

Forced returns from Norway as of February 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

384

So far this year

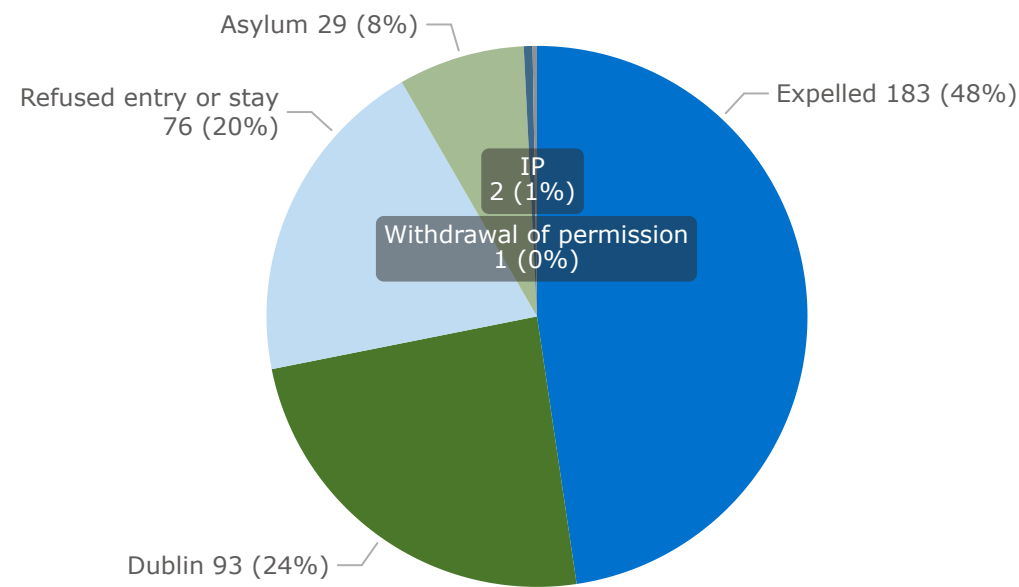
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Same period last year

10 %

Percentage change

Returns per category



Forced returns per month

So far this year, last year and development

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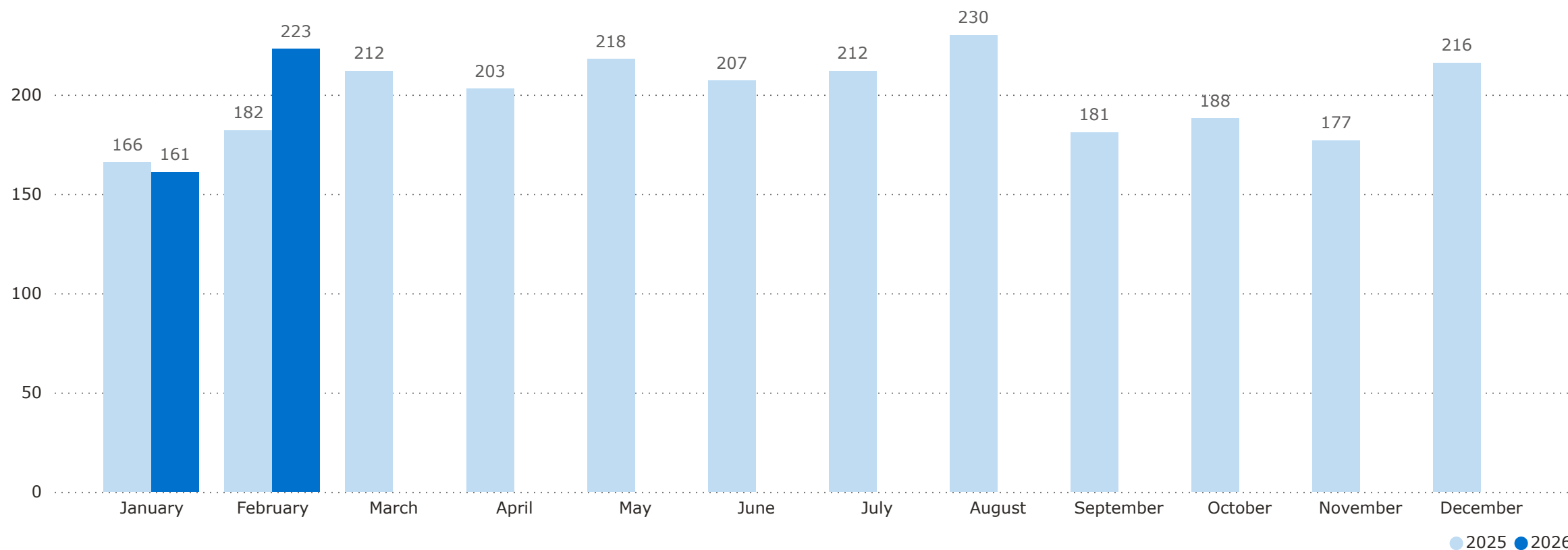
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Same period last year

