



**Statistics for October 2023:  
Returns from Norway**

**The police forcibly returned 201 persons in October 2023, 68 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 October 2022	2205
As at 31 October 2023	1959
Change in percent	<b>-11</b>

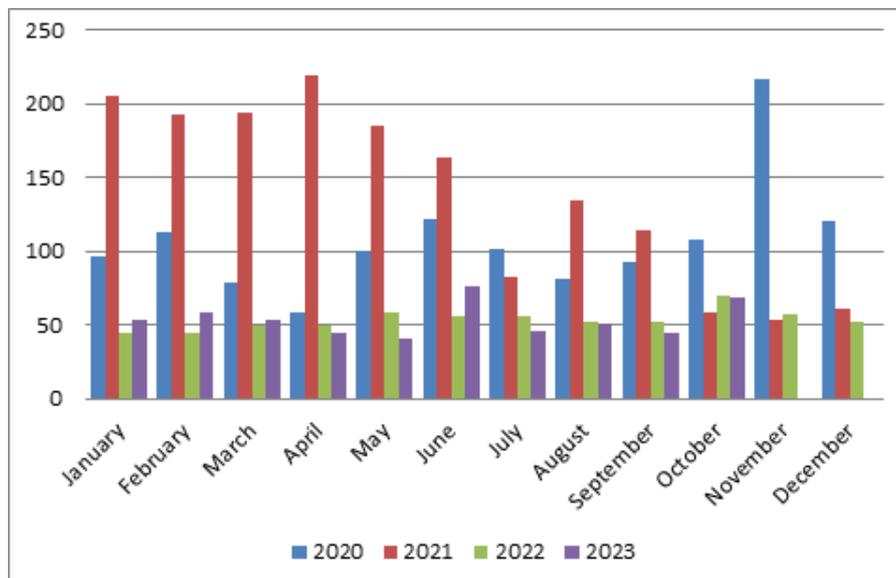
*These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.*

**Convicted offenders**

In October, the police returned 68 convicted offenders, approx. 34 per cent of all returnees that month. The increase is greater than for the previous two months due to more expulsions.

So far in 2023, 536 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 531 in the same period last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2023 are Romanian (15%), Polish (12%) and Lithuanian (8%).

Below are statistics for the last four years:



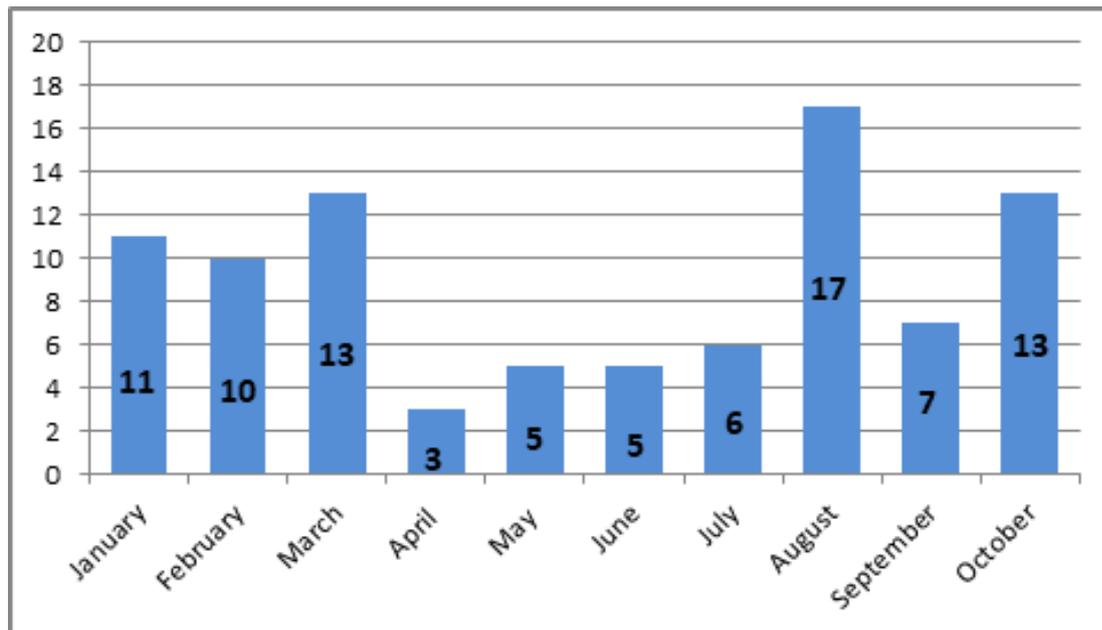
*Convicted offenders returned over the last four years*

## Minors

A total of 13 minors were returned in October, either to their home country or to a safe third country, all of them along 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.



