



## Monthly statistics August 2020 Forced returns from Norway

**The police forcibly returned 208 persons in August 2020, 57 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 returns following 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 2019:

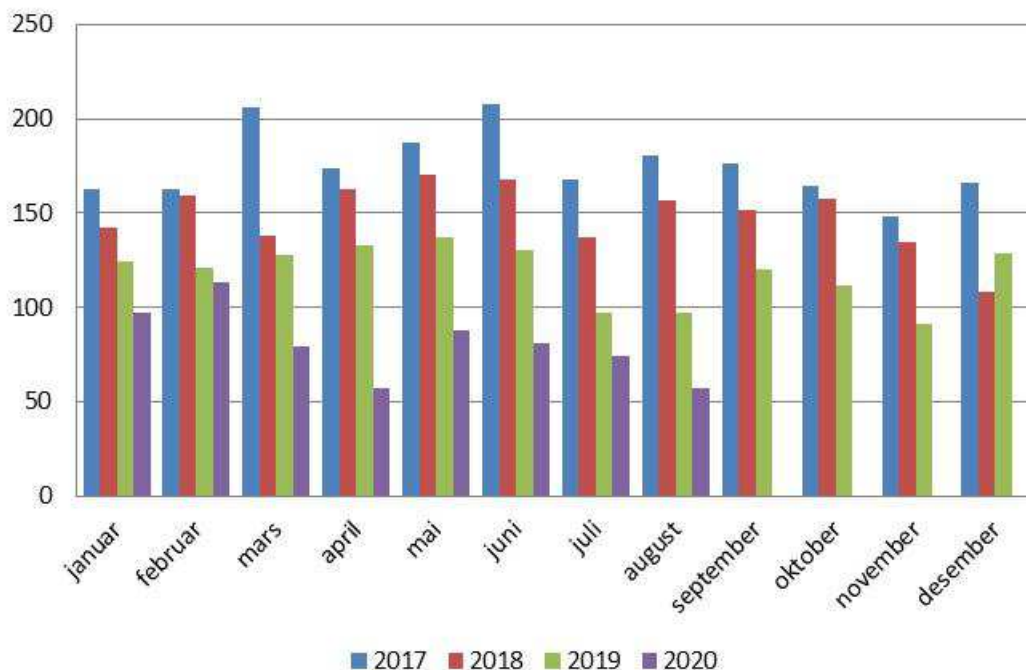
	Forced returns
As at 31.08.2019	2723
As at 31.08.2020	3858
Change in percent	<b>42</b>

*We expect these figures to rise due to delays in the registration process.*

### Convicted offenders

In August, the police returned 57 convicted offenders, approx. 27% of all returnees that month. So far in 2020, 646 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 967 in the same period in last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (25%), Polish (13%) and Lithuanian (12%).

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



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## Refusals of entry and orders to leave the country under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act

Norway closed its borders for foreign nationals who do not reside in Norway on 16 March, and the majority of those returned due to being refused entry or ordered to leave the country since then have been returned under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act.

The table shows the number of persons returned after 16 March pursuant to the new regulations.

Hjemmel	mars	april	mai	juni	juli	august	Totalsum
Midlertidig lov om innreiserestriksjoner for utlendinger av hensyn til folkehelsen § 2 3. ledd		2	15	98	93	15	223
Utlendingsloven 2008 § 121 1. ledd bokstav c	213	346	583	225	256	49	1672
Utlendingsloven 2008 § 17 1. ledd bokstav l	145	108	165	73	132	36	659
<b>Totalt</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2554</b>

