



**Monthly statistics February 2019:  
Forced returns from Norway**

**The Norwegian police returned 306 persons in February 2019, 120 of which were convicted offenders.**

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for forcibly returning those who are not entitled to stay in Norway.

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 2018:**

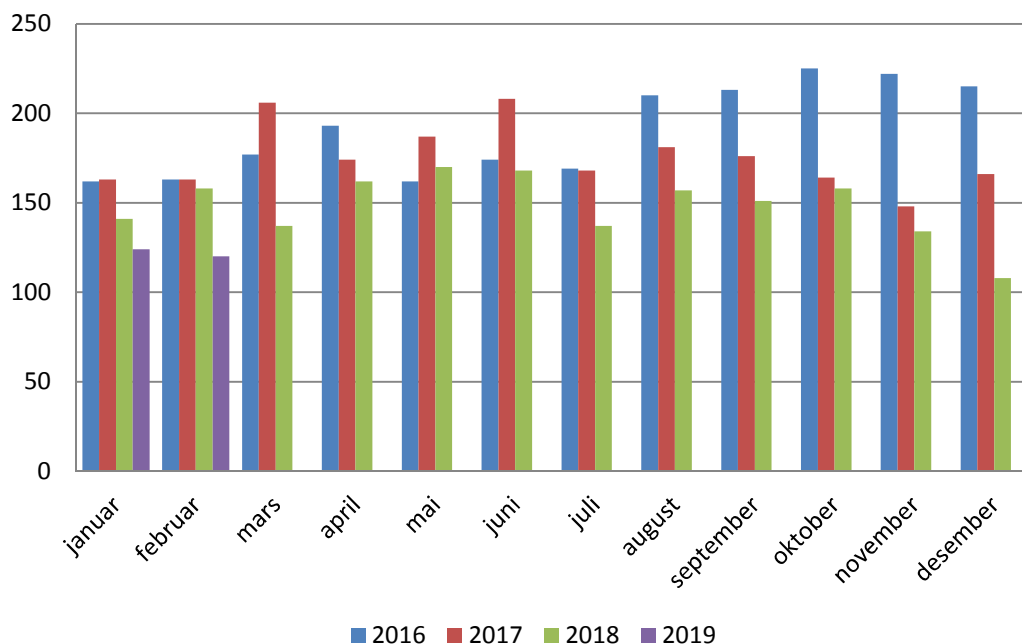
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 28 February 2018	817
As at 28 February 2019	638
Change in percent	<b>-22%</b>

Delays in the registration process may mean that the real figure is higher.

**Convicted offenders**

In February, the police returned 120 convicted offenders, approx. 37% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2019 are Romanian (19%), Polish (10%) and Lithuanian (9%).

**Convicted offenders returned over the last four years**



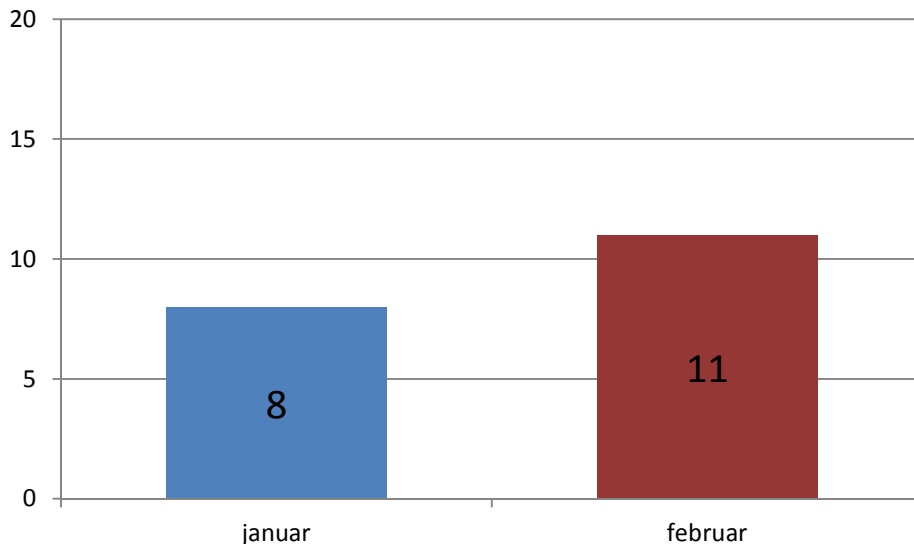
*Return of convicted offenders over the last four years*

## Minors

A total of 11 minors were returned in February, all together with their parents or close family members.

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.



*Forced return of minors in 2019*

## Forced returns on chartered flights

No returnee flight was chartered in February. So far this year, one chartered return flight has taken place.

## The various returnee categories

The NPIS returns 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, Norway and Iceland, and governs where an application for asylum will be processed. 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** – persons who have been refused entry into Norway as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry 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.

