



**Monthly statistics December 2023:  
Returns from Norway**

**The police returned 168 persons in December 2023, 57 of whom were convicted offenders.**

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for executing, coordinating and assuring the quality of all returns of foreigners staying illegally in Norway. The respective police districts are responsible for returns following refusal of entry or stay, while the NPIS is responsible for returning persons who have had their asylum applications rejected and returns under the Dublin procedure or to safe third countries. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (NDI) is responsible for assisted returns, previously called voluntary returns. Assisted returns are not included in these statistics.

**Comparison 2022–2023:**

|                        | <b>Forced returns</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| As at 31 December 2022 | 2695                  |
| As at 31 December 2023 | 2319                  |
| Change in percent      | <b>-14</b>            |

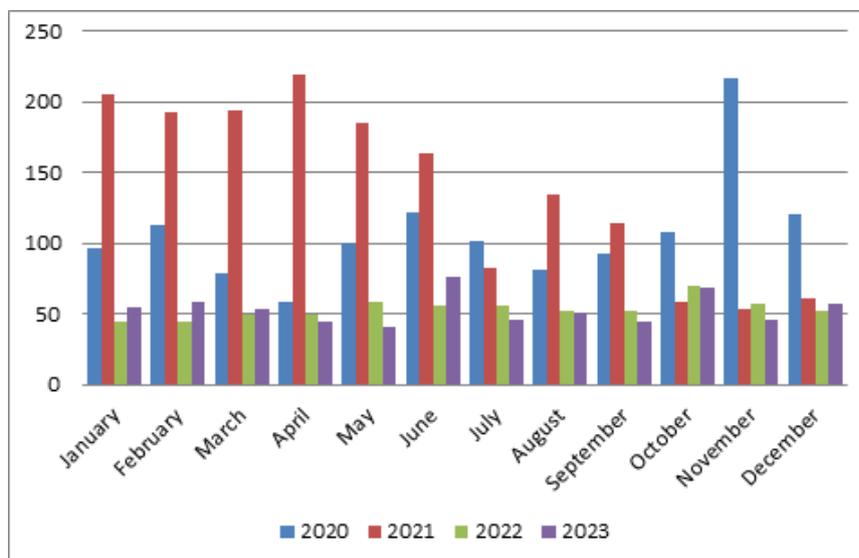
*These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.*

**Convicted offenders**

In December, the police returned 57 convicted offenders, 34% of all returnees that month.

The most common nationalities among convicted returnees in 2023 are Romanian (15%), Polish (11%) and Lithuanian (9%). For 2023 as a whole, 641 convicted offenders were returned, compared with 640 in 2022. The percentage of convicted offenders of all returnees was 28 in 2023, compared with 24 in 2022.

Below are statistics for the last four years:



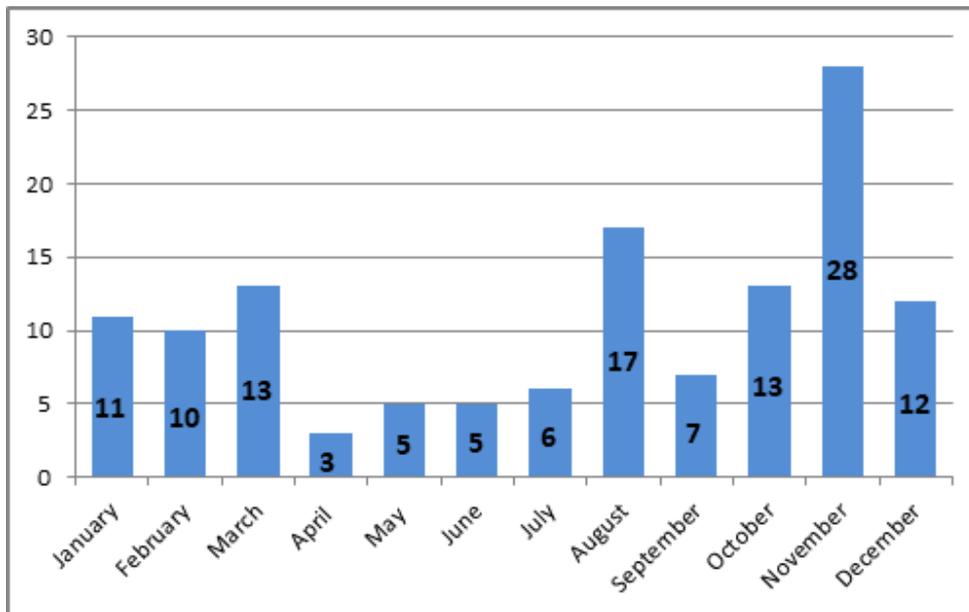
*Convicted offenders returned over the last four years*