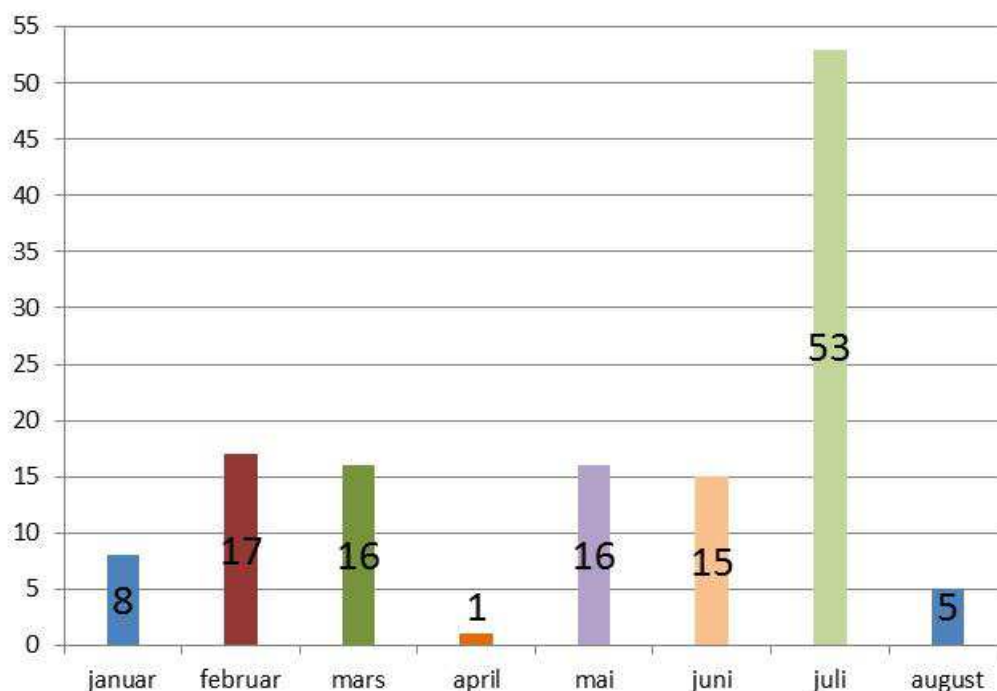
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## Minors

5 minors were returned in August, all of them with their families.

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

Three chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2020, one of them in August.

### 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.

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	3	5	80	88
Albania	1		53	54
Algeria	3	1	5	9
Angola		4	1	5
Argentina			7	7
Azerbaijan		1	2	3
Australia			8	8
Bangladesh	1		3	4
Belgium			4	4
Bolivia			7	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina			8	8
Brazil		1	18	19

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Bulgaria			29	<b>29</b>
Canada			22	<b>22</b>
Chile	1		18	<b>19</b>
Colombia			18	<b>18</b>
Costa Rica			2	<b>2</b>
Cuba			2	<b>2</b>
Denmark			51	<b>51</b>
Dominican Republic			12	<b>12</b>
Djibouti	1			<b>1</b>
Egypt		1	2	<b>3</b>
El Salvador			1	<b>1</b>
Eritrea	1	6	49	<b>56</b>
Estonia			20	<b>20</b>
Ethiopia	6	3	3	<b>12</b>
The Philippines			8	<b>8</b>
Finland			13	<b>13</b>
France			43	<b>43</b>
The Gambia	1		6	<b>7</b>
Georgia	8		19	<b>27</b>
Ghana	2		4	<b>6</b>
Guinea		1		<b>1</b>
Haiti			1	<b>1</b>
Greece			17	<b>17</b>
Belarus			17	<b>17</b>
India		3	28	<b>31</b>
Iraq	2	9	75	<b>86</b>
Iran	1	4	37	<b>42</b>
Ireland			13	<b>13</b>
Iceland			3	<b>3</b>
Israel			3	<b>3</b>
Italy			26	<b>26</b>
Japan			2	<b>2</b>
Yemen		1	4	<b>5</b>
Jordan		1	3	<b>4</b>
Yugoslavia			2	<b>2</b>
Cambodia		1		<b>1</b>
Cameroon		1	7	<b>8</b>
Kazakhstan			11	<b>11</b>
Kenya			4	<b>4</b>