*Returned minors so far in 2023*

## Returns on chartered flights

No return flights were chartered in October. So far in 2023, there have 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 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>Returnees so far 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	30	8	<b>57</b>
Albania	19	15		29	<b>63</b>
Algeria	1	2	6	2	<b>11</b>
Angola		1			<b>1</b>
Argentina	1	1		4	<b>6</b>
Armenia	3				<b>3</b>
Azerbaijan	1	1	3	1	<b>6</b>
Australia				3	<b>3</b>
Bangladesh		3	5	1	<b>9</b>
Belarus			9	4	<b>13</b>
Belgium		2			<b>2</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	<b>4</b>
Brazil		11		6	<b>17</b>
Bulgaria		1		4	<b>5</b>
Burundi			1		<b>1</b>
Canada	3	5		3	<b>11</b>
Chile		3		9	<b>12</b>
Colombia	9	15	3	9	<b>36</b>
Costa Rica		2			<b>2</b>
Cuba		1		1	<b>2</b>
Denmark		2		2	<b>4</b>
Dominican Republic		3		1	<b>4</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	9	19	4	<b>33</b>
Estonia				2	<b>2</b>
Ethiopia		3	10	4	<b>17</b>

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The Philippines		23		5	<b>28</b>
Finland		2			<b>2</b>
France		4		1	<b>5</b>
Gabon	1				<b>1</b>
The Gambia		1	2		<b>3</b>
Georgia	27	9	1	11	<b>48</b>
Ghana		3	1	5	<b>9</b>
Guatemala	1				<b>1</b>
Guinea			1		<b>1</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	28	11	12	17	<b>68</b>
Iran	4	15	11	4	<b>34</b>
Ireland				1	<b>1</b>
Iceland				1	<b>1</b>
Israel		1		2	<b>3</b>
Italy				4	<b>4</b>
Jamaica		1		1	<b>2</b>
Japan		1			<b>1</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		3		2	<b>5</b>
China	2	24	1	13	<b>40</b>
Kyrgyzstan				2	<b>2</b>
Republic of the Congo	2	7	6		<b>15</b>
Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville			1		<b>1</b>
Kosovo	5	6		6	<b>17</b>
Croatia				1	<b>1</b>
Kuwait		2			<b>2</b>
Latvia		5		9	<b>14</b>
Lebanon			2		<b>2</b>
Libya	2	3	5	3	<b>13</b>
Lithuania		3		43	<b>46</b>
Malawi			1	1	<b>2</b>
Malaysia				2	<b>2</b>
Mali	1				<b>1</b>
Morocco	1	9	13	3	<b>26</b>

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Mauritania			1		<b>1</b>
Mexico		1		4	<b>5</b>
Moldova	6	2		8	<b>16</b>
Mongolia	1				<b>1</b>
Montenegro				1	<b>1</b>
Mozambique		1		1	<b>2</b>
Nederland		3		11	<b>14</b>
Nepal				4	<b>4</b>
New Zealand	1			2	<b>3</b>
Niger	1				<b>1</b>
Nigeria		7	11	9	<b>27</b>
North Macedonia		2		6	<b>8</b>
Pakistan	1	15	7	5	<b>28</b>
Paraguay		1		1	<b>2</b>
Peru	8	3		2	<b>13</b>
Poland		28		45	<b>73</b>
Portugal				1	<b>1</b>
Romania		17		70	<b>87</b>
Russia		98	57	9	<b>164</b>
Rwanda			2		<b>2</b>
Saudi Arabia		5			<b>5</b>
Senegal		1	1		<b>2</b>
Serbia	6	7		7	<b>20</b>
Sierra Leone		2			<b>2</b>
Slovakia		2			<b>2</b>
Somalia	6	10	6	15	<b>37</b>
Spain		5	1	3	<b>9</b>
Sri Lanka	1	3		2	<b>6</b>
Stateless	1	4	6	18	<b>29</b>
Storbritannia	2	44		35	<b>81</b>
Sudan		4	1		<b>5</b>
Switzerland		2			<b>2</b>
Sweden	1	1	1	15	<b>18</b>
Syria	1	9	73	5	<b>88</b>
South Africa	1	2			<b>3</b>
South Korea		1	1		<b>2</b>
South Sudan			1		<b>1</b>
Tajikistan		1	1		<b>2</b>
Tanzania	3	1			<b>4</b>
Thailand		5		11	<b>16</b>
Togo		2			<b>2</b>
Trinidad and Tobago	1				<b>1</b>
Chad			2		<b>2</b>
Czechia		1			<b>1</b>