<b>Returnees so far in 2019 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	7	3	4	<b>14</b>
Albania	11	1	25	<b>37</b>
Algeria	1	1	2	<b>4</b>
Angola		2		<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan			1	<b>1</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1	<b>1</b>
Brazil	1		11	<b>12</b>
Bulgaria			1	<b>1</b>
Canada			2	<b>2</b>
Chile			1	<b>1</b>
Colombia			5	<b>5</b>
Cuba			1	<b>1</b>
Dominican Republic			1	<b>1</b>
Egypt		1		<b>1</b>
Eritrea	1	3	10	<b>14</b>
Estonia			2	<b>2</b>
Ethiopia	1		5	<b>6</b>
The Philippines			15	<b>15</b>
France			3	<b>3</b>
The Gambia	1		8	<b>9</b>
Georgia	3		7	<b>10</b>
Guinea	2		3	<b>5</b>
Guinea-Bissau			2	<b>2</b>
Honduras			2	<b>2</b>
Belarus			2	<b>2</b>
India			3	<b>3</b>
Indonesia			1	<b>1</b>
Iraq	2	5	7	<b>14</b>
Iran	3	6	3	<b>12</b>
Israel			4	<b>4</b>
Italy			2	<b>2</b>
Japan			1	<b>1</b>
Jordan			1	<b>1</b>
Yugoslavia			1	<b>1</b>

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cameroon		1	1	2
Kazakhstan			1	1
Kenya	1	1		2
China		2	2	4
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2	1	2	5
Kosovo	2		6	8
Latvia	1		7	8
Lebanon			1	1
Lithuania			23	23
North Macedonia			8	8
Malaysia			4	4
Mali			2	2
Morocco	2	1	8	11
Mauritania		1		1
Moldova			6	6
Mongolia			3	3
The Netherlands			4	4
Nepal			2	2
Nicaragua			1	1
Nigeria	3	2	13	18
Pakistan		3	7	10
Paraguay			2	2
Peru			2	2
Poland			28	28
Romania			52	52
Russia	1	2	40	43
Senegal	1		1	2
Serbia	1		17	18
Sierra Leone			1	1
Slovakia			1	1
Somalia	8		15	23
Spain			1	1
Sri Lanka			3	3
Stateless	3		8	11
United Kingdom	1		1	2
Sweden			6	6
Syria		12	11	23
South Africa			3	3
South Sudan		1		1
Tajikistan			1	1
Thailand			4	4

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The Czech Republic			1	<b>1</b>
Tunisia			2	<b>2</b>
Turkmenistan			1	<b>1</b>
Turkey	1	10	12	<b>23</b>
Germany			4	<b>4</b>
Ukraine	5		37	<b>42</b>
USA			11	<b>11</b>
Uzbekistan		1	4	<b>5</b>
Venezuela		1	4	<b>5</b>
Vietnam			1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>638</b>

<b>Returnees so far in 2019 by destination</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	7			<b>7</b>
Albania	11		24	<b>35</b>
Algeria	1			<b>1</b>
Azerbaijan			1	<b>1</b>
Belgium			2	<b>2</b>
Brazil	1		5	<b>6</b>
Bulgaria		4		<b>4</b>
Canada			1	<b>1</b>
Chile			1	<b>1</b>
Colombia			5	<b>5</b>
Cuba			1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		2	3	<b>5</b>
Eritrea	1			<b>1</b>
Estonia			5	<b>5</b>
Ethiopia	1		1	<b>2</b>
The Philippines			13	<b>13</b>
France		2	4	<b>6</b>
The Gambia	1		3	<b>4</b>
Georgia	3		7	<b>10</b>
Guinea	2		1	<b>3</b>
Greece		8	4	<b>12</b>
Honduras			2	<b>2</b>
Belarus			1	<b>1</b>
India			3	<b>3</b>
Iraq	2			<b>2</b>

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Iran	3		1	4
Iceland		1		1
Israel			2	2
Italy		3	38	41
Japan			1	1
Jordan			1	1
Kazakhstan			1	1
Kenya	1			1
China			2	2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2		1	3
Kosovo	2		4	6
Latvia	1		14	15
Lithuania			24	24
North Macedonia			8	8
Malaysia			1	1
Morocco	2		3	5
Moldova			4	4
Mongolia			1	1
The Netherlands		10	6	16
Nepal			2	2
Nigeria	2		3	5
Palestine	3		1	4
Paraguay			1	1
Peru			2	2
Poland		1	32	33
Portugal		2	4	6
Romania			51	51
Russia	1		34	35
Senegal	1			1
Serbia	1		14	15
Sierra Leone			1	1
Slovakia			1	1
Somalia	8		4	12
Spain	1	3	21	25
Sri Lanka			1	1
United Kingdom	1	1	10	12
Switzerland		1	3	4
Sweden		10	50	60
South Africa			3	3
Tajikistan			1	1
Thailand			4	4

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Tunisia			1	<b>1</b>
Turkey	1		7	<b>8</b>
Germany		11	11	<b>22</b>
Uganda			1	<b>1</b>
Ukraine	5		31	<b>36</b>
Hungary			1	<b>1</b>
USA			11	<b>11</b>
Uzbekistan			2	<b>2</b>
Venezuela			1	<b>1</b>
Vietnam			1	<b>1</b>
Austria		1		<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>638</b>

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