

Measuring emigration from Norway

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Initially, the paper was supposed to cover ...

- a review of all the relevant developments since 2014
- a presentation and classification of the data sources of emigration registration
- a thorough presentation of the control work
- the choices made for the production of statistical data and statistics
- the issue of whether the NSI should undertake to modify the events and the stock



Total modernisation of the National Population Register (NPR) (2020)

Central person in the NPR at a meeting early in 2023:

“More has happened in the last five years than in the 50 previous years!”

- Electronic case processing
- Automatization. Use of robots
- Seamless flows of data between agencies. Take seconds, not days or weeks
- The NPR got more authority to require data and collaboration from other agencies.
- A more *formalised* division of labour between the producing agencies
- Stronger position for the NPR as a hub in the public administration
- Consumers have access to data in real-time.



Emigration

The duty to notify emigration

- “Anyone who moves to a country outside the Nordic countries to settle there or stay there for at least six months must report this to the [NPR] before departure.
- Notification concerning moving to another Nordic country is regulated by the Agreement of 1 November 2004 no. 41 between Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden on national population registration.”

A promising innovation: The emigration portal

- An electronic solution for notifying emigration
- The pilot in 2023 was appreciated: The number of notifications from the inhabitants increased by 40 per cent!
- The number of *short stays* abroad increased the most.
- The final version was launched 4 March 2024.



Nicolai Gogol (1842): “Dead souls”

A novel based on the “lost person” phenomenon



Pliuskin is selling his dead souls to Tsjitsjikov.

Control work in the NPR

- In the new NPR organisation: A dedicated, central unit for control work
- The concept 'control work' applies to all discrepancies in the registered data.
- However, correct information on 'place of residence' is particularly crucial.
- Emigrating de facto non-residents has the highest priority.



Control Plan 2024,
Department of NPR,
Control Unit

The law: Control of residential addresses

“If the NPR authority suspects that a registered address of residence is incorrect or that a stated address of residence in the notification is incorrect, it may

- a) request a more detailed explanation from the person concerned, even about their residence,
- b) obtain information from a homeowner or landlord about who lives or stays at the property
- c) obtain information from postal providers, e-com providers, network companies and electricity suppliers about the customer relationship of the person concerned.”

Example 1 of a control measure: Lists of more than 7 residents at an address

- The control work unit cleans the list against other control projects to avoid overlap with them.
- Avoiding cases outside the target group (such as large families)
- Letters are sent to the residents' and house owners' residential addresses. The latter usually provides useful information on immigration or emigration discrepancies.
- May result in the status *Unknown Place of Residence* (for two years)

Example 2 of a control measure: The yearly clean-up of non-Nordic EEA citizens

Type: Bulk handling. Ends with direct emigration

The criteria

- Has been registered at the same address for 3 years
- Not married to a Norwegian citizen
- No children with a Norwegian citizen
- No income 2 years ago above 100,000 NOK
- No income last year
- Does not have a spouse with income last year
- Does not own a home in Norway
- etc.

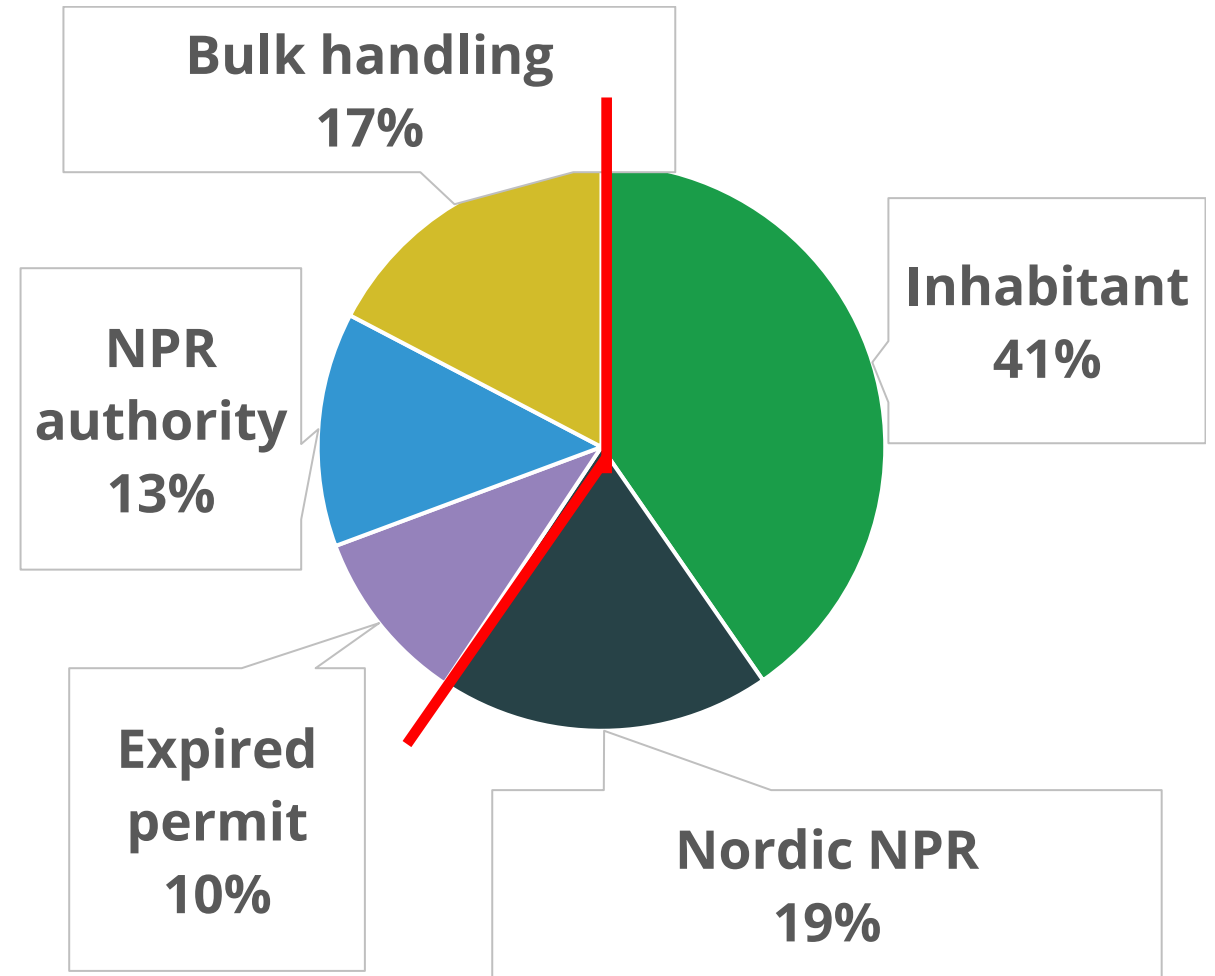
The data source of emigration registration in the NPR (2023)