## Minors

A total of 12 minors were returned in December, either to their home country or to a safe third country. Two of the minors were unaccompanied minors who were refused entry or ordered to leave the country. The other ten minors were returned with their parents or guardians.

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 III 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.



*Return of minors in 2023*

## Returns on chartered flights

Four returnee flights were chartered in 2023, but none in December.

## The various returnee categories

The police return 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** – all persons who have 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. This also includes persons subject to an expulsion order. The Dublin Regulation applies in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway. The Regulation governs, inter alia, which member state will process any given asylum application. 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 or stay** – persons who have been refused entry or stay as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry or stay are not banned from Norway after being returned.
- 4) **Expelled** – anyone expelled from Norway who has 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. Violation of the re-entry ban is a punishable offence.
- 5) **Other** – persons not covered by any of the other categories.

| <b>Returns in 2023 by nationality</b> |               |                              |               |                  |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                       | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Afghanistan                           |               | 19                           | 38            | 8                | <b>65</b>    |
| Albania                               | 20            | 17                           |               | 30               | <b>67</b>    |
| Algeria                               | 2             | 2                            | 6             | 2                | <b>12</b>    |
| Angola                                |               | 1                            | 1             |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Argentina                             | 1             | 2                            |               | 4                | <b>7</b>     |
| Armenia                               | 4             |                              |               |                  | <b>4</b>     |
| Azerbaijan                            | 4             | 1                            | 5             | 1                | <b>11</b>    |
| Australia                             |               | 1                            |               | 3                | <b>4</b>     |
| Bangladesh                            |               | 4                            | 5             | 2                | <b>11</b>    |
| Belarus                               |               |                              | 10            | 4                | <b>14</b>    |
| Belgium                               |               | 2                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina                    |               |                              |               | 4                | <b>4</b>     |
| Brazil                                |               | 12                           |               | 6                | <b>18</b>    |
| Bulgaria                              |               | 1                            |               | 4                | <b>5</b>     |
| Burundi                               |               |                              | 1             |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Canada                                | 4             | 5                            |               | 4                | <b>13</b>    |
| Chile                                 |               | 3                            |               | 9                | <b>12</b>    |
| Colombia                              | 9             | 25                           | 3             | 15               | <b>52</b>    |
| Costa Rica                            |               | 2                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Cuba                                  |               | 1                            |               | 3                | <b>4</b>     |
| Denmark                               |               | 2                            |               | 3                | <b>5</b>     |
| Dominican Republic                    |               | 3                            |               | 2                | <b>5</b>     |
| Dominica                              |               | 1                            |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Ecuador                               |               | 3                            |               | 1                | <b>4</b>     |
| Egypt                                 |               | 2                            | 2             | 3                | <b>7</b>     |
| El Salvador                           | 1             | 2                            |               | 1                | <b>4</b>     |
| Ivory Coast                           | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Eritrea                               | 1             | 10                           | 25            | 4                | <b>40</b>    |