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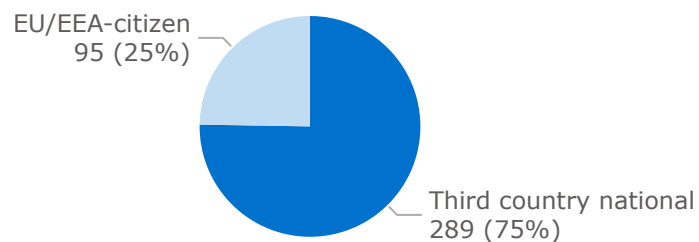
Percentage change

Returns per month

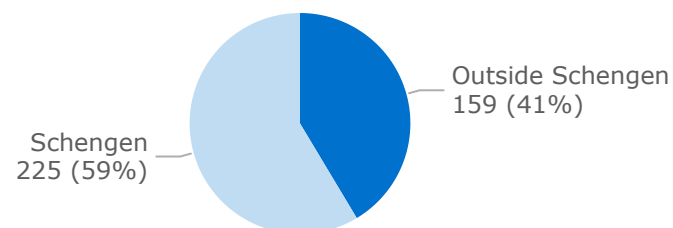


Forced returns per citizenship and destination

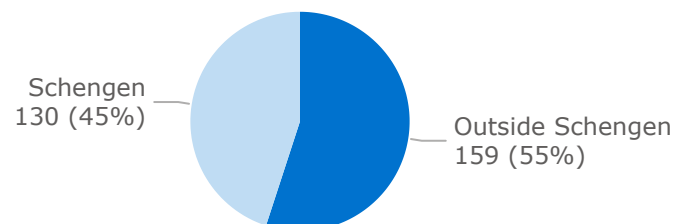
Citizenship



Destination



Third country nationals



Top 14 Citizeships

Country	Number	Percentage
Others	125	33 %
Romania	39	10 %
Colombia	34	9 %
Ukraine	33	9 %
China	27	7 %
Lithuania	20	5 %
Turkey	16	4 %
Russia	14	4 %
India	12	3 %
United States	12	3 %
Poland	11	3 %
Syria	11	3 %
Afghanistan	10	3 %
Ghana	10	3 %
United Kingdom	10	3 %
Totalt	384	100 %

Top 12 Destinations

Country	Number	Percentage
Others	127	33 %
Romania	41	11 %
Colombia	34	9 %
Poland	29	8 %
Germany	28	7 %
United Kingdom	22	6 %
Lithuania	21	5 %
Spain	21	5 %
Sweden	17	4 %
China	14	4 %
Croatia	10	3 %
Turkey	10	3 %
United States	10	3 %
Totalt	384	100 %

