



**Monthly statistics February 2022:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 193 persons in February 2022, 44 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 asylum seekers 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.

Compared with 2021:

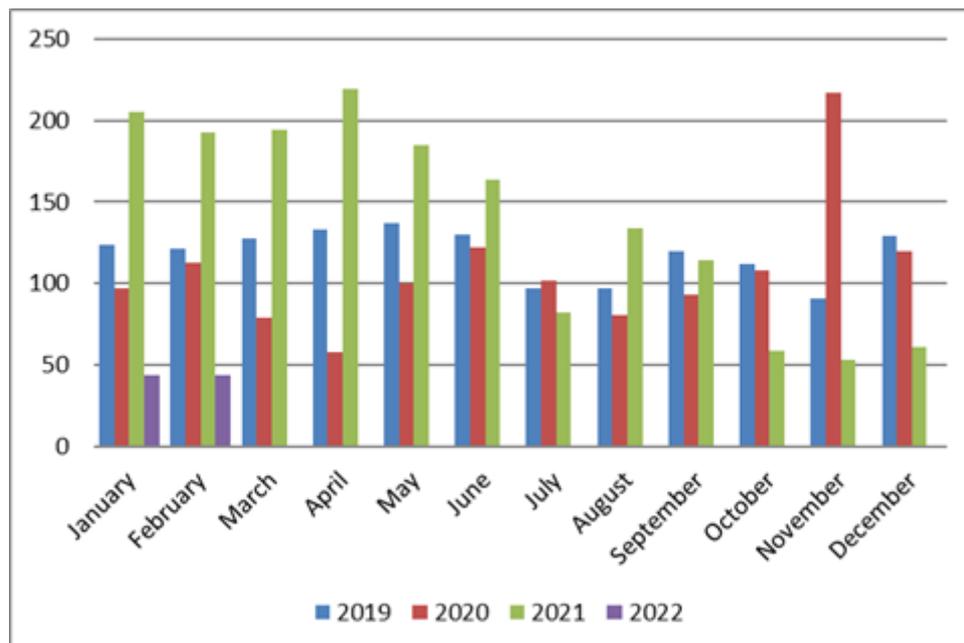
	Forced returns
As at 28 February 2021	3016
As at 28 February 2022	434
Change in percent	-86

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

Convicted offenders

In February, the police returned 44 convicted offenders, 23% of all returnees that month. So far in 2022, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (21%), Polish (16%) and Lithuanian (13%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



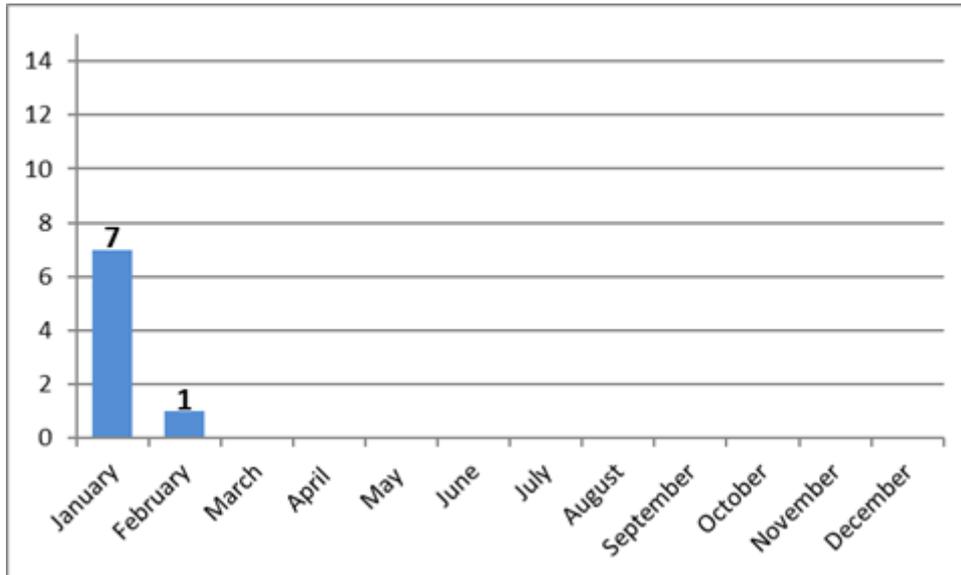
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Minors

In February, 1 minor was returned together with his/her 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 2022

Forced returns on chartered flights

No chartered return flights have taken place so far this year.

