

Forced Returns from Norway as of March 2026

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for executing, coordination and assuring the quality of all return of foreigners staying illegally in Norway.

Police districts are responsible for returns following refusal of entry or stay and expulsion, 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 (UDI) is responsible for assisted returns, previously called voluntary returns.

Asylum – Persons who have applied for protection (asylum) in Norway and who have had their application processed and rejected. This category also includes persons who in addition are subject to an expulsion order.

Dublin – Persons returned under the Dublin Regulation, which governs which European country is responsible for processing the asylum claim. This applies to persons who have an additional expulsion order.

International protection (IP) – Persons granted international protection in another Schengen country. Previously categorised as 'Dublin' returns, but now treated as a separate category.

Refused entry or stay – Persons who, for various reasons, must leave Norway as they have no permit to stay. They are not banned from future entry.

Expelled – Persons who have not applied for protection (asylum) and have been expelled due to a criminal conviction. They are banned from entering Norway for a specific period of time. Violation of the re-entry ban is a punishable offence.

Minor adjustments to the statistics may occur due to delay in system registrations.

So far this year, last year and development

578

So far this year

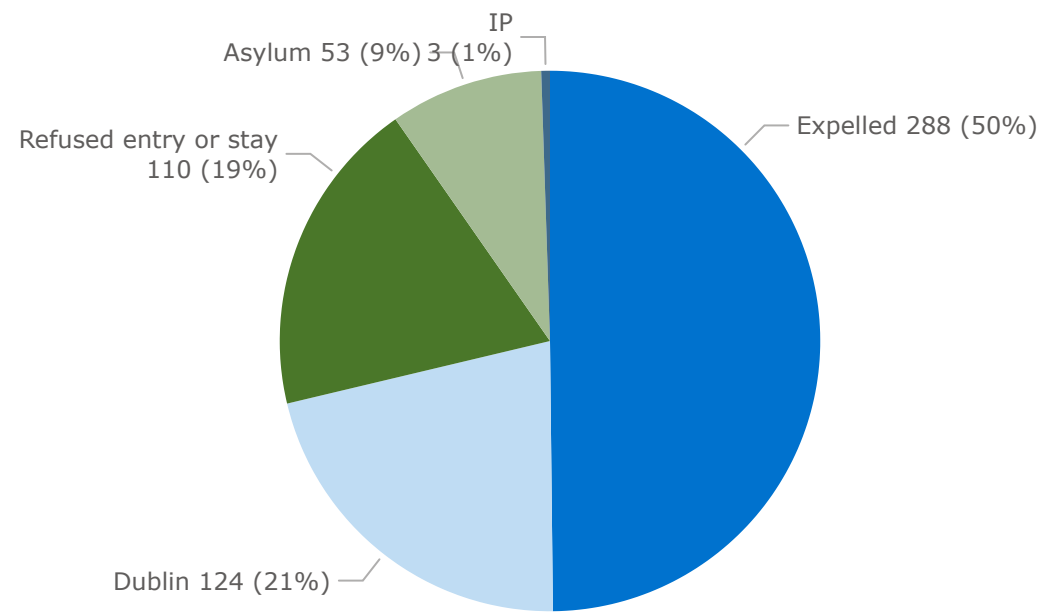
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Same period last year