| <b>Returns in 2023 by nationality</b>       |               |                              |               |                  |              |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Estonia                                     |               |                              |               | 2                | <b>2</b>     |
| Ethiopia                                    |               | 3                            | 10            | 4                | <b>17</b>    |
| The Philippines                             |               | 23                           |               | 6                | <b>29</b>    |
| Finland                                     |               | 2                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| France                                      |               | 4                            |               | 2                | <b>6</b>     |
| Gabon                                       | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| The Gambia                                  |               | 1                            | 2             |                  | <b>3</b>     |
| Georgia                                     | 28            | 9                            | 1             | 12               | <b>50</b>    |
| Ghana                                       |               | 5                            | 1             | 5                | <b>11</b>    |
| Guatemala                                   | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Guinea                                      |               |                              | 2             | 1                | <b>3</b>     |
| Guinea-Bissau                               | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Greece                                      |               | 1                            |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Honduras                                    | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| India                                       | 1             | 12                           |               | 1                | <b>14</b>    |
| Indonesia                                   |               | 7                            |               |                  | <b>7</b>     |
| Iraq  | 35            | 11                           | 13            | 17               | <b>76</b>    |
| Iran  | 4             | 17                           | 11            | 4                | <b>36</b>    |
| Ireland                                     |               |                              |               | 1                | <b>1</b>     |
| Iceland                                     |               |                              |               | 2                | <b>2</b>     |
| Israel                                      |               | 1                            |               | 2                | <b>3</b>     |
| Italy                                       |               |                              |               | 4                | <b>4</b>     |
| Jamaica                                     |               | 1                            |               | 1                | <b>2</b>     |
| Japan                                       | 4             | 1                            |               |                  | <b>5</b>     |
| Yemen                                       |               |                              | 2             |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Jordan                                      |               | 2                            |               | 1                | <b>3</b>     |
| Cameroon                                    | 1             |                              |               | 3                | <b>4</b>     |
| Kazakhstan                                  |               | 3                            | 9             | 3                | <b>15</b>    |
| Kenya                                       |               | 4                            |               | 2                | <b>6</b>     |
| China                                       | 2             | 26                           | 7             | 18               | <b>53</b>    |
| Kyrgyzstan                                  |               |                              | 2             | 2                | <b>4</b>     |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo - Kinshasa | 2             | 8                            | 7             |                  | <b>17</b>    |
| Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville         |               |                              | 1             |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Kosovo                                      | 12            | 6                            |               | 7                | <b>25</b>    |
| Croatia                                     |               |                              |               | 1                | <b>1</b>     |
| Kuwait                                      |               | 3                            |               |                  | <b>3</b>     |
| Latvia                                      |               | 6                            |               | 10               | <b>16</b>    |
| Lebanon                                     |               |                              | 2             | 1                | <b>3</b>     |
| Libya                                       | 2             | 3                            | 5             | 3                | <b>13</b>    |
| Lithuania                                   |               | 7                            |               | 52               | <b>59</b>    |

