



**Statistics April 2020**  
**Forced returns from Norway**

**The National Police forcibly returned 259 persons in April 2020, 34 of whom were convicted offenders.**

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for executing, coordinating and assuring the quality of all returns of foreigners staying illegally in Norway. The respective police districts are responsible for entry rejections, orders to leave Norway and expulsions, while the NPIS is responsible for returning asylum seekers and returns under the Dublin procedure or to safe third countries. 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 2,019:**

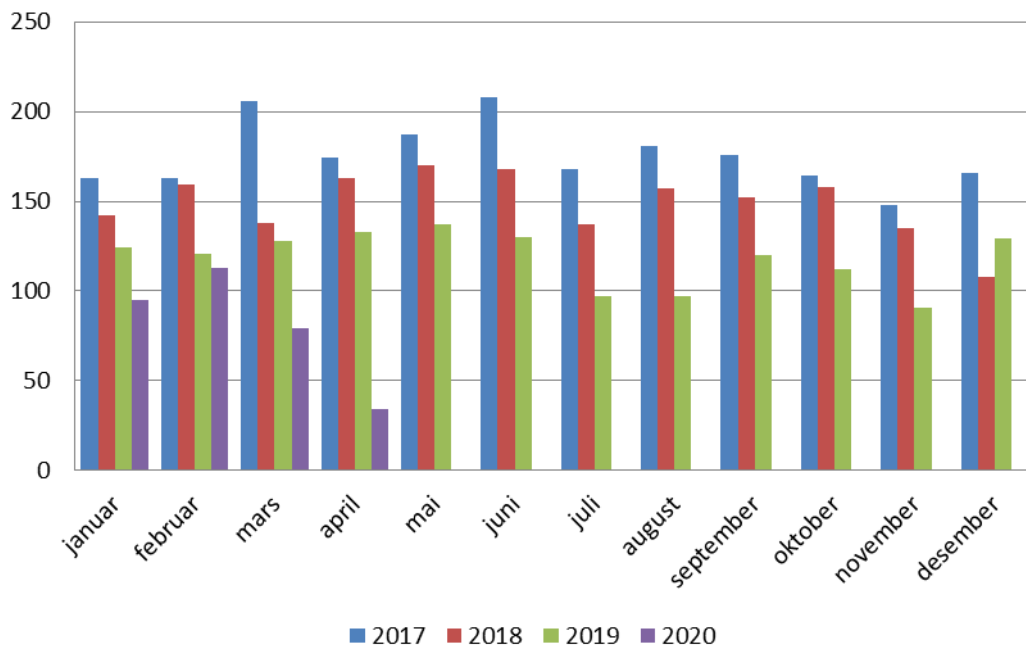
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 30.04.2019	1327
As at 30.04.2020	1500
Change in percent	<b>13</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In April, the police returned 34 convicted offenders, 13% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (18%), Polish (13%) and Lithuanian (11%).

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



*returns of convicted offenders over the last four years*

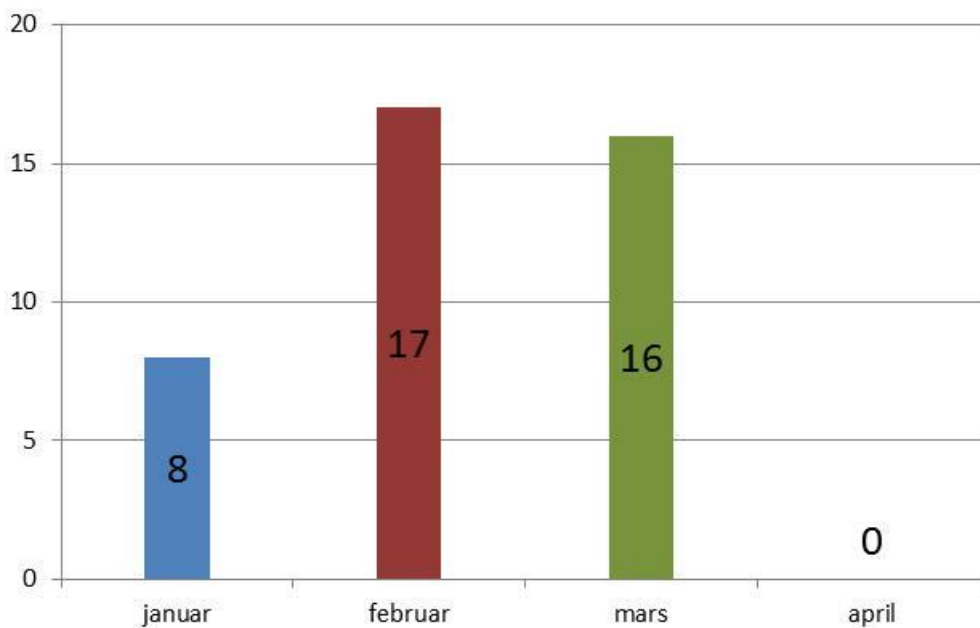
*Forced*

## Minors

No minors were returned in April. The number of minors returned in March has risen by nine due to late entries. These nine minors were all returned with their parents or another family member.

