>44</b>
Angola		14		<b>14</b>
Argentina			1	<b>1</b>
Armenia	3		3	<b>6</b>
Azerbaijan	5	6	1	<b>12</b>
Australia	7		12	<b>19</b>
Bahrain		1		<b>1</b>
Bangladesh	3	3	3	<b>9</b>
Belgium			6	<b>6</b>
Bolivia			3	<b>3</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		34	<b>35</b>
Brazil			26	<b>26</b>
Bulgaria			28	<b>28</b>
Burundi	2	1	1	<b>4</b>
Canada	1		5	<b>6</b>
Chile	1		14	<b>15</b>
Colombia	12		13	<b>25</b>
Costa Rica			1	<b>1</b>
Cuba	1	2	2	<b>5</b>
Denmark			6	<b>6</b>
Dominican Republic			5	<b>5</b>
Central African Republic		1		<b>1</b>
Djibouti			2	<b>2</b>
Ecuador	1		6	<b>7</b>
Egypt	3	7	9	<b>19</b>
Equatorial Guinea			2	<b>2</b>
El Salvador	13		2	<b>15</b>

<b>Returns in 2017 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ivory Coast		8	9	<b>17</b>
Eritrea	4	30	41	<b>75</b>
Estonia			25	<b>25</b>
Ethiopia	22	16	13	<b>51</b>
The Philippines			85	<b>85</b>
Finland			6	<b>6</b>
France			8	<b>8</b>
Gabon			1	<b>1</b>
Gambia	4	6	22	<b>32</b>
Georgia	21	2	47	<b>70</b>
Ghana	6		10	<b>16</b>
Guatemala			2	<b>2</b>
Guinea	16	5	8	<b>29</b>
Guinea-Bissau	1	1	1	<b>3</b>
Greece	2		3	<b>5</b>
Honduras	2		4	<b>6</b>
Belarus	3	5	28	<b>36</b>
India	5		40	<b>45</b>
Indonesia			6	<b>6</b>
Iraq	85	20	130	<b>235</b>
Iran	21	30	39	<b>90</b>
Ireland			4	<b>4</b>
Iceland			2	<b>2</b>
Israel	4		17	<b>21</b>
Italy			14	<b>14</b>
Jamaica			1	<b>1</b>
Japan			2	<b>2</b>
Yemen		1	3	<b>4</b>
Jordan	13	8	9	<b>30</b>
Yugoslavia			1	<b>1</b>
Cameroon	1		3	<b>4</b>
Kazakhstan	6		13	<b>19</b>
Kenya	5		4	<b>9</b>
China	5	8	29	<b>42</b>
Kyrgyzstan	6			<b>6</b>
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	5	7	<b>13</b>
Kosovo	7	1	54	<b>62</b>
Croatia	1		5	<b>6</b>
Kuwait			2	<b>2</b>
Latvia			20	<b>20</b>

<b>Returns in 2017 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lebanon	11	6	6	<b>23</b>
Liberia		1	4	<b>5</b>
Libya		4	9	<b>13</b>
Lithuania			216	<b>216</b>
Madagascar			2	<b>2</b>
Macedonia	5		40	<b>45</b>
Malaysia			6	<b>6</b>
Mali		1	3	<b>4</b>
Morocco	46	23	49	<b>118</b>
Mauritania		2	2	<b>4</b>
Mexico	4	1	12	<b>17</b>
Moldova	1		31	<b>32</b>
Mongolia	3		21	<b>24</b>
Montenegro			11	<b>11</b>
Mozambique			1	<b>1</b>
Myanmar			3	<b>3</b>
The Netherlands			28	<b>28</b>
Nepal	1		19	<b>20</b>
New Zealand			3	<b>3</b>
Nicaragua			3	<b>3</b>
Niger			1	<b>1</b>
Nigeria	46	14	198	<b>258</b>
Pakistan	8	7	91	<b>106</b>
Palestine			1	<b>1</b>
Panama			2	<b>2</b>
Paraguay			1	<b>1</b>
Peru	4		9	<b>13</b>
Poland			284	<b>284</b>
Portugal			6	<b>6</b>
Qatar			1	<b>1</b>
Romania			452	<b>452</b>
Russia	27	15	245	<b>287</b>
Rwanda	1	4	1	<b>6</b>
Senegal	3	5	8	<b>16</b>
Serbia	16		66	<b>82</b>
Serbia and Montenegro			4	<b>4</b>
Sierra Leone	1	3	2	<b>6</b>
Slovakia	19		8	<b>27</b>
Slovenia			1	<b>1</b>
Somalia	20	14	103	<b>137</b>
Spain			32	<b>32</b>

<b>Returnees in 2017 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sri Lanka	6	1	9	16
Stateless	22	34	54	110
United Kingdom			34	34
Sudan	19	20	7	46
Switzerland			2	2
Sweden			46	46
Syria	10	45	63	118
South Africa			1	1
South Korea	5		9	14
South Sudan			1	1
Tajikistan	2	1		3
Tanzania		2	4	6
Thailand			45	45
Togo			1	1
Chad		1	1	2
Czech Republic			8	8
Tunisia	4	1	12	17
Turkey	4	17	58	79
Germany			41	41
Uganda	2	1	5	8
Unknown			2	2
Ukraine	18	7	155	180
Hungary			7	7
Uruguay			4	4
USA	4		59	63
Uzbekistan	8	3	13	24
Venezuela	5		4	9
Western Sahara	2			2
Vietnam	2		72	74
Zambia		4		4
Zimbabwe		2	2	4
Austria			1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>4055</b>	<b>5434</b>