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|                                       | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Malawi                                |               |                              | 1             | 1                | 2            |
| Malaysia                              |               |                              |               | 2                | 2            |
| Mali                                  | 1             |                              |               |                  | 1            |
| Morocco                               | 1             | 11                           | 16            | 4                | 32           |
| Mauritania                            |               |                              | 1             |                  | 1            |
| Mexico                                |               | 1                            |               | 7                | 8            |
| Moldova                               | 8             | 3                            |               | 10               | 21           |
| Mongolia                              | 1             |                              |               |                  | 1            |
| Montenegro                            |               |                              |               | 2                | 2            |
| Mozambique                            |               | 1                            |               | 1                | 2            |
| The Netherlands                       |               | 3                            |               | 12               | 15           |
| Nepal                                 | 1             |                              |               | 4                | 5            |
| New Zealand                           | 1             |                              |               | 2                | 3            |
| Nicaragua                             | 1             |                              |               |                  | 1            |
| Niger                                 | 1             |                              |               |                  | 1            |
| Nigeria                               | 1             | 7                            | 12            | 10               | 30           |
| North Macedonia                       |               | 2                            |               | 8                | 10           |
| Pakistan                              | 1             | 19                           | 7             | 5                | 32           |
| Paraguay                              |               | 1                            |               | 1                | 2            |
| Peru                                  | 8             | 4                            |               | 2                | 14           |
| Poland                                |               | 29                           |               | 54               | 83           |
| Portugal                              |               |                              |               | 1                | 1            |
| Romania                               |               | 20                           |               | 86               | 106          |
| Russia                                |               | 100                          | 68            | 12               | 180          |
| Rwanda                                |               |                              | 2             |                  | 2            |
| Saudi Arabia                          |               | 5                            |               |                  | 5            |
| Senegal                               |               | 1                            | 1             |                  | 2            |
| Serbia                                | 6             | 9                            |               | 8                | 23           |
| Sierra Leone                          |               | 2                            |               |                  | 2            |
| Slovakia                              |               | 3                            |               |                  | 3            |
| Somalia                               | 6             | 11                           | 7             | 19               | 43           |
| Spain                                 |               | 5                            | 1             | 5                | 11           |
| Sri Lanka                             | 2             | 3                            |               | 2                | 7            |
| Stateless                             | 1             | 4                            | 9             | 20               | 34           |
| United Kingdom                        | 2             | 50                           |               | 40               | 92           |
| Sudan                                 |               | 5                            | 3             |                  | 8            |
| Switzerland                           |               | 2                            |               |                  | 2            |
| Sweden                                | 1             | 2                            | 1             | 17               | 21           |
| Syria                                 | 1             | 9                            | 89            | 6                | 105          |
| South Africa                          | 1             | 2                            |               |                  | 3            |
| South Korea                           |               | 1                            | 1             |                  | 2            |
| South Sudan                           |               | 1                            | 1             |                  | 2            |

| <b>Returns in 2023 by nationality</b> |               |                              |               |                  |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                       | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Tajikistan                            |               | 1                            | 1             |                  | 2            |
| Tanzania                              | 3             | 2                            |               |                  | 5            |
| Thailand                              |               | 7                            |               | 11               | 18           |
| Togo                                  |               | 2                            |               |                  | 2            |
| Trinidad and Tobago                   | 1             |                              |               |                  | 1            |
| Chad                                  | 1             |                              | 2             |                  | 3            |
| Czechia                               |               | 5                            |               |                  | 5            |
| Tunisia                               | 3             | 3                            | 5             | 2                | 13           |
| Turkmenistan                          |               |                              | 1             |                  | 1            |
| Türkiye                               | 3             | 21                           | 34            | 11               | 69           |
| Germany                               |               | 8                            |               | 6                | 14           |
| Uganda                                |               | 1                            |               | 5                | 6            |
| Ukraine                               | 2             | 46                           | 224           | 7                | 279          |
| Hungary                               |               | 1                            |               | 1                | 2            |
| Uruguay                               |               |                              |               | 1                | 1            |
| USA                                   | 3             | 31                           |               | 16               | 50           |
| Uzbekistan                            |               | 6                            | 4             | 9                | 19           |
| Venezuela                             | 6             | 4                            |               | 1                | 11           |
| Vietnam                               |               | 1                            |               | 10               | 11           |
| Zambia                                |               | 1                            |               |                  | 1            |
| Zimbabwe                              |               | 2                            | 2             |                  | 4            |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>209</b>    | <b>745</b>                   | <b>664</b>    | <b>701</b>       | <b>2319</b>  |

| <b>Returns in 2023 by destination</b> |               |                              |               |                  |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                       | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Afghanistan                           |               |                              |               | 1                | 1            |
| Albania                               | 20            | 12                           |               | 28               | 60           |
| Algeria                               | 3             |                              |               | 1                | 4            |
| Argentina                             | 1             | 1                            |               | 4                | 6            |
| Armenia                               | 2             |                              |               |                  | 2            |
| Azerbaijan                            | 4             | 1                            |               | 1                | 6            |
| Australia                             |               | 1                            |               | 5                | 6            |
| Bangladesh                            |               | 1                            |               | 2                | 3            |
| Belgium                               |               | 2                            | 15            | 2                | 19           |
| Bermuda                               |               | 2                            |               |                  | 2            |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina                    |               |                              |               | 4                | 4            |
| Brazil                                | 2             | 8                            |               | 5                | 15           |
| Bulgaria                              |               | 2                            | 4             | 5                | 11           |

