



## Statistics for August 2025: Forced returns from Norway

**The police forcibly returned 227 persons in August 2025, 59 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 or who are returned 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.

### Compared with 2024

	Forced returns
As at 31. August 2024	1678
As at 31. August 2025	1625
Change in percent	-3

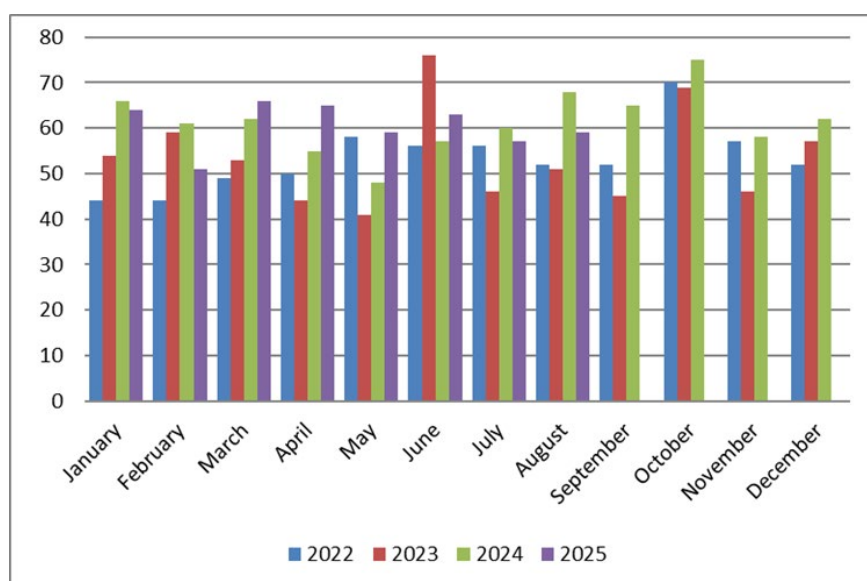
*These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.*

### Convicted offenders

In August, the police returned 59 convicted offenders, 26% of all returnees that month.

So far this year, 484 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 477 in the same period last year.

Below are statistics for the last four years:



### Convicted offenders returned over the last four years

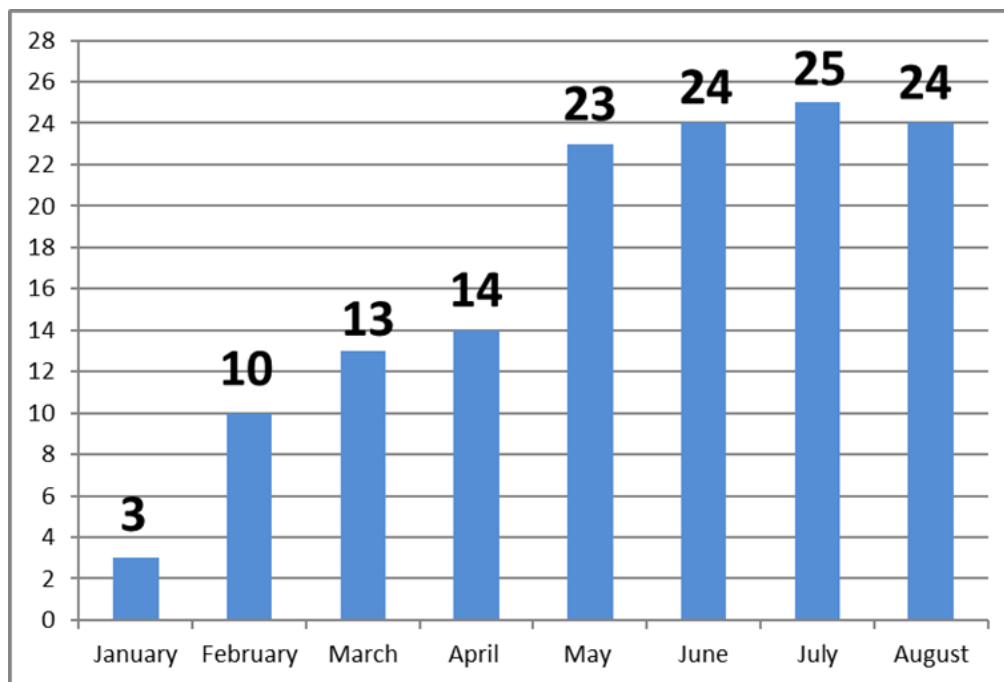
The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far this year are Romanian (21%), Polish (10%) and Lithuanian (9%).