<b>Returnees by destination in 2017</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	231		7	238
Albania	55		280	335

<b>Returnees by destination in 2017</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Algeria	9		9	<b>18</b>
Armenia	3		1	<b>4</b>
Azerbaijan	5			<b>5</b>
Australia	7		8	<b>15</b>
Bahrain			1	<b>1</b>
Bangladesh	3		2	<b>5</b>
Belgium		7	6	<b>13</b>
Bolivia			3	<b>3</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		28	<b>29</b>
Brazil			18	<b>18</b>
Bulgaria		3	30	<b>33</b>
Burundi	2			<b>2</b>
Canada	1		5	<b>6</b>
Chile	1		11	<b>12</b>
Colombia	13		4	<b>17</b>
Costa Rica	4		2	<b>6</b>
Cuba	1			<b>1</b>
Denmark		17	48	<b>65</b>
United Arab Emirates	4		6	<b>10</b>
Dominican Republic			1	<b>1</b>
Egypt	3		1	<b>4</b>
El Salvador	9		1	<b>10</b>
Ivory Coast			2	<b>2</b>
Eritrea	1			<b>1</b>
Estonia	2		44	<b>46</b>
Ethiopia	20		4	<b>24</b>
the Philippines			77	<b>77</b>
Finland		10	12	<b>22</b>
France	1	43	41	<b>85</b>
Gabon			1	<b>1</b>
Gambia	3		1	<b>4</b>
Georgia	21		38	<b>59</b>
Ghana	6		3	<b>9</b>
Guatemala			1	<b>1</b>
Guinea	15		1	<b>16</b>
Guinea-Bissau	1			<b>1</b>
Greece	5	26	57	<b>88</b>
Honduras	2		3	<b>5</b>

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Hong Kong			1	1
Belarus	3		19	22
India	5		17	22
Indonesia			4	4
Iraq	83		20	103
Iran	17		14	31
Ireland		1	5	6
Iceland			3	3
Israel	4		13	17
Italy	6	87	423	516
Japan			1	1
Jordan	13		9	22
Cameroon	1			1
Kazakhstan	6		6	12
Kenya	5		4	9
China	4		19	23
Kyrgyzstan	6			6
Democratic Republic of the Congo			1	1
Kosovo	7		51	58
Croatia	1	5	8	14
Kuwait			3	3
Cyprus		6	1	7
Latvia	1	1	50	52
Lebanon	26		5	31
Liberia			1	1
Lithuania		11	215	226
Madagascar			2	2
Macedonia	5		40	45
Malaysia			6	6
Malta		1	10	11
Morocco	46		17	63
Mexico	4		10	14
Moldova	1		25	26
Mongolia	3		19	22
Montenegro			4	4
Mozambique			1	1
Myanmar			1	1
The Netherlands		11	31	42
Nepal	1		4	5
Nigeria	44		22	66
Pakistan	8		12	20



<b>Returns by destination in 2017</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Palestine	2			<b>2</b>
Panama			2	<b>2</b>
Paraguay			1	<b>1</b>
Peru	4		6	<b>10</b>
Poland		13	373	<b>386</b>
Portugal		16	23	<b>39</b>
Qatar			1	<b>1</b>
Romania	1	1	448	<b>450</b>
Russia	31		229	<b>260</b>
Rwanda	1			<b>1</b>
Saudi Arabia			3	<b>3</b>
Senegal	2		3	<b>5</b>
Serbia	16		71	<b>87</b>
Sierra Leone	1			<b>1</b>
Slovakia	19	3	6	<b>28</b>
Slovenia			6	<b>6</b>
Somalia	21		7	<b>28</b>
Spain	3	23	150	<b>176</b>
Sri Lanka	6		3	<b>9</b>
United Kingdom		4	82	<b>86</b>
Sudan	20		1	<b>21</b>
Switzerland		5	4	<b>9</b>
Sweden	5	83	371	<b>459</b>
South Africa			4	<b>4</b>
South Korea	5		2	<b>7</b>
South Sudan			1	<b>1</b>
Tajikistan	2			<b>2</b>
Taiwan	1			<b>1</b>
Tanzania	1		2	<b>3</b>
Thailand			30	<b>30</b>
Togo			1	<b>1</b>
Chad			1	<b>1</b>
Czech Republic		3	26	<b>29</b>
Tunisia	4		1	<b>5</b>
Turkey	4		48	<b>52</b>
Germany		72	74	<b>146</b>
Uganda	2		4	<b>6</b>
Ukraine	18		78	<b>96</b>
Hungary		5	17	<b>22</b>
Uruguay			4	<b>4</b>
USA	4		72	<b>76</b>

<b>Returnees by destination in 2017</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin / safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Uzbekistan	8		2	<b>10</b>
Venezuela	6		2	<b>8</b>
Vietnam	2		38	<b>40</b>
Zimbabwe			1	<b>1</b>
Austria		4	3	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>4055</b>	<b>5434</b>

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