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Tunisia	3	2	3	2	<b>10</b>
Turkmenistan			1		<b>1</b>
Türkiye	2	19	25	11	<b>57</b>
Germany		8		4	<b>12</b>
Uganda		1		4	<b>5</b>
Ukraine		41	164	5	<b>210</b>
Hungary		1			<b>1</b>
USA	3	28		14	<b>45</b>
Uzbekistan		6	4	8	<b>18</b>
Venezuela	2	4		1	<b>7</b>
Vietnam		1		8	<b>9</b>
Zimbabwe		2			<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>1959</b>

<b>Returnees so far 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	<b>1</b>
Albania	19	10		27	<b>56</b>
Algeria	2			1	<b>3</b>
Argentina	1	1		4	<b>6</b>
Armenia	2				<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan	1	1		1	<b>3</b>
Australia				5	<b>5</b>
Bangladesh		1		1	<b>2</b>
Belgium		1	14	2	<b>17</b>
Bermuda		2			<b>2</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina				4	<b>4</b>
Brazil		7		5	<b>12</b>
Bulgaria		2	4	5	<b>11</b>
Burundi	1				<b>1</b>
Canada	3	3		3	<b>9</b>
Chile	1	1		7	<b>9</b>
Colombia	10	13		7	<b>30</b>
Costa Rica		2			<b>2</b>
Cuba				1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		35	16	7	<b>58</b>
United Arab Emirates				1	<b>1</b>
Dominican Republic		1			<b>1</b>

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	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Egypt		1		2	3
El Salvador	1	2		1	4
Ivory Coast	1				1
Estonia			10	3	13
Ethiopia		1		3	4
The Philippines		20		4	24
Finland		4	19	1	24
France	1	11	38	3	53
Gabon	1				1
Georgia	26	8		11	45
Ghana		1		4	5
Greenland		2			2
Guatemala	1				1
Greece		5	19	2	26
Honduras	1				1
Hong Kong		1		1	2
India	1	4		1	6
Indonesia		1			1
Iraq	28			6	34
Iran	4	2		1	7
Ireland		2		1	3
Iceland		2	1	1	4
Israel		2		2	4
Italy	1	14	7	20	42
Jamaica				1	1
Japan		1			1
Jordan		2		1	3
Cameroon	1			1	2
Kazakhstan		2		1	3
Kenya		1		2	3
China	2	4		5	11
Kyrgyzstan				2	2
Republic of the Congo	1				1
Kosovo	5	5		5	15
Croatia			7	1	8
Kuwait		2			2
Cyprus		1	1		2
Latvia		6	11	22	39
Libya	1	1			2
Lithuania		7	9	45	61
Malawi				1	1
Malaysia				2	2
Mali	1				1
Malta			1	1	2

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	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin	Expulsion	Total
Morocco	1	2			3
Mexico		1		3	4
Moldova	6	3		8	17
Mongolia	1				1
Montenegro				1	1
Nederland		6	12	13	31
Nepal				4	4
New Zealand	1				1
Nigeria	1			3	4
North Macedonia		2		8	10
Pakistan	1	2		4	7
Palestine	1	1		1	3
Paraguay				1	1
Peru	8			2	10
Poland	2	41	126	54	223
Portugal	1	6	1	4	12
Qatar		2			2
Romania		19	1	70	90
Russia		84		5	89
Saudi Arabia		5			5
Serbia	6	5		4	15
Singapore		1			1
Slovakia		1	4		5
Slovenia			8		8
Somalia	6			12	18
Spain		22	49	13	84
Sri Lanka	1			1	2
Storbritannia	2	84	1	41	128
Svalbard and Jan Mayen		2			2
Switzerland		3	4	3	10
Sweden	1	75	50	33	159
South Africa	1				1
Taiwan				3	3
Tanzania	3				3
Thailand		1		10	11
Trinidad and Tobago	1				1
Czechia		1	7		8
Tunisia	3	1		1	5
Türkiye	2	26		12	40
Germany		34	63	12	109
Uganda				3	3
Hungary		2	12	1	15
USA	3	35		13	51

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Uzbekistan		2		6	<b>8</b>
Venezuela		1		1	<b>2</b>
Vietnam		1		8	<b>9</b>
Austria		1	30	1	<b>32</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>1959</b>

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