## Minors

A total of 24 minors were returned in August, either to their home country or to a safe third country. 20 traveled with a parent or another family member, while four were unaccompanied minors who travelled with assistance to Ukraine.

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.



*Returned minors so far this year*

## Returns on chartered flights

No returnee flights were chartered in August. So far this year, there has been two chartered returnee flights.

## 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 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.

- 3) **International protection** – Returns of third-country nationals granted international protection (IP) in another Schengen country. Previously categorised as 'Dublin' returns, IP cases will henceforth be treated as a separate category, as they are not processed under the Dublin Regulation.
- 4) **Refused entry or stay** – persons who have been refused entry or stay as they are not permitted to stay here. This Augustbe for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry or stay are not banned from Norway after their return.
- 5) **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.

Returnees so far this year by nationality						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		18	22	3	2	45
Albania	2				13	15
Algeria		5			3	8
Argentina	1				1	2
Armenia	1				1	2
Azerbaijan	1	6		4	1	12
Australia	1			4	1	6
Bangladesh	5			4	1	10
Belarus		1		1	7	9
Belgium				1		1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1				3	4
Brazil	2	1		4	12	19
Bulgaria					1	1
Burkina Faso		1				1
Canada	1			3	3	7
Chile					4	4
Colombia	33			13	35	81
Cuba					2	2
Denmark					1	1
Dominica				6		6
Ecuador				1		1
Egypt		2		2	2	6
Equatorial Guinea		2				2
El Salvador	4			4	1	9
Ivory Coast		1				1
Eritrea	1	18	7	4	5	35
Estonia					1	1
Eswatini					1	1

Returnees so far this year by nationality						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Ethiopia	23	4	2		2	31
Philippines				2	4	6
Finland					1	1
France					1	1
Gambia		1		3		4
Georgia	2			3	5	10
Ghana	2	1		10	1	14
Grenada				1		1
Guinea		4			1	5
Guinea-Bissau					1	1
Haiti				1		1
Greece					1	1
India	3	2		8	4	17
Indonesia				4	4	8
Iraq	4	10		5	9	28
Iran	7	4	7	7	2	27
Iceland					1	1
Israel				1	5	6
Italy				3		3
Japan	4					4
Yemen		3		2		5
Jordan		1				1
Cameroon		3		1		4
Kazakhstan		4		1		5
Kenya	1			2	1	4
China	1	11		27	13	52
Kyrgyzstan					1	1
Congo		5		3		8
Kosovo	7			6	11	24
Croatia					1	1
Kuwait		1		1	2	4
Laos				1		1
Latvia					6	6
Lebanon	1	1				2
Liberia	1	2				3
Libya	1	1		2		4
Lithuania				2	44	46
Malaysia				2	2	4
Maldives		9				9
Mali		2				2
Morocco	2	4		2	5	13

Returnees so far this year by nationality						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Mauritania		2				2
Mexico				3	2	5
Moldova	1				5	6
Mongolia					4	4
Myanmar		8				8
Namibia					1	1
Netherlands	1				11	12
Nigeria	1	2	2	6	3	14
North Macedonia				2		2
Pakistan		1		10	1	12
Palestine		32	4		1	37
Paraguay					1	1
Peru				1	3	4
Poland				12	41	53
Portugal					4	4
Romania				9	96	105
Russia		19		63	4	86
Rwanda	1	1				2
Saint Kitts and Nevis				6		6
Saint Lucia				1		1
Saudi Arabia		1		1	1	3
Senegal		1				1
Serbia				2	5	7
Sierra Leone			1		1	2
Singapore					2	2
Slovakia					1	1
Somalia	2	8	4	1	9	24
Spain				2	2	4
Stateless	1	11		3	4	19
United Kingdom	1			77	24	102
Sudan		5				5
Switzerland					2	2
Sweden				1	27	28
Syria	20	38	22	1	5	86
South Africa		1		1	1	3
South Korea	1					1
South Sudan		3		1		4
Tajikistan				1		1
Tanzania		4			1	5