1. The normal source: Notifications

- a) Notification from inhabitant
- b) Notification from a Nordic NPR

2. When people do not notify: Administrative emigration

- a) Decision by the NPR
 - 1) Tips received currently
 - 2) Bulk handling
- b) Expired residence permit

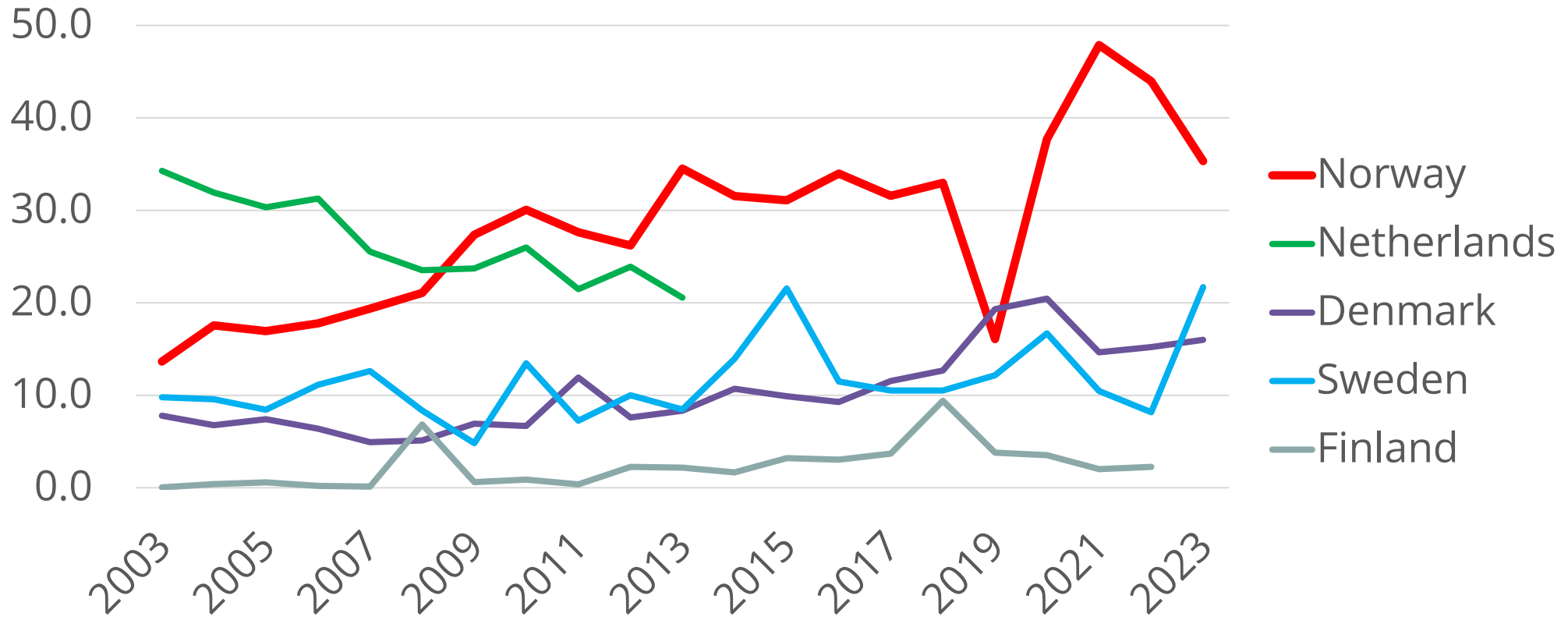


Non-compliance with the duty to notify emigration:

Consequences for the quality of the data received by Statistics Norway

1. Some (short) stays abroad are not captured.
2. Recording of emigration events is delayed.
3. Before they are detected, they cause over-coverage in the population.
4. Low reliability of the date of the event and the length of stay
5. High percentage of 'unknown country of next residence'

In 2014: “In Norway: Increasing percentage unknown country of next residence”



Thank you!

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