| <b>Returns in 2023 by destination</b> |               |                              |               |                  |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                       | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Burundi                               | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Canada                                | 4             | 3                            |               | 4                | <b>11</b>    |
| Chile                                 | 1             | 1                            |               | 7                | <b>9</b>     |
| Colombia                              | 10            | 19                           |               | 12               | <b>41</b>    |
| Costa Rica                            |               | 2                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Cuba                                  |               |                              |               | 2                | <b>2</b>     |
| Denmark                               |               | 42                           | 16            | 8                | <b>66</b>    |
| United Arab Emirates                  |               | 1                            |               | 1                | <b>2</b>     |
| Dominican Republic                    |               | 1                            |               | 1                | <b>2</b>     |
| Egypt                                 |               | 1                            |               | 2                | <b>3</b>     |
| El Salvador                           | 1             | 2                            |               | 1                | <b>4</b>     |
| Ivory Coast                           | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Estonia                               |               |                              | 11            | 3                | <b>14</b>    |
| Ethiopia                              |               | 1                            |               | 3                | <b>4</b>     |
| The Philippines                       |               | 20                           |               | 5                | <b>25</b>    |
| Finland                               |               | 4                            | 25            | 1                | <b>30</b>    |
| France                                | 2             | 11                           | 45            | 4                | <b>62</b>    |
| Gabon                                 | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Georgia                               | 27            | 8                            |               | 12               | <b>47</b>    |
| Ghana                                 |               | 1                            |               | 4                | <b>5</b>     |
| Greenland                             |               | 2                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Guatemala                             | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Greece                                |               | 5                            | 22            | 3                | <b>30</b>    |
| Honduras                              | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Hong Kong                             |               | 1                            |               | 1                | <b>2</b>     |
| India                                 | 1             | 4                            |               | 1                | <b>6</b>     |
| Indonesia                             |               | 1                            |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Iraq                                  | 35            |                              |               | 6                | <b>41</b>    |
| Iran                                  | 4             | 2                            |               | 1                | <b>7</b>     |
| Ireland                               |               | 3                            |               | 1                | <b>4</b>     |
| Iceland                               |               | 2                            | 1             | 2                | <b>5</b>     |
| Israel                                |               | 2                            |               | 2                | <b>4</b>     |
| Italy                                 | 1             | 16                           | 12            | 20               | <b>49</b>    |
| Jamaica                               |               |                              |               | 1                | <b>1</b>     |
| Japan                                 | 4             | 1                            |               |                  | <b>5</b>     |
| Jordan                                |               | 2                            |               | 1                | <b>3</b>     |
| Cameroon                              | 1             |                              |               | 1                | <b>2</b>     |
| Kazakhstan                            |               | 2                            |               | 1                | <b>3</b>     |
| Kenya                                 |               | 3                            |               | 3                | <b>6</b>     |
| China                                 | 2             | 4                            |               | 9                | <b>15</b>    |
| Kyrgyzstan                            |               |                              |               | 2                | <b>2</b>     |
| Democratic Republic of                | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |

| <b>Returns in 2023 by destination</b> |               |                              |               |                  |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                       | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| the Congo - Kinshasa                  |               |                              |               |                  |              |
| Kosovo                                | 12            | 5                            |               | 6                | <b>23</b>    |
| Croatia                               |               |                              | 15            | 1                | <b>16</b>    |
| Kuwait                                |               | 3                            |               |                  | <b>3</b>     |
| Cyprus                                |               | 1                            | 1             |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Latvia                                |               | 7                            | 11            | 25               | <b>43</b>    |
| Lebanon                               |               |                              |               | 1                | <b>1</b>     |
| Libya                                 | 1             | 1                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Lithuania                             |               | 11                           | 11            | 54               | <b>76</b>    |
| Malawi                                |               |                              |               | 1                | <b>1</b>     |
| Malaysia                              |               |                              |               | 2                | <b>2</b>     |
| Mali                                  | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Malta                                 |               |                              | 1             | 1                | <b>2</b>     |
| Morocco                               | 1             | 2                            |               | 1                | <b>4</b>     |
| Mexico                                |               | 1                            |               | 6                | <b>7</b>     |
| Moldova                               | 8             | 4                            |               | 10               | <b>22</b>    |
| Mongolia                              | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Montenegro                            |               |                              |               | 2                | <b>2</b>     |
| The Netherlands                       |               | 6                            | 19            | 14               | <b>39</b>    |
| Nepal                                 | 1             |                              |               | 4                | <b>5</b>     |
| New Zealand                           | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Nicaragua                             | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Nigeria                               | 2             |                              |               | 4                | <b>6</b>     |
| North Macedonia                       |               | 2                            |               | 10               | <b>12</b>    |
| Pakistan                              | 1             | 4                            |               | 4                | <b>9</b>     |
| Palestine                             | 1             | 1                            |               | 1                | <b>3</b>     |
| Paraguay                              |               |                              |               | 1                | <b>1</b>     |
| Peru                                  | 8             | 1                            |               | 2                | <b>11</b>    |
| Poland                                | 5             | 44                           | 157           | 63               | <b>269</b>   |
| Portugal                              | 1             | 6                            | 4             | 4                | <b>15</b>    |
| Qatar                                 |               | 2                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Romania                               |               | 22                           | 1             | 85               | <b>108</b>   |
| Russia                                |               | 86                           |               | 8                | <b>94</b>    |
| Saudi Arabia                          |               | 6                            |               |                  | <b>6</b>     |
| Serbia                                | 6             | 7                            |               | 5                | <b>18</b>    |
| Singapore                             |               | 1                            |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Slovakia                              |               | 2                            | 7             |                  | <b>9</b>     |
| Slovenia                              |               |                              | 8             |                  | <b>8</b>     |
| Somalia                               | 6             |                              |               | 15               | <b>21</b>    |
| Spain                                 |               | 23                           | 58            | 17               | <b>98</b>    |
| Sri Lanka                             | 2             |                              |               | 1                | <b>3</b>     |
| United Kingdom                        | 2             | 100                          | 1             | 48               | <b>151</b>   |

| <b>Returns in 2023 by destination</b> |               |                              |               |                  |              |
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|                                       | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Refused stay or entry</b> | <b>Dublin</b> | <b>Expulsion</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Svalbard and Jan Mayen                |               | 2                            |               |                  | <b>2</b>     |
| Switzerland                           |               | 3                            | 4             | 4                | <b>11</b>    |
| Sweden                                | 1             | 78                           | 59            | 35               | <b>173</b>   |
| South Africa                          | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Taiwan                                |               |                              |               | 3                | <b>3</b>     |
| Tanzania                              | 3             | 1                            |               |                  | <b>4</b>     |
| Thailand                              |               | 1                            |               | 10               | <b>11</b>    |
| Trinidad and Tobago                   | 1             |                              |               |                  | <b>1</b>     |
| Czechia                               |               | 5                            | 9             |                  | <b>14</b>    |
| Tunisia                               | 3             | 1                            |               | 1                | <b>5</b>     |
| Türkiye                               | 3             | 31                           |               | 12               | <b>46</b>    |
| Germany                               |               | 34                           | 97            | 16               | <b>147</b>   |
| Uganda                                |               |                              |               | 4                | <b>4</b>     |
| Hungary                               |               | 3                            | 18            | 2                | <b>23</b>    |
| Uruguay                               |               |                              |               | 1                | <b>1</b>     |
| USA                                   | 3             | 36                           |               | 15               | <b>54</b>    |
| Uzbekistan                            |               | 2                            |               | 7                | <b>9</b>     |
| Venezuela                             | 2             | 1                            |               | 1                | <b>4</b>     |
| Vietnam                               |               | 1                            |               | 10               | <b>11</b>    |
| Austria                               |               | 1                            | 32            | 1                | <b>34</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>209</b>    | <b>745</b>                   | <b>664</b>    | <b>701</b>       | <b>2319</b>  |

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