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	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
China			27	<b>27</b>
Kyrgyzstan		1	1	<b>2</b>
Republic of the Congo			9	<b>9</b>
Kosovo	1		15	<b>16</b>
Croatia			9	<b>9</b>
Cyprus			1	<b>1</b>
Latvia			57	<b>57</b>
Lebanon			4	<b>4</b>
Libya	1	2	5	<b>8</b>
Lithuania			161	<b>161</b>
Malaysia	1		3	<b>4</b>
Mali			1	<b>1</b>
Malta			1	<b>1</b>
Morocco	2	2	15	<b>19</b>
Mauritania			2	<b>2</b>
Mexico	2		11	<b>13</b>
Moldova			21	<b>21</b>
Mongolia			1	<b>1</b>
Montenegro			1	<b>1</b>
Myanmar	1		2	<b>3</b>
The Netherlands			51	<b>51</b>
Nepal			4	<b>4</b>
Nicaragua	4			<b>4</b>
Nigeria	1	1	29	<b>31</b>
North Macedonia			23	<b>23</b>
Pakistan	5	6	57	<b>68</b>
Paraguay			1	<b>1</b>
Peru	3		4	<b>7</b>
Poland			306	<b>306</b>
Portugal			6	<b>6</b>
Romania			478	<b>478</b>
Russia	4	3	117	<b>124</b>
Rwanda	1		2	<b>3</b>
Saudi Arabia		1		<b>1</b>
Senegal		1	1	<b>2</b>
Serbia	3		29	<b>32</b>
Sierra Leone			1	<b>1</b>
Singapore			1	<b>1</b>
Slovakia			5	<b>5</b>
Somalia	2	3	60	<b>65</b>

<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>
Spain			36	<b>36</b>
Sri Lanka		5	1	<b>6</b>
Stateless	1	4	45	<b>50</b>
The United Kingdom	1		93	<b>94</b>
Sudan	1	1	4	<b>6</b>
Switzerland			15	<b>15</b>
Sweden			721	<b>721</b>
Syria		11	136	<b>147</b>
South Africa			1	<b>1</b>
South Korea			4	<b>4</b>
Tajikistan			1	<b>1</b>
Tanzania	1		1	<b>2</b>
Thailand			40	<b>40</b>
Chad		1	4	<b>5</b>
The Czech Republic			9	<b>9</b>
Tunisia			5	<b>5</b>
Turkmenistan			1	<b>1</b>
Turkey	2	4	14	<b>20</b>
Germany			102	<b>102</b>
Uganda			4	<b>4</b>
Unknown			4	<b>4</b>
Ukraine	8		83	<b>91</b>
Hungary			8	<b>8</b>
Uruguay			2	<b>2</b>
USA			25	<b>25</b>
Uzbekistan		1	12	<b>13</b>
Venezuela	1	1	8	<b>10</b>
Vietnam			12	<b>12</b>
Zimbabwe			1	<b>1</b>
Austria			5	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>3690</b>	<b>3858</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			<b>3</b>
Albania	1		35	<b>36</b>
Algeria	3			<b>3</b>

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Argentina			1	1
Australia			4	4
Bangladesh	1			1
Belgium			8	8
Bosnia-Herzegovina			4	4
Brazil			10	10
Bulgaria	1	2	11	14
Canada			12	12
Chile	1		7	8
Colombia			4	4
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		2	94	96
United Arab Emirates			2	2
Dominican Republic			1	1
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		27	28
Ethiopia	6		1	7
The Philippines			5	5
Finland			33	33
France		7	58	65
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	8		8	16
Ghana	2			2
Greece		5	25	30
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			6	6
India			8	8
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1		2	3
Ireland			6	6
Iceland			11	11
Israel			3	3
Italy		15	72	87
Japan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1
Kazakhstan			5	5

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	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Kenya			2	2
China			1	1
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo			11	11
Croatia			3	3
Cyprus			3	3
Latvia		1	51	52
Libya	1			1
Lithuania			107	107
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia	1		2	3
Malta			4	4
Morocco	2		2	4
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	2		6	8
Moldova			10	10
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands		3	64	67
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			19	19
Pakistan	5		3	8
Peru	1		2	3
Poland		4	169	173
Portugal		4	12	16
Qatar			7	7
Romania		5	225	230
Russia	4		90	94
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	3		23	26
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia	1		2	3
Somalia	2		1	3
Spain		3	71	74
The United Kingdom	3		119	122
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		1	11	12
Sweden		23	1933	1956



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South Korea			1	1
Taiwan			1	1
Tanzania	1		1	2
Thailand			21	21
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			8	8
Tunisia			1	1
Turkey	2		8	10
Germany		15	99	114
Ukraine	8		54	62
Hungary			10	10
USA			18	18
Uzbekistan			2	2
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria		1	25	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>3690</b>	<b>3858</b>

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