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.

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Afghanistan		6	6	3	15
Albania	1	5		3	9
Algeria		2		1	3
Angola		1		1	2
Argentina		3		1	4
Azerbaijan		2			2
Australia		1			1
Bangladesh		2			2
Bosnia-Herzegovina		1			1
Brazil		6		1	7
Canada		1			1
Chile		5			5
Colombia		7		1	8
Costa Rica				1	1
Dominican Republic				1	1
Eritrea		5	4		9
Ethiopia		1	4		5
The Philippines		2		4	6
France		2			2
The Gambia		1		1	2
Georgia	1	1		1	3
Greece		1			1
Belarus		3			3
India		1		1	2
Iraq		4		5	9
Iran	1	2	5	1	9
Kenya				1	1
China		6	1	1	8
Kosovo				2	2

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality

	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Kuwait		1			1
Latvia		5			5
Libya			1		1
Lithuania		4		9	13
Mali		1		1	2
Morocco		2		3	5
Mexico				4	4
Moldova	1	1		3	5
Montenegro	2				2
Nepal		1			1
Nigeria	1	2		1	4
North Macedonia				2	2
Pakistan		4	1	2	7
Peru		1			1
Poland		17		8	25
Portugal		1		1	2
Romania		24		14	38
Russia		9	1	4	14
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1			1
Saudi Arabia		2			2
Senegal				1	1
Serbia		2			2
Somalia	1	3	3	3	10
Spain				2	2
Sri Lanka				1	1
Stateless		4		4	8
The UK		13		1	14
Sudan				1	1
Sweden		17		3	20
Syria	1	5	14	4	24
South Africa		1			1
South Korea		2			2
South Sudan			1		1
Tajikistan			4		4
Thailand		2		2	4
Togo		1	1		2
Chad			1		1
Turkey	1	2	1	1	5
Germany		3			3
Uganda				1	1
Unknown		1		2	3
Ukraine		21		7	28
USA	2	16		3	21

Returnees so far in 2022 by nationality					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Uzbekistan				3	3
Venezuela	9	1			10
Vietnam				3	3
Total	21	241	48	124	434

Returnees so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
Albania	1	3		3	7
Azerbaijan		1			1
Belgium				1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina		2			2
Chile		1			1
Colombia		2		1	3
Costa Rica				1	1
Denmark		14			14
The Philippines		2		3	5
Finland		1	1		2
France		10	3	2	15
Georgia	1	1			2
Greece		2	4	4	10
Hong Kong				1	1
Iraq				1	1
Iran	1				1
Israel		1			1
Italy		5	10	9	24
Kenya				1	1
Kosovo				1	1
Croatia			3		3
Cyprus				1	1
Latvia		5		3	8
Lithuania		1		9	10
Malta			2		2
Morocco				2	2
Mexico				3	3
Moldova	1	1		3	5
Montenegro	2				2
Nederland		4	1		5
Nigeria	1				1

Returns so far in 2022 by destination					
	Asylum	Refused stay or entry	Dublin/safe third country	Expulsion	Total
North Macedonia				2	2
Pakistan		1			1
Poland		14		9	23
Portugal		2		3	5
Romania		12		14	26
Russia		9		4	13
Saudi Arabia		2			2
Serbia		1			1
Slovenia				1	1
Somalia	1			1	2
Spain		13	1	9	23
The UK		32	1	2	35
Switzerland			1	1	2
Sweden		64	6	7	77
South Africa		1			1
South Korea		1			1
Thailand				2	2
Czech Republic				2	2
Turkey	1	5		1	7
Germany		3	9	4	16
Ukraine		19		6	25
Hungary		2			2
USA	2	2		3	7
Uzbekistan				1	1
Venezuela	10	1			11
Vietnam				3	3
Austria		1	6		7
Total	21	241	48	124	434

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