3 %

Percentage change

Returns per category



Forced Returns per Month

So far this year, last year and development

578

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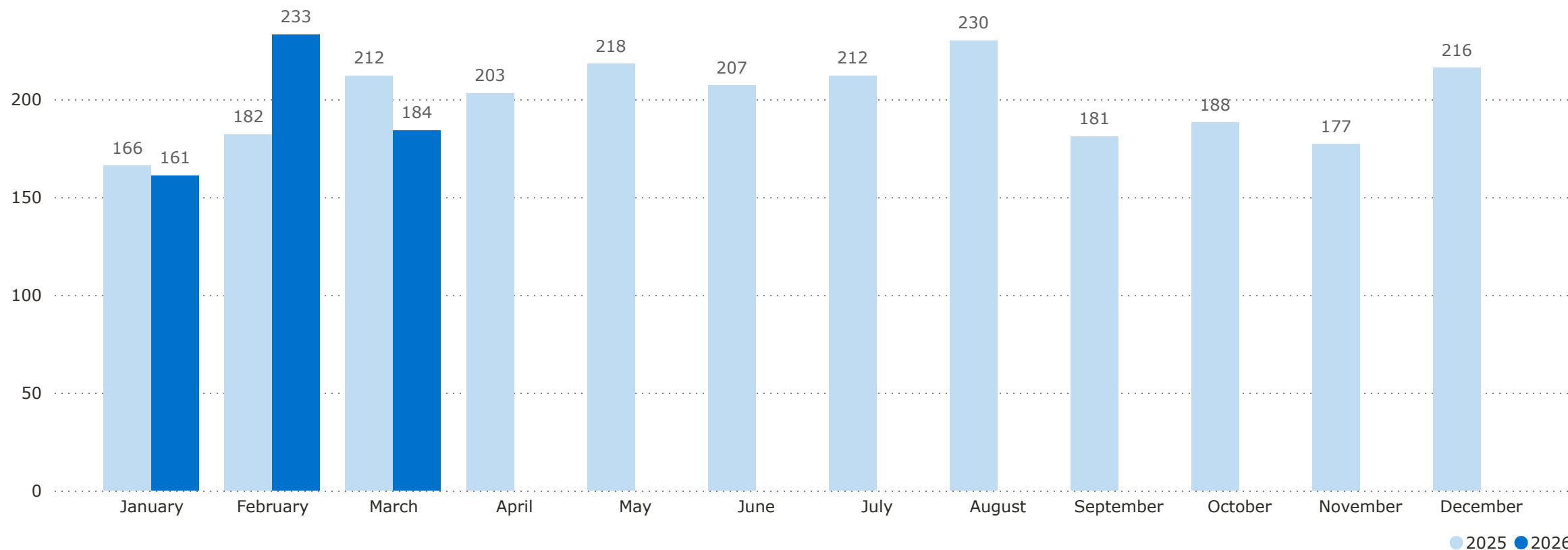
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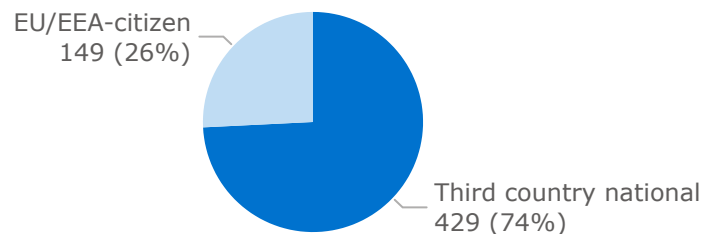
Percentage change

Returns per month

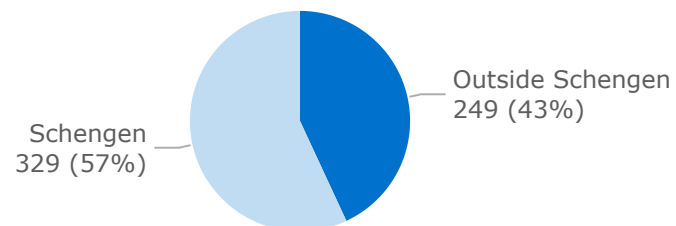


Forced Returns per Citizenship and Destination

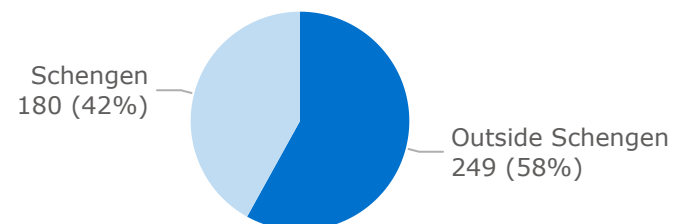
Citizenship



Destination



Third country nationals



Top 13 Citizeships

Country	Number	Percentage
Others	199	34 %
Romania	61	11 %
Colombia	50	9 %
Ukraine	50	9 %
China	40	7 %
Lithuania	32	6 %
Turkey	27	5 %
Russia	22	4 %
Poland	19	3 %
United Kingdom	17	3 %
Sweden	16	3 %
Afghanistan	15	3 %
India	15	3 %
United States	15	3 %
Totalt	578	100 %

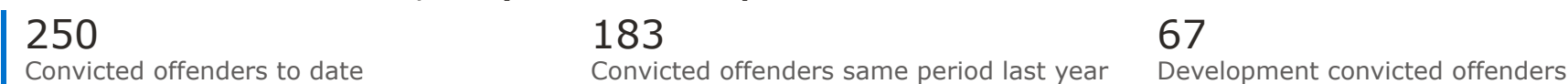
Top 13 Destinations

Country	Number	Percentage
Others	178	31 %
Romania	63	11 %
Colombia	49	8 %
Germany	44	8 %
United Kingdom	44	8 %
Poland	43	7 %
Lithuania	33	6 %
Sweden	28	5 %
Spain	22	4 %
China	20	3 %
Turkey	15	3 %
Croatia	13	2 %
France	13	2 %
United States	13	2 %
Totalt	578	100 %