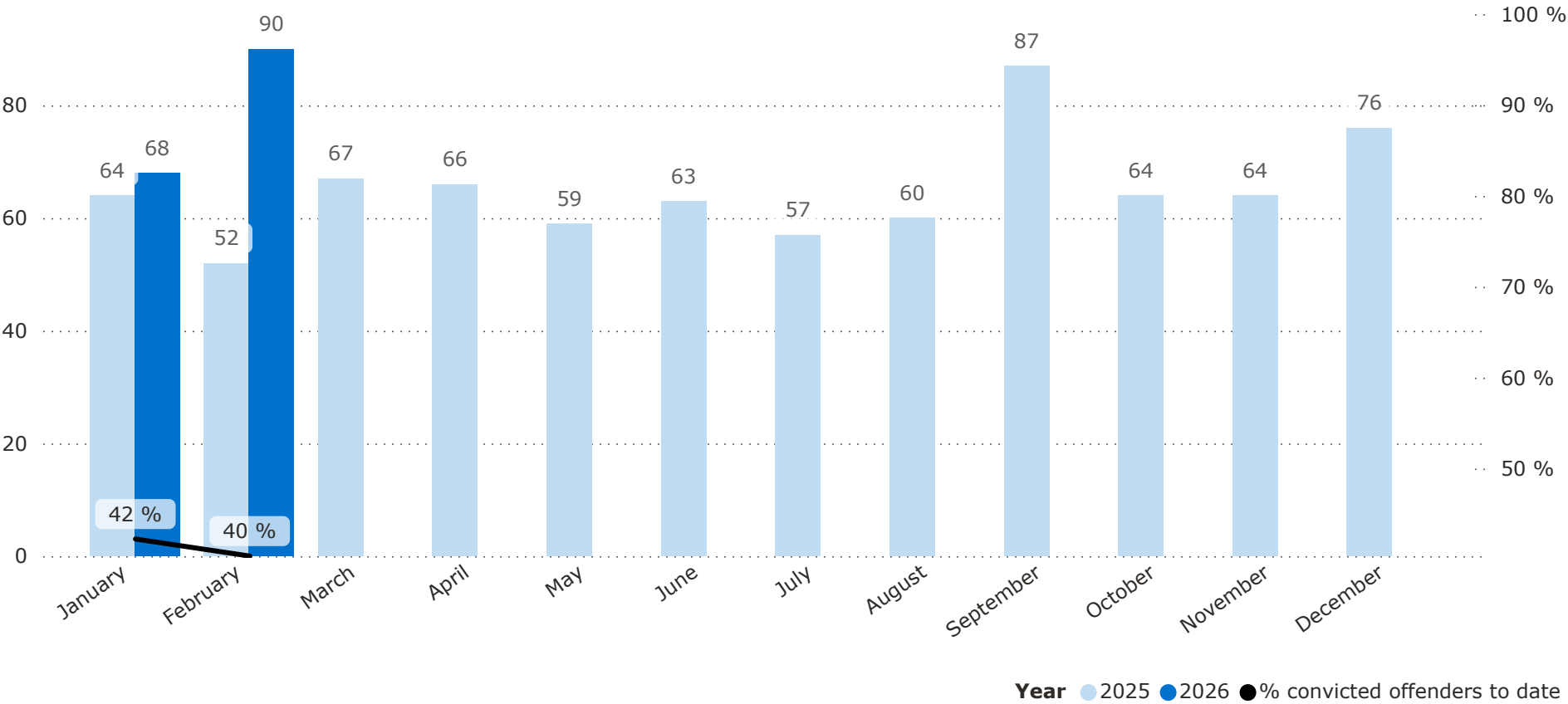
Forced returns of convicted offenders

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 10 Destinations

Country	Number	Percentage
Canada	4	3 %
China	10	6 %
Lithuania	20	13 %
Netherlands	5	3 %
Poland	10	6 %
Romania	40	25 %
Spain	4	3 %
Sweden	10	6 %
United Kingdom	6	4 %
United States	6	4 %
Others	43	27 %
Total	158	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	27
Unaccompanied minors	4
Totalt	31

Minors per month