Returnees so far this year by nationality						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Thailand				4		4
Chad		1				1
Tunisia		5		1	1	7
Turkey	15	17		13	7	52
Germany				3	7	10
Uganda		2			2	4
Ukraine	13	114	1	10	11	149
Hungary					1	1
United States	13	3		18	14	48
Uzbekistan					2	2
Venezuela		2		1	9	12
Vietnam					4	4
Zambia				1		1
Zimbabwe	1	1		2		4
<b>Sum</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>1625</b>

Returnees so far this year by destination						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan				1		1
Albania	2				12	14
Algeria					2	2
Argentina	1				1	2
Armenia	1				2	3
Azerbaijan	1			4	1	6
Australia	1			1	1	3
Bangladesh	5				1	6
Belarus					4	4
Belgium		6	1	1		8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1				4	5
Brazil	2			3	11	16
Bulgaria		10	1		2	13
Canada	1			1	4	6
Chile					4	4
Colombia	33			10	32	75
Cuba					2	2
Denmark		10		8	1	19

Returnees so far this year by destination						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
United Arab Emirates				9	1	10
Ecuador				2		2
El Salvador	4			2	1	7
Eritrea					2	2
Estonia		3		1	1	5
Ethiopia	24			1		25
Philippines				2	4	6
Finland		5			1	6
France		44	4	2	5	55
Gambia				2		2
Georgia	2			3	5	10
Ghana	1			7	1	9
Guinea-Bissau					1	1
Greece			42		4	46
Hong Kong					1	1
India	3			2	3	8
Indonesia					4	4
Iraq	4			5	8	17
Iran	7				1	8
Ireland			1	2		3
Iceland		2			1	3
Israel				1	4	5
Italy			1	10	3	14
Japan	4					4
Kazakhstan				1		1
Kenya	1			1	1	3
China				7	9	16
Kyrgyzstan					1	1
Kosovo	7			5	10	22
Croatia		17		1	1	19
Kuwait					2	2
Cyprus			1	2		3
Latvia		3		1	8	12
Lebanon	3					3
Liberia	1					1
Libya	1			1		2
Lithuania		4		2	44	50
Malaysia				3	2	5
Malta		4				4
Morocco	2				3	5

Returnees so far this year by destination						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Mexico				1	2	3
Moldova	2				6	8
Mongolia					4	4
Namibia					1	1
Netherlands		22	1		10	33
Nepal				1		1
New Zealand				1		1
Nigeria	1			3	2	6
North Macedonia				1		1
Oman	1					1
Pakistan				1	1	2
Paraguay					1	1
Peru				1	3	4
Poland		60	1	12	45	118
Portugal		3		2	8	13
Qatar				2		2
Romania		13		10	95	118
Russia				36	5	41
Rwanda	1					1
Saudi Arabia				4	1	5
Serbia				6	4	10
Singapore					2	2
Slovakia		8			1	9
Somalia	2				7	9
Spain		57		6	12	75
United Kingdom	3			133	34	170
Switzerland		5			2	7
Sweden		31	2	10	34	77
Syria	20					20
South Africa					2	2
South Korea	1					1
Tajikistan					1	1
Tanzania					1	1
Thailand				7		7
Czech Republic		8		3		11
Turkey	15			38	6	59
Germany	1	89	16	8	16	130
Uganda					1	1
Ukraine	10			1	1	12



Returnees so far this year by destination						
	Asylum	Dublin	Granted international protection	Refused stay or entry	Expulsion	Total
Hungary		1			1	2
United States	13			16	14	43
Uzbekistan					1	1
Venezuela				1	5	6
Vietnam					4	4
Zambia				1		1
Zimbabwe	1			2		3
Austria		5	1			6
<b>Sum</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>1625</b>

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