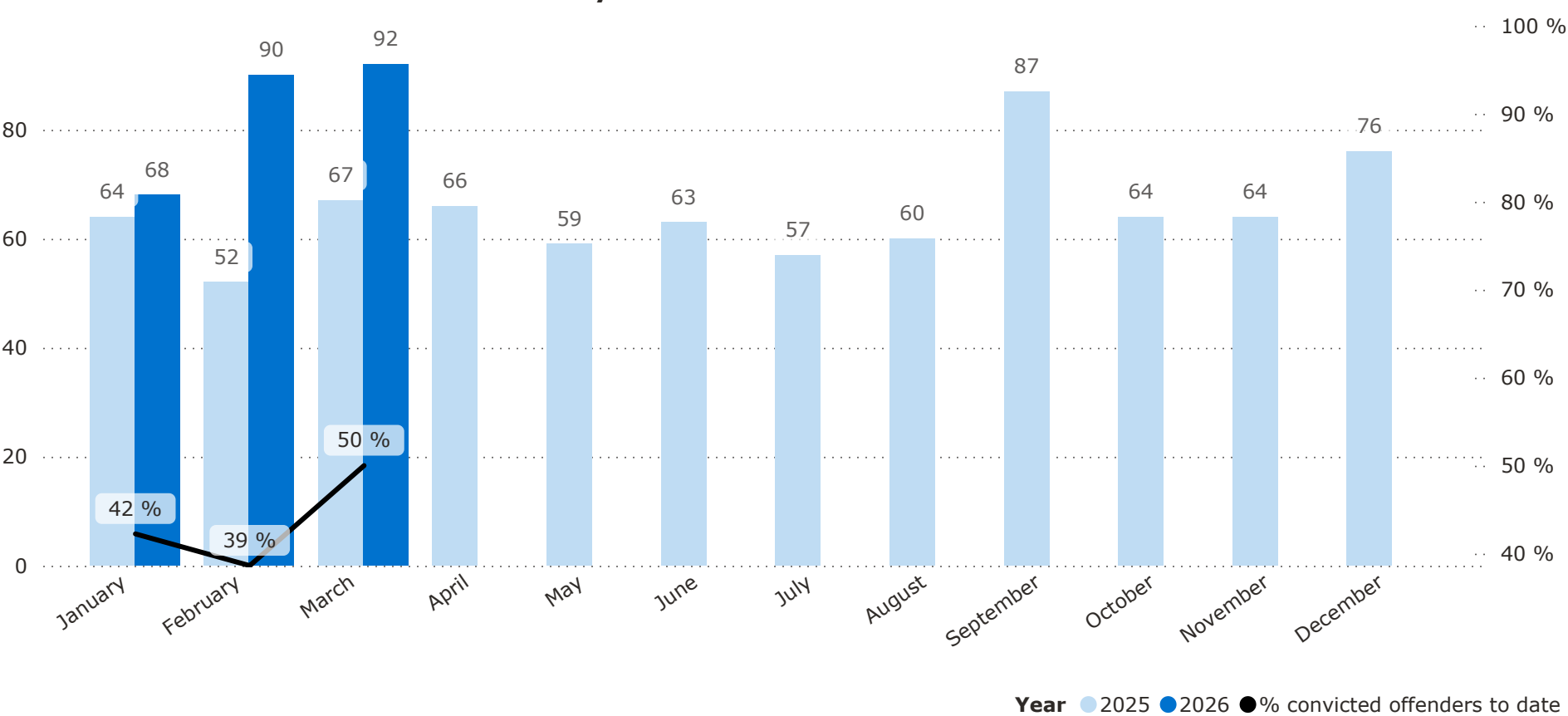
Forced Returns of Convicted Offenders

The forced return of foreign convicted offenders is defined as foreigners forcibly returned due to staying illegally in Norway and having received one or more criminal convictions (i.e. a fine, prison sentence, community service or other criminal sanctions).

Convicted offenders to date, last year and development



Forced return of convicted offenders last 2 years



Top 12 Destinations

Country	Number	Percentage
Albania	5	2 %
China	15	6 %
Germany	5	2 %
Latvia	5	2 %
Lithuania	32	13 %
Netherlands	5	2 %
Poland	19	8 %
Romania	62	25 %
Sweden	18	7 %
Ukraine	5	2 %
United Kingdom	12	5 %
United States	8	3 %
Others	59	24 %
Totalt	250	100 %

Forced Returns of Minors

Most minors return with a parent or other family member.

Separate requirements apply for the return of unaccompanied minors. An unaccompanied minor is a foreigner who arrived in Norway without a parent or other guardian, and was under the age of 18 on departure.

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 receiving country.

Minors with family and unaccompanied minors

Minors with family and unaccompanied minors So far this year

Minors with family	36
Unaccompanied minors	4
Totalt	40

Minors per month