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.



*Returned minors so far in 2020*

### Forced returns on chartered flights

One flight has been chartered so far in 2020, in February.

### The various returnee categories

The police return 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, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway, 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 or ordered to leave** – persons who have been refused entry into or ordered to leave Norway as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry or ordered to leave 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 2020 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	3	4	24	<b>31</b>
Albania	1		37	<b>38</b>
Algeria	3	1	3	<b>7</b>
Angola			1	<b>1</b>
Argentina			2	<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan			1	<b>1</b>
Australia			5	<b>5</b>
Bangladesh	1		2	<b>3</b>
Belgium			2	<b>2</b>
Bolivia			5	<b>5</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			6	<b>6</b>
Brazil		1	11	<b>12</b>
Bulgaria			7	<b>7</b>
Canada			12	<b>12</b>
Chile	1		10	<b>11</b>
Colombia			8	<b>8</b>
Costa Rica			2	<b>2</b>
Cuba			2	<b>2</b>
Denmark			12	<b>12</b>
Dominican Republic			8	<b>8</b>
Djibouti	1			<b>1</b>
Egypt		1	2	<b>3</b>
Eritrea	1	6	29	<b>36</b>
Estonia			6	<b>6</b>
Ethiopia	6	1	3	<b>10</b>
The Philippines			4	<b>4</b>
Finland			4	<b>4</b>
France			4	<b>4</b>

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	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
The Gambia	1		3	4
Georgia	7		13	20
Ghana	2		2	4
Guinea		1		1
Haiti			1	1
Greece			4	4
Belarus			14	14
India		3	15	18
Iraq	3	8	33	44
Iran	1	1	16	18
Ireland			1	1
Iceland			3	3
Israel			3	3
Italy			5	5
Japan			1	1
Yemen		1	4	5
Jordan		1	1	2
Yugoslavia			2	2
Cambodia		1		1
Cameroon		1	3	4
Kazakhstan			6	6
Kenya			2	2
China			9	9
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo			4	4
Kosovo	1		11	12
Croatia			1	1
Latvia			15	15
Lebanon			2	2
Libya	1	1	3	5
Lithuania			48	48
Malaysia			2	2
Morocco	2	2	7	11
Mauritania			2	2
Mexico	1		6	7
Moldova			6	6
Mongolia			1	1
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands			11	11

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Nepal			2	2
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1	1	21	23
North Macedonia			13	13
Pakistan	5	1	25	31
Peru	3		3	6
Poland			85	85
Portugal			2	2
Romania			114	114
Russia	4	1	84	89
Rwanda	1		2	3
Senegal		1	1	2
Serbia	2		15	17
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			1	1
Somalia	2	2	37	41
Spain			8	8
Sri Lanka		5	1	6
Stateless	1	3	21	25
The UK	1		18	19
Sudan	1	1	3	5
Sweden			223	223
Syria		11	43	54
South Africa			1	1
South Korea			1	1
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			31	31
Chad		1	4	5
The Czech Republic			2	2
Tunisia			4	4
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	2	3	4	9
Germany			12	12
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			3	3
Ukraine	6		67	73
Hungary			1	1
USA			12	12
Uzbekistan		1	4	5
Venezuela	1		7	8

<b>Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Vietnam			9	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>1,500</b>

<b>Returnees so far in 2020 by destination</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	3			3
Albania	1		26	27
Algeria	3			3
Argentina			1	1
Australia			4	4
Bangladesh	1			1
Belgium			5	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina			4	4
Brazil			7	7
Bulgaria	1	2	2	5
Canada			8	8
Chile	1		5	6
Colombia			4	4
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		2	23	25
United Arab Emirates			2	2
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		13	14
Ethiopia	6		1	7
The Philippines			4	4
Finland			2	2
France		6	12	18
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	7		6	13
Ghana	2			2
Greece		3	12	15
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			5	5
India			8	8

## Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1		1	2
Ireland			2	2
Iceland			2	2
Israel			3	3
Italy		12	44	56
Japan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1
Kazakhstan			5	5
Kenya			1	1
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo			8	8
Croatia			1	1
Cyprus			3	3
Latvia		1	14	15
Libya	1			1
Lithuania			40	40
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia			2	2
Malta			3	3
Morocco	2		2	4
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	1		5	6
Moldova			8	8
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands		1	11	12
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			13	13
Pakistan	5		3	8
Peru	1		2	3
Poland			61	61
Portugal			6	6
Qatar			6	6
Romania		5	78	83
Russia	4		76	80
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	2		13	15
Slovakia			2	2

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Slovenia	1		1	2
Somalia	2		1	3
Spain		2	27	29
The UK	3		31	34
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		1	2	3
Sweden		17	594	611
South Korea			1	1
Taiwan			1	1
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			20	20
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			4	4
Turkey	2		6	8
Germany	1	13	17	31
Ukraine	6		48	54
Hungary			4	4
USA			10	10
Uzbekistan			2	2
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria			2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>1,500</b>

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