



## **Ad-Hoc Query on the number of forced returns to Morocco and Algeria in 2013**

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**Responses from [Belgium](#), [France](#), [Netherlands](#), [Spain](#), [Sweden](#), [United Kingdom](#) (6 in Total)**

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### **1. Background Information**







The BE NCP received an urgent request of the BE State Secretary of Migration and Asylum regarding statistics on forced returns to Morocco and Algeria in 2013. Due to the high inflow of regular and also irregular citizens of these 2 countries to Belgium, these countries are of particular concern. As the Statistical Regulation does not make the distinction between forced and voluntary returns, these data are not usable to know the number of forced returns only.

Question:

How many irregular citizens of Morocco and Algeria did your country return (by force) to these countries in 2013? By preference, Dublin and bilateral take-overs (intra-EU transfers) should be excluded. Border refusals (returns from the borders) should be excluded anyway.

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## 2. Responses

		Wider Dissemination?	
	<b>Belgium</b>	Yes	Morocco: 368 Algeria: 49 (year 2013 – Dublin and bilateral take-overs excluded)
	<b>France</b>	Yes	Morocco: 868 Algeria: 1,250 (year 2013 – Dublin and bilateral take-overs excluded)
	<b>Netherlands</b>	Yes	Morocco: 190 Algeria: 60 (2013)
	<b>Spain</b>	Yes	Morocco: 7495 Algeria: 833 (year 2013 – Dublin and bilateral take-overs excluded)
	<b>Sweden</b>	Yes	Morocco: 14 Algeria: 9 (Year 2013. Please note that Dublin transfers, transfers to third countries other than the country of origin, and transfers to unknown destinations are excluded. In total, 61 Moroccan and 45 Algerian nationals were returned by force from Sweden in 2013, i.e. including Dublin transfers, transfers to third-countries other than Morocco and Algeria, and unknown destinations.)
	<b>United Kingdom</b>	Yes	Enforced removal in the UK is where it has been established that a person has breached UK immigration laws and has no valid leave to remain within the United Kingdom. The Home Office enforces their departure to ensure they leave the UK. UK national figures show that the total number of enforced returns to Morocco in 2013 was 31 and 92 to Algeria in 2013. Please note that data on removals and voluntary departures are based on individual cases. Multiple removals of the same person within a year are counted as multiple departures. This data is provisional. See <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tables-for-immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2013">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tables-for-immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2013</a> 'Removals and voluntary departures data tables immigration statistics October to December 2013 volume 2'

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